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# Schedule of Events

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>

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4 - 8 PM .....	Registration
6 - 8 PM .....	Welcome Reception

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>

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7:45 AM .....	Registration
8:00 AM .....	Welcome from FHANA President
8:30 - 9:20 AM .....	Session 1   New Bolton Presentation
9:30 - 10:20 AM .....	Session 2   KFPS Speakers Marieke Akkerman & Miel Janssen
10:30 - 11:20 AM .....	Session 3   Doeke Hoekstra
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM.....	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 PM .....	FHANA Annual General Meeting
3:00 - 5:00 PM .....	Meet Teun 505 (Offsite)
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM .....	Cocktail Hour
7:00 - 8:30 PM .....	Dinner
8:30 - 10:00 PM .....	Awards Banquet

**Bylaw rule 6.13 Member Attendance:** Members in good standing may attend the Annual General Meeting and the Fall General Meeting, if one is held, as observers. The Board may adjourn, excuse observers, and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings as they deem appropriate; questions arising in any meeting shall be decided by a majority of the Board. Association staff and Association members, in good standing, representing certain issues may be invited by the Board to enter into discussion or present during the meeting but are not entitled to do so, without permission, and are not entitled to vote.

During the Saturday portion of the Annual General Meeting, members of the Association will be given the opportunity to ask questions of the Board of Directors. All questions need to be written out on the questionnaire card that is provided to you in your packets. The cards then need to be submitted to the Executive Director who will read the questions and direct the response to the appropriate Board member.



# 2023 Board of Directors

Eric Smith, President



Allison Thomas, Vice President



Erin Miley, Treasurer



JoAnn Clough, Secretary



Danielle Piascik, Director



Will Bron, Director



Charlotte Dumford, Director



# 2024 Board Electees

Katie Wenger



Beverly McGowan





# President's Message

The 2023 year was a fun but also challenging year. First, we welcomed Will Bron back to the FHANA Board of Directors. This board continued focusing on being a more positive organization starting with board relationships. As of this writing, the 2024 board elections are ongoing for three seats. The results are not yet known, but there are four quality candidates that can certainly take the organization forward. We are excited to build the next generation of leaders.

The exciting news was the introduction to the stallion viewing program hosted at the mare shows. So many people worked hard to make the viewing happen in such a short time. This program brings FHANA closer to approving stallions in the same manner as the KFPS does in The Netherlands. We are not yet the same, but we are following the same principles. The result has four stallions invited to further testing and then to the Presentation Days. This is so exciting as it has been a decade since the last stallion was approved in North America. Congratulations to all the stallion owners and everyone that participated or volunteered in the effort.

In November FHANA hosted two mare shows; one in the West and one in the East. The total participation was the greatest since the inception in North America. The presentation of nine approved stallions was awe inspiring and not seen since the FHANA 25th Anniversary fourteen years ago. The demonstrations were most entertaining. The educational clinics at each location rounded out two weeks of activities. There was so much camaraderie, meeting up with old acquaintances, and making new friends. We need to give a big thank you to all committees, owners, participants, sponsors, volunteers, coordinators, audience, and everyone that made these events such a huge success.

However, all these activities taxed the office resources. Running the fall events into November put yearend and new year administrative requirements behind schedule. Compounding the situation, the KFPS struggled with both staffing changes and board turnover with slow responses. Further, postal deliveries suffered from lost paper stock from the KFPS and lost mail from the USPS. If you found normal services were delayed, please give understanding that everything was done to meet member's expectations.

The finances of FHANA were also challenged in 2023. First, up to 12% KFPS fees were installed after FHANA fixed the year's budget and fee structure. The result was lost margin that had to be absorbed in other areas. High inflation in all areas was never offset by added income. Finally, the post-COVID spike in memberships catching up with all breeding and inspection activities in 2022 declined, but returned higher than pre-COVID levels. Strong Circuit 5 financials, implementing cost cutting measures, and a strong investment surge late in the year will bring the net revenue close to neutral. As of this writing final yearend results were not available.

In the past two years FHANA has acted on the strategic goal to protect the Friesian horse by conducting research. The health committee awarded two research grants and provided funding to the Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses megaesophagus

study. The KFPS also moved to a new SNP DNA testing late in 2023. This testing is three times more expensive and caused delayed foal registration for all registrations passing through the KFPS later in the year. These research initiatives take funding that cannot be absorbed by membership dues and registrations alone. The Health and Sponsorship committees brought several funding generated programs. However, more is needed to continue research. If you have a way to contribute or know of a potential sponsor, please help keep the research goal alive. Again this year, I ask each member to donate an amount, whether large or small, to sustain the initiative.

New this past year, we saw several committees bring forward meaningful KFPS registry rule change recommendations:

- Streamlining chip number entry by the FHANA office to reduce paper processing time and increase accuracy.
- Return linear score shaded areas for owners. The shaded areas were eliminated from the scoring template to help the judges stay objective in the judging process.
- Reinstate yearly stallion breeding statistics in the website stallion profiles. This statistics reporting was lost with KFPS website changes in 2023.
- Changing the pedigree paper's color and adding watermarks for better registry book identification. The current slight shades of gray cause confusion to buyers knowing what book a horse resides.
- Change "On Hold" stallion's offspring from B-Book II to B-Book I. The premise is these stallions have proven themselves better than a non-licensed stallion, and they need more progeny to finish testing. Placing these offspring in B-Book I provides more incentive to breed and participate in the final testing worldwide.
- Calculate kinship and publishing DNA test results, linear characteristics, and kinship for all non-licensed adult stallions for informed breeding choices. The KFPS looks to impose penalties for risky breeding. Publishing this information will let mare owners know if they are possibly subjected to KFPS penalties and identified genetic defects.
- Change the star stallion riding requirement to apply to stallions awarded star in a previous year. Currently, in foreign countries, stallions three years and older may be shown at local inspections in Category 17 and receive a Star. If these stallions attend a stallion viewing, sometimes a week or two later, they are asked to perform a riding test.

The rule change recommendations require oversight and will not be decided until the KFPS Member Council and the KFPS Board meets in April 2024.

As we enter the year, remember to take some time to enjoy your horse. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2024.

*Eve Smith*



# Executive Director's Message

I first want to acknowledge the FHANA Board of Directors. This board works so hard for this membership and it sometimes goes without notice. Each of them spend countless hours on various committees continuing to work to Protect and Promote the KFPS Friesian Horse. It just doesn't end with committee meetings and board meetings. They spend countless hours on phone calls, responding to emails, and reviewing all of the appropriate information to continue to their job that each of you voted them to do. They each deserve a heartfelt thank you the next time you see them.

The committees are another way for members to get involved and I strongly encourage that each of you consider this activity. Most committee members will spend 5+ hours a month volunteering for their association. This consists of a monthly meeting followed by follow up activities and assignments in preparation for the next meeting. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me directly and we will review the committee to see if there is a need to add another member. We also want to thank these committees for the job they do and their time commitment. Again, reach out to a committee member and thank for everything they do.

