

October 2023

# NEWSLETTER

“A Bit of Information”





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Schleper and their Arabian mares.  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 4, 2023:

Arabians Unplugged Banquet, Pizza Ranch in  
Champlin, MN at 1:00 PM

November 13-18, 2023:

AHA National Convention, Virtual

December 1, 2023:

NMAHA Ambassador and Hands & Hooves forms due  
to Jean Liestman

December 9, 2023:

NMAHA Christmas Party, Meeting  
& Royalty Farewell/Crowning, Paynesville, MN

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## President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective...

Even though NMAHA is a relatively small club, we are mighty! We have many members who have accomplished so much this season in such a variety of competitions. We are so very proud of you all! Thank you for presenting and sharing your Arabian horses.

We were pleased to sponsor two groups of youth who went to the Arabian Nationals to compete in Hippology and Horse Judging. We will tell you more about them in the next issue. What an experience to encounter the Arabian horse on that level!



Change can be exciting and change can be deflating. Letting go of NMAHA's May rated show for 2024 was an emotional and difficult decision. This show has left many with decades of memories and we thank those that put so much of themselves into this show. Several factors—many of them out of our control, led to our decision. We are grateful to Roz Gilbert and Mary Smith for their years as show manager and office manager.

NMAHA is not going away. We are planning and refocusing our energies. Please continue to support our June show in Litchfield and watch for other events.

Many thanks to Roz Gilbert and Katilyn Frenchick for their years of service as board members. Katilyn Frenchick and I will be our delegates to the virtual National Convention this year.

This is a reminder to get your forms in for the Ambassador and Hands & Hooves programs by Dec. 1st to win some great awards. Don't miss our December Christmas party on December 9th at the Paynesville Area Center. We will have our fabulous pot luck followed by a short meeting, gift exchange, games and crowning our upcoming royalty.

*Jean Liestman*  
NMAHA President

# Meeting Minutes

## ***October 2023***

The meeting was held at the residence of Kaitlyn Frenchick, St. Cloud, MN and via Google Meet on October 14, 2023.

President, Jean Liestman called the meeting to order at 1:00. Members present in person were: J. Liestman, L. Frenchick, J. Liestman, L. Schlangen, S. Woolcott, P. Hopp, M. Beecroft, M. Smith, L. Loch, D. Michaelis, R. Gilbert, K. Frenchick and V. Temp. Google Meet added A. Schleper, G. Schleper and M. Schleper. Visitor present: S. Pautzke.

There was a motion made to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter by Mary S. 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:

- The airfare for the judges at the May show was accidentally listed under the June show expenses on the financial report. That will be corrected.
- Interest rates have increased. Valerie will check on opening a Certificate of Deposit.
- A stop payment will be done on the two checks from the May show Roll of Dice class that have yet to be cashed.

Katilyn F. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Laura L. seconded the motion.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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.

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

- Kaitlyn F. reported that NMAHA is sponsoring two 4-H teams to compete in Youth Judging and Hippology at AHA Nationals.

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

Lynda F. gave an update on the June show.

- Showbill
  - Committee will meet in the near future to discuss the 2024 showbill.
  - Tri-State should be listed on the showbill recognizing that it is a participating show.
- Food Truck
  - Jaime reached out to a few food trucks for 2024. Stars N' Stripes BBQ truck has the vote.
- 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. A second judge needs to be hired yet.

# Meeting Minutes Continued

## **Committee Reports Continued:**

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

Jaime L. gave an update on the Royalty.

- 2024 Royalty
  - Three candidates will complete the remaining portion of the competition 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
  - A big Thank You to Sue Woolcott who has done a great job as position of 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.

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

Jean L. encouraged those who are participating in either or both programs to get their forms into her by December 1st, which is the postmarked date.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***4-H Judging Sponsorship:***

- NMAHA helped to sponsor two teams to attend the AHA Nationals to compete in Youth Judging and Hippology. Thank you to Roz G. for your support and helpful sponsorship, as well.
- The number of teams participating seems to have declined since COVID.

### ***Membership Highlights:***

- Jean L. congratulated the many NMAHA members who have much to be proud of! NMAHA had individuals compete at the State 4-H Horse show, 4-H Judging/Hippology, FFA Horse Judging, Minnesota Arabian Fall Fest and the Distance Horse National Ride Championship. Congrats to all!

