

Minutes Regional Meeting KFPS Abroad

Date	:	Friday 13 May 2022
Time	:	9.00 - 11.20 am
Location	:	TEAMS
Region	:	15 KFPS-members
Board KFPS	:	Ella Wiersma
Member Council	:	Nadeen Davis
Breeding Council	:	Waling Haytema
Office	:	Marijke Akkerman (chairman), Nynke Bakker, Eveline van Kooten
Minutes	:	Petra van Hoorn (Hét Notulistenteam)

1. Welcome

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, opens the meeting and welcomes all those present.

2. Announcements

There are no announcements.

3. Documents received

There are no documents received.

4. Approval minutes previous meeting

There are no minutes of a previous meeting. There are no comments on the minutes of the November 2021 Members' Council.

5. Year Report 2021

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, states 2021 was a roaring year due to corona and some staff changes. The membership rates got higher and there were about 5000 breeding's. In 2021 there were a lot of online events and live streams.

6. Financial statements

Nynke Bakker explains there was a result € 26,000,00 negative and that a more negative result was expected but that there were compensations from the government because of corona.

7. Appointments

Anders Hendriksen, Elaine de Boer and Ana Maria de Jager leave the Member Council and the candidate members introduce themselves

Europe

Gaynor Garbett from Wales is breeding Friesians for ten years. She takes the KFPS standards very seriously and comes to Holland once a month for training in riding and driving, to see shows and go to keurings and deck stations.

Line Grundvig Sorensen from Denmark is breeding Friesians as a hobby for more than twenty years. She has eleven Friesians, breeds between one and three Friesian foals each year and she's interested in sports.

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, introduces Sophie Loannou Georgiou from Cyprus who is not attending this meeting.

Outside Europe

Yosi Cohen is the chairman of the Friesian horse club in Israel. He wants to become a member of the Members' Council to be able to discuss the problems of the local clubs all over the world.

Haya Al Ibrahim from Kuwait is breeding Friesians as a hobby for almost ten years. She works for the government and has a private company where she sells Friesians and gives information about how to train Friesian horses. She has recently started importing frozen semen from Holland.

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, introduces Jose Rodriquez from Costa Rica and Marlise Botes who are not attending this meeting.

Voting

The results of the votes will be added to the results of the votes in the meeting of this afternoon and then published on the KFPS website.

8. Amendments Statutes and Regulations

Voting of these amendments shall take place in de Member Council.

a. Amendment Statutes regarding term in office Board members

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, explains that in exceptional cases the term in office for a Board member can be extended with one extra year after a period of two four-year terms to get more stability in the Board.

b. Amendment Code of Conduct

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, explains that this amendment is about a total ban of offering gifts to the Board, the office organization, the stallion inspection committee and the members of the jury.

c. Amendment Inspection Regulations: Grooming

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, indicates that in the regulations will be included that trimming the insides of the ears and trimming or clipping of the tactile hairs around the eyes, at the front of the nose and the lower lip is not allowed.

d. Amendment Registration Regulations: Risky matches hydrocephalus and dwarfism

Waling Haytema indicates there is a decrease in the number of carriers for dwarfism and hydrocephalus. That means that the breeding program of recent years has been successful. It has been decided not to exclude carriers of dwarfism and hydrocephalus from the breeding program for the time being, because many carriers also have very useful other genes but when two carriers of hydrocephalus or dwarfism are mixed, it can cause serious harm to the welfare of the horse. Especially in the Netherlands there has been much more attention for horse welfare in recent years and the Friesian studbook should take serious measures to avoid risk pairings. Knowing everyone can be aware of risk pairing the Breeding Council thinks it's appropriate to put a fine on a risk breeding.

Haya Al Ibrahim thinks this fine is very reasonable because breeders have worked hard to reduce genetic defects and if breeders just start to breed without taking this into account all that research is wasted and there will be an increase in genetic defects in future generations.

Waling Haytema wants to avoid risk breedings but if people are not aware of inbreeding, a warning can first be given. However, there are also breeders who take the risk and they should be forced not to do this anymore. That is the reason there should be a fine after a first warning.

Line Grundvig thinks people are not always aware of risk breedings.

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, says this is the reason new members get information and online seminars are held.

Gaynor Garbett says many breeders in the UK don't know about hydrocephalus and dwarfism and don't test their mares.

e. Amendment Registration Regulations: Performance predicate

Waling Haytema explains why the level of the attitude test should be raised from 75 to 77 points. At the start in 2016 the performance predicate was not very popular and the Breeding Board set the attitude test limit to 75 points. A few years later there were quite some mares who got the performance predicate and the Breeding Board thinks it is now appropriate to higher the level of points for the attitude test to 77 points, just to make the performance predicate a little more valuable and also to bring the predicate in line with the AA predicate.

f. Amendment Regulations Stallion Inspection: description roaring.

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, explains that this only concerns the description for class 1, which does not entirely match the description of the assessment committee. With this amendment, this will be properly stated in the regulations

Waling Haytema states that this discussion started with the approval of Boet. A discussion arose about the heritability of roaring and the Board and the Breeding Board decided to do more research into this. In the past year, forty randomly selected yearlings have been examined by endoscopy to have a sort of baseline measurement. After that, twenty of Boet's offspring will be examined endoscopically, after which this will be done again in three years to determine whether there is a difference between these two groups and whether there is some heritability in this roaring status.