2024 marks FHANA's 40th Anniversary. This is a great time to sit back and reflect on how far this association has grown. An office that originated in Fred Hekstra's shoe box to a corporate office in Lexington, KY. We need to make sure we continue to remember these original members who helped lay the foundation for what we have today. Members such as Frank Leyendekker, Fred DeBoer, Bob & Arlene DeBoer, Pier Van der hoek, John & Anita Mellot, Harry Witteveen, and of course Fred Hekstra. Many of these founding members are no longer with us, but it is important to remember them and what they did for the Friesian Horse and FHANA some 40 years ago.

I hope that everyone enjoys their visit to Lexington this year. It is always great to see so many members in the Horse Capital of the World and enjoying friendship and camaraderie. I can't thank our staff enough for what they do on a day by bay basis. Both Karen and Jessica do a terrific job to keep up with the ongoing requests of this membership and both are vital parts of Team FHANA.

Thank you for coming and congratulations to each of our Year End award winners. I look forward to what 2024 has to bring.

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(out of our Star Mare Dena of Boonstra Friesians)

**Tiede 501 Sport AAA x Onne 376 Sport**  
(out of our 1st Premie Star Mare Lotte fan Signature Friesians)

**Hessel 480 Sport x Tsjalke 397**  
(out of our Star Mare Jealkje van de Hamelspoel)

## *When Only the Best Will Do!*

# Speakers



**MARIJKE AKKERMAN** has been CEO of the KFPS since July 2021.

Before that, she was marketing and communications manager at the studbook for 10 years. During this time she was also the passionate driving force behind the organization of the successful theater program De Stormruiter. Marijke has -together with her family - two breeding mares.



**MIEL JANSSEN** has been a member of the KFPS board since the end of 2020. He fulfills the role of treasurer. Last year, Miel fulfilled the role of acting chairman for several months. Miel works as a (forensic) chartered accountant. He has Friesian horses as a hobby.



## **DOEKE HOEKSTRA**

More than 35 years of experience in the equine industry, having initially performed and practiced all possible activities and sports with the Friesian horse. Over the years, the work has shifted to mainly reproduction on the male side.

Many years of experience in processing semen, from freshly cooled to frozen, with different horse breeds.

Always looking for ways to improve the quality of the semen, from the management of the stallion to optimizing the processing process, and everything in between.

Very interested in the developments surrounding reproduction in mares, and in particular the various insemination techniques, in combination with optimizing sperm quality, to maximize the chances of fertilization.





## JAIRO A. PEREZ, DVM

Dr. Perez is the first-ever recipient of the FHANA Grant Program which was awarded in 2022. He is currently in his 2nd year as resident in Large Animal Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, New Bolton Center. He received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 2016 from Ross University, School of Veterinary Medicine in the West Indies and in 2017 completed his clinical year in Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Perez's clinical and research interests are centered around the relationship between the equine gut microbiome and administration of antimicrobials and postoperative complication after colic surgery. He belongs to the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and is also a member of AO Vet North America. Dr. Perez has been published twice in Veterinary Surgery.

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"The true value of a sire is marked by the success of his offspring." That is what the owners of Ulbrân 502 focused on when considering a stallion for purchase in 2023. Ulbrân 502 was the "cream" that rose to the top of all available approved stallions. "His breeding values are unmatched, and he crosses well with every mare we have in our barns."

Just looking at Ulbrân 502's linear score shows what he can bring to the table to improve the breed. A noble head with a light head and neck connection, a long, vertical neck set on a good slope of shoulder. An uphill build, a long forearm, lots of hair, large feet and jet-black color are all strong points he possesses. His conformation scores are as follows:

Type - 108; Frame - 108; Feet & Legs - 103. Sportability - Walk - 109; Trot - 111, Canter - 105. Overall Talent - 107; Driving Test - 107 and Show Drive - 107. No wonder Ulbrân's offspring had the highest ever ABFP test scores and 2 offspring from his first crop became approved stallions!

"We would like to thank Stal de Mersken for making him available to us and especially thank Wim Cazemier Equine for facilitating the acquisition and for standing Ulbrân at stud for us."

"We really appreciate all the North American breeders who bred to Ulbrân and we are very excited to see the positive influence of Ulbrân 502 in future generations of American Friesians."

**Cherith Brook Friesians, Double M Friesians & Hopeful Harvest Farm**

**ULBRÂN<sup>502</sup>**  
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# Committee Reports

# Inspection Committee

**Chairperson** ..... Marquis Laude  
**Board Liaison** ..... JoAnn Clough  
**Members:** ..... Annie Mulwijk  
..... Rick Butts  
..... Tiffany Van Der Kooi  
..... Annette Carpenter  
..... Carrie Blair  
..... Julie Karpus

**2023 in Review: We are pleased to report that the members of the Inspection Committee are a committed, hardworking team who continually strive to meet the Inspection needs of our FHANA constituents. During 2023 our team made a number of contributions:**

Updated the Site Host and Inspection Manuals and offered educational sessions pre-Inspections for site hosts.

Established a schedule for five circuits with 21 sites in partnership with the KFPS.

Mr. Laude, Chair, provided on-site mentoring and education to site hosts and assisted with their logistics. These personal connections strengthen our relationships with hosts and attendees.

The Inspection Committee worked in collaboration with the Education and Stallion Committees on planning Circuit 5. Our mutual goal was to ensure all logistical requirements were addressed and second, to perform a post Inspection assessment to identify opportunities for improvement moving forward.

We met our 2023 entry goal of 600 participants, 606 attended the Inspections.

We added a novel event this year, Circuit 5. These two events were hosted in Murieta California and Edinburgh Indiana and offered diverse opportunities:

A Judging Course was offered by the renowned KFPS Judge, Wil Thijssen. A total of thirty students, nine in the West and twenty one in the East, attended this informative course.

There were exciting Masterclasses offered by the talented Jenny Veenstra, Professional Rider and Trainer.

A first - Stallion Viewing! Four stallions were selected to move on! Congratulations to Remington EFF owned by Annette Carpenter, Sepke van de Meerbos owned by Kai and Lisa Zijlstra, Hilbrân fan North Ster owned by Roger and Dana Hartle, and to Ouren fan North Ster owned by the Markey family.

For the Mare Shows – Best of the Best!: Congratulations to Johanna Tineke of Swan Lake, Champion of the East Mare Show owned by Chris Piovarchy, and to Everest KFF the Reserve

Champion owned by Roelof and Ankie Kraak. Also, congratulations to Nika fan Extreme Friesian Provisional Kroon owned by Joe and Kayla Michielli for being named Champion of the Mare Show West and Fimke owned by Marieke Ijpma for being awarded Reserve Champion.

