



Minutes of

Meeting of the New Zealand Friesian Horse Society (NZFHS) Board

Held in person and via Zoom at 10am on Saturday 10th June 2023

Welcome from the Board Chair, Louis Weitenberg.

Present

In person: Sarah Rolston, Bronwyn Yucel, Gill Chambers, Neil Fremaux, Nicky Reihana Whittaker, Rolland Keil, Louis Weitenberg, Marianne Weitenberg, Baldeep Dhillon, Anna Zhigareva, Vicky Samuels

On Zoom: Monique de Villiers

Apologies

Linda Gowdy, Yvonne Liemburg, Roellie de Jong, Samantha McClunie, Brent Rolston, Sandy Nogueira, Michelle Amery

Agenda

1. Minutes of the 2022 AGM
2. Board's Reports
 - 2.1 President's Report
 - 2.2 Treasurer's Report
 - 2.3 Registrar's Report
 - 2.4 Secretary's Report
 - 2.5 Webmaster/Promotion Officer's Report
 - 2.6 Event Officer's Report
3. Nominations and Voting for Webmaster/Promotion Officer
4. High Points Awards for 2022
5. General Business

1. Minutes of the 2022 AGM

The minutes of the 2022 NZFHS AGM were sent out to members before the meeting.

Passed as a true and accurate record by Anna Zhigareva. Seconded by Neil Fremaux.

2. Board's Reports

2.1 President's Report

The President's report was tabled and discussed by Louis Weitenberg. The report can be viewed as a separate attachment in the e-mail sent to all members with the AGM minutes.

In summary:

- Thank you to Michelle Amery, Sandy Nogueira, Samantha McClunie and Neil Fremaux for your effort and time you served on the Board.
- Welcomed Anna Zhigareva and Gill Chambers (Morley) onto the Board as new role holders.



- Events of 2022-23:
 - Friesian Weekend in August in Taupo was a great enjoyment
 - In January we held two clinics in preparation for the Keuring and these were well attended and worthwhile, especially for all the new members. Thank you to Baldeep and Simone for providing the venues for these.
 - The 2023 Keuring was held in Taupo, with the privilege of two KFPS Inspectors as our judges. Feedback from the judges and attendees was very positive. Suggestion for next time that judges could travel to various locations within NZ to judge our horses. If more horses are entered there is a future plan to have more than one Keuring in NZ (the next Keuring will be in 2025).
- 8 new stallions have been added to the studbook
- Thank you for everyone's attendance today
- Thank you to Baldeep for this AGM venue and refreshments
- Thank you to all Board Members for a great year
- This will be Louis's last year as President

2.2 Treasurer's Report

The financial report for 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022 was tabled and discussed by Bronwyn Yucel. The report can be viewed as a separate attachment in the e-mail sent to all members with the AGM minutes.

Notes and observations from the Treasurer:

- Last year members asked for the society's finances to be presented more professionally. The accountancy software Xero is now being used.
- Bronwyn has been utilising the Xero software this year and learning how to get the most out of it
- This AGM, the financials have been presented as a breakdown from Xero
- A special thank you to Baldeep's accountant for guiding us when we've had questions
- Encountered issue:
 - When an invoice is sent out and paid, the software itemises everything and the funds coming in are recorded in an organised manner. However, if someone simply transfers money to the NZFHS account (eg. new member joining), this comes out confusing on the Xero end.
 - Resolving this by having deleted our bank account details from forms. Once a form is filled in, the person e-mails or mails it to the appropriate Board Member (as per form instructions). They then receive an invoice with everything itemised correctly.
 - If someone pays one lump sum for three invoices (for example), this can be re-concealed in Xero afterwards.
- Keuring notes
 - We will be able to show Keuring costs separate to other costs at the next AGM (for the year 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023).
 - All fundraising went towards Keuring organisation.
 - The Keuring is a very expensive event as judges come from other side of the world. We could try again to negotiate a more favourable cost division between NZ and Australia in the future.
 - Cost used to be on a per horse basis



- AFHS initially asked us to pay half of all travel costs; however, this was negotiated down.
- Paper Deposit funds are not used by the NZFHS and are held in our Paper Deposit account (three accounts in total: Main, Paper Deposit, Keuring).
 - This deposit is returned after a horse is old or passes away.
 - The horse's papers need to go to Registrar before the refund can be processed.There is a form on the website to request the deposit back.

Report passed as true and correct by Bronwyn Yucel. Seconded by Baldeep Dhillon.

2.3 Registrar's Report

The Registrar's Report was tabled and discussed by Louis Weitenberg. The report can be viewed as a separate attachment in the e-mail sent to all members with the AGM minutes.

In summary:

- To clarify some information on registering a foal's birth, transferring horse ownership (sale and purchase), and registering a previously unrecorded horse, an email with procedures was sent to members a few months ago. We hope this was helpful. After this we got a lot of new registrations and transfers to process to the right owners. Some papers in process at the moment as we recently had our Keuring.
- It is a pity not all purebred breedings are being registered so that we can have a better understanding of what purebreds are present in NZ.
- Breedings: 6
 - 1 mare bred to Wylster 463
 - 1 mare to Nane 492
 - 1 mare bred to Jelle fan e San Ieren
 - 3 mares bred to Floris
- Births (in 2022): 2
- Transfers: 6
- New Registrations: 5
- Death Notifications: 1
- It is fantastic to see that people are using our two Breeding Permit Stallions.

