



October 13, 2020 Inspection Committee

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Attendees** – Jo Clough, Chair, Marq Laude BOD, Jancy Morgan, Jason Tice, and Annie Muilwijk
- 2. Approval of August 11, 2020 Minutes** – Jancy motioned to approve the August minutes and Annie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Financials** – Jason reported that there is no revenue or expenses due to the cancelled 2020 Inspection.
- 4. Applications Received to Date (21 received as of today), Due Date 10/15:** The applications received to date are: ACFHA (Atlantic Canada), Lone Star, Central California, Northern Michigan, Maddi's Friesians, Iron Spring, Ohio Valley, FHAME, Michiana, Montana, Ontario, Southern California, GLFHA, Pacific Friesian Horse Club, South-Central Texas, NEFHC (they also contacted FHANE to collaborate on an Inspection), FHANE, Quebec, Kansas, Alberta, and the Northwest Friesian Horse Club. Jo indicated that she contacted a few key individuals to see if others wish to submit. She expects to receive an application by the due date from Arizona. She also heard from some individuals that there are geographical areas that are underserved by the Inspection schedule, this included the southeast and southwest. It was suggested that we identify a large breeder on the east coast that would be willing to host an Inspection. Ms. Lawing offered to provide support to a SE Site Host.
- 5. Application Review Process and Criteria** – Processes and procedures were discussed on how to best review the 2021 Inspection applications. This is a new methodology that is evolving. The members agreed that Marq, Jason and Jo would meet next week to establish review criteria that include the number of horses attending, geographical location, and the like. Once they have completed their review and recommendations, the committee would meet to finalize the approach.

6. **Status of Inspection Dates** – Jason reported that we have not received any dates from the KFPS despite multiple attempts. It was decided to develop our own calendar of events and send it to the KFPS within the month.
7. **2021 Inspection Handbook Update** – Jason reported he made the requested edits offered by Annie. The draft document is posted in BoardEffect and all were asked to review these changes and provide feedback via email to Jason within the week.
8. **Site Host Meeting Update** – Jo briefed members on the four educational suggestions offered by Site Hosts. (See page 4-5 below). Jo will draft an introductory letter to attach to the recommendations that will be submitted to the BOD by Marq. Annie supported the recommendation to have Doeke and Petra create video content on Inspection preparation. She questioned if it would be feasible to have running training at Inspection sites given the amount of activity occurring at these events. It was questioned if we could offer running training at the AGM (speaker) given the virtual nature of meetings. Perhaps this would be better offered as a Webinar.
9. **North American Stallion Selection Update** – Three North American stallions were selected for testing. The plan is to start the testing process this December which has been complicated by travel bans imposed by the pandemic.
10. **Roundtable** – Jo indicated that she would like to add to an upcoming agenda – What do you do when you are unable to verify the identity of a horse at an Inspection? If this cannot be accomplished on site, what should site hosts do with respect to judging and championship rounds? Annie suggested this is a rare event and that we would want to try to work with the owners, so they are not adversely affected. Annie inquired when the next Site Host meeting will be held. Jo remarked we do not have one scheduled at this time, but it will occur after we complete our application review process.

11. Action Items:

- a. All Inspection members need to review the Inspection program changes suggested by Annie and that were completed in BoardEffect by Jason. Please send him an email confirming your support and/or offer additional edits. Please complete this action item by 10/20/2020.
- b. Jo, Marq and Jason will meet in one week to develop screening criteria for approving and ranking applications. Once completed, the Inspection Committee will meet to finalize.
 - i. Once completed, a calendar of Inspections will be completed and forwarded to the KFPS by Jason.

- c. Jason will disseminate a map of Inspection sites. (COMPLETED)
- d. Jo will write a draft as an introduction to the Site Hosts' educational recommendations. This document will be communicated to the BOD by Marq for their review and input.
- e. Jo will inquiry if there are any FMC members who will be willing to host an Inspection in geographical areas that are historically and currently underserved.
- f. Jo will brief the FMC on educational recommendations offered by the Site Hosts.

12. Next Meeting – November 10. Marq, Jason and Jo will meet next week to establish criteria for selecting Inspection sites.

13. Motion to Adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Jancy and seconded by Annie. The motion passed unanimously.

Site Host Meeting

Educational Recommendations for the Upcoming 2021 FHANA Inspection

September 24, 2020

Overview and Purpose: The September 2020 Site Host Meeting focused on the educational needs of our constituents as they begin preparations for the 2021 Inspections. Key stakeholders were included in this discussion; Ms. Baker and Mr. Bron attended as representatives of the Educational Committee. The goals of our discussion were: ensure we are responsive to our members' educational needs; optimize the performance of horses in North America; and to ensure North America has a sufficient pool of skilled runners to support our circuits.

Actions Needed: The Site Hosts and Inspection and Educational Committees are reaching out to you for your feedback and support of the following four recommendations:

- 1. Development of Educational Content:** Mr. Bron reported that he has reached out to Ms. Zeelen and Mr. Hoekstra to inquire if they would be willing to create a series of videos on Inspection preparation for FHANA members. The focus of these educational videos would include, but would not be limited to: in-hand training to ensure runners can bring out the horse's best qualities; conditioning; grooming, and maximizing the Friesian's gaits in-line with KFPS standards. Given this would be a new initiative, the focus and direction of these videos would evolve as we receive feedback from participants. In addition, webinars could be offered to discuss questions and provide a vehicle for participants to get direct input from these talented presenters. Both the videos and webinars would then be archived for future reference. Mr. Bron was happy to report that both Ms. Zeelen and Mr. Hoekstra would be willing to assist in these efforts.
- 2. 2021 AGM Speaker:** Mr. Vanderkooy offered to reach out to his contacts in the Netherlands who are expert and possess vast experience in running Friesians to maximize their performance. This subject matter expert would be asked to speak at the Virtual 2021 AGM so all FHANA members would have ready access to this important content. The speaker could address technical aspects of running such as - Is it best to collect the horse or to provide head room to optimize gaits? Mr. Vanderkooy noted that by understanding how highly experienced runners manage horses, we could ensure the best possible outcomes for our FHANA members.

3. **Friesian Video Reviews:** Explore the feasibility of allowing FHANA members to submit videos to be critiqued by KFPS and/or FHANA subject matter experts who would provide constructive feedback on improving the horse's gaits and their overall presentation.

4. **Running Clinics at Inspections:** Explore the feasibility of offering interactive running training by skilled, experienced runners on-site during the 2021 Inspections. By empowering members with quality live training, we could grow a reserve of running talent overtime that could also be utilized as back-up for shortfalls in coverage.

Should you need additional information or clarification of these recommendations, please feel free to contact anyone of us. Thank you in advance for your consideration of these important recommendations.

Respectfully,

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Chair, Inspection Committee

Lisa Baker
Chair, Education Committee

Will Bron
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