Nine Approved KFPS Stallions attended the East event, it was truly a spectacular display of beauty and athleticism. Many thanks to the generous owners of Eise 489 Sport Elite AAA, Julius 486 Sport Elite AAA, Hessel 480 Sport AA, Omer 493 Sport AA, Thorben 466 Sport Elite AAA, Tsjalle 454 Sport Elite Preferred AAA, Ulbrân 502 Sport AAA, Wolfert 467 Sport AAA, and Wylster 463 Sport Elite AAA.

There have been over 3 million Instagram plays of the approved stallion unicorn presentation from the East event!

Finally, we are happy to report for Circuit 5 there was a total of 78 Inspection entries, 45 Mare Show entries, and 25 stallions viewed.

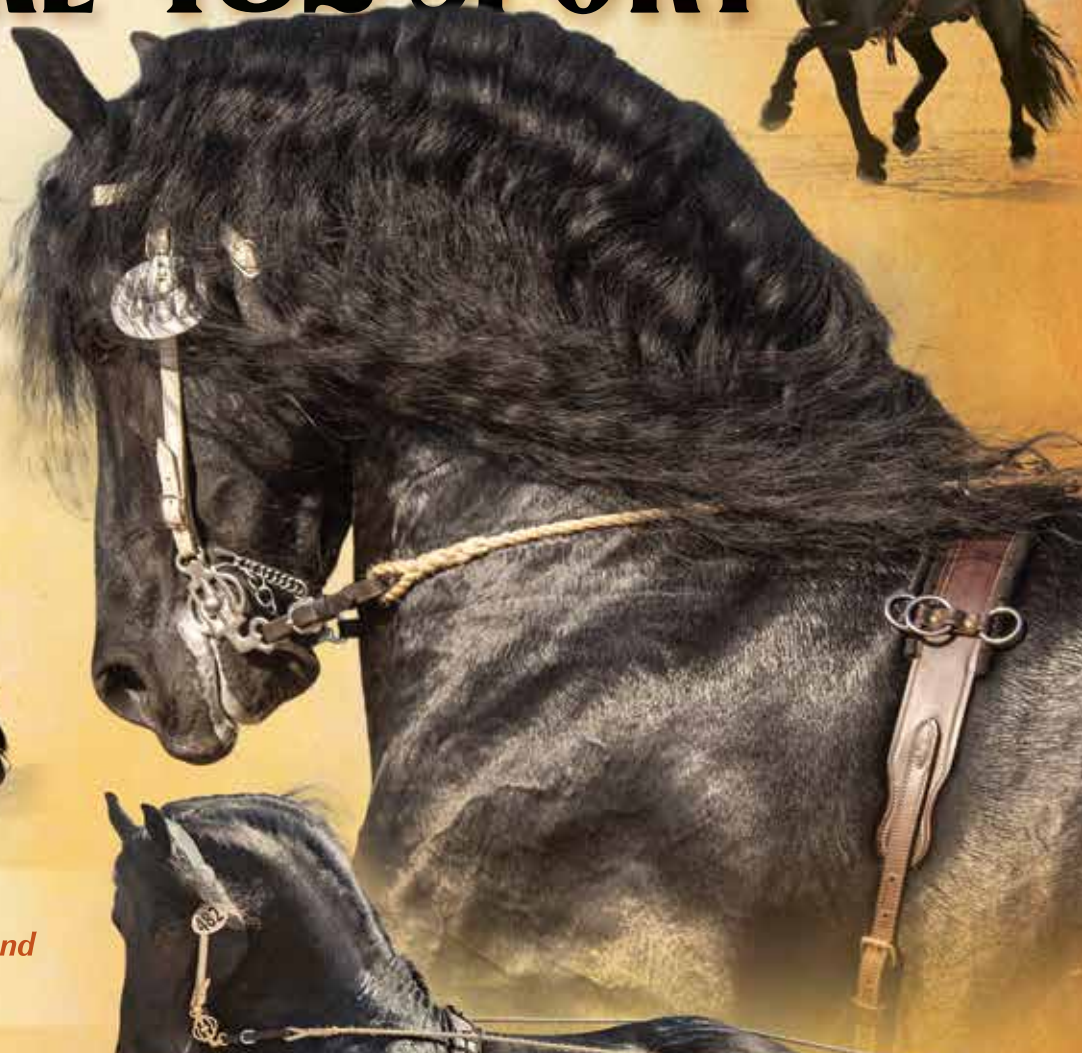
The Inspection Committee would like to extend our sincere thanks to our hardworking Inspection site hosts and volunteers, all of our Inspection participants and attendees, and our generous sponsors, donors, and Approved Stallion owners.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the KFPS Judges and Jury who make these incredible events possible.



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# Editorial Committee

**Chairperson** ..... John Dumford  
**Editor** ..... Laurie Williams  
**Board Liaison** ..... Charlotte Dumford  
**Members:** ..... Lori Ann Thwing  
..... Laura Schenk

**Editorial Committee continues to benefit from the efforts of its Editor in Chief, Laurie Williams, Editor Lara Schenk, and Editor Lori Ann Thwing.**

The magazine also benefitted from the efforts of dedicated members including Gail Aumiller, Tanja Hodges, Katie Wenger, Julie Karpus, Lisa Domeier, Martha Diaz, and Fernando Horowitz. Thanks to the efforts of these volunteers, The Friesian has been able to feature important content concerning Friesian horses participating in sport and has been able to access a wealth of stunning photography. In particular, Breeding Committee, Sport Committee and Education Committee all contributed content on a regular basis and helped keep the magazine timely and informative. The Editorial Committee is proud that the FHANA Resource Book, a 100-plus-page special edition of the magazine, continues to make its way into the hands of FHANA members and others interested in Friesian horses both in the United States and beyond, including a limited distribution of Resource Books at this year's Stallion Show in Leeuwarden, NL. With the help of Chad Young and Jason Tice, the magazine has seen a surge in advertising that we hope to see continue. Thank you again to all our advertisers and contributors for supporting the magazine. We are always looking for volunteers to join the committee or submit articles for publication.

# Bylaw Committee/Rules & Regulations Committee

**Chairperson** .....Allison Thomas  
**Members:** ..... Claudia Rayner  
..... Charlotte Dumford  
.....Nina Miller

**The Bylaw committee spent 2023 working towards getting the FHANA Bylaws and Rules & Regulations comprehensive and easy to understand.** They also worked on filling in some of the gaps in the Rules, including creating a new Penalty table that clearly defines member violations in numerous categories and the penalties for such. This table helps to ensure that all members are treated equally and that any offense such as code of conduct violations or payment issues are handled consistently. The committee also worked on correcting the wording of Bylaw 5.2 to more clearly define the area covered under FHANA's charter with the KFPS. Finally, they have begun the work of making the inspection regulations and criteria for Preferent stallions up to date with the regulations followed by the KFPS. This work will continue in to 2024.

