

# APRIL

# NEWSLETTER

2024



“A Bit of Information”

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 26-28, 2024:

MN Horse Expo, State Fairgrounds

May 1-31, 2024:

Meet An Arabian Horse Month

May 15, 2024:

Royalty Applications Due

June 1, 2024:

NMAHA OEIP/WSCA Show, Litchfield, MN

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## President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective...

Well as I finally sit down to write this it is already May. Finally, we have Spring and with that unfortunately the bugs (found my first wood tick this morning). I can't say I don't know where the time has gone since our April meeting. I do know where it went! trying to get my gelding and myself in shape for our first horse show in between the rainy days.

We had a wonderful turnout at our April meeting and discussion. A proposal was made to add to our Ambassador program by recognizing our members that show at AHA qualified shows, Regional and National. This was voted on and approved by the members present and online. We are excited to expand this program. Please see our NMAHA Face Book posting or contact Kaitlyn Frenchick for more information.



Another goal to promote our club and programs is to get the word out to people attending open WSCA shows with the Arabians and part Arabians by having members hand out information on our club and programs to those attending. If you know you will be going to one of these shows, please reach out to Jaime Liestman or myself.

Things are getting into place for our June show held in Litchfield on June 1st. Still looking for sponsors and volunteers. Ribbons are ordered, judges are set and facility reserved. As show secretary I would like to encourage everyone who plans to attend to send in your class registration, stall reservations, etc. early. I do use a computer program and it is nice if I don't have to enter people the night before the show starts. Thank you!

Also please be aware if you plan on using your placings in our show to compete at WSCA Championships show you need to pre-register before you compete at our show with WSCA.

See you at our show!

*Lynda Frenchick*  
NMAHA President

# Meeting Minutes

***April 2024***

The meeting was held in person at the Green Roof Area Center in Paynesville as well as virtually via Google Meet on April 20, 2024. Prior to the meeting, potluck was enjoyed.

President, Lynda Frenchick called the meeting to order at 1:03. Members present in were: J. Liestman, L. Frenchick, J. Liestman, M. Lieser, A. Schleper, G. Schleper, M. Schleper, L. Loch, M. Smith, V. Temp, A. Frenchick. K. Frenchick and K. Olson. M. Beecroft and M. Haynes joined via Google Meet.

There was a motion made to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter by Mary S. and a second by Jean L.

## Treasurer Report:

Prior to the meeting, Valerie emailed the financial reports to the officers and board.

Valerie reported the following:

- There has not been much activity.
- There was a \$15 cash membership that was not included on the reports from the past meeting.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Lynda F. gave an update on the June show.

- Fairgrounds Contract
  - Aggie did send the contract, which Lynda will fill out and return.
- Awards/Ribbons
  - Lynda F. will order ribbons that are needed. Mostly first and second place is what is low.
  - Jaime L. put the new plates on for the championship neck ribbons. Only the Half- Arabian ribbons/plates were needed as the Purebred ribbons can be used from last year.
- Sponsorships
  - As always, sponsorships are a big need for this show to continue. Please think about being a sponsor.
  - Forms can be found on the website.
  - FeedCo is willing to donate shavings again this year.
- Volunteers
  - Darcie M. has volunteered to be the ring steward.
  - Laura L. will volunteer where needed.
  - Lance W. mentioned he would be the announcer.
  - The Schleper family will volunteer as needed.
  - Members of 4-H Horse Judging teams that NMAHA sponsored have agreed to volunteer.
  - Mary S. will assist in the office.
- Judges
  - Lynda has reached out to a couple judges for the 2025 show.
- 2025 Show Manager
  - Lynda is stepping down as the show manager for 2025.

# Meeting Minutes Continued

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

### ***Ambassador/Hands & Hooves:***

Jean L. reported on these two programs.

- For those who wanted forms, they were available at the meeting, otherwise they are available on the website.
- \$591.81 was spent for both programs for the 2023 awards that were presented at the March meeting.
- Gretchen S. mentioned other ways that we could be ambassadors of the Arabian horse.
- Kaitlyn F. and Mesa L. proposed that any professional participating in the Hands & Hooves program be held to a different set of rules than others. Making it so any activity that would be considered income would not count towards points. They feel the current set of rules is unfair. Also, that the owners of any horses being used in the program sign a form authorizing this. This discussion was tabled until the August meeting.

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

Jaime L. reported on the Royalty.

- Thank you to the royalty who teamed up with Reflection Farm for ditch clean up through the Adopt-A-Highway program.
- One application has been received for the 2025 Royalty.
- Applications are due by May 15, 2024.

### ***Youth***

Kaitlyn F. shared regarding the for Region 10.

- Region 10 is trying to have more activities, such as a street dance and other out reach programs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***AVS/May Show Committee:***

Lynda F. is searching for others to join her on a committee for potentially holding a May show in 2025.

- Brittney T. reached out asking to be part of the committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### ***Volunteers for Region 10 Show– June 5-9:***

Volunteers are needed.

- Gift card drawings will be given out daily for volunteers.
- Mary S. will be scribing for the Working Western classes.

### ***Ringside Discussion:***

Members of the Education and Evaluation Commission will be offering a series of Ring Side

Discussions in 2024. The goal is to provide new members/exhibitors informative and interactive discussions while watching classes from the ring side to help demystify the judging process.

### ***WSCA Club Membership list:***

The list of our club members needs to be updated to WSCA by May 31, 2024.

# Meeting Minutes Continued

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

### *NMAHA Fun Show:*

Marjorie S. made the motion to hold a NMAHA fun show on September 7th at Reflection Farm that would be a low key and relaxed atmosphere which would be a way to recruit new members. The show would offer both tradition as well as untraditional classes with and without horses.

- An amendment was made by Audrey to have the show committee be the following: Gretchen S., Majorie S., Audrey S., Jean L. and Jaime L. The amended motion carried and passed.

### *Local/WSCA Shows:*

These shows are a good opportunity to pass out information and forms about our club and the programs we offer.

### *Rated Show Highpoint Program:*

Kaitlyn F. made the motion with Mary S. seconding the motion to add a program for individuals showing at more competitive levels such as rated, regional and national shows. Official Endurance and Competitive rides would also be included.

- Kaitlyn F. will chair this program and will work on getting sponsorships for funding awards the first year of the program.

## **OTHER:**

### *Next NMAHA Meeting:*

August 10, 2024, following a morning trail ride and noon potluck.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM with a motion by Valerie T. and a second to adjourn by Kaitlyn F.

*Jaime Liestman,*

NMAHA Secretary