

**FMC Minutes:** November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Present:**

Jack Vanderkooy – Ontario Friesian Horse Association (Chairperson)

Diane Sol - Central California Friesian Horse Club

Lisa Baker – Friesian Horse Association of the Mid-East

Jamie Cesear – Northeast Friesian Horse Council

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

FHANA Board Liaison – Erin Miley

Angie DePuydt – Administrator

Caron Osborn – Administrator

Robin Spaeth – Incoming Administrator

Annette Carpenter – Incoming Administrator

**Absent:**

Carrie Blair – Ohio Valley Friesian Horse Association (Vice Chairperson)

LoriAnn Thwing – Northern Michigan Friesian Club

Fernando Horwitz – Great Lakes Friesian Horse Association

Joe Michielli – Cascadia Friesian Horse Club

Lauren McDonald – Pacific Friesian Horse Club

Beatrice Whitely – Friesian Horse Club of Southern California

Andrew Miller – Southeastern Friesian Horse Club

Please refer to the meeting recording for detailed comments: [FMC Meeting - 13 NOV 24 - Zoom](#)

1. **Opening Remarks.** Mr. Vanderkooy called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM EDT. Thank you, Robin Spaeth, for doing the minutes for last month. We are on the eve of the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit and Mare Show, and I hope to see some of you there. Annette, you are having the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit events in the West? Yes, just not the Mare Show.

2. **Approval of September Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Vanderkooy asked if there were any errors or omissions to the September or October 2024 Meeting Minutes and would revisit this if we have another person join to make the quorum. (Quorum met) Motion made by Dianne Sol and Seconded by Mark MacGowen to approve the September Minutes. No corrections. Passed unanimously.

3. **Approval of October Meeting Minutes.** Janice VerMerris made a motion and Deborah Horsch seconded to approve the October minutes. No corrections. Passed Unanimously.

4. **Chapter Sharing - Michigan Friesian Horse Club.** Janice VerMerris – We are one of the oldest chapters in FHANA, Started with Fred Hekstra. It is a very diverse chapter, and we just had Jenny Veenstra come again and do 2 clinics at separate locations, she has been coming twice a year. We have one of the largest Keurings in FHANA, with about 75+ horses each year. This year, we had six approved Stallions attend. Next year, Marieke Ackerman is leading a tour for Friesian lovers and wants to come and do a tour of America.

5. **FHANA Board Updates.** Ms. Miley provided an update from the FHANA Board. I'm heading to Kentucky for the Mare and Stallion show in a few days. Currently, 11 Stallions are signed up, possibly more after Circuit 5 Keuring. There are 20 horses for the Mare Show. The Board of Directors Nominations are now open until the 30th, so please make those nominations. We are looking for new questions to ask at the Town Hall Meeting, where the candidates will get to answer questions during the Q&A session. If you have any ideas, please email her. There will be a Stallion Breeding Drawing on Saturday. Getting a Stallion breeding for only \$25.00 will be lucky for those who win.

Anna Osinga-Bouma—Do you know how many nominations we have for the Board of Directors? Ms. Miley will find out. Mr. Vanderkooy talked with Khari Ryder, and there is no direction for members to be nominated. The website states for them to fill out the Nomination Form, but he couldn't find it. Ms. Miley will investigate this and check with the office. Mr. Vanderkooy—Discussion on the incumbents and how many are running. The members should be totally informed of this process.

6. **FHANA Board of Directors Elections.** Board of Director's Elections – We have already talked about the issues

7. **KFPS Autumn Regional Member Council Meeting.** That meeting will take place on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 2:00pm EST. Virtual meeting for English-speaking countries. This is open to all members. The Chairperson of the KFPS typically runs the meeting and it can be a very informative meeting. The agenda is quite extensive and talks about possibly changing the rules regarding stallions and the number of services they will be allowed each year. To try and diversify the gene pool. A lot of interesting topics. Opening discussions concerning this meeting. This meeting will be conducted in Microsoft Teams and not Zoom.

8. **FMC Administrator Nomination.** Ms. DePuydt advised that her and Ms. Osborn we have been looking for a replacement for Ms. Corrine Hill, who has withdrawn her application for the FMC Administrator position. We have asked Annette Carpenter from California, who has agreed to let her name stand as a nominee, so we have attached her Bio for your review. Annette has attended the training we have had over the last few weeks. Both ladies will be well-poised to replace Dianne Sol, moved to accept Annette Carpenter for the administrator position; Janice VerMerris seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vanderkooy stated that Carie Blair, FMC Vice Chair, has informed him that she will be stepping down as the Vice Chair. Carrie will also be stepping down as the president of her chapter, which is why she will not attend these meetings in the future. A new person will participate in their chapter in the future. Soon, we will ask for anyone willing to step up and act as the Vice Chair of this committee. The bylaws were changed recently to align the Chair and Vice Chair more with the AGM. The AGM will be later in the year and may coincide with the 5th Circuit. That begs the question, Jack, would you stay in your position until then? There will be a side discussion to discuss this issue.

9. **Roundtable.** Dianne Sol—There were some rough emails flying around, and I wanted to make sure they were taken care of. I was concerned that they were scams. FHANA posted on the website that they were scams. Another strong email sent about two weeks ago about another FMC member was also strong. Mr. Vanderkooy believes this has been taken care of.

Anna, I would like an email regarding the voting process for the Board of Directors. Also, the B Book information shouldn't take 4 months to update. Mr. Vanderkooy – the board is in the process of expelling one or two members, Erin would like to keep this private.

10. **Next Meeting Date.** Should we not meet in December? Discussion. **Motion by Janice VerMerris to postpone the FMC to January 2025, second by Diane Sol.** The next FMC meeting will be Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 8 PM EDT. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Motion to Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM EDT.

Minutes prepared by Annette Carpenter