



Inspection Committee Minutes: 11.23.20

Attendance: Jo Clough, Chair, Marq Laude, BOD, Jason Tice, Jancy Morgan and Annie Muilwijk

Budget Information:

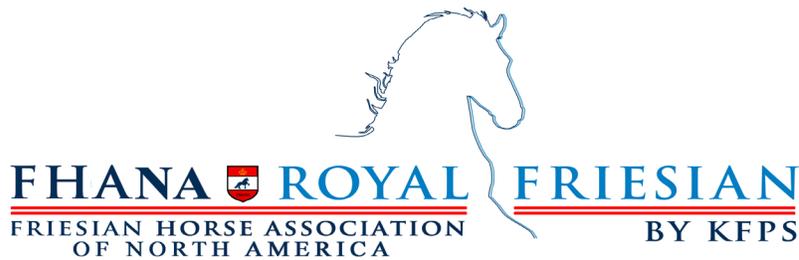
Measure-Goal: 600	Actual:
Revenue-Budget: \$78,000.00	Revenue Actual: \$
Expense-Budget: \$74,500.00	Expense Actual: \$

**Approval of October Minutes:** Marq motioned to approve the minutes and Annie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Financials** – No report needed

#### **New Business**

- 1. Board Response to draft 2021 Inspection schedule & any recent updates** (page 4-5) Marq and Jason were pleased to report that the Board approved the draft 2021 Inspection schedule with no issues or concerns. The Inspection Committee is still awaiting a response from two sites who have been asked by FHANA to work together and combine their Inspections for 2021; they have been asked to collaborate because of their proximity. The Committee decided to wait until December 10<sup>th</sup> for their reply given the pending holiday. If no reply is received by that time, the committee will select the Site Host.
- 2. KFPS Updates on the 2021 Inspection** – Marq indicated that he received three calls regarding the 2021 Inspections given the organization changes happening with the KFPS. Marq reassured all that the 2021 Inspections should occur as planned, he anticipates no disruptions to our events. He will reach out to the Chair of the FMC to give her an update on what was expressed to him from these three concerned sites hosts. His goal is to put this concern to rest. Jason reported he received an application for a third Inspection site in California, however, this application was denied given it was received one month after the deadline and that another Inspection site was available within two hours of this requesting site. Given the denial, the applicant may ask for the Board's involvement.
- 3. Board Response to Inspection Educational Recommendations** - Marq indicated the Board:
  - a. Supported the recommendation to have Petra and Doeke create educational content for Inspection prep.
  - b. Could not support the recommendation to have a speaker at the AGM given COVID's impact and the need for a virtual event.



- c. Supported sites offering training within their assigned dates. They could provide educational content on running and optimizing the performance of their horses. However, additional time would not be feasible due to the cost.

4. **Inspection application and review process, changes for the future**– Jo indicated that this topic was placed in the “parking lot” given time constraints, it will be the next agenda.
5. **2021 Inspection Program Update – Status of Edits requested** – Jason indicated that he received edits from Annie and Jo that he will consider consolidating them into the Inspection Program.
6. **Proposed judging process for unverified Inspection entries** (page 6 draft) - There was a discussion on how to handle horses whose identity could not be verified with a chip reader at an Inspection. It was decided by the Committee that an unverified horse could be judged for their specific category (foal, three-year-old, etc.) but would not be eligible for a championship round. The following was recommended for adding to the Host manual:
  - a. If a horse’s identity cannot be verified by the officials at the Inspection, the horse will be allowed to participate and receive comments in judging; however, the horse's results (premium and book) will be withheld. In addition, the horse will be disqualified from participating in any championship rounds. Once the DNA identity is confirmed the withheld results will be released in line with FHANA policies.

Marq indicated that he would reach out to Roseanne to see what her thoughts are on these recommendations. He will ask if this should be formally reviewed by the Board. Jo will draft language on this topic for the committee to review for inclusion in the Site Host manual.

Annie recommended that owners have their vets read the chips prior to the Inspection during a routine appointment. The owner could take a photo of the result and submit if needed at the Inspection site. It was determined this may not be the ideal approach given the photo of the chip could be from another Friesian horse. Jo recommended the vet sign an affidavit; however, it was determined that the judges may not accept this as evidence. It was also recommended that horses be scanned upon arrival to the site. If a horse cannot be identified at that time, there would be more time available to work with the judges and FHANA on the steps to take.

## Old Business

7. **North American Stallion Selection Update** – Marq indicated that FHANA is awaiting updates from the KFPS on judging staffing. Updates are pending.
8. **Roundtable** – Annie asked that the names of the judges be added to the program. She proposed an insert after page 4. She thought people might like to write down the horses that became champion and reserve



champion in each category. Below the columns there would be room for Judges, Circuit #, and the names of the judges.

**9. Next Meeting – December 8, 2020**

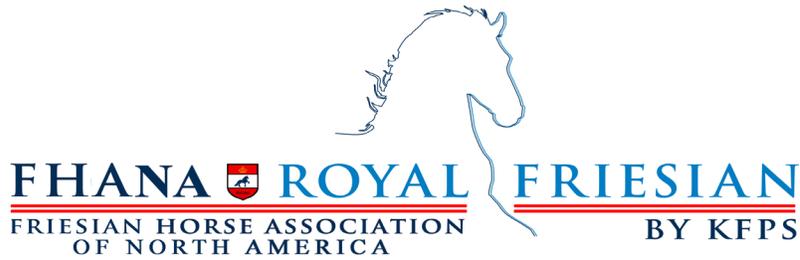
**10. Motion to Adjourn:** Marq made a motion to adjourn and Jancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **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,

Jo Clough

Chair, Inspection Committee

Lisa Baker

Chair, Education Committee

Will Bron

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