Report passed as true and correct by Louis Weitenberg. Seconded by Gill Chambers.

2.4 Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was tabled and discussed by Anna Zhigareva. The report can be viewed as a separate attachment in the e-mail sent to all members with the AGM minutes.

To add to the report attachment:

- It has been wonderful to be able to contribute to the Phryso website with blogs of 'News from New Zealand'. It has been fun putting together these blogs and Anna looks forward to featuring more members in her upcoming articles. This is a great way to feel more involved with the Friesian community around the world.

Report passed as true and correct by Anna Zhigareva. Seconded by Gill Chambers.

2.5 Webmaster/Promotion Officer's Report

The Webmaster's Report was tabled and discussed by Anna Zhigareva. The report can be viewed as a separate attachment in the e-mail sent to all members with the AGM minutes.

Report passed as true and correct by Anna Zhigareva. Seconded by Gill Chambers.



2.6 Event Officer's Report

The Event Officer's Report was tabled and discussed by Gill Chambers. The report can be viewed as a separate attachment in the e-mail sent to all members with the AGM minutes.

In summary:

- Thank you all for such a wonderful opportunity to be part of the NZHFS, and meeting passionate people with their Friesian horses.
- Our August day at NEC Taupo was a good get together with a variety of activities held indoors, which I believe is a must at this time of the year. Having Debbie Barke giving lessons was a bonus as she is a top rider in New Zealand and I am sure everyone came away with a little more to work on in their training program.
- A successful and well-run Keuring. The dinner the evening before was a time for people to mingle, mix and introduce themselves, and discuss their beautiful animals. Wonderful post-Keuring dinner out in Taupo at the Two Mile Bay Sailing Club.
- A big thank you to Neil Fremaux for the lovely horse heads that we were able to raffle off to help with the Keuring costs.
- Going forward for 2023/2024, we are already planning events to attend with our Friesians:
 - o Unfortunately the NEC in Taupo is fully booked for the rest of 2023 so we will organise an event in the Palmerston North or surrounding area and an event in the Auckland area.
 - o We would like members to send through ideas of what they would like to do together in the coming year.
 - o Booked the NEC indoor arena for 2024 so that we can have another big gathering with all who want to attend, with a bigger and better program to cover one and a half days over a weekend.
- Excited to continue in Event Officer role for another year, and hope to put together with the help of our Board more events for our members to attend.

Report passed as true and correct by Gill Chambers. Seconded by Anna Zhigareva.

3. Nominations and Voting for Webmaster/Promotion Officer

Nominations: *Linda Gowdy, Monique de Villiers*

Applications were sent out to all members prior to the AGM.

Vote options: proxy, online, in-person, by e-mail to Secretary in advance.

Vicky Samuels chosen to count the votes and destroy the papers

Congratulations to our newly elected Webmaster/Promotion Officer, **Linda Gowdy!**

4. High Points Awards 2022

Showing

- One entry this year
- *Neil Fremaux* wins the Showing Trophy

Dressage

- No entries this year
- Baldeep has Dressage Trophy from last year
- All in agreement, honorary Dressage Trophy award to *Gill Chambers*
- Trophy passed into Gill's care



Driving Trophy

- No entries this year.
- Presently in Treasurer's office

Friesian Sporthorse Trophy

- No entries this year
- Trophy will stay with Chelsea Callaghan for another year

5. General Business

High Points Awards

- Need to edit and clarify the point system as otherwise seems like demos have an unfair point advantage over dressage. It seems that this comes from confusingly written rules, which will be edited.
- Need to advertise the High Points Awards earlier in the year as many forget about them until just before the AGM
- Good idea to expand the range of disciplines we award for, so that more members feel inclined to participate in the awards, and are represented.
 - o CTR, working equitation - could have 6 points or 4 points for these.
 - o Could start with baseline of, say, 10 points per day.
 - o *If other members have ideas on categories/disciplines, please let us know*
 - o Will get trophies for Pleasure (Anna happy to sponsor) and maybe for Demonstration (or another category)
 - o Sarah Rolston and Neil Fremaux have offered to spend some time thinking on how to delegate points for the categories, including for the Friesian Sporthorse Trophy, as that one has only one category, but someone could submit 10pts for one demo, versus 2pts for a dressage test – an unfair point split.
- Decision to change the deadline to end of March so it takes in the whole summer season, rather than splitting it in half. Also means that the deadline is close to the AGM (normally in April/May)
- Will make sure to inform new members of activities such as the High Points Awards and generally remind members about it throughout the year via e-mail, website and Facebook

Future Events

- Anna to send out a form or feedback e-mail asking what members want from NZFHS events this/next year.
 - o Feedback so far: do something fun, like a beach or forest ride
- So far, planning a Palmy Day and an Auckland Day
 - o Kind offer from Sarah to use her place if dry in the summer
- Covered arena that gets hired out: Dust A Lone Ranch
- Create an updated map of where members are so that we can plan events in desirable locations

Meeting ended at 11.43am