

FMC Minutes: October 9th, 2024

Present:

Carrie Blair – Ohio Valley Friesian Horse Association (Vice Chairperson)
Marvel Jeffcoat – South Central Friesian Horse Association
Anna Osinga-Bouma – Atlantic Canada Friesian Horse Association
Mark McGowan – Lone Star Friesian Horse Club
Bert Mourits – Alberta Friesian Horse Association
Janice VerMerris – Michigan Friesian Horse Club
Deborah Horsch – Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma
Barb Renico – North American Spanish Friesian Horse Association
Erin Miley – FHANA Board Liaison
Angie DePuydt – Administrator
Caron Osborn – Administrator
Robin Spaeth – Administrator

Absent:

Jack Vanderkooy – Ontario Friesian Horse Association (Chairperson)
Diane Sol - Central California Friesian Horse Club
Lisa Baker – Friesian Horse Association of the Mid-East
LoriAnn Thwing – Northern Michigan Friesian Club
Jamie Cesear – Northeast Friesian Horse Council
Fernando Horwitz – Great Lakes Friesian Horse Association
Joe Michielli – Cascadia Friesian Horse Club
Andrew Miller – Southeastern Friesian Horse Club
Lauren McDonald – Pacific Friesian Horse Club
Beatrice Whitely – Friesian Horse Club of Southern California

Please refer to the meeting recording for detailed comments: [FMC Meeting Recording – October 9th, 2024](#).

1. Opening Remarks. Ms. Blair opened the meeting at 8:01 PM EDT.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Due to a lack of quorum, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

3. Chapter Sharing – Oklahoma Friesian Horse Association. Ms. Horsch provided an update from the FHAOK. While the chapter is small and new, starting in 2023, it has successfully held many clinics and trail rides and participated in shows and the Oklahoma State Fair. The chapter has

developed several merchandise items for its members, some of which will incentivize them to ride and participate with their Friesians in Oklahoma.

4. FHANA Board Updates. Before the Board Updates were presented, Ms. Blair asked the FMC how many members they knew were directly affected by the hurricanes. Several members of the FMC provided names and updates. Ms. Blair requested that a task force be created to reach out to those members in the affected geographical area to see how they are doing. Ms. Miley will investigate this and contact Ms. Blair. Ms. Miley then proceeded with her Board update. Inspections are in full force, and stallion viewing is underway. Ms. Miley noted that the stallion application process will be different this year; stallions will not be registered in the portal as they were for inspection. The application is available on the website and is due by October 18th, 2024. A link to the application can also be found on FHANA's Facebook page. Ms. Miley reminded the council that due dates are approaching for FHANA awards, and she encourages everyone to apply for their respective awards. She also reminded members that the Mare Show is coming soon and hopes to see everyone there. The Circuit 5 Mare Show and stallion inspections are seeking sponsors, and sponsor forms are due by October 25th for program inclusion. Applications for the 2025 inspection host sites are due by October 15th. Ms. Miley emphasized that locations that did not host inspections in 2024 should submit their applications now, especially those that have inspections every other year. As of September 15th, Ms. Miley advised that overall revenue and expenses are down, with registrations down by 6%. She mentioned that the backlog and current turnover might be contributing factors. Overall, Circuit 1 entries have decreased, while other sites average the same numbers as in 2023. Mr. Mourits expressed frustration regarding the delays in receiving registration papers from the office. It was suggested that FHANA consider offering an expedited registration service for a fee for members who need their papers returned quickly due to selling a horse. Ms. Miley will investigate this and forward the suggestion to the board.

5. FMC Administrator Vacancy. Ms. DePuydt reported that Ms. Hill has withdrawn her acceptance of the second administrator vacancy. Ms. DePuydt and Ms. Osborn have approached several other FHANA members whom they believe will be a good fit and hope to bring a nomination to the next meeting. Meanwhile, Ms. Spaeth has begun her training and is here to observe this meeting.

6. Roundtable. Ms. Jeffcoat inquired how many inspection sites had B Book II horses registered to attend. Several chapters indicated they had a small number of B Book II horses at their inspections, and some members felt optimistic that the numbers would increase in the future. The Texas inspection location was discussed at length.

7. Next Meeting Date. The next FMC meeting will occur on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 8 PM EST

8. Motion to Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM EDT.