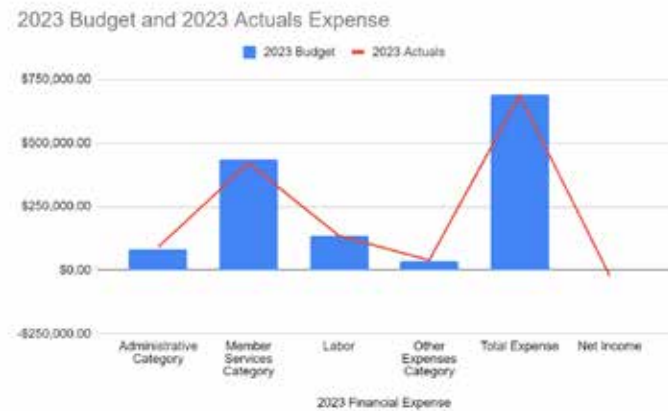


# Finance Committee

Chairperson ..... Amy Rogala-Hobbs  
 Board Liaison ..... Erin Miley  
 Members: ..... Julie Karpus  
 ..... Tamera Julius  
 ..... Jack Vanderkooy  
 ..... Coreen Hill

Strategic Planning Goal:

- 4.3 More participation in other equine events, shows, and programs
  - 4.3.1 Goal-Increase the FHANA budget to allow for the attendance at additional equine events, shows, expos, and other programs.
  - 4.3.2 Lead Assignment-Finance Committee
    - 4.3.2.1 Support Assignment-Board of Directors, Marketing Committee, Staff



## 6.4 Enhanced presence at equine trade shows and allocate funds to support outreach

6.4.1 Goal-Increased budget to attend equine trade shows and increased budget to support our outreach. On hold for now due to the current pandemic environment.

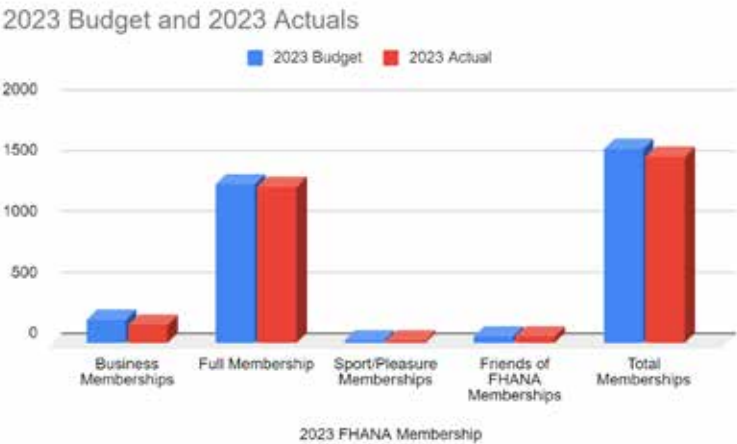
6.4.2 Lead Assignment-Finance Committee, Marketing Committee

6.4.2.1 Support Assignment-Board of Directors, Staff  
 2023 started off full of ambition and excitement. Following the strategic roadmap laid out in our planning, we increased the budget to expand our presence at industry events and shows, as well as develop new signature events of our own. This investment paid off with the successful launch of our 5th Circuit, which was not only a milestone event but also a financial boon that helped counterbalance lower than expected inspection site visits and membership numbers. While mandatory SNP testing requirements will drive expenses up, the groundwork has been laid for an even more fruitful 2024.

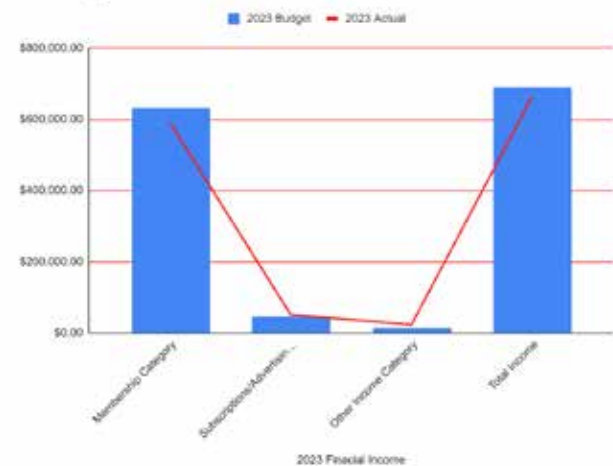
With a proven strategy and the experience of this past year, we are poised for growth and ready to deliver more value to our members. The Finance Committee has taken a rigorous approach to trimming unnecessary expenditures from the FHANA budget. Working closely with Jason, they have meticulously reviewed monthly outlays, scrutinizing banking charges, inspection expenses, office costs, and postage fees. Their diligent efforts have uncovered opportunities for savings, enabling FHANA to operate more efficiently. The committee's commitment to fiscal responsibility is admirable and has set us on the path to improved financial health.

As we approach our 45th anniversary, FHANA finds itself at a critical juncture. Our current budget walks a tightrope between supporting member services and avoiding undue financial strain. The Financial Committee aims to chart a course toward a vibrant future for our members and the Friesian breed. With open communication and prudent planning, we can celebrate many more milestones to come.

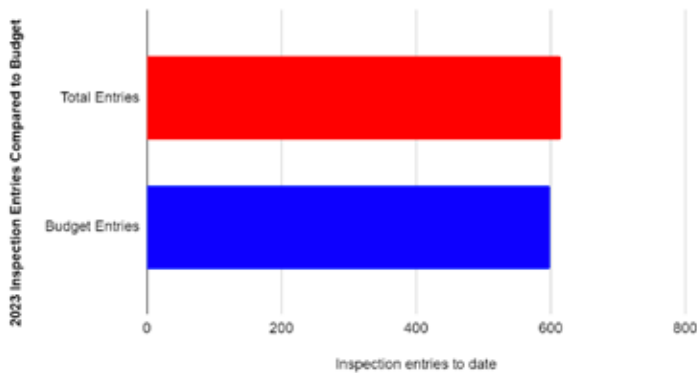
Amy Rogala-Hobbs  
 Chair of Finance Committee



