

APPLICATION FOR 2008 IFSHA DIRECTOR POSITION

To All IFSHA Members,

As a current IFSHA member in good standing, I submit for your consideration my application for one of the newly opening IFSHA Director positions commencing November, 2008.

I began Wyning Edge Friesians, LLC in 2002, with the purchase of my first Friesian, Wyn de Pluum v.V. His wonderful potential as a dressage horse was quickly realized and we began to train and compete him professionally. This was our first introduction into the show world and we have always felt very fortunate to have an organization like IFSHA that has allowed us to compete alongside some of the best Friesians in the world. Our ranch has grown since then and so has our need and appreciation for IFSHA.

The value of IFSHA to a Friesian competitor is great. It is the only organization currently committed to the high standard of providing a quality venue for ALL horses of Friesian blood to compete, side by side, regardless of politics or registry. We all are aware of the conflicts created by those individuals that continue to put their own political agendas ahead of both the Friesian breed and other Friesian owners and I could not disagree more with that position. I have always believed that each and every Friesian should have the opportunity to demonstrate its potential in the show ring and should rise or fall solely on its own merits regardless of who owns it, who competes it, who judges it or under what registry it resides. The hard work, energy and dedication of spirit is the same for each and every one of our horses and they should always be given the respect and dignity they deserve and evaluated on an level playing field. This means we must commit to following the current rules and regulations, making the necessary changes to represent the needs of all competitors, as well as providing educated and qualified judging specifically for the Friesian breed.

My goal as an IFSHA Director would be to represent the Friesian breed without prejudice. We are all so fortunate to have been blessed with this magnificent breed of horse. As an owner and breeder of both FPZV & FPS Friesians, I feel it is imperative that while there may be disagreements within the registries, there is no place for separatism within IFSHA. I would do my best to bring about unity, respect, and camaraderie for our fellow breeders, competitors and their amazing Friesians. The reality is that we all have so much more in common than not, and to see a united, energized IFSHA would truly be a goal worth working toward.

With these future goals in mind, I respectfully submit my application for a position as a Director of IFSHA.

Sincerely,

Paula Marsh

Wyning Edge Friesians, LLC