

Inspection Committee Minutes January 4, 2024, 1:00 Central Time

Attendance: Marq Laude, Chair, Jason Tice, FHANA Executive Director, Tiffany van der Kooi, Secretary, Annie Muilwijk, Annette Carpenter, Julie Karpus, Carrie Blair, Rick Butts, and Jo Clough, BOD Liaison.

Absent: None

Approval of the December 2023, Minutes: Annette made a motion to approve minutes based on changing the format of the word document and Annie 2nd, a vote was taken, and it was approved unanimously.

2024 Budget Update: Jason reported that the Board approved the 2024 budget.

Edits to Site Host Manual: Jo made edits and sent a copy to everyone on the committee for their review and input. This include removing the vaccination requirements for the Mare Show, adding content on official photographers, added Mare Show content on eligibility, categories, and the like, included a Site Host Code of Conduct, and reformatted the document. Annie pointed out that one of the illustrations had the judges table in the testing area. This needs to be relocated. The Inspection Committee made a recommendation to the Board to remove Coggins requirements from FHANA and to just abide by the state, province or facility laws/rules. In addition, we need to add a line into the manual that states the site host is responsible for abiding by rules or contractual agreements made with the facility.

Status of Inspection Manual for Stallion Viewing: Fernando Horowitz is working with the KFPS regarding the stallion viewing handbook. He has met with 2 senior members of the KFPS, and they are currently working on the manual.

Texas Inspection: The Board met and approved one inspection in Texas. There will not be two because one site had a low volume of participants, there were approximately 12 horses and they have been low volume for a number of years. Jo and Marq have reached out to both Lone Star and South-Central chapters to let them know. There are concerns about the willingness of the chapters to collaborate.

Jo and Marq are also working with the Oklahoma chapter who requested an inspection; there might be a way to have Oklahoma's chapter partner with Texas. Oklahoma stated if granted an Inspection they would be glad to support anyone from outside their state (Dallas is 2.5 hours away) and that they have located an air-conditioned facility. However, after a brief discussion it was determined that there would be a domino effect if Oklahoma is granted an inspection and if members from the Dallas area attends. Specifically, if Oklahoma sponsors an Inspection with their 10-12 horses plus South Central's horses, this will place Kansas at risk with too few horses to have an Inspection. Due to the costs of hosting an Inspection, the Board does not want to support any site that is projected to have low volumes, e.g., under 20 horses, they have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure members' funds are utilized responsibly. The KFPS also prefers not to have low volume sites. The Inspection committee has discussed potential sites in Texas keeping in mind the need to be sensitive to the preferences of the two chapters. To be fair it is recommended that the Texas inspection be

held in a neutral zone. The Inspection Committee makes a recommendation that a 3rd party (neutral) act as site host. Fernando Horowitz has offered to do that and host an inspection in the Waco area. Keeping in mind the break-even number for FHANA is 24 horses per inspection site.

2024 Revised Schedule based on KFPS Coordination: The KFPS has given some feedback regarding the inspection schedule and has made some minor changes. The KFPS also requested that the Judges Course be moved to Circuit 3; however, this may not work as no facility will be available. Circuit 5 scheduling also needs to be discussed and finalized today; time is running out to book facilities. The Inspection Committee is not involved in the logistics of the judging course, this is the responsibility of the Education Committee. There will be no Mare Show in the West due to low volume and the Mare show in the East needs a site host and venue once the dates are solidified. Keep in mind the dates are driven by the availability of the KFPS judges given the stallion selection process is ongoing in the Netherlands and could compete with our proposed dates.

An application was received after the due date from Dan Dali. Given the late submission an Inspection will not be granted in 2024; however, he should be encouraged to submit for the next Inspection cycle. If Wisconsin is low volume in 2024 they may be changed to a one day Inspection. Their volumes are less due to the number of horses from their area that are receiving training in the state of Michigan. Some of these horses are then seen at other Inspection sites to allow the trainer to load balance entries. Two applications were received for the Pacific Northwest. This is an opportunity to allow others to host in different areas in that region.

Final Dates Below

Circuit 1

August 30 - British Columbia
Sept 3 Alberta
Sept 5/6 - Ontario
Sept 7/8 - New England
Sept 10 - New York (Rick Butts will host)

Circuit 2

Sept 27 – 28 Central California
Sept 30 - Pacific Northwest
Oct 2 - Kansas
Oct 4 - Texas

Circuit 3

Oct 2 Ohio
Oct 4 – 5 Indiana
Oct 7 - Michigan
Oct 9/10 Wisconsin
Oct 12 - Iron Spring Farm

There is no Circuit 4

Tentative dates for Circuit 5

EAST

Nov 14 - IBOPS

Nov 15 - Inspections and 1st stallion viewing

Nov 16 - 2nd stallion viewing and Mare Show

Nov 17 - Travel

WEST

Nov 18 and 19 - days off

Nov 20 - IBOPS

Nov 21 - Inspections and 1st stallion viewing

Nov 22 - Second Stallion viewing

No West Mare show due to low volume. 15 stallions are needed for viewing.

MOTION: Annie made a motion to approve these dates above for Circuit 5. Annette 2nd the motion was approved.

Tiffany made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 CST.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2023, at 1:00 CST