

Sports Committee Meeting December 13, 2023

Attendance: Gail Aumiller – Chairperson; Charlotte Dumford - Board Liaison; Jason Tice – Executive Director; Mary Hamer, Tanja Hodges, Amy Kroll, Agnes van den Tweel, & Lisa Zijlstra; Absent: Teresa Guest

Budget Information:

Measure Goal: 30

Revenue Budget: \$4,200.00

Expense Budget: 10,000.00

Measure Actual: Sport/Pleasure Memberships

Revenue Actual: Awards + Sport/Pleasure Memberships

Expense Actual: \$

Strategic Planning Goal:

6.2 Promote public awareness of the diverse use of the breed-versatility

6.2.1 Goal-Promote the Friesian horse as a versatile horse.

6.2.2 Lead Assignment-Sports Committee

6.2.1.1 Support Assignment-Board of Directors, Marketing Committee,
Editorial Committee, Staff

Began: 7:31 pm EST

Approved 10-11-23 minutes & 11-15-23 meeting notes; motion to approve the minutes by Agnes, 2nd by Tonja. There were no objections nor abstentions and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Jason, working with Gail, continues editing and updating our website pages. Jason has our list of items to update for our webpages. We should immediately notify members of these changes. The 2 new trainer award procedures need to be tweaked that separate applications for each horse/client, but still only a total maximum of ten scores be submitted. **Lisa moved and Amy seconded this language to be added to the new trainer awards “A reporting form (application) must not only be submitted for the trainer, but also must be submitted for each horse/client that has scores reported by the trainer.” There were no objections nor abstentions and the motion passed unanimously.** Gail & Jason will create new reporting forms for the 2 Trainer awards that contain the trainer personal information and a list of the horses that are used for point calculations.
2. Content for Marketing’s social media. Committee members will continue sending Jason any sport content about our members (brief text and photo(s)) that we know about for Social media posts. Also need to continue supplying Jason with ample posts for the Facebook Tuesday dedicated Sport Committee slot.
3. The LAA voting change sent on to the Board where the final procedure instead of a vote by Chapter Presidents would be an online membership vote has been approved and is currently being implemented for voting this year. Gail has the website update language ready and will send to Jason to get them online before the AGM, so those changes may be shared at that meeting.
4. Sport articles for *The Friesian* magazine: [articles due Nov 1 for January/February

issue; Feb 1 for April/May issue; May 1 for July/August issue; August 1 for October/November issue]. Ideas for 2024 articles? February 1 due date? May 1 due date-continue with EOY award recognition; August 1 due date? November 1 due date? Tanja's Jenny Veenstra article will appear in the next (Jan/Feb) issue. Gail is working on an article about FHANA members showing at the IFSHA National Championship show with a target of submission for the Feb 1 due date.

New Business:

1. Committee approval of 2023 HOTY award nominees:
 - a) Mare Show nominations: Nika fan Extreme Friesians (W) and Johanna Tineke of Swan Lake (E) – **after reviewing the submitted mare bios, a roll call vote with both Amy & Agnes abstaining, unanimously approved Johanna to be sent on to the board for their Horse of Distinction approval.**
 - b) Referencing Jason's 2023 stallion data spreadsheet, **Norbert will be sent on to the board for the Stallion Horse of Distinction approval.**
 - c) Riding nominations – data on the 4 nominees (Wylster 463 Sport Elite, Klaas S.F. Sport Elite, Dagger L.S.F. Ster, & Jildou fan 'e Boppelannen) will be sent to committee members on 12/14 with a committee vote done via email and due by the end of 12/15. Amy will abstain. Each submitted vote is to include justification for that choice. **The online committee vote ended in a tie between Wylster and Klaas, so Gail cast the deciding vote and Klaas will be sent on to the Board to become the Riding Horse of Distinction.**
 - d) Driving nominations – since the 2 nominees were owned by Gail, she was not privy to the discussion, nor the vote. **Hamilton DCTF will be the driving nominee send on to the Board for their Horse of Distinction approval.**
 - e) Mare nominations – with only 1 nomination submitted, **Thyra fan Synaeda will be sent on to the Board for their approval of her being the Mare Breeding Achievement Horse of Distinction.**
2. **Committee reviewed and approved Jason's 2023 Performance Awards data spread sheet and the performance awards region and over all champion names will be sent on to the Board for final approval.** There will be a change in our regional awards, because earlier this year we decided to eliminate the regional champion certificates, replacing those with a commemorative ribbon. Regional champions will still get a Bent Nail award.
3. Lifetime Achievement application (Tjaarda) was approved by this committee and sent on to the Board. **Motion to approve Tjaarda made by Mary and seconded by Gail. The vote was conducted via email with 1 abstention and 5 of the 6 committee members returning a vote. The 5 votes were a unanimous "Yes."** Online voting for all members is currently in progress. The cost was \$140.40 and a couple of Jason's

work hours. Results of the online voting will be revealed at the February AGM.

4. Gail requested committee members let her know if they wish to remain on this committee in 2024? There have been several requests from others to join.
5. Since we allow a maximum of 2 video test scores to be used towards Sport Predicate titles, does this extend to Sport Elite titles? To be discussed at our next meeting.
6. One of our performance members and 2022 award recipient asked if the Sport Committee would consider offering a separate set of awards for partbreds if those owners would become FHANA members or are already members. A quick committee discussion end with a “no way,” citing were are a KFPS purebred association.
7. After a conversation with one of our members, Gail Matheus of Spotlight Horse Shows was contacted to see if it were possible for her to offer the dressage Z tests for our members and it is, so we need to share that with out membership!
8. Conversation with a member suggested that we should have incentives for juniors to join FHANA and to participate in our EOY Awards. Gail voiced her disappointment in the lack of applicants for our youth end of year awards. The Committee agreed we need to begin a campaign to get more youth involved in our awards program. We will explore options to include involving other FHANA committees—specifically the membership Youth Committee.
9. Elite title requirements need clarification for driving. From our website:
 1. Sport Elite Predicate
 - ii. “The minimum requirements for being awarded the Sport “Elite” is 5 scores of at least 60% in Prix St. George or higher level of dressage or Combined Driving. You can also obtain this predicate by obtaining the Sport Predicate in 3 disciplines, Dressage, Driving & Show Driving. Submit an application and qualifying score sheets to the FHANA office.”

It is not possible to earn the Elite title in driving here in the states, so the above language needs to be revised to reflect that.
10. Next meeting date January 17, 2023 @ 7:30 PM EST (Not the 2nd Wednesday of the month, beause of theh Stallion Show dates)

Adjourned. 8:37pm EST

Respectfully submitted, Gail Aumiller