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Highlights of the 2007 Annual General Membership Meeting – February 17, 2007

The 2007 Annual General Membership Meeting was held on February 16 & 17 in Pomona, California. Special thanks to the Friesian Horse Club of Southern California for hosting this meeting. Various items were discussed by the FHANA Board of Directors. Here is a synopsis of their meetings:

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Are you interested in serving on a committee? To learn more, please contact either the chair of the committee, President Rick Simonetti or Executive Director Bryan Quinsey

2006 Accomplishments – Reported by 2006 President Arlene De Boer

The 2006 Annual General Membership Meeting was held on April 28, 2006 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. At that meeting announcements included:

- i. Hiring of Bryan Quinsey as Executive Director
- ii. Relocation of the FHANA office to the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY
- iii. Marc DiLeo and Annie Long were elected to the Board

During the year, the Board of Directors met monthly via conference call. Here is a synopsis of the items discussed and motions made:

- a. Finances – During the past year, Carlton and Bryan have reworked the reporting of our finances. The Board is now able to quickly determine the position of the organization Carlton provides the Board with a monthly report of our finances, including an assessment of our investments and cash flow.
- b. Minutes – A complete record of all Board minutes is kept by Secretary Marc DiLeo. The minutes from previous meetings are reviewed and approved by the Board in subsequent meetings.
- c. International Friesian Show Horse Association – Discussions were held throughout the year about the possibilities of developing a stronger relationship with IFSHA.
- d. KFPS – Items relating to the KFPS are discussed at every Board meeting. In July of 2006, a team of Sheryle & Clark Long, Bryan, and Arlene visited with the KFPS in their offices in Drachten. At the conclusion of that meeting, a preliminary agreement was signed by both Cees Roozemon, chairman of the KFPS and Arlene. This document has recently been used as a template for other foreign countries to sign with the KFPS. In 2006, the KFPS announced a restructuring whereby the governing authority of the organization would be with a thirty member Member Council. This council would have representatives from the Netherlands, North America, Germany, and the remainder of the world. North America was allotted 3 seats on the Member Council. FHANA has appointed the following persons:
 - i. 3 Year Term (2007 – 2009) – Pier van der Hoek
 - ii. 2 Year Term (2007– 2008) – Douwe Plantinga
 - iii. 1 Year Term (2007) – Tilly Lont
- e. Publications – A great Breeders List was produced in 2006 and has been distributed at trade shows throughout North America. The Friesian magazine, under the direction of Laurie Kasperek, continues to grow and be recognized as the most informative publications in our industry. In 2006 we printed and distributed a Membership Directory Supplement. We also created a new brochure that will be distributed at trade shows and other events.
- f. Trade Shows – FHANA and many of our chapters have participated in trade shows to promote the Friesian. The Board authorized the purchased of three new booths – one for Canada, one for the east coast, and one for the west. You'll see one of the booths here in the hotel lobby.
- g. Inspections – In September and October we held our annual inspections. Over 1,000 horses participated this year. We want to recognize judges Jan Hendrix, Jan Hellinx, Bauke de Boer, Wil Thijssen, BJ Nerenhausen, Arend Mandemaker, and learner judge JR Blumenthal. The results were posted on the FHANA website and also printed in The Friesian magazine. Special thanks to the many local hosts and volunteers who made our inspections a complete success.
- h. DNA and Microchipping – In 2006 the Board made a decision that FHANA would be the first breed registry in North America to require both DNA testing and microchipping for all foals. This was done at a tremendous expense to FHANA, but over time will prove to be a very worthwhile program.

- i. Stallion Proving – For many years, FHANA has been trying to convince the KFPS to allow us to have a Stallion Proving site here in North America. Through the efforts of Pier van der Hoek and others, we can now announce that the site is a reality. The first two stallions will begin their 70 day test this spring at the DG Bar Ranch in central California. Judges from the Netherlands will come here to evaluate the horses and make recommendations back to the KFPS. Thank you Pier!
- j. Office Space – When we moved the office from Sisters, Oregon to Lexington, Kentucky the only space available was a small one room office. The Board and Bryan continued to look for larger space at the Horse Park. In January we moved into a brand new facility that will provide FHANA with the opportunity to grow. We welcome all members to come to Lexington and visit with Bryan and the staff.
- k. Elections – 2006 marked the end of three-year terms for J.R. Blumenthal and Pier van der Hoek. J.R. ran for re-election while Pier decided to not run for another 3 year term. Seven candidates were nominated and were on the ballots. Elected to a 3 year term are J.R. Blumenthal and Terri Ray.
- l. Horse Show – In December, Terri Ray presented the Board with a proposal to create the FHANA World Championship Friesian Horse Show. After many questions, the Board voted to approve the creation of this show for 2007. Terri will give you more details during her report.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my fellow Board members and to the many volunteers who donated their time, talents and money to our association. I also want to express my appreciation to the entire membership for allowing me to serve as your 2006 President.

Recent Board of Directors Motions

A. Foal Registration & DNA Testing

Due to increases and additional charges of foal registrations charged by the KFPS, the registration fees for foals have been changed to:

1. Foals sired by a stallion residing in North America
 - a. Foal Registration - \$150
 - b. Foal Inspection or Registration without Judging - \$75 (microchips and DNA kits will be mailed to the foal owner upon receipt of the blue paper. Chipping will NOT be done at FPS/FHANA inspection sites in 2007)
 - c. TOTAL - \$225

2. Foals sired by a stallion residing outside of North America
 - a. Foal Registration - \$150
 - b. Foal Inspection or Registration without Judging - \$75
 - c. Covering Fee - \$60 (this will be charged by the KFPS. If a mare is being imported in foal and this made is paid prior to exporting, then it will not be charged again.)
 - d. TOTAL - \$285

B. Microchipping

Due to changes made by the KFPS and their judges, along with various state/provincial/federal veterinary practice laws, the FHANA will no longer microchip foals at Inspection sites. As stated above, DNA/microchip kits will be mailed to foal owners upon receipt of the blue paper from the KFPS. All fees must be paid prior to mailing the kit.

C. United States Dressage Federation (USDF) All-Breed Awards

Effective immediately, all KFPS/FHANA registered horses being considered for the USDF All-Breeds Awards program will be required to be shown using their full KFPS registered name (same name that appears on their laminated registration papers) for recognition to be given by FHANA through the USDF.

D. Future Meetings

The FHANA Board has agreed to identify locations for future AGM meetings, and post these dates and locations on the website. The location of the 2008 AGM meeting will be Lexington, Kentucky. The dates will be confirmed shortly.

E. 2007 Inspections

The dates for the 2007 inspections will be similar to 2006. We are still working to confirm everything with the KFPS, but should have the details confirmed within the next 2 weeks.