



February 8, 2022, Inspection Committee Meeting

Attendance: Jo Clough, Chair, Jason Tice, Executive Director, Annie Muilwijk, Rick Butts, Erin Miley, Board Liaison, and Jancy Morgan

Absent: Tiffany van der Kooi

December 2021 and January 2022 Meeting Minutes: Jason congratulated Jo for being elected to the BOD. There are discussions now occurring as to the assignment of BOD members to committees and liaison positions. Jo asked if members had any recommended edits for the meeting minutes, none were suggested. Rick motioned to approve the minutes as written and Annie seconded. The minutes passed unanimously.

Financial/registrations: Jason reported that there will be more information next month on the expense side of things related to the winter/spring Inspections. Jason indicated that they had budgeted for 100 horses to attend the Inspections but ended up with 197!

Budget Information:

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| Registrations: Goal: 600 | Actual:197 |
| Revenue-Budget: \$78,000.00 | Revenue: Actual: \$14,230.00 |
| Expense-Budget: \$74,500.00 | Expense: Actual: \$119.02 |

Inspection Schedule and Travel Updates: Jason reported that as of now the judges are in the air heading to Detroit Michigan for the Michiana Inspection. The Michiana Inspection is scheduled to start 2/9. There was one issue that occurred, one of the judges tested positive for Covid and on the second test it was thankfully negative! If there had been a second positive test there was another judge ready to travel to North America.

Kay Veinotte's, British Columbia Request to Change Inspection Date (8/22/2022): Kay's site is not available till Monday. (Quebec is before B.C. on 8/20 and Alberta is scheduled after B.C. on 8/24). Jason indicating that changing her date as requested depends on the number of horses they anticipate. Annie indicated that a similar situation has happened before, and the judges got there in later in the evening. They were an hour from the airport, not a difficult trip. Making this work depends on the schedule of flights. Jo will contact Kay to inquire if there is another site that could select. They could switch to Tuesday and do IBOPS on Monday afternoon. In-hand would then be schedule on Tuesday morning and fly them out at a decent time after in-hand.

Jennifer Melgany – Inspection Application for Florida. Per request, no public facilities available for the date given, 10/8. (Tennessee 10/6 before their Inspection and North Carolina is after on 10/10). Annie is not in favor of supporting the private venue request. She advised when reviewing private venue requests that we separate the long-standing private venues from the new ones. Jancy

remarked that Kansas provides an ideal place for an Inspection, they offer a clean and sanitary venue. Annie stated the issue was more about the conflict of interest. Private owners have their horses attending as well. Annie indicated that because of the perception of a conflict of interest she would not want an Inspection at her site in Alberta. Jancy sees both sides of the private venue issue and that realistically conflict could come up regardless of the venue location. Annie commented that this would be potentially less. Jancy indicated that Signature does not always have horses, most of the time they only presented the approved stallions. Annie indicated she had no problems with the long standing private venues but cautioned about adding more and more private venues. Rick indicated that the Lorrick location was offered due to long distance travel concerns; it is seven hours from New York, seven hours to New England, and seven hours from Ohio. They are near the Canadian border. Lorrick could make it more affordable and therefore members could bring more horses. Rick identified that there is more of a struggle for owners to travel to Ohio or New England states. Annie indicated that it was nice that he offered to help out others who must travel such a long distance. When asked, Rick commented that he would anticipate more than 40 horses at a Lorrick Inspection. These horses are 1-2 hours from his stables, and he is ten minutes from the Canadian border. He is six hours from Pittsburgh and eight from Iron Springs. Given the long distances, Rick usually attends the Inspection in Ontario at the Fair Grounds. After much discussion it was decided that Rick and Danielle Barrasso explore public options and report back on their availability, are there other options. Rick indicated that Buffalo opted out, their state fair is occurring at that time. Rick stated that there were no fairgrounds that would be workable. Annie indicated that they had utilized a jumping barn in the past, they had no Friesian horses that could result in a conflict of interest. Erin advised that we make sure the public option is exhausted. Rick will reach out to Little River to confirm before we move forward. **It was decided by all to recommend approval of the four long-standing private venue sites and continue to research venue options for the new private venue applications received.**

South Central Texas Friesian Horse Association's Request to Change their Fall Inspection

Date: Marvel Jeffcoat was scheduled for a Saturday inspection, 10/3. Her facility is not available, and she will have less volunteers to help. (South Texas is before 10/1 and Kansas is the day after.) Marvel is currently looking for a new facility to host the Inspection so they can keep the date.

FHANA Inspection application for Private Venue per Board request (provisional approval granted 1-4) and a fifth private venue request from Lorick Stables. The committee recommended that the BOD consider approving private venues 1-4 listed below. New requests received need further discussion and vetting as it relates to exploring and exhausting all public options.