9. Current affairs

a. Preparations inspection season

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, indicates that welfare is one of the biggest topics of the KFPS. Plastic on the whips is no longer allowed and there must be proper use of the triangular and a calm presentation. It's about functionality rather than spectacularity.

Gaynor Garbett asks why correct use in the of the triangle track is raised, what the issues in the past were.

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, replies that it gives the horse more rest.

Nynke Bakker adds that it is about the walk, the horse finishes the entire run.

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, states that from now on irregular foals will get no rating and they can try again later.

Nynke Bakker indicates that normally the great cubes on the linear score give the optimal score for a Friesian horse. The Inspection has decided to remove the great cubes from the score form to get more spreading in the scores. The other topic is the distinction of the hooves. There was one category and there will be three to get more information about the hooves.

b. Structure Committee

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, indicates that it is being examined whether the regions and the breeding associations can be combined. In addition, there is being looked at how to avoid lawsuits from

abroad and how the total governance of the KFPS can be improved. In spring 2022 this will be discussed in the Member Council and in the autumn of 2022, there will be a proposal for a new structure.

Waling Haytema says extensive genetic research is being done in Kentucky to find the genetic markers where megaesophagus is located.

Nadeen Davis asks if there is evidence that this is linked to the increase in kinship.

Waling Haytema doesn't think so because research has shown that no new problems arise if the inbreeding rate is below 1% but on the other hand, the problem does not disappear if the inbreeding rate gets lower. This problem is in the population and breeding techniques are necessary to get rid of this problem but before that is possible the markers where this problem is located must be found.

Nadeen Davis asks if megaesophagus is also a collagen issue like aortic rupture.

Waling Haytema replies that both are collagen problems. Some people think it's two different kinds of problems and some people think it's the same collagen problem that causes tissue weakening.

Veronika ?? suggest to do a DNA test on all foals and publish the results in the breeding paper.

c. Discussion breeding topics:

Stimulating low kinship

Waling Haytema explains that low kinship is a tool to keep inbreeding below 1%.

Nadeen Davis suggests to add kinship on the KFPS paper to help raise awareness of this.

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, says kinship can change.

Waling Haytema indicates that the idea is to give mares with low kinship some bonus points to make it easier for those mares to get a predicate. Furthermore, the idea is to select stallions with low kinship and make it easier for them to enroll in the central examination and give them extra opportunities in breeding.

Nadeen Davis says countries outside the Netherlands only have access to studbook stallions through frozen semen and that means they have only access to stallions with high kinship. There should be more frozen semen from low kinship stallions available.

Gaynor Garbett has sent a mare to the Netherlands to be put involved to a stallion but she realizes that not everyone can do this because it is very expensive.

Waling Haytema is going to discuss this topic in the Breeding Council. When stallions or stallion families have a lot of influence in breeding, kinship will automatically increase. There is therefore talked about establishing a breeding limit for closely related stallions.

Nadeen Davis thinks that breeders choose a particular stallion because they want to win and that movement is important, but that confirmation and temperament must now be considered.

Waling Haytema indicates it takes forty or fifty years to get rid of the current problems and that this can be fastened by outcrossing. That must be a well-educated plan because in the past outcrossing with for example Arabs was not a big success.

Line Grundvig Sorensen agrees it's important there is a controlled plan and that it's voluntarily. She thinks an Arab wasn't a positive contribution and that a specific race should make a positive rather than a negative contribution.

Nadeen Davis adds that with an Oldenburg, for example, the black color remains. It would be a good idea to test for a few years with some stallions and some good Friesian mares to see what the offspring looks like.

Sustainability

Waling Haytema indicates that breeding for sustainability requires early information to check the breeding effect. For example, what can help measure sustainability is the survival rate and sports results at different ages. It is also important that the breeders report illnesses and deaths to the studbook.

Welfare

Waling Haytema explains that it is proposed to raise the minimum age for the ABFP test to 35 months. The main goal is to reduce dropouts, to be able to compare the horses better and to optimize the results.

Character

Waling Haytema says some trainers say horses who don't have right character for work also have high lactate measurement. That means some horses are willing to work and are not stubborn, lazy or unreliable but they can't work hard because of their constitution. This will be investigated further.

10. Any other business

Lukas says in Poland there are three stallions with a breeding permit but they are not okay, one of them is a full brother of Meinte and one is from Alwin.

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, will discuss this in the Inspection Committee.

Veronika indicates that there were many problems with foal registration in the UK after Brexit and that it was said that there would be its own studbook. She would like to hear an official statement from the KFPS about the rules, etc.

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, discusses this with Vicky and hopes this will be solved very soon.

Hans Maes indicates that the results of the use of frozen semen in Australia are very poor, he wonders what the results are in other countries and why some countries are successful and others are not.

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, advises to contact Doeke Hoekstra who knows a lot about frozen semen.

11. Closure

The chairman, Marijke Akkerman, thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 11.20 a.m.