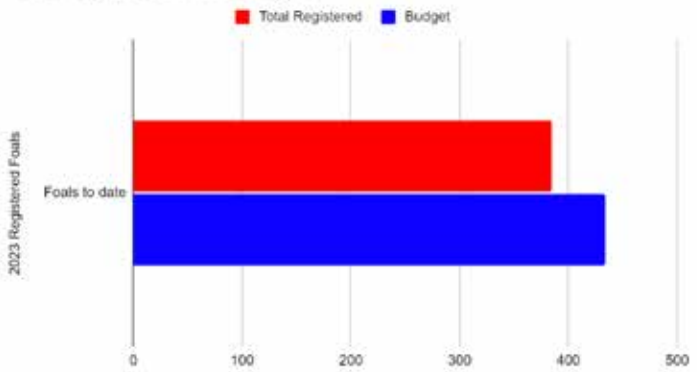
2023 Budget and 2023 Actuals Income



Inspection Entries versus Budget for 2023



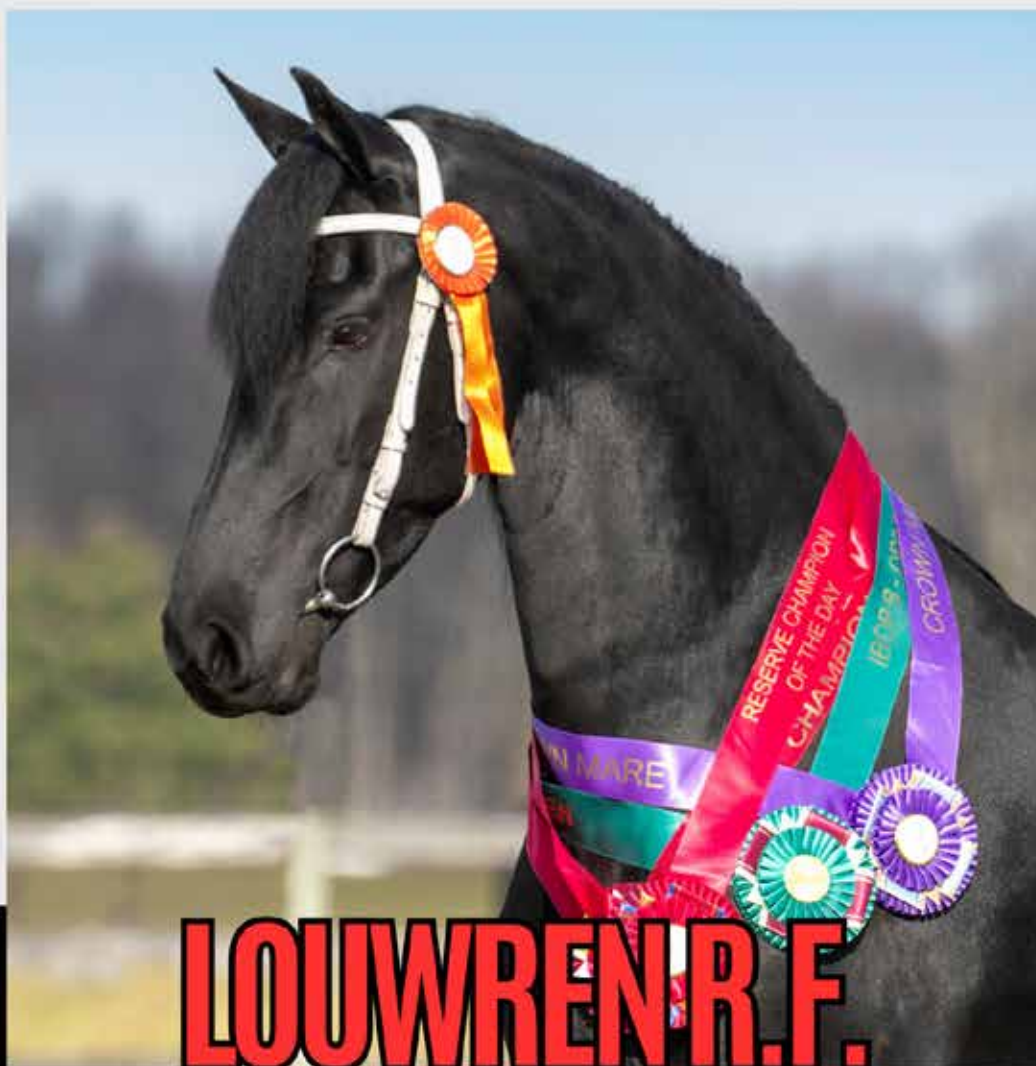
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# Education Committee

**Chairperson** ..... Lori Ann Thwing  
**Board Liaison** ..... Will Bron  
**Secretary** ..... Katie Wenger  
**Members:** ..... Bert Mourits  
..... Mike Cunningham

**The FHANA Educational Committee was tasked by the FHANA Board of Directors to organize the judging clinics at the 2023 Mare Shows with Will Thijssen.**

The committee's activities this year have been primarily linked to communicating with Mr Thijssen, creating advertisements for social media and the FHANA website, and finding horses for these clinics which were held in November in Indiana and California. The clinic in Indiana sold out very quickly with additional spots added to accommodate more people and the clinic in California was full. The Education Committee's mandate is wider than just organizing clinics. The remainder of the year will be dedicated to producing a viable copy of the "FHANA 101" that has been worked on intermittently for a few years.

**2024**  
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# Sports Committee

**Chairperson** ..... Gail Aumiller  
**Board Liaison** ..... Charlotte Dumford  
**Members:** ..... Agnes van den Twee  
..... Amy Kroll  
..... Teresa Guest  
..... Mary Hamer  
..... Lisa Zijlstra  
..... Tanja Hodges

**2023 became the year to perfect our Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA)—it was renamed “The Tom Hannon FHANA Lifetime Achievement Award,” and its criteria was honed to be more explicit.**

Because the Board requested further tweaks and were insistent on our revising the presidential voting procedure to insure chapter members are contacted for their input, we spent the majority of the year on developing revisions that were agreeable to the Board: LAA recipients will now be confirmed by the same membership email voting procedure used for the Horse of the Year Award (last December our members received a ballot to vote for a LAA nominee), there is now a detailed list of acceptable qualifying public activities, for the 10 qualifying years, each year must have at least 3 qualifying events, and the award may be made posthumously.

Because all membership categories are eligible for receiving FHANA End Of Year performance awards, Sport petitioned

the Board and now FHANA allows HOTY voting privileges to every type of member.

Our Recreational Use award now recognizes 50 and 100 hours in addition to 250, 500, 750, and 1000 hours. It is an accumulative program, not an annual one, and your recording forms may be sent in as soon as you have reached one of the benchmarks.

From member input at the 2023 AGM, our Performance and Talent Cup awards no longer require at least one of the recorded events to be from a rated show. We hope this will increase the number of members who participate in these recognition programs. The Performance Riding Award now differentiates between w/t/c and w/t class points, giving double values to the walk, trot, and canter classes.

Our extensive award program is partially supported by generous sponsors. At the end of 2024, our first round of sponsorships expires, so those award sponsorships will once again be available. Current sponsors will be given a chance to continue their sponsorship. We still have not secured a sponsorship for either the Inspection Trainer Award or the Show Trainer Award that were new in 2023. These sponsorships require a minimum 5-year commitment. The yearly cost for a single national award sponsorship will be \$100, for a 5-year total of \$500. The yearly cost for the 7 regional sponsorships for a single award will be \$50, for a 5-year total of \$250. A 5-year sponsorship for both a national award and its 7 regional awards will be \$700.

