



Mare Show Committee Special Meeting 05/27/2021 4pm EST via Zoom

In attendance: Erin Miley, Mathew Jenkins, Amy Kroll, Sharon Bechler, Tiffany Vanderkoi and Rebecca Eccard

This emergency meeting was in light of the FHANA Board denying the use of Trinity Equestrian Center for the Mare Show East Venue. The committee did receive a request for more information on the facility, however as this was the 2nd time it was denied Dr. Palermo and her husband decided to remove their offer to host the Mare Show East at their facility. The official letter was sent to the entire committee and is attached in these meeting minutes.

Rebecca let the committee know she had gone back and called all the venues again to see if any were available. With that said the committee is stressed as the lack of venue is causing many hold ups including but not limited to:

- 1) The mare show website not being up to date
- 2) Invitations for Ster, Kroon and Model mars should have been sent on 06/01
- 3) Mare Show applications are not complete
- 4) Our Social Media plan is now needing to be remodeled as we should have started that as well.
- 5) Sponsorships will depend greatly on the location
- 6) The East Coast Sub-committee can't be started and or set up till we have a location.

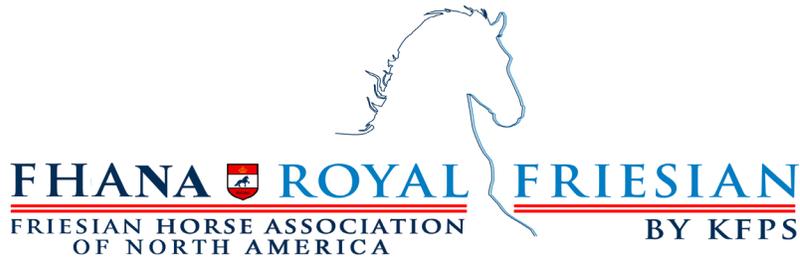
A Motion was made by Amy Kroll “ Makes a motion to present the FHANA Board of Directions with whatever options are left available for the Mare Show East and ask them to choose the venue they wish for us to proceed with so we can move on with planning the event and not have another site denial. Seconded by Tiffany Vanderkoi

Discussion followed, the Committee believes Iron Spring and Syracuse are the only Options.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Erin Miley - Yea
Amy Kroll - Yea
Mathew Jenkins - Yea
Tiffany Vanderkooi - Yea
Sharon Bechler - Yea
Becca - Yea

Update as of 06/01 on Locations:



- 1) Michiana Event Center - would cost \$6,000 just to make stalls available for the event, that does not include any facility rental fees. They have a Draft Horse Sale on Thursday and would need to create a space for us.
 - 2) Trinity Equestrian Center - Offer removed, see attached letter.
 - 3) Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex - We would need to change the Mare Show date with the Iron Spring Inspection to use this facility as they have a date conflict.
- Syracuse International - Willing to host us, an application has been sent to them and approved by them.

FHANA Mare Show Committee,

Sharon Bechler – West Coast Chair

Rebecca Eccard – East Coast Chair

Erin Miley – Board

Tiffany Vanderkooi

Amy Kroll

Mat Jenkins – Board Liaison

This letter is to inform you with deep regret we are withdrawing our offer to donate Trinity Equestrian Center, LLC for the 2021 Mare Show East Event.

I do want our FHANA members to know how hard this committee worked on this and the extra work that was asked of you by the FHANA Board.

WITHDRAWING OUR DONATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS COMMITTEE, but it is a reflection on the FHANA BODs, who voted this down and requested even more information. I personally feel this committee was caught in the crosshairs of someone's personal agenda. This is not an inspection it is a FHANA Event. The extra hoops you were asked to jump through are unnecessary. The shame is the FHANA members are the true losers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mare Show and especially the Mare Show East committee for the time and effort you have put forth in qualifying this location for the 2020 and 2021 Mare Show East.

It is a disappointment that the board did not vote in favor of your recommendation of the Trinity location.

My husband, Dr. Kirk Steehler and I thought it was a nice gesture to donate our Trinity Equestrian Center to FHANA for the event, we were even willing to not enter any of our mares in the show.

This certainly would have been a large savings of member funds and I really do not understand how it can be thought of as a conflict of interest on our part or my part.

Last year it was not a problem to offer the facility and the board had no problem with the recommendation for 2020 so I really did not understand all the extra work that you guys had to do to approve this facility, which by the way under my presidency we have never experienced such scrutiny of a location. I know under previous presidents it was frowned upon to have inspections at members facilities, those are by gone days. I certainly do not understand or agree with the opinion of discrimination of our FHANA members or their facilities. And again, I want to reiterate this is an event not an inspection. As a matter of fact, the KFPS is having most if not all of their inspections at their member's facilities.

I really appreciate the time and effort you put in and your several attempts to have the board approve this facility at no cost and how the issue of me having inside information on other facilities fees is a propagated remark because TEC was offered for the same thing last year and then when you had trouble getting it approved, we decided to just go ahead and donate the whole facility which would have saved FHANA and the participants money. The whole idea of moving to this location had several factors to consider, which you were all aware, this location brings it closer to the East Coast because it is now called the East Coast Mare Show and the Michiana site would be a Central Mare Show, not an East Coast so wanting to promote the East Coast Mare Show at the Michiana site makes absolutely no sense, but I think that if someone is willing to step up and offer to host a Central Mare Show, I think that would be a wonderful addition to the Mare Shows.

I am hopeful in the future the board is able to make sound business decisions and not base approvals on personal feelings.

It is very apparent there is a background issue.

Once again in closing I want to thank you for all of your time and effort and now the extra time scrambling that you'll have to do to find a location at this late date.

Thank you for trying to be judicious with our members funds and I hope that the finance committee in particular, understands how this happened and does not give you any negative feedback for extra funds it may cost.

Thanks again,
Dr Rosanne Palermo