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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 29-October 1, 2023

Distance Horse National Championship Ride,
Huntersville Hundred Site, located in Menahga,
MN

October 14, 2023:

NMAHA Meeting & Royalty Testing/Interviews,
St. Cloud, MN

November 13-18, 2023:

AHA National Convention, Virtual

December 9, 2023:

NMAHA Meeting & Royalty Farewell/Crowning,
Paynesville, MN

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President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective...

As of this writing, we have just completed our 2023 trail ride/ pot luck and meeting. The morning breeze kept the sweltering heat at bay during the ride for the enthusiastic group. I enjoyed seeing the variety in horses and riders!

Our May show in Verndale and our June show in Litchfield finished as profitable events for our club. Our volunteers and sponsors are pivotal in the success for these NMAHA shows. Thank you!



Our members have continued to enjoy and proudly promote their Arabian horses at the breed level, open & 4-H level and competitive trail events. We are proud of each of your accomplishments.

You can win great prizes by remembering to track your time for our Hands and Hooves program and save your competitive results for the Ambassador program. The Ambassador program forms are due by December 1st. Hands and Hooves forms are also due by December 1st, however, tracking your time ends on November 25th. Rules and forms for both can be found on our website.

At our club meeting, we decided to formulate a survey, which will be mailed to the membership. The purpose will be to get your input to better help us understand the direction and focus that we want our club to take in the future. When you receive the survey, please take the time to complete and return it.

We continue our mission to promote the Arabian horse to the general public in a positive manner. We must remember to take the time to allow people to see the gentle side of our beautiful Arabian horses.

Jean Liestman
NMAHA President

Meeting Minutes

August 2023

The meeting was held at Reflection Farm, Litchfield, MN and via Google Meet on August 19, 2023. The NMAHA annual trail ride was held on the RF Way Maker Trails, along with a potluck prior to the meeting.

President, Jean Liestman called the meeting to order at 12:57. Members present in person were: J. Liestman, L. Frenchick, J. Liestman, L. Schlangen, S. Woolcott, A. Schleper, G. Schleper, M. Schleper, B. Larson, M. Beecroft, K. Frenchick and V. Temp. Google Meet added R. Gilbert and M. Smith. Visitor present: A. Frenchick.

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

Treasurer Report:

Prior to the meeting, Valerie emailed reports to the officers and board. Valerie reported on the following:

- \$20,000.00 was transferred into the savings account from the checking account.
- Interest rates have increased. Valerie will check on opening a Certificate of Deposit.
- There is an additional sponsorship from the June show, not listed on the report, but the deposit was made for the sponsorship.

Kaitlyn F. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Audrey S. seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

May Value Shows:

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

- 2023
 - The two shows in Verndale did make a profit, in large due to our committed sponsors and patrons.
- 2024
 - Mary will no longer be the show office manger/secretary.
 - Do we want to continue to offer the Value shows going forward? Our show continues to get smaller with each passing year.
 - What are our goals as a club?
 - A committee made up of: Jean L., Mary S., Kaitlyn F., Jaime L., and Missy B. will create a survey to mail out to our members to get feedback as to the future of this show as well as other events membership would like to see. All of these events can only function when there are enough volunteers. The survey will need to be completed and returned prior to the October meeting.
 - There is one more year of our contract with R&J Arena in Verndale, MN.
- USEF LITE Shows
 - The purpose of USEF Lite is to promote and grow the competition environment. It will provide organizers of new, smaller, or formerly unlicensed competitions across the national breeds and disciplines with an entry point to the Licensed Competition environment by offering discounted fees and fewer barriers to entry.

Region 10:

Kaitlyn F. gave an update on the Region 10.

- Youth Fundraiser
 - Rob Bick clinic was held at Cedar Ridge Arabians on July 29th. A small group attended.
- The Region 10 show had a slight increase in exhibitors/horses this year.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Committee Reports Continued:

June Show:

Lynda F. gave an update on the June show.

- Showbill
 - Due to several classes with zero entries, we may have to look at omitting a few of those classes for next year.
 - Perhaps add an additional class or two.
- Volunteers—Thank you to all of our volunteers.
- Sponsorships
 - Thank you to the sponsors again this year. That is what helped to make our show a financial success.
- Food Truck
 - Jaime will reach out to a few food trucks for 2024.
- Date
 - The first weekend in June has created several conflicts with exhibitors. The show committee will discuss options for different dates in the future.
- Judges
 - Stacey Buswick has agreed to be one of our judges for 2024. Lynda has reached out to a couple others.

Ambassador Program:

Jean L. gave an overview on what both the Ambassador and Hands & Hooves programs are and the requirements to be involved in them, to our new members.

Royalty Program:

Jaime L. gave an update on the Royalty.

- 2023 Royalty
 - Our current royalty have done a nice job this year representing our club at different shows and events. Thank you to our Queen, Missy Beecroft and our Jr. Queen, Lily Schlangen
 - A replacement crown box was purchased for the sweetheart crowns and a replacement tiara was purchased for the Queen, as both the box and the tiara are damaged.
- 2024 Royalty
 - Three candidates turned in applications and have completed the Horsemanship/Equitation and Secret Judging portion of the competition, thus far. The remaining portion of the competition will take place at the October meeting, which is the Personal Interview, Written Exam, Essay and Speech for the Queen candidate. The candidates are as follows:
 - Queen—Jaime Liestman
 - Jr. Queen—Lily Schlangen
 - Princess—Payden Hopp
 - Member, Sue Woolcott has accepted the position as Co-Chair for the royalty program to ensure everything is fair and there are no discrepancies, since the Royalty Advisor is competing for the title of Queen.
 - Sashes have been ordered. A new company designed them this year, but the cost continues to rise.
 - Both t-shirts and sweatshirts have been ordered, but the cost of the sweatshirts will be donated by Reflection Farm.
 - Sash pins were ordered and arrived. These are donated by Reflection Farm.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Royalty Program (continued):

- The photo shoot was done in advance of the candidates for the 2024 Royalty, so they don't have to be done during the cold winter months. Thanks to Jean L. for donating her time as the photographer.

