

Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 18, 2026 **Location:** Meeker Trading Company **Quorum:** Established

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with a confirmed quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 2026 meeting were presented.

- Motion: Deborah
- Second: Kelly
- Motion carried.

3. Treasury Report

- Current balance: **\$3,194.14**
- New member welcomed: **Christy Carter of Shawnee**
- Motion to approve report was made, seconded, and carried.

4. Website & Communications Report

- PayPal membership payment option implemented.
- 2026 photos added; additional member submissions requested.
- EIN to be added to website for donor tax documentation.
- Merchandise store launched with no cost to FHAOK; vendor handles fulfillment.
- Continued coordination between website and Facebook.

5. Nonprofit & Tax Status Update

- IRS correction filed for missing 2023 form.
- FHAOK officially recognized as a nonprofit as of **May 19, 2026**.
- 990 for 2025 filed; 2024 reported with no income.
- Sponsorship tax considerations under review.

6. Events & Calendar (Updated)

July

- July 25 – J9 Lesson Clinic

August

- August 8 – J9 Open Clinic
- August 15 – Drill Practice
- August 22 – Trail Ride, Prague Lake

September

- September 15–19 – WDAA World Championship
- September 23–27 – Oklahoma State Fair Heavy Horse Show

October

- October 3 – J9 Lesson Clinic & South Central Keuring
- October 10 – Trail Ride, Prague Lake
- October 17 – Drill Practice
- October 24–25 – CPDS Dressage Championships
- October 24 – Heartland Dressage Show
- October 31 – PDS Schooling Show Dressage Championships

November

- November 6 – OKC Renaissance Fair Setup
- November 7–8 – OKC Renaissance Fair Performances
- November 21 – J9 Open Clinic

December

- December 5 – Meeker Christmas Parade
- December 12 – Castle Drive Christmas Party
- December 19 – Trail Ride, Prague Lake

7. Youth Camp Update

The Baptist Church youth camp was rescheduled to **August 8** but canceled due to extreme heat and conflict with Carl's Clinic. The program will be revisited for 2027.

8. Drill Team Practice & Arena Access

- Indoor arena available at **Joni Skaggs' Eclipse Riding Center** near Guthrie for \$25 per rider.
- Drill practices scheduled for **August 15** and **October 17**.
- New drill pattern introduced; music preparation ongoing.
- JBL speaker purchased for practice use.

9. Merchandise Store Report

- Partnership with New Ideas Printing (Tecumseh).
- FHAOK receives **40% profit** on items.
- Merchandise includes shirts, jackets, tote bags, and hats (design pending).
- Fulfillment times may vary.

10. Calendar Fundraiser

- Calendar will feature Renaissance Festival photos enhanced via AI.
- Estimated cost: **\$7.30 per calendar**; proposed sale price \$15–\$20.
- Sponsor logos to appear on back cover.
- Target order date: end of August.
- Members encouraged to review and submit preferred photos.

11. Sponsorship Program

Gold – \$200

- Annual membership
- Logo on calendar
- Rotating website placement
- Facebook recognition
- Logo on sponsorship banner
- Logo on sponsor t-shirt
- Tax-deductible

Silver – \$100

- Annual membership
- Logo on sponsor t-shirt
- Logo on website homepage

Members may upgrade by paying the difference from their current membership.

12. Photo Booth & Fundraising Booth

- Planned for Renaissance Festival and future events.
- Offer photos with Friesians and “Knight & Horse” setup.
- Suggested donation: \$10 for children under 13 to sit on a horse for photos.

13. Additional Parade Opportunities

- Discussion held regarding Edmond Frontier Days and Broken Arrow Rooster Days.
- No additions planned for 2026; potential consideration for 2027.

14. 2027 Muskogee Castle Renaissance Festival Proposal

- FHAOK invited to submit a contract proposal.
- Requirements include arena space, panels, horse care logistics, insurance, and member commitment.
- Festival runs six weekends; FHAOK considering participation for one designated “Friesian Weekend.”
- Board consensus favored a one-weekend trial.

15. Hosting a KFPS Keuring in Oklahoma (2027)

- Interest expressed in hosting a keuring in Fall 2027.
- Minimum requirement: **20 horse entries** (in-hand and IBOP counted separately).
- Venue options discussed.
- Costs shared among participants; runners available for hire.
- Volunteers needed for logistics, judge transport, and hospitality.
- Application deadline: **October 15, 2026.**

16. Committee Formation

Members invited to volunteer for a Keuring Planning Committee. Further venue research and cost analysis required.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.