

## **Inspection Committee Minutes March 5, 2024, 1:00 Central Time**

**Attendance:** Marq Laude, Chair, Jason Tice, FHANA Executive Director, Tiffany van der Kooi, Secretary, Annie Muilwijk, Annette Carpenter, Julie Karpus, and Jo Clough, BOD Liaison.

**Absent:** Rick Butts, Fernando Horowitz

**Approval of the February 2024, Minutes: Annie made a motion to approve and Annette 2<sup>nd</sup>, a vote was taken, and it was approved unanimously.**

**Financials:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Board Meeting Results:** All the motions put forward for the last meeting were approved.

The request for Tennessee inspection was approved unanimously. Jason had put together maps for memberships and population etc. Tennessee is a central location for an under served area. This area has been without a kuering since the spring of 2022. Tyron is only 2 hours away, so the board felt Tennessee was due for an opportunity.

Private venue requests for Kansas, Iron Spring and Lorrick Stables were approved. Lorrick stables was asked to provide fee structure.

Fernando Horowitz was approved by the board to join the inspection committee and the board believes it will be a good connection because he is also on the stallion committee. Fernando is working on a tutorial for the process of the stallion viewing.

Annie is approved to be the co-chair if the inspection committee.

**Inspection Manual:** The triangle diagram needs to be finalized. Additions of mare show details, photography and code of conduct.

**Tiffany made a motion to approve the site manual and participant manual. Annie 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed. Motion was rescinded because they coggins requirements need to be fixed.**

**New Business:** Site host conduct – the goal is to try to minimize the negativity and also inspection committee needs to put out Accurate information to the public instead of being quiet.

Jason has made a fillable google doc form for the application for public venues. The data from the form gets put into a sheet for the committee to approve. Jason will also do one for a private venue.

**Programs:** People do like to have paper programs so they can take notes and have it in hand. The plus with the QR Code that was used for the East mare show and inspection is that it was easy to change frequently so it was very up to date. There are hopes for a large screen with pedigree and horse information at the next mare show in 2024.

It was suggested that we limit the number of programs if the cost is a concern. Jason voiced the challenges that fhana has had with Dahl graphics in the past such as wet ink and incorrect information. The programs for Mare Show East couldn't be used at all for all the mistakes. It was suggested that we should look for a new print company, but Dahl understands the format and does the translations. Consensus was to give Dahl another year to see if it is improved in 2024.

**Mare Show East Location:** There are 2 locations available. 1. is Hoosier, where we were in 2023. Location 2 is about 20 minutes from Lexington Kentucky and it includes the following amenities...

Heated wash racks inside and outside

Multiple arenas outside and one inside

There is enough space to have multiple things happening at once.

2 enclosed arenas

10 x 10 stalls inside, hooked to indoor arena

36 or more camping hookups

Friday to Sunday Rental is \$2100 per day. \$90 a night for stalls/\$130 for 3 days of a stall.

Shavings do have to be purchased on site.

The price is a bit more than Hoosier, but the fact that all of the FHANA personal can attend and not need hotel or travel accommodations or reimbursements balances it out nicely.

Hoosier is more economical but the stalls are not attached and they are outside. The water gets turned off Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and we have no guarantee for nice weather. We were lucky last year.

Kentucky facility is 2 hours south of Hoosier Horse Park. There is really good lodging in Kentucky, Fairfield and Best Western are 1.5 miles away.

The board has approved hiring a manager as site host for the November event.

**MOTION: Tiffany made a motion to pursue the Kentucky Venue. Annie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion was approved unanimously.**

**Round Table:** Marietta facility is not available in November for California event, so there will be a change of venue request for a new location. The new location will be the same price at Marietta.

Conversation was had regarding the reduction in sites and West mare show...

There are concerns that we are not serving all horses in the USA and Canada for Mare Shows. It is a real tough situation because we would need so many mare shows to be fair to everyone and it is not feasible with the size of our countries. We are simply to spread out. The judges have to be willing to travel to small sites and members should know they have to travel for keurings and FHANA events. They would travel for regular horse shows. We do want to serve the members, but not at all costs. FHANA is still a business also.

It was suggested that if a site doesn't have 24 horses then they could pay more to make up the cost instead of FHANA making up the cost. The inspection committee reviews a lot of feedback from small sites and analysis is provided relative to the number of horses. The judges have expressed their concern for not having the time

to have small sites with 10 or 12 horses or less. It is not in their interest to fly to a small inspection. The number of horses is unfortunately diminishing in the West. There just aren't the large breeders that there used to be. Utah, South Dakota and Oklahoma do not have enough horses. The KFPS judges consider their time invaluable and they cannot be paid enough to cover small keurings.

The process is in place for inspections. The board is supporting the inspection committee and the inspection committee needs to support the process.

Discussion was had about adding a category over all of the keurings for the best mare etc...but that already exists in a form of the Majestic Friesians award. That is in place for the best linear scores of 3 and 4 year old stallions. We could create a different award to compete on scores on paper. We can look for a sponsor and way to award across the country for the top Crown mare which is category 7 and 8.

For the next meeting we all will come up with a category for USA and Canada for new awards.

Texas Waco site – Fernando is working on a venue and found a place for \$30 per day.

The stallion committee is looking to open up testing and training to 8 to 10 outside horses. It would be 6 weeks of riding training and 4 weeks of driving, both for IBOP, located in Michigan. More to come on this opportunity.

Annette made a motion to adjourn

**Next Meeting:** April 9, 2024, at 1:00 CST