



February 9, 2021 Inspection Committee

Meeting Minutes

Attendees – Jo Clough, Chair, Marq Laude BOD, Jancy Morgan, Jason Tice, Annie Muilwijk, and guest, Lisa Baker, Chair, Education Committee

Approval of January Minutes – Marq made a motion to accept the January minutes and Jancy seconded. Minutes passed as written.

Financials: Jason reported we have a \$92,000 Inspection budget and he is anticipating 600 participants. He reports that he has already received three registrations; this is much earlier than usual. Jason is working with the KFPS to get this information entered on-line, he does not have that option. He reported that the FHANA Office has been in communications with IDS at the KFPS and they have ensured the 2021 Inspection calendar is proceeding as originally published. Jason also indicated that we need to purchase 2-3 chip readers. **Marq motioned that we approve this expenditure and Jancy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

New Business

Update on Inspection educational webinars – Lisa Baker, Chair, Education Committee, provided an update on their efforts to develop Inspection preparation webinars in partnership with Doeke and Petra from the Netherlands. The focus of the series is how to prepare your horse for an Inspection. Lisa reported she had a lengthy conversation with Petra today to review their plans. The focus of the series includes but is not limited to grooming, shoeing, training, conditioning, lunging, and working in hand with a foal. She reported that this is a fluid plan, that they are receptive to the feedback of our members and will adapt based on expressed needs. Lisa anticipates these videos will be released in the spring, allowing sufficient time for members to prepare for the event. Jo thanked Lisa for their efforts and indicated that she has previously attended clinics offered by Petra and Doeke and found them to be informative and knowledgeable, and that they provide a fun learning experience.

Foal Inspection preparation article – Jo reported that the article was completed and submitted to John Dumford. She thanked members for their feedback and was grateful for the input received from Heidi and Eric Smith, Tiffany van der Kooi and others.

Update on the unverified horse process – Jo indicated that the below language relating to the unverified horse at an Inspection was approved by the BOD. This new process statement was added to the Site Host and Inspection Manuals and it was included in the FHANA article on preparing for a foal inspection. Jo will also include this information in an upcoming site host meeting agenda.

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 accordance with current FHANA policy.

Coggins requirement outlined in the FHANA Inspection manual - Jo reviewed the Coggins requirement below as it is currently written in the Inspection Manual. She questioned if the testing requirement should be tied to the foal's nursing status rather than their age. She indicated that we have foals 6 months of age at the time of the Inspections that are nursing and also, foals under 6 that are weaned. She reported that Wisconsin ties foal testing to nursing status and Illinois has language relating to 12 months of age. Marq reported that the USDA ties Coggins testing to nursing status. Annie indicated that she would look into this question for Canada and provide feedback. It was also suggested that any change in the current language include that the participant should review their state's requirements as well. This topic will be included in the March agenda to finalize our approach.

“Veterinary site requirements: All sites require a mandatory Coggins test report for all horses 6 month and older.”

2021 Re-keuring request – Jo indicated that a request to add a re-keuring before the Mare Shows was suggested at last month's FMC meeting. She reviewed the requirements as outlined by the KFPS, they have specific process steps and requirements for appealing results. These requirements includes: a re-inspection must be carried out by another jury; it must occur at the next upcoming re-inspection; re-inspections have scheduling requirements; and an application must be submitted within 7 days after the horse was inspected. Marq viewed this request as a fairness issue, that 95% of our members would not be able to take advantage of a re-keuring due to how the process is designed e.g., having to be evaluated by a different jury within a specified timeframe. For example, if the horse had been judged in the East Circuit, the horse would need to be hauled to the Central circuit for re-judging and this decision would have to occur within days. **A motion was made to add re-Keurings before the 2021 Mare Shows. A roll count was taken, and the motion did not receive any support.**

Old Business

- **Inspection application and review process, changes for the future** – Pending
- **North American Stallion Selection Update** – Jason reported there are two stallions currently involved with this process and they are waiting for the Judges to travel to the U.S to continue the process; they have completed their video reviews and need in-person assessments. Jason did report that he is working with the KFPS on the eligibility of stallions who missed being judged in 2020 and as a consequence, may not meet the age requirements. Historically, stallions age out at 6 years. We do not want to see stallions penalized due to the pandemic causing the Inspection cancellations.
- **COVID Guidelines for the 2021 Inspections** – Jo indicated that we need to keep abreast of COVID developments in light of the development of variants and the slow vaccination roll out. She predicts we will need a plan for this upcoming September's Inspections. She shared the current COVID draft with Sharon Bechler for her review given her work on COVID in the state of California. Marq suggested Jo reach out to the Site Hosts to get their input given there is no standardization nationally, states have their own requirements. She indicated that she would reach out to hosts to ensure we are meeting diverse expectations.
- **Sports Committee** – Jason reported Gail Aumiller has been working hard on the KFPS's revised IBOP testing and the tests will soon be available on the website. The KFPS has shortened the tests.
- **Runners** – Lisa Baker inquired about updates on the runners for the 2021 Inspections. Marq clarified that the site hosts are not responsible for organizing runners, that the Inspection manuals specifies that the owners are responsible for obtaining runners for their horse(s). It was suggested that members could reach out to peers to share running resources.

Roundtable – Jancy inquired about the breeding privileges of Tjaarda 483. The KFPS issued a letter putting the breeding license for Tjaarda 483 on hold due to an insufficient number of offspring inspected. He was short approximately 6-7 for testing. Jason indicated that FHANA submitted two letters to the KFPS in support of the stallion.

Next Meeting – March 9, 2021

Motion to Adjourn – Annie motioned to adjourn and Jancy seconded the motion.