

FHANA Member Council Minutes: January 17th, 2024

Present:

Marq Laude – Mountain Time Friesian Chapter (Chairperson)
Scott Kelnhofer – Friesian Horse Association of the Mid-East (Vice Chairperson)
Henk Sytsma – Central California Friesian Horse Club
Carrie Blair – Ohio Valley Friesian Horse Association
Karen Rosenberg – South Central Friesian Horse Association
Fernando Horwitz – Great Lakes Friesian Horse Association
Joe Michielli – Cascadia Friesian Horse Club
Inge De Hann – Atlantic Canada Friesian Horse Association
Mark McGowan – Lone Star Friesian Horse Club
Klazien Sietzema – Alberta Friesian Horse Association
Janice VerMerris – Michigan Friesian Horse Club
Deborah Horsch – Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma
Beverly McGowan – North American Spanish Friesian Horse Association
FHANA Board Liaison – Erin Miley
Angie DePuydt – Administrator
Caron Osborn – Administrator

Absent:

Ontario Friesian Horse Association
Northern Michigan Friesian Club
Northeast Friesian Horse Club
Pacific Friesian Horse Club
Florida Friesian Horse Club
Friesian Horse Club of Southern California

Please refer to the meeting recording for complete/detailed comments: [FMC Meeting Recording – 17 JAN 24.](#)

1. Opening Remarks & Announcement of Guests. Mr. Laude called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM EDT.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Mr. Kelnhofer motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes, and Mr. Michielli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FHANA Board Updates. Ms. Miley provided an update from the FHANA Board. Facebook reach is up 97% in December. Circuit 5 was profitable. The FHANA Board of Directors election is running until the end of January. FHANA made an error by not supplying the candidates' biographies before the Town Hall. The Events and Sponsorship Committee is looking for items for the AGM bags. The remaining 2023 funds from the Events and Sponsorship Committee have been donated to the Research Grant. There is a webinar on Barn Safety on January 18th. The board made an error with the FHANA bylaw amendment ballot and is

working on resolving this issue. The 40th Anniversary has been canceled, but the AGM will still occur in Reno in 2025. The board is working to have the next anniversary celebration during FHANA's 45th anniversary to allow more time for planning.

4. Sub-Committee Update. Mr. Michielli presented a document developed by the sub-committee that provides recommendations for the FHANA board to consider regarding FHANA committee appointments. Ms. Blair motioned to accept the document, and Ms. McGowan seconded the motion. The motion passed with one no and one abstain.

5. Proposed FMC Bylaw Amendments. Mr. Kelnhofer presented the following bylaw amendment motion: Council members running for the FHANA Board of Directors who have been elected to the FHANA Board but have not officially assumed a position on the Board are disqualified from participating in Member Council meetings. Those Chapters represented by FHANA Board elect members should determine a replacement for their Chapter so that that representative may participate in the FMC Executive Branch elections. Mr. Michielli seconded the motion. Ms. Rosenberg proposed an amendment to Mr. Kelnhofer's motion, and Mr. Kelnhofer amended his motion to read: **Council members running for the FHANA Board of Directors who have been elected to the FHANA Board are disqualified from participating in Member Council meetings following the commencement of their term on the FHANA Board. As a result of this disqualification, those Chapters represented by FHANA Board elect members should name a replacement representative to the FMC for their Chapter.** Mr. Horwitz seconded the amendment to Mr. Kelnhofer's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kelnhofer presented the following bylaw amendment motion: The Chair and Vice-Chair elections will take place at a formal Council meeting in the same month or the month immediately (when necessary) prior to the FHANA AGM. The length of the term will be determined by the date of the next FHANA AGM. The term is to run from the date of election until the Council Meeting prior to the FHANA AGM when an election for Chair and Vice-Chair will be held. Ms. Blair seconded the motion. Ms. Rosenberg proposed an amendment to Mr. Kelnhofer's motion, and Mr. Kelnhofer amended his motion to read: **The FMC Chair and Vice-Chair elections will take place prior to the FHANA AGM at a formal FMC meeting in the same month or the month prior to the FHANA AGM. The length of term is to run from the date of election until the next FMC meeting when an election for Chair and Vice-Chair is held.** Mr. Michelle seconded the amendment to Mr. Kelnhofer's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. FHANA Chapter Financial Responsibilities. The item was tabled until the next meeting due to time.

7. Roundtable Discussion. Mr. Laude advised the council that he is considering stepping down from the position of FMC chair and reducing his volunteer activities in FHANA to focus on personal political pursuits.

8. Next Meeting Date. The next FMC meeting will occur on Wednesday, February 7th, 2023, at 8 PM EDT.

9. Motion to Adjourn. Mr. McGowan motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM EDT.

Minutes presented by Angie DePuydt

