

Health Committee Meeting Agenda: April 28th, 2022

Present: Angie DePuydt (Chair), Jo Clough (Board Liaison), Geneva Maxwell, Lisa Domeier, Becca McCartney, Caron Osborn, Amiee Ziller, Tracey Estes.

Absent: Dr. Jennifer Melgey,

Budget Information

Measure Goal: \$0

Measure Actual: \$0

Revenue Budget: \$0

Revenue Actual: \$0

Expense Budget: \$10,000

Expense Actual: \$9,652

1. FHANA Strategic Planning Goals.

1.1 Leader in Genetic Research And Equine Wellness. Goal: To be the leader in the equine industry within the Friesian horse in genetic research and equine wellness. We want to work hand in hand with other Agencies, Universities, Non-Profits, and Foundations to be the leaders in research and help support them with their research.

Goal Action Update: Ms. DePuydt reported the 2022 FHANA Research Grant was awarded to the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center for their research into the microbiota's role in colic surgery complication and recurrent colic. A press release has gone out and all submitters have been notified of the board's decision. Ms. DePuydt encouraged all committee members to consider how we could increase opportunities for donations to the grant and potential fundraising opportunities. Ms. Clough encouraged the committee to consider how we can get wider distribution for the grant award press release. Ms. DePuydt agreed to contact some publications to see if they would be interested in covering the press release.

Ms. DePuydt asked the committee to consider how we can work to improve the grant program and application for 2023. The committee discussed several ideas along these lines. Ms. Osborn volunteered to begin working on the 2023 program documents and will update the committee as needed.

4.4 Sponsor Genetic Research. Goal: Reach out to various Universities and Foundations to help support their research. Help promote their research through our magazine and social media channels to help get the information out to the public.

Goal Action Update: The committee began discussing how they might work on this goal and look for ongoing research projects. The committee agreed social media and the FHANA newsletter would be a good way to promote research projects in a timely manner.

3. Committee Member Projects.

Ms. Osborn: Chronic Progressive Lymphedema (CPL) and Chronic Proliferative Pastern Dermatitis (CPPD). Ms. Osborn reported she has been researching material on CPL and CPPD and the research is rather limited. Ms. DePuydt said she would be glad to share the research papers she has on hand. She is also happy to provide the article she's written on CPPD along with photos if Ms. Osborn would like to do an article for the magazine. Ms. Osborn would like to reach out to her contact at Rood & Riddle to see if they have anyone on staff that has dealt with CPPD. Ms. Ziller, who works at Rood & Riddle, said she will inquire if someone in the medicine department might have experience with CPPD. Ms. DePuydt also offered to link Ms. Osborn up with Dr. White at Auburn University. Ms. DePuydt is still working to see if Hannah Johnsen will agree to present a webinar on the day-to-day care of CPL horses.

Ms. Domeier: Collagen Related Connective Tissue Disorders. Ms. Domeier has been researching material related these disorders and has put quite a few resources together. Ms. DePuydt commented Dr. Margaret Ploeg would be a very interesting person to conduct a webinar. Ms. DePuydt will look to see if she can find contact information for Dr. Ploeg.

Ms. Maxwell: Equine Behavioral Science, Social Housing, Natural Movement. Ms. Maxwell would like to reach out to one of the natural laboratories to discuss their habitat and social housing. Ms. DePuydt recommended Ms. Maxwell contact Madden Mountain to discuss an interview regarding their social housing complex for their retired competitive horses and broodmares. She will send some information to Ms. Maxwell on Madden Mountain. Ms. Maxwell has also been looking at automatic feeders also. Ms. Maxwell also commented that Gawsworth Track Livery would also be an interesting interview.

Ms. McCartney: Vitamin E. Ms. McCartney reported that her research so far has been very interesting and has brought up the possibility of negative behavioral effects associated with extreme over supplementation of Vitamin E. She feels an article will probably be the best way to relay the information. The committee agreed her research thus far was very interesting.

Ms. Estes: Insect Bite Hyper-Sensitivity (IBH). Ms. Estes will be working on IBH. Ms. DePuydt commented she has several research papers on IBH and is happy to link Ms. Estes up with Dr. Ducro at Wageningen University where some of the research the KFPS commissioned was completed. The committee discussed a study done with Icelandic horses and the development of an IBH vaccine that was being developed in conjunction with that study. The committee agreed it would be interesting to see where researchers are at with a possible vaccine.

Ms. Clough: Large Animal Emergency Response. Ms. Clough reported she spoke to Dr. Ketover Wisconsin Large Animal Emergency Response (WLAR) and he would be glad to develop an article for the magazine on ice rescue or horse trailer rollovers. The committee agreed these were both very interesting topics.

Ms. DePuydt: Webinars. Ms. DePuydt reported the Distichiasis webinar with Dr. Bellone is scheduled for June 23rd. Dr. White from Auburn University agreed to present a two-part webinar series on allergies and is coordinating another dermatologist to join the webinar as a co-presenter. Once Dr. White has a date in mind Ms. DePuydt will work with Mr. Tice to schedule the webinar.

4. Roundtable. Ms. Maxwell inquired about fundraising opportunities for the FHANA Research Grant Program at the 2023 FHANA AGM in Las Vegas, NV. Ms. Clough reported the Southern California chapter will be assisting with the 2023 AGM. Ms. Clough commented perhaps we could get stallion owners to donate additional breedings to go towards raising funds for the grant program. Ms. Clough volunteered to discuss ideas for special fundraising for the grant program with Mr. Jenkins. Ms. Osborn recommended we consider doing a special basket or baskets for the grant program at the silent auction where 100% of those proceeds go to the FHANA grant program. The committee agreed this was a great idea. Ms. Clough recommended we promote the grant program during the educational portion of the AGM. Ms. DePuydt agreed this was also a great idea and commented New Bolton's research will be completed by the time the AGM takes place and they could discuss the idea of the research team making a presentation to the membership of their findings at the AGM.

The committee discussed some of the feedback they have heard from a few members essentially asking why FHANA is asking for donations for the grant program when the members asked for this program during the developmental of FHANA's strategic plan and are already paying membership dues- why is FHANA also asking members for donations for the grant program? **The committee discussed getting feedback on this from the members and asked Ms. Clough if she could ask the board of directors to request the FMC provide feedback on how best to fund research. Should FHANA be using funds from membership dues and revenue, or should other mechanisms like donations and fundraisers be used to fully or partially fund research?**

Ms. DePuydt reported the FHANA office has sent a few health-related questions to the committee to provide members with assistance. Ms. Osborn recommended we consider using these topics to facilitate the marketing committee's request for social media content for an "Ask the Health Committee" feature. The committee agreed Dr. Melgey might be very helpful in facilitating this initiative as an equine veterinarian. The committee also agreed social media would be an excellent way to notify members of new research projects they might be able to participate in with their horses.

5. Next Meeting. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, May 26th at 7pm EST.

Minutes submitted by Angie DePuydt