

Stallion Committee Minutes

Committee Members Present: Danielle Piascik, Julee Kula, Fernando Horowitz, Lana Markey, Will Bron, Sjouke Plantinga, Marvel Jeffcoat, Jason Tice

Guests: Dana Hartle, Annette Carpenter, Lisa Zijlstra

Meeting Called to Order: 8:02 PM EST 2/15/24

Committee approved the agenda, Julee made motion to approve the agenda, Lana seconded. All in favor.

3. Fernando gave an update from the KFPS. There has not been an update on semen reports, we are expecting those very shortly. Two of the stallions were approved on xrays, the other two will be discussed further in an upcoming meeting. In two weeks, the training will begin, so we are expecting those answers soon. Fernando will also need to discuss one of the stallions regarding the semen collection. His semen quality is good, has been frozen, but he will not complete a second jump at the one hour after the first jump which is part of the process. We should also be receiving the stallion document and infographics soon as well along with the information regarding the two trainers doing the training for the KFPS. The stallions will also wear a heart monitor during the process, which will be loaned from the KFPS. Lactic acid will also be tested during the training.

4. Fernando was able to secure two available venues with availability. New Paris Equine Center in New Paris, IN was able to offer 16 stalls with separate wash rack in a wing of the facility with use of the arenas. Cost is \$45/day/horse, which is approximately \$1350 per horse/month. There would be an additional test on the final day of the process. There was not a specific cost but mentioned it would be less than \$500. Advantage to this facility is proximity to the Amish and being able to bring that community into the process. The second facility option is Puterbaugh Equestrian in Howell, MI which is able to offer 14 stalls for the duration of the process in a secluded part of the facility. Cost is \$1000/month/horse and would prorate the extra days at the end. Advantage to this facility is cost and proximity to Detroit airport. Has a referral with a short term rental house within 15 minutes of the facility. Both venues have internet access and capabilities. There was discussion regarding advantages and disadvantages to both facilities. Contract is not in place yet, all communications were through phone calls and text messages.

<https://www.puterbaughequestrian.com/>

<https://newparisequine.com/>

Julee made *Motion to accept New Paris Equine Center for 70 day testing venue*. Sjouke seconded the motion. Committee was unanimous for ney. Lana abstained from voting. Motion did NOT carry.

Marvel made *Motion to accept Puterbaugh Equestrian for 70 day testing venue*. Danielle seconded the motion. All in favor. Lana abstained from voting. Motion carries.

After discussion regarding venues and motion was made to accept Puterbaugh Equestrian as the venue for 70 day process, Fernando let the committee know the owner of Puterbaugh has offered a \$2,000 sponsorship for the event.

Budget and payments for the event were discussed and how that would look. Costs are not currently known, but once they start coming into place, Jason explained that it is normally broken down into 3 payments and billed to the owners. The trainers would be billed to FHANA from the KFPS who will pay the trainers in the Netherlands. The committee reviewed the dates set for the testing process.

Official Testing 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/Midterm

August 5th - Final examination

After we confirm who the trainers will officially be, we will make an announcement there will be training opportunities for IBOP on August 5th. Fernando will be having a discussion with Marq Laude, chair for Inspection committee, regarding having an off circuit IBOP.

The committee further discussed the Final Examination day. IBOP will be run the same day. The final examination day is open to the public as it is in the Netherlands. Some had concern having it open to the public due to distractions to the trainers/stallions. August 5th is a Monday which will most likely not draw a large crowd.

5. The committee discussed organizing a subcommittee that would focus on marketing the stallion viewing and process. Danielle, Lana, Julee and Annette will meet and bring the ideas back to the committee for review.

6. There was lengthy discussion amongst the committee regarding having the Mexican registry join the 70 day testing in the future and what that they would look like with logistics, pros, cons and crossover between registries. Further discussions on this topic will continue.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:36 PM EST

Next Meeting March 25, 2024 8:00 PM EST

****Important notations at the close of the meeting*** – New Paris Equine Center updated pricing to \$1200/month/horse which is approximately \$35/day. Vaccinations are now required for all horses. This did not change the vote of the committee who agreed to stay with the motion put forth for Puterbaugh for a variety of reasons.

****Stallion Committee Agenda****

Date: 12/05/2023

****Attendees:****

****Members:****

- Fernando Horowitz (Chair)
- Danielle Piascik (Vice Chair)
- Julee Kula
- Lana Markey
- Sjouke Platinga
- Marvel Jeffcoat
- Jason Tice
- Will Bron (Board Liaison)

****Guests:****

- Stallion Owners

****Agenda:****

1. ****Welcome****
2. ****Approval of Agenda****
3. KFPS Update – Fernando
4. Facility to host stallions for 70days test/Ibop
New Paris
Puterbaugh Equestrian

5. 2024 Subcommittee
6. Open Table
7. Next Meeting?
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