In addition to their committee responsibilities, your Sport Committee members have been active both as contributors to and for content ideas that were included in The Friesian Magazine. Writing various articles about the Performance Awards, we remain committed to educating our membership about the many ways FHANA recognizes our performance Friesians and their owners. We contribute regularly to FHANA social media posts (text and photos) and encourage you to do likewise—simply email your content to the office. Members are encouraged to access the FHANA website award menu for award information, read our online committee minutes, and to contact any of us regarding a need for additional information.





# FHANA's 5

Year National & Regional Sponsorship Categories

## (2020-2024)

Performance Ridden Dressage Award: Brookside Friesians

Performance Riding Award: South Central Friesian Horse Association

Performance Driving Award: Kafka Farms

Performance Driven Dressage Award: Dreams Come True Farm

Performance Western Dressage Award: Rebecca Eccard Dressage

Youth Performance Dressage Award: The Friesian Connection

Youth Performance Driving Award: Mountain View Training Center

## (2021-2025)

Performance In-Hand Award: Griffin Sport Horses

Youth Performance Riding Award: Lone Star Friesian Horse Club

## (2023 – 2033)

Tom Hannon Lifetime Achievement Award: Timothy Hannon

Performance Inspection Trainer Award: Sponsor needed

Performance Show Trainer Award: Sponsor needed



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# Membership Committee

**Chairperson** .....Becca Eccard  
**Board Liaison** ..... JoAnn Clough  
**Members:**..... Jess Dodge  
..... Jesus Solis  
..... Susan Paterson  
.....Megan Moran

**2023 Was another great year of brainstorming and planning for the Membership Committee.** We have been diligently working on finding more ways to make our current membership feel heard and included, while also working on ways to bring old members back to the organization and bring new members in as well. This initiative will be our continued focus for 2024 as we work to implement our new ideas and goals.

Our biggest tasks this year were continuing to translate documents for our members into Spanish, this includes the Keuring Handbook and sign up form. We also have made arrangements with some of the largest equine auction houses to include a transfer of ownership form and FHANA membership form in the documents packet given to the buyers at auction. We held a webinar for new members to help navigate the website and portal. And we are most excited about the new event we are planning for 2024, Friesians around North America. This is a ride or drive contest tracking your miles and posting pictures and telling personal stories of members and their black beauties enjoying their time together in a non show environment. Donations will be accepted to participate and receive swag, compete in some clever contests and the proceeds will be forwarded to the new Health Initiative.

I want to thank all of our Mentors as we continue to have such great success with this program, and the hard working and brilliant committee members Jess Dodge, Magen Moran, Susan Patterson and our amazing board liaison Jo Ann Clough. This committee is so successful because of all of you.

Respectfully,  
Rebecca Eccard  
Membership Committee Chair

# B-Book II AdHoc Committee

**Chairperson** ..... Marquis Laude  
**Board Liaison** ..... Eric Smith  
**Members** ..... Anna Osinga  
.....Julee Kula  
..... Kees Muilwijk  
..... Jesus Solis

**The FHANA B-Book II Committee was initiated by the Board of Directors to The purpose of this committee is not to determine whether or not FHANA is for or against B Book II registration.** Instead, it is tasked to investigate the challenges that surround B Book II horses in North America and offer suggestions for possible solutions for these challenges. If these suggestions would lead to a change in FHANA's current B Book II policies, that decision will not be made by either the committee or the board. Any changes to the policies would only occur as part of a majority vote of the entire FHANA membership in accordance with FHANA's Bylaw 13.1.

The committee was tasked to discuss multiple points and provide suggestions to the FHANA BOD for action and or for further collaboration with the KFPS. These tasks include:

- 1. Office productivity
- 2. Equal rights of FHANA members as these rights pertain to the policies of the KFPS.
- 3. Education of the members as to the various Books of the registry.
- 4. The description of FHANA By-Law 3.1 as it relates to the registering of all eligible Friesian horses in North America.
- 5. Protection of the integrity of the Friesian horse registry by prioritizing the strict breeding goals and discourage the use of non-approved stallions.
- 6. Assist the general public in understanding the various Books of registry.

The committee worked through the tasks through multiple meetings and some challenging discussions. Recommendations were made to the FHANA Board of Directors to address each of the tasks identified.

# FHANA Member Council

**Chairperson** ..... Marquis Laude  
**Vice Chairperson** ..... Scott Kelnhofer  
**Board Liaison** ..... Angie DePuydt  
..... Caron Osborn  
..... Erin Miley

**The FHANA Member Council (FMC) continues to offer Chapters and their members an open forum to discuss issues relevant to their Chapters and the Association.** Founded in 2016, it has been modeled after the United States House of Representatives or the Canadian House of Commons. While the Council has no “legislative authority”, it offers recommendations presented by Chapter representatives to the FHANA Board. Some recommendations made in the previous year include revisions to the election process, B-Book II, modifications to the nomination process for the Breeders Achievement award, the non-refundable fee policy, acceptance of the North America Spanish Friesian Horse Association, etc. Some of whom were accepted by the Board, some rejected and some sent to committee. The Council is proud of its contribution to the welfare of FHANA, the KFPS Friesian horse and its members. The Council looks forward to continuing its relationship with the FHANA Board as it gives voice to every FHANA member associated within the Chapter network.

# Stallion Committee

**Chairperson** ..... Fernando Horowitz  
**Board Liaison** ..... Will Bron  
**Members:** ..... Julee Kula  
..... Lana Markey  
..... Jack Vanderkooy  
..... Danielle Piascik

**The Stallion Committee was brought together in 2023 to oversee the stallion selection process, testing, and provide education to members as well as to update guidelines as needed.** The committee was tasked with the oversight of the young stallions to create a process closer to that in the Netherlands, revamping the 70 day testing and furthering education on the processes. The committee went to work on assessing where to begin and how best to disseminate the information to members.

- The committee’s primary objectives:
- To establish and revamp a fair stallion selection process
  - To develop a process to conduct comprehensive testing of potential stallions to ensure their suitability for breeding
  - To provide educational resources to members regarding stallion selection and keuring procedures

- The Stallion Committee has undertaken the following activities:
- Developed and implemented a thorough stallion selection process working to be more in line with the process in the Netherlands including guidelines for paths for young stallions for the First Viewing
  - Planning for the 2024 stallion viewings for selected stallions, including performance evaluations, veterinary examinations, genetic screenings, as well as identifying potential testing venues and trainers
  - Promotion of stallion viewings and keuring for eligible young stallions

Collaborated with other FHANA committees to promote keuring, first viewing, 70 day testing

The Stallion Committee has made significant progress in its efforts to oversee the stallion selection process, testing, and education to members.



