

The FHANA BOD has decided to hold a referendum where members can vote on the following:

- a. Should FHANA facilitate registration of B-Book 2 horses?
- b. Should FHANA allow B-book 2 horses at KFPS/FHANA inspections?

The KFPS the mother studbook is doing for more than 145 years it's best to preserve our so beloved Friesian breed. The breed went through very rough waters. At times that the breed was almost extinct the numbers were as low as 3 approved stallions. In these times hard decisions had to be made and inbreeding was sometimes a must. Not ideal but it was to survive.

Farmers stopped using the Friesians for the work on their farms. The KFPS changed the breeding direction to a more versatile horse usable for recreation and sport. This all went very smooth and quick because the KFPS has a very good and powerful tool "the stallion selection" and because they used this tool all the years, we have such a uniform breed compared to other breeds.

Next problem to solve in the breed is the high Kinship percentage. Through the new protocol of the stallion selection the KFPS is trying to select the new stallions from as many as possible stallions. But if breeders start using more not by KFPS approved stallions, the KFPS is losing the control and the blood spreading, what is necessary, will fail. For example, a high number of not approved stallions available for breeding, out of the same stallion is a possibility.

So please stay loyal to the KFPS and let THEM do the stallion selection. And let us use these approved stallions!! And be loyal to the owners of the KFPS approved stallions in the USA and Canada. They invested in the high quality and proven KFPS stallions!

What is going to change if the membership vote yes for registration, facilitated by FHANA?

Answer: Not so much, because FHANA is actually not registering any Friesian horse. They are facilitating the registration of main book and B-Book 1 horses and FHANA assist, if needed, members that want to register their B-Book 2 horse.

The difference if the majority will vote yes will be: The application for the registration and the money has to be sent to the FHANA instead of to the KFPS.

What is going to change if the membership vote yes for allowing B-Book 2 horses at the inspections?

Answer: Maybe a few B-Book 2 horses will attend the inspections. Probably not many, because the last 2 years not one B-Book 1 horse came to the inspections while they are always allowed and welcome to come to the inspections.

Biggest concern is by opening up the registrations through FHANA and the acceptance of B-Book 2 horses at the inspections, is that more and more not approved stallions are going to be used for breeding.

In the Netherlands the KFPS is only registering between 10 and 20 B-Book 2 horses annually. For the US and Canada FHANA is registering already appr. 130 B-Book horses annually.

THIS IS REALLY CONCERNING!

BEFORE YOU VOTE YES / YES PLEASE over think this issue really good and vote for what is the best for the beautiful FRIESIAN Horse. And don't listen to a small group loud people on social media.