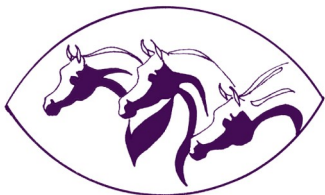


Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association



NMAHA NEWSLETTER

April 2021



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Dates to Remember:

May 15, 2021— NMAHA Royalty Applications Due

May 15 & 16, 2021—NMAHA Value Shows-Verndale

June 5, 2021—NMAHA OEIP/WSCA Show-Litchfield

August 14, 2021—NMAHA Trail Ride/Meeting—
Reflection Farm, Litchfield

President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective.....

The weather for our April meeting was pleasant and sunny. We held our meeting in person and via Zoom. Our discussion covered many topics. First being our May Arabian Value Shows. We are ready for this show except we are in need of more volunteers. Particularly people to help with the gates. All volunteers will receive a complimentary face mask with our logo on it. Thank you for all who have already signed up to help and I encourage all of our membership to contact an officer or board member to sign up to help even if it is only an hour it all helps!!

We are also looking for class sponsors to financially support the show and for donations to our Silent Auction to raise funds for the NMAHA youth. Please consider doing this if you are not able to physically volunteer. Class Sponsor is \$25 and Silent Auction is a basket of items. Class sponsor form is on our website under Show Forms and contact Kaitlyn Frenchick regarding the Silent Auction.

Our June show is ready also. This show also needs volunteers and sponsors. Please consider helping - more hands make the work easier and certainly takes a large worry off of the Show Management.

I look forward to seeing you at our shows! Enjoy spring - as we will soon be into summer. The next meeting of NMAHA will be in August.

Until then stay safe!

Lynda Frenchick

NMAHA President

Meeting Minutes

March 2021

On April 17, 2021, the meeting was held in person at the Paynesville Community Center in Paynesville, MN. Individuals could also attend via Zoom. President, Lynda Frenchick called the meeting to order at 1:12 PM. Members present in person were: J. Liestman, V. Temp, J. Liestman, K. Frenchick, and M. Smith. Those members who attended via Zoom were: R. Gilbert, M. Beecroft, J. Woolcott and L. Mueller.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from January as published in the newsletter by Kaitlyn F. and a second by Jean L.

Treasurer Report:

Valerie T. had emailed the officers/board the current Treasurer's report prior to the meeting and also gave an update at the meeting.

-Rachel purchased 20 facemasks with the NMAHA logo on them for our volunteers at the shows. The bill came to \$211.25 and is in "Advertising and Promotion".

-It was pointed out to Valerie that the current savings account rate and current CD rates (all terms) are all at the same, extremely low, rate. The suggestion was made that cashing both CDs and putting them in a savings account would yield the same interest, but would keep the money liquid and available to invest at higher rates whenever those become available. This would allow for the opportunity to shop around after our shows are finalized for high CD rates. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the funds from the CDs are currently in our checking account. Hopefully, a Business Savings account will be opened in the near future.

Jaime L. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report with Jean L. seconding that motion.

Committee Reports:

The One Day Shows:

Awards, judges, etc:

-All are finalized.

Volunteers:

-Kaitlyn F. has the Google document created. Volunteers are still needed. Currently Ring Steward is covered for both days. We are still in need of assistance with manning the gate and perhaps more assistance with presenting ribbons in the ring.

A table will be set up with 1st place prizes that the exhibitor can choose from. A "card" could be presented to the 1st place exhibitor along with their ribbon stating they need to turn in that card to receive an award from the prize table. There are a total of 117 classes that require 1st place prizes.

Sponsorships:

-NMAHA members are encouraged to find sponsors.

-Mary S. has received a few sponsorships.

Youth Day:

-Kaitlyn F. has a form for the gift baskets for the fundraiser for Youth Day. The form has a place to list the individual/farm who donated the basket, the contents of the basket and the value of the contents. The baskets can be brought to the show.

Hippology:

-Kaitlyn F. did create an event on our Facebook page. The contest is virtual with a fee of \$5.00 to participate. She will reach out to local FFA chapters to promote the contest, as well. The buckle was ordered and will be of no cost to our club, as Kaitlyn found a sponsor.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Committee Reports (Cont):

Face Masks:

-Rachel T. did order 20 face masks with the NMAHA logo. Cost totaled \$211.00

It was suggested that the judges and announcer receive a mask in addition to our volunteers.