1. Young Living: The current closest inspection location is approximately 10 hours of driving distance away from venue.
2. Signature Friesians: No charge for the arena/site. This has been a private venue for 15 years
3. Iron Springs: Charge a small stabling fee, approx. \$65 per day, no site rental fees. They cover the costs for rental tent and stalls which is ~ \$4,000 and all the costs to run the

inspection (less the expenses for Judges and runner travel). This has been a private venue site for 15 years plus.

4. Maddi's: No charges for facility, stalls, lunch, runners etc. The site was approved 2014. Jason went to the site before they went private, they only had a rodeo ring available. Footing was too deep, not appropriate for the venue. They have a treacherous pass, that time of year you do not know if it will be safe travel or not.
5. Needs more vetting - Lorick Stables (Danielle Barrasso) and Jennifer Melgany's Inspection Application Florida.

FHANA Inspection Application for Private Venues, Feedback Received: Jo commented she wanted to ensure that applicants understood that the new form was created to formalize, standardize the request process for a private venue. The Site Host manual states requests are required but there was no form, no official method to do that. The creation of the revised application form was done to formalize our process, not to question the integrity of the submitter. We will reexamine the revised private venue form to see what improvements can be done to minimize this perception and to ensure all public venues are explored and exhausted.

IBOP Score for Inspection Award Eligibility Change, Score Dropped from 77 to 73: Jason reminded all that A- AA-AAA are now assigned based on the horses performance scores for the IBOP. A score of 73 now qualifies you for the IBOP awards. Both of the IBOP sponsors supported this change, more people will now qualify. Jason indicated we had not updated this new information in the manual but will do so.

Feedback on the Spring 2022 Inspections to Date: A BBook II horse attended an Inspection in Modesto. A late participant showed up the day of the event and BBook II horses are not eligible; however, the judges allowed the horse to be judged. This situation was discussed with the site host and will be discussed with the KFPS. FHANA was not happy to see this occur. Jason has spoken to the horse owner and the scores will be voided. Annie asked what a site host and an organization can do in this situation - if the judges evaluate the horse. Jason does typically visit with the judges before the Inspections, but he did not have the opportunity for this current round of Inspections. If this case comes up in future conversations, let members know that FHANA is out of head of this to prevent it from happening again. In this case the scores will not be recorded.

Ideas were offered to make the eligibility requirements clearer: list this information in the manual with capital letters; apply more emphasis at Site Host meetings, ask the Education Committee to assist with the messaging, identify mentors to help educate and guide all new members, and when possible, review entries before the Inspection. A challenge with reviewing the horses in advance is that some members show up on the spot. This has been the first case in several years. If they do show the day of, normally the site host contacts Jason to verify the horse's eligibility.



Jason spoke to an Inspection participant who expressed a number of concerns about the venue. The arena was too small, there were sanitary issues identified, it was not organized, and the footing was not prepped. It was the site hosts first Inspection, and it will not occur there again for the next one. Jason is working with a mentor to help guide the individual on appropriate procedures. Jason indicated we attempt to get facility-specific feedback from judges after they complete Inspections in North America ; however, he typically only receives comments from one judge.

Round Table: Jason received feedback from Inspection participants that the judging this round is very hard, they feel they are not scoring what they think it should be. One member is going to appeal. The feedback was horses are not getting Ster ratings. Annie commented that there is nothing we can do about that and added they are tough here and in Holland. She stated it is very hard to become a Ster and it is getting harder and harder. Erin asked if Jason gets this feedback every year and he indicated he does. Annie remarked it is different in North America, we are not preparing horses like the pros do in the NL. Jason commented that the Dutch treat their horses like we treat our Thoroughbreds. Rick indicated that as the horse has evolved from Baroque to Modern we are trying to catch up and meet the evolving standard. The Friesian has evolved from a work horse to sport horse.

At the FFPS-FHANA conference call last Friday, the KFPS indicated they might consider video submissions to move a horse from FB to SB in underserved areas in NA. The Inspection committee would need to develop guidelines if the KFPS does change their process and allows this to occur.

Next Meeting – March 9, 2022, at 3:30 pm CST.

Action Items from today's meeting

1. Discuss scheduling options with Kay, B.C. and with Marvel Jeffcoat for their Inspections.
2. Explore and exhaust public options for new private venue applicants (Rick/Danielle and Jennifer).
3. Review and revise the private venue application to address public options explored and the outcome of that review.
4. Add the new IBOP scoring for awards in the manual.
5. Explore options on how to communicate eligibility restrictions for Inspections with our members.
6. Follow-up with KFPS about video submissions for underserved areas.