

**2023**

**CELEBRATE IN MAY:  
MEET AN  
ARABIAN HORSE  
MONTH**



# **APRIL**

**NEWSLETTER**



**"A bit of information"**

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May 9, 2023:

Pre-entries due for the NMAHA Value Shows

May 15, 2023:

Royalty Applications Deadline

May 20 & 21, 2023:

NMAHA Value Shows, R & J Arena, Verndale, MN

June 3, 2023:

NMAHA WCSA/OEIP Show, Meeker Co. Fairgrounds, Litchfield, MN

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## President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective...

Our Verndale and Litchfield shows are fast approaching. May we all try to do our part for this organization that binds us all through our admiration for the Arabian Horse. Volunteers and sponsorships are both important pieces of our success in putting on these shows. I encourage you to assist where you can, as this helps us keep costs manageable for our association.

May is *Meet An Arabian Horse Month!* They say that all you need to do is meet an Arabian Horse to fall in love. We encourage all of our members to share their love of the Arabian Horse. Invite someone to meet your Arabian or Half-Arabian horse. Or take a trip to another barn and enjoy the enthusiasm!

NMAHA offers programs that give back to our members. These programs are well thought out and our hope is that you, as a participant value them.

Let's make 2023 a year to continue creating great memories!

*Jean Liestman*  
NMAHA President

# Meeting Minutes

***April 2023***

The meeting was held at the Green Roof Area Center in Paynesville, MN and via Google Meet on April 22, 2023. There was a potluck prior to the meeting.

President, Jean Liestman called the meeting to order at 1:00. Members present were: J. Liestman, L. Frenchick, J. Liestman, L. Schlangen, M. Lieser, D. Michaelis, L. Lock, M. Beecroft and J. Lechuga. R. Gilbert and M. Smith via Google Meet.

There was a motion made to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter by Laura L. and a second by Kaitlyn F.

## Treasurer Report:

Prior to the meeting, Valerie emailed reports to the officers and board along with an overview, which President Jean L. reported.

- Trophies and ribbons for the May show have been paid for.
- Funds from our savings account will be transferred into the checking account on May 1st, for the May shows.
- There is an "offset" account for some of the programs, on the ledger to make it easier for budgeting. This keeps the expenses and offsetting donations in the same location on the financial statement for easier comparison.

Roz G. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Mesa L. seconded the motion.

## ***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

### ***May Value Shows:***

Roz G and Mary S. gave an update on the shows.

- Awards
  - Roz G. has the awards in her possession.
  - Kaitlyn F. has the highpoint buckles.
  - Roz G. will double check that the medal is lined up for the Medal class.
- Judging Clinic
  - Through Region 10 each year there is a Judging Clinic, however, no barns were available this year to host, therefore, it will be held at our May show on Saturday the 20th for a couple of hours.
  - Participants can judge class(es) and then compare with the official Judge's card.  
Rae Ann Bartz will be the coach for this.
- Volunteers
  - Kaitlyn F. will have a sign up sheet via Google available.
  - Office help and gate help is still needed.
  - The scribe and ring steward has been lined up.
- Sponsorships: Patrons & Class
  - These are always beneficial to helping with the cost of putting our shows on.
  - Kaitlyn F. and Mesa L. will work together again this year to assemble the baskets for our patrons. Kaitlyn will reach out to past sponsors to see if interested in sponsoring again this year.
- Pizza Night
  - Roz G. will go to the facility the first part of May to order pizza and to see how the progress is coming along after the fire at R&J Arena.

# Meeting Minutes Continued

## **Committee Reports Continued:**

### ***June Show:***

Lynda F. gave an update on the June show.

- Showbill
  - The showbill has been posted on the NMAHA website and on facebook.
- Volunteers—We need volunteers to help make this show run as smooth as possible.
  - Rick B. has a conflict with the date this year and cannot announce. Lance W. from Chanhassen has graciously volunteered.
  - Darcie Michaelis will be our ring steward.
  - Gate assistance and presenting ribbons is still needed.
- Sponsorships
  - Jaime L. will again encourage our members , non-members and businesses to sponsor a class or two.
- Food Truck
  - No food truck is available without booking well in advance.
  - The show committee will discuss options.
- Awards
  - The awards are still being finalized.

### ***Royalty Program:***

Jaime L. gave an update on the Royalty.

- 2024 Royalty
  - Jaime L. presented changes/additions that she felt would be beneficial to the competition, including adding Trail and Trail-In-Hand as classes that would qualify for the Horsemanship portion of the contest. This particular suggestion was not agreed upon, instead it was then suggested that if those two classes were added, it may as well be open to any and all classes. That was not the intent of the royalty advisor, therefore no additional classes were added to the horsemanship portion of the competition.
  - Application deadline is May 15, 2023. The application can be found on our website or contact Jaime Liestman.

A motion was made by Jaime L. that any official show, excluding 4-H and Fun Shows be can be allowed to show an Arabian Type horse for the Horsemanship qualification portion of the contest. The contestant needs to provide the Royalty Advisor the Show Name, Show Location, Judge(s), Class Name, Date of Show and their placing(s) by October 1st of the contest year. Darcie M. seconded this motion.

### ***Ambassador Program:***

Jean L. reminded people to participate in these programs, as this is a good way to encourage new individuals to join our club.

- Budget
  - Discussion ensued when a board member asked if the budget could be increased for the Ambassador/Hands & Hooves programs. A few board members asked for clarification if these programs award costs were comparable to what those members gave back to the club.
  - The budget was previously set for the participants of the 2023 awards, which will be presented in 2024, so at a later date it can be discussed for future years.

# Meeting Minutes Continued

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Club Membership/participation brainstorming committee:*

- The committee should revisit ideas to try to not only attract new members, but help engage our current membership.

*Arabians Unplugged*

- Carole Thuringer has taken over the task of being the AU treasurer.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Region 10 Report—Youth Gathering Day:*

- The Youth Gathering Day was held at the Spring Fling show in Winona, MN.

*Henry Wulf:*

- Darcie M. made a motion that a memorial gift for Henry Wulf be purchased as he was one of the clubs original members and since he has family members who are active in our club. This motion was seconded by Laura L.

## **OTHER:**

*Meeting Dates:*

August 19, 2023: Reflection Farm, Litchfield—Trail Ride in AM, followed by Potluck @ Noon and meeting @ 1:00 PM

October 14, 2023: Residence of Kaitlyn F., St. Cloud— Potluck @ Noon, Meeting @ 1:00 PM

December 9, 2023: Green Roof Area Center, Paynesville, MN—Potluck @ Noon, Meeting @ 1:00 PM followed by the Royalty Crowning

Laura L. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30, with Lynda F. seconding the motion.

*Jaime Liestman,*

NMAHA Secretary

# In Remembrance

## HENRY WULF

June 30, 1936 - March 30, 2023

Henry and his wife, Loretta owned and lived on a farm near Brainerd with their two daughters, Valerie and Heather, where they raised Arabian

horses and all were active in the Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association and the North Star Arabian Horse Breeders Futurity Program. Henry was a three-time President of NMAHA and twice the recipient of the NMAHA

President's Award. He spent many years promoting and assisting with the Pillager Cup Ride sponsored by NMAHA beginning in the late 1960's. He won the 50-mile Pillager Cup Ride in 1969 and went on to place second at the 100-Mile Kettle Moraine Ridge in Wisconsin the same year with a horse he had raised.

He was also a past-President of the North Star Arabian Horse Breeders. Henry will be greatly missed by the NMAHA family.

