



**FMC Meeting  
January 13, 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

**In Attendance:**

Sharon Bechler- Central California Friesian Horse Club  
Carrie Blair – Ohio Valley Friesian Horse Association  
Will Bron – Northwest Friesian Horse Club  
Marvel Jeffcoat – South Central Friesian Horse Association  
Beverly McGowan - Lone Star Friesian Horse Club  
Nina Miller – West Coast Friesian Horse Club  
Anna Osinga – Atlantic Canada Friesian Horse Association  
Tiffany van der Kooi – Great Lakes Friesian Horse Association  
Allison Sable – Mountain Time Friesian Chapter  
Jack Vanderkooy – Ontario Friesian Horse Association  
Kay Veinotte – Pacific Horse Club  
Janice DeBoer Vermerris – Michigan Friesian Horse Association

Mathew Jenkins – FHANA Board  
Jo Ann Clough– Administrator  
Kelly Twambly – Administrator

**Members Not Present:**

Tammy Ammen – FHAME  
Danielle Barrasso - Friesian Horse Association of New England  
Lori Brock – North Michigan Friesian Club  
Danielle Piascik– North East Friesian Horse Club  
Klazien Sietsma - Alberta Friesian Horse Association  
Greg Walsh – Sierra Nevada Friesian Horse Club  
Beatrice Whiteley – Friesian Horse Club of Southern California



1. **Call to Order-** The January 13, 2021 meeting was called to order by Ms. Bechler at 7:10 EDT.
2. **Approval of the December minutes** - Ms. Bechler asked if there were any changes to the December minutes as amended per Ms. Jeffcoat's requested edits, no further changes were suggested. Ms. Jeffcoat motioned to approve the minutes and Ms. Osinga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

3. **2021 Inspections** – Ms. Clough asked if it is considered likely that Covid restrictions would still be in effect for this year's Inspections, despite the vaccine. Ms. Bechler said that from the medical community's perspective, it was highly likely some type of Covid mitigation would still be required even after the vaccine, but what that would be was not clear as yet. Ms. Bechler encouraged the Chapters to proceed in planning for Inspections as they are not expected to be cancelled this year, and FHANA and the FMC would continue to track the Covid situation and would provide further guidance as we move closer to Inspections. Ms. Clough advised that the Inspection Committee had created a Covid guide for the 2020 Inspections prior to FHANA's decision to cancel. She offered to send the document to Ms. Bechler for review and update as needed for 2021.

### New Business

4. **Voting for 2021 FMC Chair.** Ms. Bechler reminded FMC members that there would be an election for the 2021 FMC Chair during the February meeting. Ms. Clough noted that Ms. Bechler has been nominated thus far, and welcomed members sending any additional nominations to Ms. Clough and Ms. Twambly for inclusion in the February FMC note for voters' review.
5. **FHANA Board Update.**
  - a. Mr. Jenkins reminded all that FHANA Board elections are currently underway through the end of January 2021. There are five candidates, whose bios/backgrounds are available to voters on the FHANA website or via the electronic ballot.
  - b. The Annual Membership Drive is underway with several new initiatives.
  - c. They are excited about Future FHANA, getting a good response. The coloring book has already sold half the pages and brought in about \$1200 to date. Looking at hosting a Future FHANA youth camp this summer.
  - d. Board has seen an uptick in interest recently, is looking at bigger than usual Inspections this Fall and is expecting a stellar year in 2021!
6. **Update on Stallion Testing.** Ms. Bechler updated members on U.S. stallion testing. The 70-day testing has formally begun. She explained that while there were three stallions presented, the only stallion invited to test is Atze. The other two stallions were



allowed to be shown via video. To date, none have been excused. The second viewing is scheduled for February, pending the judges' ability to travel to the U.S., which is uncertain at best. Ms. Vermerris reported that the Netherlands had extended their lock-down and institution of a curfew was possible.

## 7. Round Table Discussion.

- a. On behalf of the Membership Committee, Ms. Jeffcoat updated members on the enthusiastic reception to the FHANA coloring book underway for FHANA youth members. The Committee is selling individual coloring book pages at \$250/page. Members will submit a photo which Jancy Morgan will turn into a black & white drawing. Ms. Jeffcoat said the response has been so strong thus far, that if necessary FHANA will increase the size of the book to accommodate requests.
- b. Mr. Bron asked if others had received their electronic ballots for the FHANA Board election, which would close the end of January. Most members had received their ballots in December, however, a handful noted they had not received ballots. It was discovered that for most this was resolved by reviewing spam folders and Ms. Bechler said she would mention this to Jason Tice, as it was odd that the ballots triggered a spam response when other emails from FHANA do not.
- c. Mr. Bron noted no updates at this time regarding Runners for the Inspections.
- d. Ms. Clough said that Inspection Committee Chair, Lisa Baker, will attend the next meeting and provide updates regarding the preparation videos/materials for the Keurings, and noted the Committee has been asked to do an article on preparing foals for inspection.
- e. Mr. Vander Kooy reminded the Inspection Committee had promised to look into the request for a "re-Inspection" at the Mare Shows this fall and asked for an update. There was a discussion of how this activity would be described, to avoid confusion as to which horses are eligible. Mr. Jenkins said this had been raised and discussed by the FHANA Board, who viewed the request favorably. Ms. Bechler added that the overriding concern FHANA was that it be clearly defined that the option was to be used only when there was a genuine reason the horse may have underperformed at their original Keuring, such as an injury or illness (unknown at the time of inspection, for example). FHANA could not allow this option to become a "Keuring shopping" scenario. Ms. Clough offered to check past minutes to see where we had left this discussion and provide status at the February meeting.
- f. Ms. Bechler reminded members that the 2021 Stallion Show would be streamed online beginning at midnight.
- g. Ms. Miller asked if the Board would register a horse without the bill of sale, noting a horse sold between individuals who knew each other. Mr. Jenkins requested Ms. Miller send the FHANA office an email with the details she has on the horse and they would investigate FHANA records to see if they could locate past documentation. If they cannot resolve the question informally, the issue will be pushed to the Board for resolution.



8. **Next Meeting Date** – Wednesday, February 10, 2021

9. **Motion to Adjourn** – Ms. Miller motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Vander Kooy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recorder – Kelly Twambly