### ***Registration of Delegates:***

- Registration has been completed.
- Kaitlyn F. made the motion with Darcie M. seconding the motion, to have \$200.00 available of the funds that would have been used for the delegates to travel in person to the convention put aside for the Ambassador and the Hands & Hooves programs if needed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### ***Region 10:***

Kaitlyn F. gave an update on the Region 10.

- The Region 10 next meeting is believed to be scheduled for November 5, 2023.

### ***Delegate Reimbursement:***

Jean L. and Kaitlyn F. will need to be reimbursed, \$185.40 each.

### ***Horseman's Distress Fund:***

Mary S. made a motion that NMAHA donated \$400.00 to the Horseman's Distress Fund. This motion was seconded by Roz G.

# Meeting Minutes Continued

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

### *WSCA Membership:*

- Roz G. made the motion that we continue with our membership to WSCA, which is a cost of \$70.00. Missy B. seconded the motion.  
-Lynda F. will mail a check.

### *Tri-State Membership:*

- Roz G. will donate the \$50.00 for the Tri-State dues and will list both the May and June show.

### *Arabians Unplugged:*

- Jaime gave an update on AU, which included announcing NMAHA members who will be getting awards at the banquet on November 4, 2023 at the Pizza Ranch in Champlin. Congratulations to: Brady Larson, Lily Schlangen and Payden Hopp.
  - The AU program is struggling with participation. Perhaps open the program up to other states or allow additional saddle clubs to participate.
  - Darcie M. made the motion with a second by Mary S. that we add an additional \$200.00 from our donation budget to be given to AU. This would make the total \$350.00 (\$150 for dues and \$200 for donation).

### *Resolutions:*

- Kaitlyn F. presented the resolutions that will be discussed at the AHA National Convention.
  - The list of resolutions can be found on the AHA website, but a few examples are:
    1. A SHOW ELIGIBLE HORSE CERTIFICATE: will be issued for a horse proven by their DNA to have been previously registered or, if not previously registered, proven by their DNA to be purebred or at least 50% Arabian blood...these horses would not be breeding eligible.
    2. INDIVIDUAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE: 1-year Adult Individual membership fee be increased by \$5, and the 3-year Adult Individual membership be increased by \$10.
    3. MULTIPLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP: An Adult Individual member may join more than one club by having the member declare one club as their original club and any other club (s) as additional club(s) and receive a discount of \$25 for each club after the original one for a 1 year membership.

### *Budget Proposal:*

- Mary S. reviewed the 2024 proposed budget with all meeting attendees.
  - Missy B. made a motion to increase the budget for the Ambassador and Hands & Hooves Programs to \$650.00. The motion was seconded by Lynda F.
  - A motion to approve the amended budget was made by Missy B with Laura L. seconding the motion.

### *Christmas Party:*

- December 9, 2023 Christmas Party with a \$25.00 gift for the gift exchange. Enjoy games and fellowship.

# Meeting Minutes Continued

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

### *Results of Membership Survey:*

- Jean L. gave an overview of the results, as well as handed out the anonymous results.
  - There was a vote by proxy to see if the May One Day shows would be held in 2024.  
The results were: In Favor of holding the show = 4 / Opposed to holding the show = 10
  - Roz G. will contact R&J to cancel our date.
  - Jean L. will post an announcement on the NMAHA facebook page.

## **OTHER:**

### *Election of NMAHA Officers and Board of Directors:*

It was a white ballot for the officers and the one board position available, with a motion made by Sue W. and a second by Missy B.

### The positions are as follows:

- President: Lynda Frenchick
- Vice President: Jean Liestman
- Treasurer: Valerie Temp
- Secretary: Jaime Liestman
- Board Member: Laura Loch

### Board Member positions not up for election:

- Board Member: Melissa Beecroft
- Board Member: Darcie Michaelis

### Board Members stepping down, effective immediately and which are available by election:

- Board Member: Kaitlyn Frenchick
- Board Member: Roz Gilbert

### *Meeting Dates:*

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

Valerie T. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 PM, with Sue W. seconding the motion.

