

Report from the Annual General Meeting - January 2010

**FRIESIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND (FHAGBI)  
LIMITED**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT HARBOURS HILL FARM  
31 JANUARY 2010 AT 1400 HOURS**

PRESENT: Julian Atkins, Jane Slevin, Wendy Mason-Smith, Tracey Venter, Hannah Dixey  
Linda Atkins (minutes), E de Boer, B de Boer, H Elcome, V Knapp, B Maurice, M Morgan, S Van der  
Plas, P Sinclair-van Diemen

Jane opened the meeting, welcoming all attendees and expressing appreciation to Julian and Linda for hosting the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

1. The minutes of the AGM held 1 February 2009 were read to the meeting by Julian and agreed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the AGM held 1 February 2009.

2. President's Annual Review

Jane presented her annual review (attached).

3. Secretary's Report

Julian presented the secretary's report and referred to the continuing growth in memberships since 2005. He advised that despite the recession there had only been a slight fall in membership in 2010 compared to 2009. It was noted that the membership fee had been unchanged for many years. Appreciation was expressed to Hannah for her work as membership secretary.

4. Financial Report

Julian presented his Treasurer's report and tabled the 2008 Annual Accounts which have been filed with Companies House. He detailed the 2009 forecast and the 2010 budget and noted that 2010 challenges will include:-

- increase membership numbers
- promote regional events
- provide more training events
- UK and Irish Inspections (to be confirmed, subject to entry numbers)
- Increase FHAGBI committee numbers
- FHAGBI 15 year celebrations
- Comply with DEFRA regulations

Julian advised that membership fees will be maintained at the current rate whilst finances allow. Potential cost savings were discussed including the distribution of the newsletter. Tracey advised that copies of the newsletter are placed on the website approx 3 months after publication for public access.

RESOLVED: To approve the 2008 Annual Accounts.

5. Officers

The roles currently held by members of the Board were re-confirmed. New committee members were welcomed and roles outlined as follows:-

John and Mervyn Moon (N Ireland) - responsibility for raising Irish issues including Inspections - Jane to mentor

Sylvia van der Plas (Midlands) - translations, co-ordination of a new tracing a horse facility using the FHAGBI website - Tracey to mentor

Helen Elcome (South) - promotion of showing events for Friesian horses - Wendy to mentor

Elaine de Boer (North) - assist with Inspections and oversee introduction of Sports Predicate in UK - Jane to mentor

Hannah will analyze the geographical location of members and Tracey will introduce regional pages on the FHAGBI website, with new committee members being the point of contact for their area.

Offers of help at events was also welcomed from other members.

It was confirmed that committee members must be Full members of FHAGBI and that their horse(s) registration document should be in their own name.

#### 6. 2010 Events & Activities

A number of potential events were discussed including:-

May - Inspection Training day , 18 September - Inspections and 15th Anniversary Show to include fun classes, Regional events - to be confirmed

Further details, once confirmed will be included in future newsletters and posted on the website

It was agreed to invite 'lapsed' members to the Anniversary celebrations and encourage membership renewal.

#### 7.AOB

There was no other business.

8.DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The date of the next meeting is to be advised.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1500 HOURS