# Breeding Committee

**Chairperson** .....Marita Floryn  
**Board Liaison** .....Allison Thomas  
**Members:** .....Rachel Clifford  
.....Julee Kula  
.....Kristy Dye  
.....Charlotte Dumford

**Reflecting on the past year with the Breeding Committee, we continue to foremost support the breeders at FHANA with educational content and behind the scenes support.** I am writing this after KFPS stallion show. The amazing stallions that the KFPS have shown us. The best of the best. Horses that have been meticulously bred through thoughtful breeding. Watching from North America we see the ideal... the elite... and may we strive to bright forth horses like this - And may we show them off.

There have been several motions made by this committee to adjust website content. After the KFPS website fallout we brought back some of the tools that may impact our breeding decisions.

It is wonderful to see the breeders who are being awarded with the Breeders Achievement Award. This award is intended to recognize those who have put so MUCH into creating the horse we all admire and appreciate. Congratulations and thank you,

Going forth this committee plans to support breeders and to continue educating. Looking forward to another year of enjoying this beautiful breed. May our passion bring us together.

# Events/ Sponsorship Committee

**Chairperson** .....Pam Groom  
**Board Liaison** .....Danielle Piascik  
**Members:** .....Sarah Medler  
.....Debra Nichol  
.....Lauren Riehle  
.....Coreen Hill  
.....Carrie Blair  
.....Kayla Mikuszewski

**The Events & Sponsorship Committee had a GREAT year! This group works REALLY well together and has so many fantastic ideas. It is truly a pleasure to work alongside them.**

The 2023 committee consists of Lauren Riehle, Carrie Blair, Deborah Nichol, Sarah Medler, Coreen Hill, Kayla Mikuszewski and Pam Groom as chairperson. The committee is guided by our board liaison, Danielle Piascik. Our strategic goal continues to be as follows: "Enhanced presence at equine trade shows and allocate funds to support outreach". The committee was able to support several requests this year; to name a few - Equine Affaire Ohio, Summer Solstice Soiree and the WDAA Nationals for Friesian High Point Winner. We hosted an extremely successful online silent auction during the first half of the year that brought in a net profit of \$4816.80 that was added to our 2023 budget.

The funds from the silent auction allowed the committee to put forth a couple out of the box ideas of giving back to the membership. The Events and Sponsorship Committee was able to provide each Keuring site host with a small stipend towards their event programs in appreciation for all their efforts. The committee was also able to allot stall or site fees for the owners who brought stallions for the 2nd viewing running in conjunction with both Mare Shows. With 2023 coming to a close, the committee voted to allocate the remaining funds available to the Research Fund. We are pleased to say that the committee was able to support the Research Grant with just over \$3400.

Planning for 2024 has already begun by assisting with the 2024 AGM and collaborating with the Health Committee so that they may continue to raise funding for the Research Grant!. If you have an event for 2024, that the Events and Sponsorships Committee can assist with please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our committee members.

# Health Committee

Chairperson .....	Julie Karpus
Board Liaison .....	JoAnn Clough
Members .....	Scott Julius
.....	Lisa Domier
.....	Debra Horsch
.....	Becca McCartney
.....	Alana Bent

**While there have been many changes to the Health Committee in 2023, the committee was still able to accomplish many things. Leadership and members have changed significantly this year but the committee was still able to be productive and serve the membership without missing a beat.**

The Health Committee provides a plethora of health-related educational material for the FHANA members via webinars, social media posts, and articles in the Friesian Magazine. The committee also responds to members’ struggling with health concerns by providing disease-specific education, referrals, and emotional support. Webinars are a wonderful way to educate not only FHANA members, but the general public as well. Anyone can join our live webinars. They are also made available on the FHANA website for anyone to view. Some of the webinars sponsored by the Health Committee in 2023 were Stallion Breeding Soundness, Breeding Practices Management in Mares, Degenerative Suspensory Ligament Desmitis (DSLDD) and Equine Nutrition.

Again, this year each committee member will choose a topic in which they have interest and either host a webinar or write an article for The Friesian magazine. Topics planned for 2024, include a webinar and an article covering Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI), barn fires and laminitis to name a few.

The Health Committee serves as steward for the FHANA Grant Program. The first ever grant recipient, University of Pennsylvania, New Bolton Center, awarded in 2022 completed their research in 2023 and provided a complete summary of their work and their findings. The second FHANA Research Grant was awarded in 2023 to the University of California-Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine for their study on the pharmacokinetics of fluralaner. Fluralaner, an oral ectoparasiticide marketed under the brand name Bravecto®, is currently prescribed for the treatment of external parasites for dogs and cats. UC-Davis is using fluralaner to see if it can help horses with such things as ticks, mites, and lice that can contribute to chronic progressive lymphedema (CPL), chronic proliferative pastern dermatitis (CPPD), and insect bite hypersensitivity not only in feathered and draft breeds but all breeds. UC-Davis has provided FHANA with an update of their research. We are very excited for them to complete their study and share their findings with us.

The committee’s efforts in fundraising to support the grant program 2023 included having a QR code created for use in print, social media and on the FHANA website making donating super easy with a smart phone. A silent auction and a fundraising campaign were undertaken at the 2023 AGM, raising more than \$3,500. We had the QR code and some verbiage added to all of the 2023 inspection programs as well as providing printed fliers for each inspection site-host to post at their inspections with our QR code and information regarding the grant program.

Unfortunately, the grant was put on hold during the 2024 budgeting process, but the Health Committee is hard at work looking for ways to fund this year’s grant, such as acquiring sponsorship from companies, corporations, veterinarians, other breed associations and anyone else we can think of who may want to sponsor the grant program. Our goal is to be able to offer a 2024 grant later this year and every year going forward. In the meantime, the committee will be editing both the grant application itself, as well as, the process with which the committee uses to score each grant application received.





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# Awards



## 2023 FHANA Horse of the Year

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## Horses of Distinction

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Driving  
**Hamilton DCTF**



Stallion  
**Norbert 444**



Mare  
**Thyra fan  
Synaeda**



Mare Show  
**Johanna Tineke  
of Swan Lake**



Riding  
**Klaas S.F.  
Sport Elite**

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

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**Tjaarda 483 Sport Elite**



**FHANA’s Breeder  
Achievement Award**

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Bronze/Silver/Gold  
**Kettle Creek Friesians**



Bronze  
**Gull Lake Farm**



Bronze  
**Sjouke Plantinga**



Bronze  
**Boonstra Friesian**

**FHANA President’s Trophy**

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**Elizabeth Wyandt**





## Chapter of the Year

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Region 1  
**Friesian Horse  
Association of  
Oklahoma**