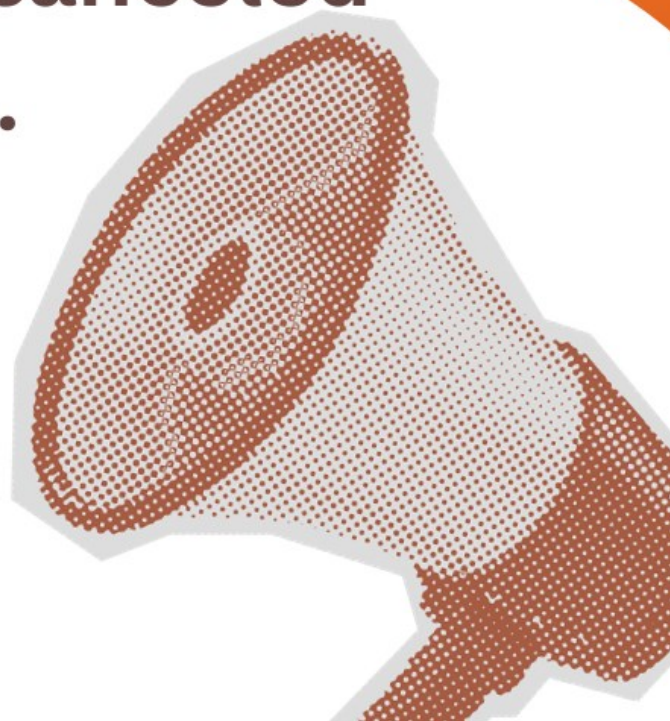
*Jaime Liestman,*

NMAHA Secretary



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to several factors  
the NMAHA  
May One Day Shows  
in Verndale are canceled  
for 2024.



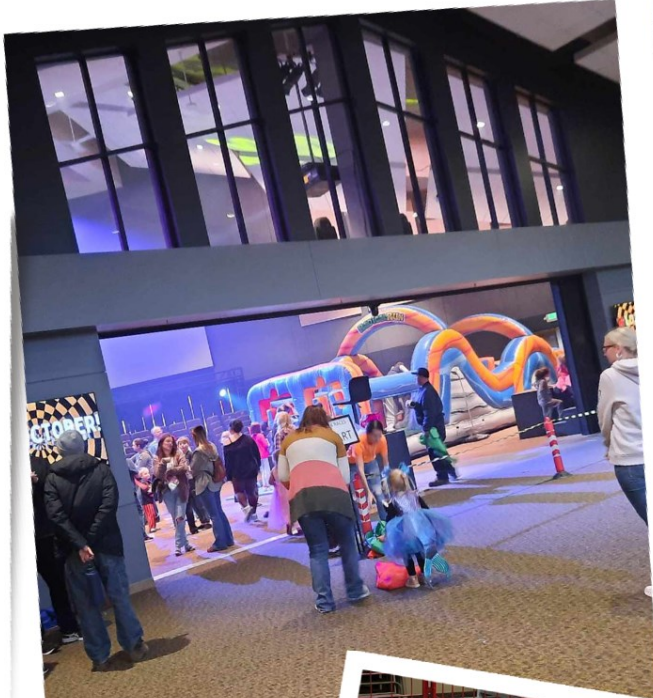
It is with great regret that NMAHA has made the difficult decision to discontinue our May weekend AHA One Day back to back Value Shows in 2024, which have been held at R & J Arena in Verndale in recent years. Many have worked tirelessly to make this show happen and we are extremely appreciative. We are proud of the quality of show that we have offered, but with declining entries and volunteers, we felt this was the right choice for our association at this time. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful participants, sponsors, staff and volunteers of our past shows. We will continue to hold our June OEIP/WSCA show in Litchfield. Watch for any other upcoming new events as we continue to take into consideration our club's wants and needs in changing times.



# WILD OCTOBER!

Cornerstone Church

Promoting the  
Arabian Horse  
within the  
Community  
Reflection Farm  
with  
ZLA MATIZ





# Congrats

to our NMAHA  
*members*  
on your achievements!

Lynda Frenchick

Kaitlyn Frenchick

Rachel Temp

Valerie Temp

Holly Connaker

Macy Miller

Mesa Lieser

Brittney Tollefson

Lily Schlangen

Payden Hopp

Audrey Frenchick

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# HAPPY FALL

