

Health Committee Meeting Minutes: May 26th, 2022

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

Absent: Dr. Jennifer Melgey, Amiee Ziller, Lisa Domeier

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. Osborn reported she has begun to make notes regarding potential changes on the 2023 program documents. The committee discussed various changes they would like to see for 2023 to encourage more applications and applications specific to Friesian research.

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 discussed the idea adding a section underneath the research tab on the FHANA website to list various ongoing research projects in North America that FHANA members might wish to participate in. The committee also discussed promoting research studies on the FHANA Facebook page which would help support the marketing committee's initiatives to get more material from committees for social media posts. Ms. Clough is aware of a DSLD research project at the University of Wisconsin that the committee can explore to see if this could be a good fit for FHANA members. Ms. DePuydt agreed to reach out to the research team at UW-Madison about this project for more information.

2. FHANA Dashboard & Committee Objectives. Ms. Clough informed the committee the board is developing a dashboard to ensure members understand what activities are ongoing on various committees to support FHANA's strategic goals and to measure and track progress on various initiatives. The committee entertained a lengthy discussion of ideas for the development of objectives. Ms. Clough agreed to send some examples to the committee and the committee agreed they would have no issue developing their objectives in the next month.

3. Committee Member Projects.

Ms. Osborn: Chronic Progressive Lymphedema (CPL) and Chronic Proliferative Pastern Dermatitis (CPPD). Ms. Osborn reported she is still researching material on CPL and CPPD and the research is rather limited. She hopes to get in touch with Dr. White at Auburn University for a contact that could present a webinar on CPPD or assist with an article.

Ms. Domeier: Collagen Related Connective Tissue Disorders. Ms. Domeier was unable to attend the meeting this evening. However, Ms. DePuydt reported that she has tracked down Dr. Ploeg and is waiting to hear back from her regarding her interest in presenting a webinar on her research related to collagen and connective tissue disorders in Friesians.

Ms. Maxwell: Equine Behavioral Science, Social Housing, Natural Movement. Ms. Maxwell reported she contacted Gawsorth Track Livery in the UK and has sent the owner questions to help facilitate an article on the benefits of track systems/paddock paradises. She has contacted Madden Mountain about their social housing set up but has not received a response yet.

Ms. McCartney: Vitamin E. Ms. McCartney reported she is still looking for research regarding negative behavioral effects associated with extreme over supplementation of Vitamin E. Ms. DePuydt agreed to see if she can find a study to support these reports to round out Ms. McCartney's research for her article.

Ms. Estes: Insect Bite Hyper-Sensitivity (IBH). Ms. Estes reported she has contacted Dr. Susan White regarding her research on IBH. Dr. White is willing to do a webinar for FHANA on IBH. She does have a speaking fee, but Ms. Estes has found a sponsor willing to pay the fee so there would be no cost to FHANA. The proposed date for the webinar is Thursday August 4th at 7pm EST. The committee agreed to proceed with the scheduling of this webinar.

Ms. Clough: Large Animal Emergency Response. Ms. Clough reported that she has been discussing an article regarding horse trailer accidents/rollovers with Dr. Ketover from Wisconsin Large Animal Emergency Response (WLAR) she is meeting with him again on June 8th and will have more information at the next meeting.

Ms. DePuydt: Webinars. Ms. DePuydt is waiting to hear back from Dr. White on the scheduling of her two-part webinar series on dermatology issues 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. Ms. DePuydt has reached out to a potential presenter for a webinar on the equine gut microbiome but has not heard back. She may reach out to the research team that received FHANA's grant to discuss their availability to do a webinar. Other webinar topics she is working on include stereotypies, gastric ulcers, sarcoids and gastroparesis/gastric rupture.

4. **Roundtable.** Ms. DePuydt updated the committee on the outcome of the health-related agenda items at the recent KFPS Member Council meeting (the proposed fine for breeding carrier mares to carrier stallions and the enforcement of the KFPS grooming rule regarding sensory hairs).

Ms. DePuydt reported the Inspection Committee is trying to get the word out to all FHANA members regarding the immediate enforcement of the KFPS grooming rule. Ms. DePuydt agreed to develop a Facebook post within the next week to highlight the health aspect of why sensory hairs are important to horses.

Ms. Clough reported she discussed the committee's idea to have New Bolton make a presentation on their research funded by the FHANA Grant Program at the AGM with Mr. Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins will discuss this idea with the AGM Committee along with the idea of having special baskets at the silent auction to support the FHANA Grant Program.

5. **Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, June 30th at 7pm EST.

Minutes submitted by Angie DePuydt