Region 2  
**Alberta Friesian  
Horse Association**



Region 3  
**Great Lakes  
Friesian Horse  
Association**

## Volunteer of the Year

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**Marquis Laude**



## Born in the USA All-Breeds Award

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**Sue Neipert**



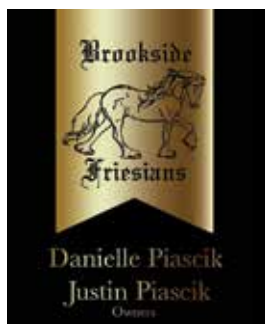
## Fenway Foundation FHANA Charitable Activities Award

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**TGL Farms**



## Performance Ridden Dressage



Region 2  
**Gail Baum**



Region 4  
**Mallory Huggins**



Region 5  
**Sarah Medler**



Region 6  
**J. Stanley Edward**



Region 7  
**Macy Clark**

## Performance Driving



Region 3  
**Sjouke Plantinga**



Region 4  
**Stephanie Hawkins**



Region 5  
**Gail Aumiller**



Region 6  
**Suzy Stafford**



## Performance Driven Dressage



Region 4  
**Stephanie Hawkins**



Region 5  
**Gail Aumiller**



Region 6  
**Suzy Stafford**

## Performance Riding Award



Region 1  
**Jess Dodge**



Region 5  
**Elizabeth Wyandt**



Region 6  
**Tammy Amnott**

## Performance In-Hand Award



Region 1  
**Jess Dodge**



Region 5  
**Elizabeth Wyandt**



Region 6  
**Dan Dali**

## Performance Western Dressage

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*Sponsored by Rebecca Eccard Dressage*



Region 4  
**Lara Schenck**



Region 7  
**Patricia Cobb**

## Performance Show Trainer

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Region 4  
**Mallory Huggins**



Region 5  
**Elizabeth Wyandt**

## Performance Inspection Trainer

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Region 5  
**Lisa & Kai Zijlstra**



Region 6  
**Dan Dali**



Region 7  
**Alanna Bent**



## Youth Performance Dressage

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Region 4  
**Addisen Hansell**



Region 7  
**Alanna Bent**

## Youth Performance Riding

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Region 4  
**Alexis Reyenga**



Region 6  
**Holly Dali**

## Youth Performance Driving

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Region 6  
**Leeloo Abe**

## Sport Talent Cups

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5yo Riding  
**Isla**  
owned by Sue Neipert



5yo Driving  
**Hamilton DCTF**  
owned by Gail Aumiller



6yo Driving  
**Eeltsje fan**  
**Cal Kafka Farms**  
owned by Kafka Farms

## Majestic Friesians North American Breeder's Award

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Champion  
**Marissa B.**  
owned by  
Boonstra Friesians



Reserve Champion  
**Melissa KFF**  
owned by Kraak Farms  
Friesians

# 2024

## FHANA Auction

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## Iron Spring Farm Riding IBOP Cup

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Champion  
**Fimke**  
owned by Marieke Ijpma

## Dream Gait Friesians Driving IBOP Cup

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Champion  
**Louwren R.F**  
owned by Rachel Scheffler Clifford,  
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and Miley Friesians*

### **Wybren 464 Sport AA**

*Owned by Cole Sanders*



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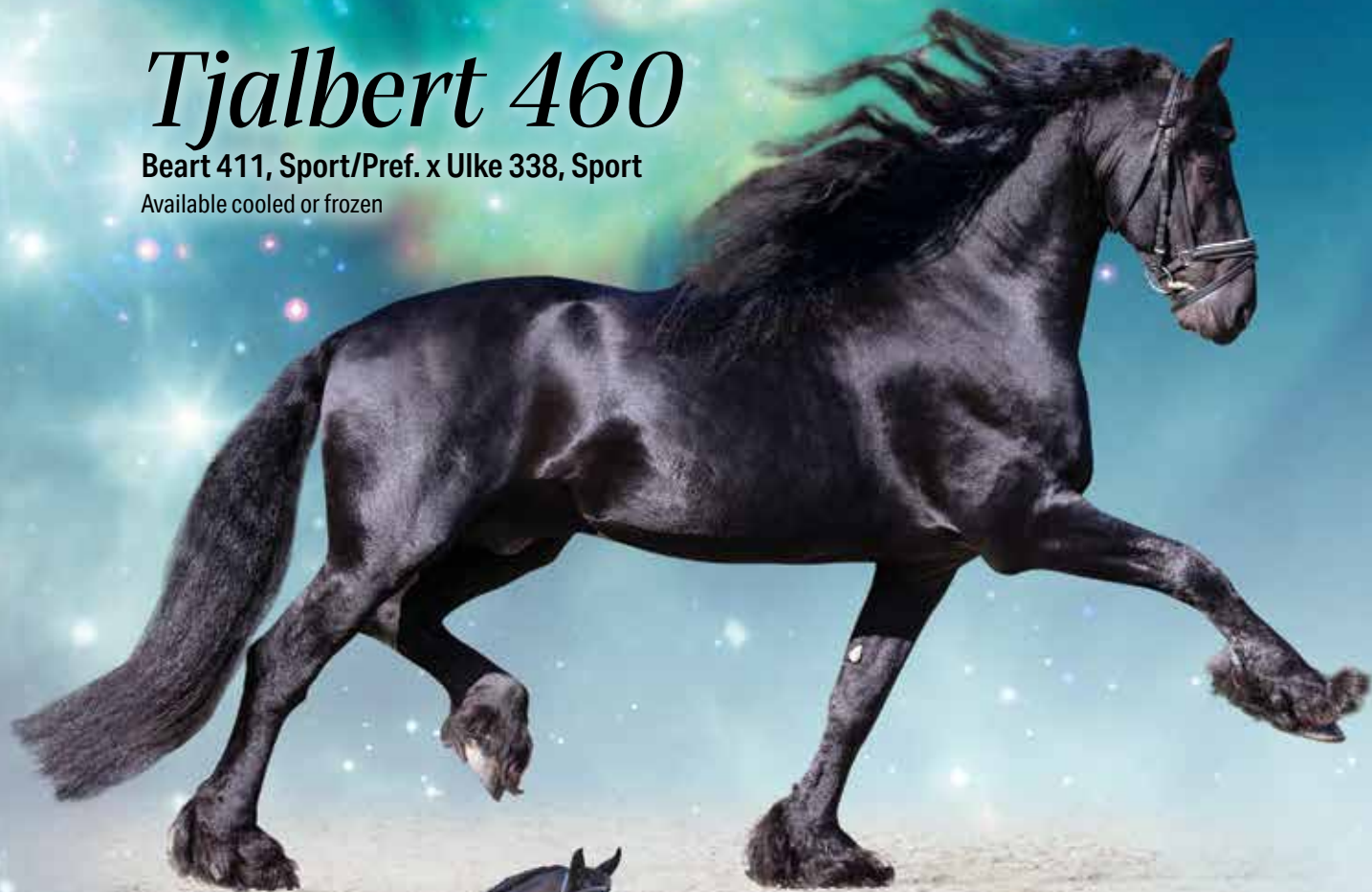


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