

Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma (FHAOK)

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 24, 2026 **Time:** 7 p.m. **Location:** Virtual Meeting (Microsoft Teams) **Recorded by:** Pam Hensley, Secretary

1. Call to Order

President **Lisa** called the meeting to order at **7:10**. A quorum was confirmed with all board members present.

2. Opening Prayer

Debora offered the opening prayer, giving thanks for the members, horses, and fellowship.

3. Approval of May Minutes

- Lisa noted remaining corrections needed:
 - One remaining “fauna” misspelling in the parentheses section..
- Melody asked whether these minutes were the version intended for public posting.
- Melody requested time to review before approval.
- **Decision:** Approval was **temporarily tabled** until Melody completed her review.
- Later in the meeting, Melody confirmed she reviewed and **approved** the revised minutes.
- **Motion:** Debora
- **Second:** Melody
- **Status:** **Approved** for posting on the website.

4. Treasury Report (Melody)

- **Membership Income:** \$293.44
- **Expenses:**
 - \$115.70 – Fast Signs (Brittany)
 - Merchandise materials: \$40 income
- **Current Balance:** **\$3,040.72**
- **New Members:**
 - Deanna Raver
 - Joey Jones (Family Membership)
 - Susan Tiffin
 - Mary Turner
- **Membership Upgrades:**

- Debora upgraded to **Gold**
- Pam listed as **Gold**
- Melody listed as **Silver**
- Brittany listed as **Gold**

5. New Member Welcome Process

- Discussion on creating welcome posts on Facebook and WhatsApp.
- Members will be asked to share a short intro and a photo of themselves and their horse.
- Pam will coordinate collecting intros and photos.
- Debora will post welcomes on Facebook.

6. Outstanding Membership Payments

- Connie has not yet submitted her check.
- Lisa will follow up with her directly.

7. Chapter Renewal

- No updates from them and assumed renewed until notified otherwise.

8. Screw Fly Information

- Lisa shared educational materials from FMC meeting.
- Members may use the images for website or social media.
- Additional posts have been shared by USEF and Martha.

9. Meeker Round-Up Club

- No updates received from the club regarding participation.

10. Upcoming Events

A. Parade – This Saturday

- Members will meet at the Round-Up Club grounds.
- Police-escorted parade begins at **10:15 AM**.
- Lisa will coordinate a simple **pinwheel** demonstration in front of the grandstand.
- Brittany's mother will serve as pivot horse.
- Lisa will bring whistles for cues.
- Concerns raised about mud due to heavy rain; Lisa will contact organizers Friday for parking guidance.
- Local newspaper will attend to photograph and feature FHAOK.

B. July Members Meeting – July 18

- Venue: Meeker facility (secured by Melody).
- Deposit: \$80 (normally \$100/hr; owner offered facility free).
- Board agreed the club should reimburse Melody.
- Catering: Mexican food from Abuelita Rosas (Shawnee).
- **RSVP Deadline:** July 12
- Pam will manage RSVP list via Facebook and WhatsApp.
- Lisa preparing a slideshow; Melody will check for TV/monitor availability.

C. J9 Clinic – July 25

- Some members attending; others unable due to distance.
- Possibility of using the date as a drill practice.

D. Heavy Horse Show

- Updated schedule received; new classes added.
- Discussion about missing “Fillies” class.
- Members planning to show: Brittany, Melody (bringing Avail), possibly others.

11. Drill Team Practice & Renaissance Festival Planning

- New drill pattern distributed; Lisa explained movements (pinwheel, thread-the-needle, whip-away, etc.).
- Practice location secured at **Joni Skaggs’ Eclipse Riding Center:**
 - Saturdays after noon
 - \$25 per rider
- Additional drills may be kept for Ren Faire performances.
- Lisa developing a third drill with swordplay and theatrical elements.
- Costume discussion:
 - Considering **red capes** for uniformity
 - Members may wear individual medieval outfits underneath
 - Red leg wraps suggested
- Renaissance Festival (Muskogee) planning for **2027:**
 - Lisa meeting with hospital CEO for presentation support
 - Need commitments for number of weekends members can attend
 - Logistics include RVs, panels, horse care, etc.

12. Fundraising & Merchandise Store

A. Online Store Updates (Melody)

- Store includes shirts, long sleeves, sun shirts, totes, and more.
- Board reviewed designs and requested changes:

- Move small logo to sleeve on Thunder shirts
 - Remove large back logo from Long Islander shirt
 - Add bags, hats, and soft-shell vests
 - Keep multiple shirt styles
 - Thunder shirt will become **Sponsor Shirt**
 - Regular logo shirt will **not** include sponsor list
- Melody will request updates from vendor by Saturday.

B. Sponsor Flag

- Brittany will begin assembling sponsor flag with Velcro-attached logos.
- Board members with Gold sponsorship will send logos to Brittany.

C. Ordering for July Meeting

- Members may order shirts now; shipping is \$10 or free pickup in Tecumseh.
- Club may order a small stock of bags to bring to the meeting.

D. Membership Upgrades

- Lisa will upgrade to **Gold** using her outstanding reimbursement credit.
- Melody's deposit may also count toward her upgrade.
- Board approved both adjustments.

13. Calendar Fundraiser

- Lisa will finalize calendar photos during vacation and hand off to Brittany and Melody for sponsor integration.

14. Additional Business

- Members reminded to notify Pam of any events attended with **three or more Friesians** so points can be recorded.
- Recent events to be added:
 - Obstacle course outing
 - SkyWass obstacle event

15. Recording July Meeting

- July meeting will be in person; Pam requested recording options.
- Lisa will bring her laptop and run Zoom for recording.
- Melody may bring a monitor if needed for slideshow.

16. Closing Items

- No further new business.
- Meeting adjourned.

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