



# WORLD HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN FEDERATION

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**Event:** 53<sup>rd</sup> WHFF Council Meeting  
**Venue:** Puy du Fou, France  
**Time and Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 16.00 CET

## MINUTES.

### Present:

<b>Cherilyn Watson (President)</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>
<b>László Bognár (Vice President)</b>	<b>Hungary</b>
<b>Sartaj Sarkaria</b>	<b>Canada</b>
<b>Thierry Menard</b>	<b>France</b>
<b>Stephan Schneider</b>	<b>Germany</b>
<b>Martino Cassandro</b>	<b>Italy</b>
<b>Jun Kurita</b>	<b>Japan</b>
<b>Jos Buiting</b>	<b>Netherlands</b>
<b>Lindsey Worden</b>	<b>USA</b>
<b>Suzanne Harding</b>	<b>(Secretary General)</b>
<b>Izumi Furuta (Translator)</b>	<b>Japan</b>

### 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence.

- a. Cherilyn as President welcomed the Council to the meeting.
- b. The Latin American/South American representative was absent. It was undecided at this time who this would be.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda.

- a. Approval of the agenda was moved by Lindsey and seconded by Sartaj. The Council approved the agenda with no changes.

### 3. Election of the President and Vice President

- a. The Council need to elect a President and Vice President for the next term until the 2028 General Assembly. Suzanne informed the Council that Cherilyn was prepared to remain as President, and László as Vice-President. She asked the Council to approve the election. Jos moved and Jun seconded, and the Council approved the election of Cherilyn as President, and László as Vice-President. Cherilyn and László thanked the Council for their support.

**Action: Suzanne to inform the WHFF members**

### 4. Working groups – vote on Chairman and members

- a. Monogenetic Traits and Registration Working Group  
Lindsey stated that she would be happy to remain as Chair of this Working Group. She informed the Council that Jiri Motycka would be retiring soon and so will step off the Working Group. There is no one he can recommend to take his place. Cherilyn asked the Council for suggestions of a new Working Group member. Martino suggested Chiara Franzoni Migliorati of ANAFIBJ. László moved and Stephan seconded, the Council approved the new member.

**Action: Suzanne to email Chiara.**

- b. Harmonisation of Type Classification Working Group  
Stephan informed the Council that Stefan Rensing is retiring, he recommended Dorothee Warder as his replacement.  
Jos moved and Martino seconded, the Council approved the new member.  
**Action: Suzanne to email Dorothee.**
- c. WHFF Inclusivity of More Production Data Task Force  
Lindsey stated that she will stay on the Task Force but does not wish to be the Chair.  
Sartaj agreed to be the Chair, and Stephan agreed to join the Task Force.  
László moved and Jos seconded, the Council approved the composition of the Task Force.
- d. Parentage Sub-Committee  
Cherilyn asked if there was any purpose to the Sub-Committee.  
The Council decided to cease the Sub-Committee.  
Lindsey moved and Jos seconded, the Council approved.

**Action: Suzanne to change the lists on the web site and inform the membership.**

## 5. Any other Business

- a. Martino said that he was interested about data ownership. He thought there should be a Task Force to provide guidance on this topic.  
Jos asked what the purpose would be.  
Martino thought that people need clarification. He said that WHFF could do a survey amongst the members.  
Stephan said that data permission is needed to use the data.  
Cherilyn said that in New Zealand LIC own the data once they have it.  
Stephan said it was clearer in some countries than others. The further the data gets from the farmer, the less clear it is who owns the data.  
Jos stated that the EU is regulated, but US and Canada need to know the EU regulations.  
Sartaj said that Canada is trying to bring in a similar GDPR.  
Martino said that the objective of a Task Force would be to do a survey to show an overview of the situation internationally. He continued that the best farmers were at the Conference, and they want to be informed about data protection.  
Cherilyn asked if WHFF should send out a survey and then the Council can decide if we need a Task Force.  
**Action: Martino to send questions to Suzanne, who will send to the Council and then to the membership through a google form.**  
**Action: Jos will send his Auckland presentation to Suzanne to send around the Council.**  
**Action: place on the next agenda.**

## 6. Date Of Next Meeting

**Action: Suzanne to send a doodle poll for a date around mid-March.**

The meeting was closed at 17.23.

Signed for Cherilyn 19/3/24