OLD BUSINESS

Club Membership:

- We have had several new members in recent months. Welcome to the club!

NEW BUSINESS:

Delegates:

- The AHA National Convention is November 13-18, held virtually.
The delegates for NMAHA are:
Jean Liestman and Kaitlyn Frenchick
The alternate delegates for NMAHA are:
Jaime Liestman and Missy Becroft

Youth Judging:

- Kaitlyn F. is looking into putting together a team for the Youth Judging competition at AHA Nationals.

Henry Wulf:

- Valerie T. thanked the club for the memorial gift for her father, Henry Wulf.

NMAHA Dressage Ring:

- Valerie T. would like to find a different location to have the old ring housed. The club decided to donate it to one of our current members.

Distance Horse National Ride:

- This year the ride will be held in Minnesota at Huntersville Hundred Site located in Menahga, September 29th thru October 1st.

Request by Board Member:

- Darcie M. sent a letter to President, Jean L. asking that the board approve an additional \$100.00 for each the Ambassador and Hands & Hooves programs.

It is possible to use some of the allotted funds for the delegates to attend the Nat'l convention be used for these programs, since there won't be travel expenses due to the convention being held virtually. Otherwise, this request should be brought up to the budget committee (Mary S. and Roz G.) for further discussion for the proposed budget, which is presented and voted on at the October meeting.

State 4-H Horse Show:

- In past years, NMAHA has donated funds to assist with costs of the highpoint buckle, which included us to place a half-page ad in the Show Program Book. Lynda F. will reach out to RaeAnn B. to see if this is still in place. Jaime L. will design the ad.

OTHER:

Meeting Dates:

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.

Meeting Adjourned

Jaime Liestman,

NMAHA Secretary

Queen's

Message



Hello Members! Can you believe we are half way through August already? Summer is soon coming to an end. Have you reached any goals or milestones with your horses this year? I have not spent as much time as I could have with mine but I'm working on changing that!

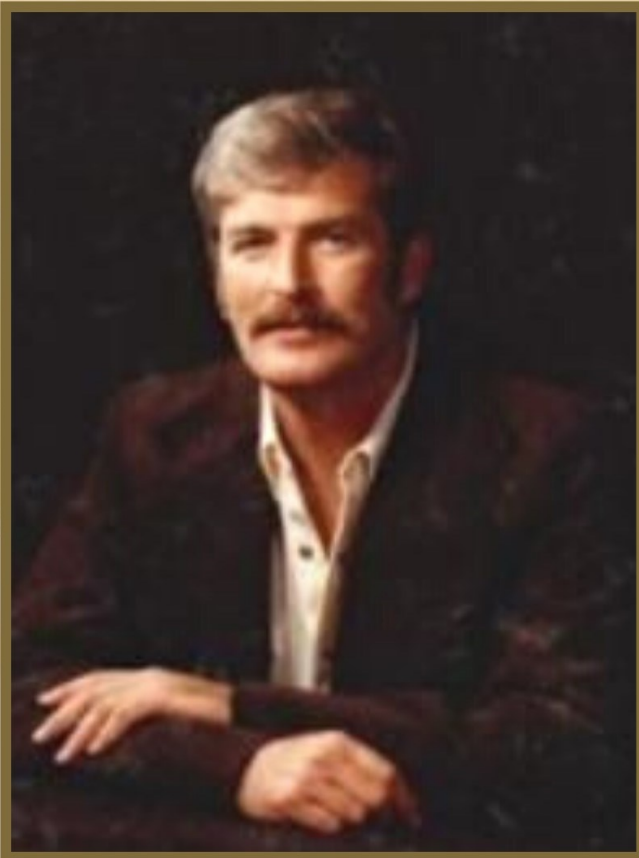
My filly is 2 now and we have started doing some ground work and desensitizing to prepare her for riding in the next couple years. I'm excited! This months meeting includes a trail ride/walk that I'm sure everyone enjoyed. Thank you to Reflection Farm for hosting and allowing us to enjoy their nice trails and surroundings!

Keep up the great work being ambassadors for the best horse breed there is (not that I'm biased or anything)! I hope some or many of you get to get out and do some trail riding and other activities this fall. Don't forget to log your hours for Hands and Hooves and remember to send in your Ambassador program entries by December 1st for some great prizes! Have a wonderful rest of your summer!

Missy Beecroft, 2023 NMAHA Queen



In Remembrance



Frank Strange

February 11, 1942 - April 25, 2023

The Northern MN Arabian Horse Association said good-bye to one of our members who was instrumental to our club in years gone by. Frank Strange graduated top of his class at River Falls College where he became a farrier. He was one of a few Certified Master Farriers in the USA. The F.L.S. Laminitis Procedure for horses was developed and founded by Frank. This sent him traveling where he was able to help numerous horses.



Not only did Frank serve as the NMAHA President in both 1973 & 1974, but he was the official farrier for our show that was held in Brainerd for several years.

Frank, along with his wife, Sandy and three sons, were passionate about Arabian horses. They trained and showed many horses to wins. Strange Arabians raised many foals and stood the Gamaar son,

SA WINDWALKER at stud.

He will be missed, but his contribution will not be forgotten.



NMAHA TRAIL RIDE

Reflection Farm
8.19.23

