

# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

January 13, 2024  
NMAHA Meeting, Virtual

March 23, 2024:  
NMAHA Potluck and Meeting, Green Roof Area  
Center, Paynesville, MN

April 20, 2024 :  
NMAHA Potluck and Meeting, Green Roof Area  
Center, Paynesville, MN

June 1, 2024:  
NMAHA OEIP/WSCA Show, Litchfield, MN

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## President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective...

For those of us who care for animals outdoors, the mild winter thus far has been welcome!

After a several year hiatus, our rejuvenated NMAHA Christmas Party proved to be a delightful time. We welcomed some old faces, introduced some new faces and were graced with a few visitors. We had a plethora of food, a photo booth area, a few mixer games, gift exchange, announced some specialty awards, bid farewell to the outgoing 2023 Royalty, welcomed the 2024 incoming Royalty and even conducted a business meeting.



Our club received an acknowledgement award for our participation in the AHA Club Excellence Awards. Two members nominated our club for the “Breed Promotion/Community Involvement” portion of the contest, focusing on our Royalty program and our Hands and Hooves program. Although we did not win any of the cash awards our efforts were mentioned.

For the 2023 President's Award, I chose Jaime Liestman. This award is to honor one of our hard working volunteer members. Thank you!

We appreciate and thank our outgoing royalty, Queen Missy Beecroft and Jr. Queen Lily Schlangen and congratulate our 2024 royalty, Queen Jaime Liestman, Jr. Queen Lily Schlangen and Princess Payden Hopp.

Please watch for details for our January virtual meeting which will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to each and every one of you for making 2023 a very interesting and memorable year!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Jean Liestman*  
NMAHA President

# President's Perspective Continued

## 2023 NMAHA President's Award



I am proud to present the 2023 NMAHA President's award to Jaime Liestman. Jaime grew up with a keen appreciation and love for Arabian horses. She has a number of responsibilities within our club: Secretary and board member, as well as starting the club's Royalty program and serving as it's advisor.

In 2024, she will serve as NMAHA's Queen. In addition, Jaime helps her mother turn out a newsletter that is a first class representation of what our club does. She is continually seeking out new members or trying to involve existing members in order to improve our club.

I appreciate that Jaime is always full of new ideas to promote both our club and the Arabian horse.

As the 2023 NMAHA President, I am thrilled to give her this well deserved award. Congratulations, Jaime!

## 2023 AHA Club Participation Award



# Meeting Minutes

## ***December 2023***

The meeting was held at the Green Roof Area Center, Paynesville, MN on December 9, 2023. There was a potluck prior to the meeting. Following the meeting, the crowning of the 2024 Royalty was done, as well as a gift exchange and games.

President, Jean Liestman called the meeting to order at 1:15. Members present in were: J. Liestman, L. Frenchick, J. Liestman, L. Schlangen, M. Beecroft, D. Michaelis, K. Frenchick, A. Schleper, G. Schleper, M. Schleper, R. Johnson, K. Lieser, F. Geurts, A. Frenchick and V. Temp. Visitors present were: D. Geurts, J. Fussy and K. Fussy.

There was a motion made to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter by Missy B. and a second by Valerie T.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Prior to the meeting, Valerie emailed reports to the officers and board. Valerie reported that there hasn't been much activity since the October meeting.

- The check for the Arabians Unplugged dues was mailed.
- The check was mailed to the Horseman's Distress Fund.

Katilyn F. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Darcie M. seconded the motion.

## **Committee Reports:**

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

Lynda F. gave an update.

- 2024
  - Ron at R&J Arena will be refunding the deposit for 2024, since the shows will not be held.
- 2025
  - Options are being discussed how to proceed in 2025.

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

Lynda F. gave an update on the June show.

- WSCA On Deck
  - The date and location are listed.
- Judges
  - Stacey Buswick and Josh Tjosaas have agreed to be our judges for 2024.

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

Jean L. reported that the deadline for forms to be in was December 1st.

- There are 14 adults and 2 youth in the Hands and Hooves program.
- There are 4 adults and 1 youth participating in the Ambassador program.