Hand Sanitizer:

-Lynda F. reported that CentraCare donated 2 dozen pocket size hand sanitizers.

We will still need to purchase a large bottle or two. Roz G. will also bring hand sanitizer.

Items to do yet:

-Roz G. or Mary S. will purchase a box of disposable masks. If there are any left they could be used at the June show.

June OIEP/WSCA Show:

Awards/Ribbons:

-The awards and ribbons are all set.

Volunteers:

-Volunteers are needed.

Rick Beecroft has agreed to be our announcer.

Food stand:

-Lynda F. reviewed the WSCA guidelines for Covid and volunteer operated food stands are allowed. If we can find a group or family to be in charge of this then food will be available on the grounds, otherwise not this year.

We have a few leads on a food truck for 2022.

Fairgrounds Contract:

-Lynda F. did not reserve the Beef barn this year, as that is an additional cost. The fairgrounds is requiring a new check to cover the deposit.

Sponsorships:

-Sponsorships are needed. Feed Co will donate the bags of shavings.

Arena:

-The arena needs work prior to our show, maybe tilled. Lynda F. can see if Joe Yanish would be available to do this. He assists with this for the 4-H activities.

-Reflection Farm will take care of dragging the arena during our show.

-Warm Up Area:

Lynda F. thought we could have a warm up area on the west end of the arena. Panels could be set up to block off the show area. This would be beneficial to have and would be the same footing.

Covid:

-385 people capacity per acre.

-Ring Stewards are allowed.

-Bleachers/picnic tables can be used.

Ambassador:

Jean L reported that forms for both of the programs are available on the website. There are also current photos of Ambassador winners and participants thanks to Lynda F.

Royalty:

Jaime L. gave an update on the Royalty.

-The Royalty application/guidelines are available on the NMAHA website or Jaime can be contacted. Deadline is May 15, 2021.

Meeting Minutes Continued

OLD BUSINESS:

AHA request to contact AHA members with no club affiliation:

- Currently the AHA website is down. Memberships can be granted via phone. A post should be made on our facebook page notifying individuals of the situation.

Mary S. made the motion that Lynda F. will send a letter out to potential members, stating that a one time fee will be waived for their NMAHA membership if they already are an existing AHA member or will be joining AHA. NMAHA membership will be credited once the individual joins AHA. This motion was seconded by Kaitlyn F.

Contract Renewal:

- The contract for R&J Arena in Verndale can either be extended for one year or three years. At the end of the May show is when the contract will be renewed. If a three year contract was signed, we potentially could get a better rental rate. There is no penalty on our current contract if we should terminate early.
- The arena in Hinckley is still an option. They would have granted us our dates prior, but not sure if that is still an option going forward.

Other:

Region 10 Report:

Mary S. and Kaitlyn F. gave an update on the Region 10 meeting.

Region 10 show is June 9-13, 2021.

- There will be 20 classes held on Wednesday for the Pre-show.
 - The cattle barn will be used as a warm up arena.
 - Region 11 show is the previous week leaving concern that Region 10 will be smaller due to this.
 - Volunteers are needed for Region 10.
 - There will be a fundraiser.
 - A virtual horse judging contest will be available.
 - Sponsorships are needed for the Region 10 show from clubs as well as barns and individuals.
A motion was made by Jean L. with a second by Mary S. that NMAHA donate \$100 as a sponsorship for two classes or one championship class.
 - A virtual meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2021 to finalize things.
- Scholarships are available on the Region 10 website.

WSCA:

- Membership update is due by May 31, 2021, which Lynda F. will take of doing.

Historical Club Items:

- Mary S. has many items, documents, etc. that she'd like to rehome that are a great source of history for our club.
- In the future there could be a page in the newsletter, "Spotlight on Honorary Members".

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- August 14, 2021 NMAHA Trail Ride and meeting held at Reflection Farm, Litchfield, MN. Time TBD. Meeting will be available via Zoom for those who aren't able to attend in person.

Valerie T. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Kaitlyn F. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM

Jaime Liestman,
NMAHA Secretary

Coloring Fun!



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