

Health Committee Meeting Agenda: June 30th, 2022

In Attendance: Angie DePuydt (Chair), Jo Clough (Board Liaison), Geneva Maxwell, Becca McCartney, Caron Osborn, Amiee Ziller.

Not Present: Lisa Domeier, Tracey Estes, 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. Committee Objectives for FHANA Dashboard. The committee discussed the draft objectives for the FHANA dashboard which were developed via email prior to the meeting. The committee agreed to submit these objectives for approval.

- Plan and manage the award of one annual grant to fund equine research.
- Promote at least one North American based equine research project per year for member participation.
- Plan and execute at least one health related educational event per year.

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 provided updates on the development of the 2023 Grant Program documents. She has left the area of interest topics from 2022 on the list but asked the committee to consider if there are topics that need to be added to the list for 2023. She has also added the welfare authority equivalent for European Union countries to allow for the grant to be opened up to EU countries. Finally, a section has been added to let researchers know if Friesian horses need to be recruited for a study the FHANA Health Committee is able to assist with that effort. Ms. DePuydt requested the language be changed to open the program to genetic researchers as well as veterinarians and will provide Ms. Osborn some draft language for that part of the document.

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: Ms. DePuydt sent the UW Madison's DSLD research project information to Mr. Tice and a "Participate in Research" tab has been added to the website. Ms. DePuydt asked the committee

members to each try and find at least one research study that could be added to the list. Once more research projects have been added to the website, Ms. DePuydt will provide Mr. Tice information about the new tab to be posted on the website, Facebook and/or newsletter to help direct members to these opportunities to participate in research. Ms. Osborn commented it's important we list any enrollment deadlines. The committee agreed complete this project by the end of July.

3. Committee Member Projects.

Ms. Osborn – Chronic Progressive Lymphedema (CPL) and Chronic Proliferative Pastern Dermatitis (CPPD). Ms. Osborn updated the committee on her progress and let the committee know that there is very, very little CPPD research which has presented a challenge. Ms. DePuydt offered to introduce Ms. Osborn to PhD student Marieje Brys in Belgium to see if there are any opportunities to gain access to more research. Ms. Osborn felt she could have her article completed by November 1st.

Ms. Domeier – Collagen Related Connective Tissue Disorders. Ms. Domeier was not present to provide an update.

Ms. Maxwell – Equine Behavioral Science, Social Housing, Natural Movement. Ms. Maxwell reported she is waiting for the owner of Gawsorth Track Livery in the UK to provide the responses to the interview questions she has sent to her.

Ms. McCartney – Vitamin E. Ms. McCartney reported she had good success contacting SmartPak. They did not have anyone on staff available to present a webinar but offered several articles and videos on vitamin E. Ms. DePuydt recommended if there is an article Ms. McCartney likes that we get SmartPak's permission to reprint it. Ms. McCartney agreed to work on getting the reprint permission and felt this article would be most timely to submit for the November 1st deadline for the magazine.

Ms. Estes – Insect Bite Hyper-Sensitivity (IBH). Ms. Estes was not present for the meeting, however, the IBH webinar is scheduled for August 4th and the registration announcement has gone out to the membership.

Ms. Clough – Large Animal Emergency Response. Ms. Clough reported Dr. Ketover is happy to provide responses to interview questions which will allow Ms. Clough to generate the article. Ms. Clough felt she may have the article read for the August 1st deadline.

Ms. DePuydt – Webinars. Ms. DePuydt reported she is working on finding a presenter about the equine microbiome and has some very good potential presenters. Additionally, Dr. Bellone is interested in doing another webinar on her research regarding Bilateral Corneal Stroma Loss in Friesian Horses.

4. **Roundtable.** Ms. Clough reported she reached out to the AGM committee to inquire about time on the agenda for New Bolton to present their research for the FHANA Research Grant Program. Additionally, she relayed the committee's interest in developing fundraising opportunities at the AGM for the grant program.

Ms. DePuydt reported during a meeting between Fenway and the KFPS, Ms. Bakker from the KFPS officer expressed interest in collaborating with the FHANA Health Committee to share health information. Ms. DePuydt will be sure to copy Ms. Clough on any correspondence related to this potential collaboration.

Ms. Maxwell shared an infographic with the committee that she created to highlight the basic facts about Distichiasis following the webinar. The committee agreed this was a wonderful idea and would be very useful. The committee agreed to make a few small changes and then pass the graphic on to Mr. Tice for posting on social media.

Ms. Clough commented that during the recent FHANA/KFPS meeting there was a discussion about the collection of death data and how to use that information in a helpful way. She asked how we might improve this process. The committee felt this is a very important topic and agreed to put the topic on their agenda for their next meeting.

5. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 28th at 7pm EST.

Minutes presented by Angie DePuydt.