It was asked that it be discussed to have a separate category for Purebred or Half-Arabians that aren't registered to be allowed participation in these programs. This discussion will be tabled until the January meeting.

### ***Youth Judging:***

- Audrey F. and Frances G. gave an overview as two of the youth who competed on one of the two teams in judging and hippology contest at US Arabian Nationals.

Jean L. mentioned the nice article that was done on the Meeker County team in the Dassel newspaper.

# Meeting Minutes Continued

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *Board Position:*

- Kaitlyn F. reported that she will continue as a board member until the end of her term in 2024.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### *AHA Convention Recap:*

Kaitlyn F. and Jean L. gave an update on the convention and resolutions, which was held virtually.

### *MN Horse Council:*

Jean L. presented reasons as to why it could benefit NMAHA to become a member of the MN Horse Council, provided by Karen Clark. Dues are \$35.00 per year.

The following are a few examples that the MN Horse Council provides:

- MN Horse Expo
- Grants
- Disaster Committee
- Show Facility Committee
- Highschool "Letter" in Equine Activities
- Website availability for upcoming events

Darcie M. made a motion to pay the annual dues of \$35.00 for NMAHA to become a member. Gretchen S. seconded this motion.

### *Arabians Unplugged:*

Jaime L. gave an update on the AU banquet and possible changes coming for 2024.

- The banquet attendance was down.
- It is in the works to open AU participating shows to non-Arabian clubs, such as WSCA clubs/shows.
  - These shows would need to offer at least three (3) A/HA/AA specific classes.
  - Laura M. is working on finalizing the rules and forms need for this addition.

Overall, this circuit needs to be promoted more to continue.

### *Specialty Awards:*

Jean L. presented 2023 Specialty Awards.

- AHA
  - NMAHA received the Club Participation Award in recognition of the dedication to our current and future members. Jean read the two nominations that were sent in for this award.
- NMAHA President's Award
  - Jaime L. was presented with the President's Award.

### *Cash Drawings:*

- December in person winner: Gretchen S.
- 2023 meeting member attendee winner: Audrey F.

# Meeting Minutes Continued

## **NEW BUSINESS (continued):**

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

Jaime L. gave an update on the Royalty.

- 2023 Royalty
  - Thank you to our outgoing Royalty, Missy Beecroft–Queen and Lily Schlangen-Jr. Queen
- 2024 Royalty
  - Congratulations to our newly crowned Royalty, Jaime Liestman-Queen, Lily Schlangen-Jr. Queen and Payden Hopp-Princess.

## **OTHER:**

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- April 20, 2024: Green Roof Area Center, Paynesville, MN—Potluck @ Noon, Meeting @ 1:00 PM
- August 10, 2024: Reflection Farm, Litchfield, MN—Trail Ride at 10:00, Potluck @ Noon, Meeting @ 1:00 PM
- October 12, 2024: Location DBT—Potluck @ Noon, Meeting @ 1:00 PM
- December 7, 2024: Green Roof Area Center, Paynesville, MN—Potluck @ Noon, Meeting @ 1:00 PM followed by the Christmas party

Missy B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 PM, with Valerie T. seconding the motion.

*Jaime Liestman,*

NMAHA Secretary

2023

# Royalty Farewell



*Queen-Missy Beecraft*

Thank you for the opportunity to represent NMAHA as your Queen in 2023!

*Jr. Queen-Lily Schlangen*

I enjoyed being royalty in 2023, but it is the time for me to say goodbye to this year and hello to the next. I am very thankful for the opportunity to do royalty this year and for the people that make this association happen. I want to thank all of the members and the officials of NMAHA. Thank you to Jaime Liestman for managing the royalty program. I am very excited to start the next NMAHA royalty season and to work with all of the people I get to. Thank you to everyone again and I hope to see yet another successful season!







Team 1: Frances G., Kate L., Audrey F. & Ellionna L.  
Team 2: Taylor N., Bethany L., Shelby A., & Claire H.

# NMAHA sponsored *Youth Horse Judging & Hippology Teams* at US Arabian Nationals



# NMAHA

# Christmas Party

