



## March 9, 2021 Inspection Committee Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Jo Clough, Chairperson, Marq Laude, Board Liaison, Annie Mulwijk, and Jancy Morgan

**Excused:** Jason Tice

Jo welcomed all and congratulated Annie on Alberta's chapter award. It was noted that her chapter is again so deserving of this important award and recognition.

**Approval of February Minutes** - Marq made a motion to approve the February minutes and Annie seconded the motion. **The minutes passed unanimously.**

**Financials** - Jo reported that Jason submitted the following:

- a. Participant goal is 600 and our actual is 5
- b. 2021 Budget \$92,000 and actual \$4,711
- c. Expense budget \$44,500

### Old Business

**Inspection educational webinars, 1 of 5** - Jo asked if members had the opportunity to view the first Inspection prep video on grooming Petra presented. Annie indicated that the content was beneficial, that Petra provided helpful information for our FHANA members. A question was raised as to how to improve the quality of the video stream. It was suggested that loading the videos on to YouTube for display might provide a better-quality viewing experience. Marq offered to approach the BOD to determine if they would be willing to purchase a high-quality camera that could be utilized for creating educational content. Once the presenter has completed their work the camera would be returned to the FHANA Office.

**Coggins requirement outlined in the FHANA Inspection manual – Background on Issue**  
*“Veterinary site requirements: All sites require a mandatory Coggins test report for all horses 6 month and older.”*

It was again discussed that FHANA's Coggins testing requirement should be tied to the foal's nursing status rather than their age. There are foals 6 months of age at the time of the Inspections that are nursing and also, foals under 6 that are weaned. Marq advised we revise the language to follow the USDA. Specifically, that nursing foals do not need a

Coggins and that weaned foals do. Also, the test must be performed within 30 days prior to the horse's Inspection. Annie agreed with Marq's suggestion and indicated that we need to be consistent in our approach for the US and Canada. **Marq made a motion that we revised the language in the Inspection Manual to: FHANA will follow the USDA's Coggins testing requirement that nursing foals do not need a Coggins test prior to their Inspection but weaned foals are required to be tested. The Coggins test must be performed within 30 days prior to Inspection. Annie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.** If this motion is approved by the BOD, the manual will be revised for 2021.

**2021 Re-keuring/Appeals at Mare Shows** – Marq reported that FHANA has decided that we will follow the same process the KFPS uses for Re-Keurings/Appeals. After a discussion it was decided that we would direct members interested in a Re-Keuring/Appeals to the KFPS website so they will be aware of the specific appeal process steps required including sending an application request directly to the KFPS as part of the appeal process, scheduling requirements and the like. This information with a KFPS link will be included in the Inspection Manual:

*<https://english.kfps.nl/TheKFPS/Rulesregulations/Inspectionregulations.aspx>*

**COVID Guidelines for the 2021 Inspections, April Site Host Meeting** – Jo will be scheduling a Site Host Meeting in April to introduce this topic and to seek their input on how best to do outreach and marketing to new members interested in Inspections.

**Inspection application and review process, changes for the future** – Pending - in parking lot.

**IBOP** – The new IBOP has been released and it will be incorporated into the 2021 Inspection Manual.

## **New Business**

**Feedback on Inspections from the AGM, Marketing Inspections** – Jo and Marq updated the committee on the AGM discussion. There was a number of questions relating to Inspections. The committee discussed opportunities to market the Inspections and to educate members through outreach efforts. These suggestions included social media, selecting experienced mentors to work with members new to the process, and including Inspection content in the New Member Packet. Jo indicated she would reach out to Marvel to see if there was an opportunity we could capitalize on. Jo indicated that she is on the initiative to call and welcome new members and has received a number of questions from new members relating to Inspections. This suggests there is a need and opportunities to pursue. Annie expressed concern and caution that postings on FB about the Inspection could lead to individuals posting inaccurate information. Marq suggested this might be managed by referring people to talk directly to a specific Inspection expert and avoid back and forth communications on FB.

**NE Inspection Update** – Marq indicated that New England is looking for a new venue given they lost the site they planned on utilizing. Jo will reach out to them to see if they need any assistance with this effort.

**Roundtable** – None

**Next Meeting** – April 13, 2021

**Motion to Adjourn**