

Stallion Committee Minutes

Committee Members Present: Danielle Piascik, Julee Kula, Fernando Horowitz, Will Bron

Guest: Sjouke Plantinga, Marvel Jeffcoat

Meeting Called to Order: 8:00 PM EST 12/19/23

Fernando met with Monique and Mairekke from the KFPS yesterday and meeting to go over what was discussed. Meeting went very well and was productive.

Fernando had brought up that he was looking to put together a site book of sorts for the stallion viewings and Monique offered to do this for us.

Topics covered: Time line, training, exams, trainer, expectations of owners, cost expectations if some stallions do not go through

If stallions are approved here, they must stand here for 2 years before leaving the US. Stallions who are approved in foreign countries (ie. North America) will have one extra year for permanent approval according to Eric.

Timeline

March 1 - first official training day

April 1- first presentation day

May 1 - second presentation day

June 3rd - 3rd presentation day in person with judges

June 4th - Registration for 70 day test

June 5th - 1st day of 70 day test

July 8th - Saddle Test

August 5th - Final examination

Instead of videos, KFPS proposing a live stream and give live feedback to the trainers in real time and requests can be seen immediately. Pivo system was suggested. Perhaps ask Friesian Connection what they use for audio portion when they do live lessons with trainers. Would need good wifi connection, but would need to test it prior to the day of. Hot Spot would also be an option to boost signal.

Recommended since judges will already be here, perhaps we can do an education week with the judges and capitalize on their travel.

Trainers - KFPS suggested they reach out to the trainers currently doing the 70 day testing in Netherlands to be the same trainers who do the testing here. It would be ideal, they are familiar with the expectations and training already, keeping continuity across both processes. The rider is a Grand Prix rider. Monique suggested organizing clinics and lessons with her while she was here and capitalizing on having her here. Committee had also previously discussed offering ABFP or IBOP training while those trainers are here. If we were to offer

lessons, clinics, additional training spots, that income could be directed to lowering the cost of the training of the stallions.

If we added ABFP to the process to combine processes, we would start ABFP at day 20 of the stallion process as ABFP is 50 days.

KFPS has received the reports from 3 of the stallions but not the fourth. One of the stallions has not done semen as they have not been able to get him collected. They will try again the second or third week of January. The three stallions who have submitted had more than sufficient numbers in their semen analysis. We should receive the report back in early January.

Training manager, Hank, is used in the Netherlands whose role is to guide the trainers on the training health program in place in the Netherlands. We don't really have someone in that position here in North America. Hank might be able to fill that position remotely. It was not clear what the costs and benefits would be. He would be part of the live stream process if that is the direction we went. In Holland, training manager is present daily and throughout the whole process. For us, it might be a more modified process, with a weekly check in and assessment by live stream with training manager and trainers.

Discussions with FHANA still ongoing to the trainers actually get paid. Jason is checking with KFPS to see if FHANA can pay the KFPS and they pay the trainers, similar to the process with the judges. Work visas were discussed.

Now that we have a timeline we can go back to working on facilities. We had a few options in Michigan, but ideally we were looking to have it in Indiana within an Amish facility to capitalize on integrating an underserved community where this could lead to education.

The makeup of the committee was evaluated and discussed. A google drive where all of the information is stored for this committee was discussed so when new people come in all of the history and relevant information is in one place

Meeting Adjourned: 9:22 PM EST

Next meeting will be after KFPS Stallion Show Tentatively 1/24/24 8:00 PM EST