

Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association



NMAHA NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember:

January 21, 2023—NMAHA Annual Meeting— virtual
March 25, 2023—NMAHA meeting and Ambassador/
Hands & Hooves Awards, Green Roof Area Center,
Paynesville

President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective...

Winter is certainly upon us. Despite the frigid cold temps, we have been graced with the beauty that winter holds.

Thank you to our two delegates, Lynda Frenchick and Kaitlyn Frenchick who attended the AHA National Convention. Two of our NMAHA members were recognized by AHA for their volunteer efforts this past year. Kaitlyn Frenchick received the Regional Volunteer Service Award and Jaime Liestman received the Club Volunteer Service Award. Volunteers on every level are what help to make our club continue to be active. If volunteering is something that interests you, please contact myself or another board member.

At the December meeting, the President's Award was announced. I chose Lynda Frenchick to be the 2022 recipient of this award. Thank you to Lynda for all she does for our club!

We have members that deserve acknowledgement for their success involving their Arabians and Part-Arabs. Holly Connaker and her gelding, Gin J+// placed Top 10 in both HA/AA Western Pleasure AATR Select and HA/AA Gelding Performance Halter AAOTH at US Nationals. Rayanna KL, owned by Lynda Frenchick and Kaitlyn Frenchick went Top Ten at US Arabian Nationals in the Purebred Arabian Yearling Filly class. Rachel Temp was named Competitive Novice High Point Endurance Rider by the Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association (UMECRA).

The 2023 Royalty was crowned at our last meeting. On behalf of NMAHA, I would like to congratulate Missy Beecroft on being crowned as our Queen and Lily Schlangen crowned our Jr. Queen. These ladies play an important role, not only promoting our club, but the Arabian horse industry as a whole.

Our Annual meeting will take place on January 21, 2023. At the end of this meeting our new and returning Officers and Board members will be taking over. This will be a virtual meeting only. Please consider joining us!

As 2022 comes to a end, I'd like to close by thanking everyone who made our 2022 shows a success, even with horse shows having a decline in participation across the nation.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Jean Liestman
NMAHA President

Meeting Minutes

December 2022

The meeting was held at the Green Roof Area Center in Paynesville, MN and via Google Meet on December 10, 2022. Prior to the meeting those in attendance enjoyed a potluck. President, Jean Liestman called the meeting to order at 12:58. Members present were: J. Liestman, L. Frenchick, K. Frenchick, J. Liestman, M. Beecroft, V. Temp, M. Lieser, K. Lieser, D. Michaelis, L. Lock and M. Smith/L. Mueller via Google Meet. Visitor in attendance was S. Woolcott. After the meeting, the 2023 Royalty was crowned: Queen—Missy Beecroft and Jr. Queen— Lily Schlangen.

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

Treasurer Report:

Prior to the meeting, Valerie emailed reports to the officers and board. She reviewed the report at the meeting.

- Valerie reported that two checks that NMAHA paid out were returned to NMAHA as “uncashed”. Valerie will provide Mary S. with the information to get the checks to the payable parties.

Missy B. made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and Mary S. seconded the motion.

Committee Reports:

May Value Shows:

Mary S. gave an update on the shows

- Entries and the number of stalls reserved were down in 2022 from 2021.
- Dates for 2023
 - Reserved for May 20th and 21st.
- After the holidays, the show committee will meet to discuss the 2023 shows in detail.
- In the future, it will be time to train in someone to take Mary S. and Roz G. place with their commitment and responsibility for and at the show.
 - Mary S. will reach out to Lisa Berhow from Wisconsin to see if she would be available and willing to travel the distance to be the show secretary. It is possible Best Mess program would not then be used.
 - The duties could go to someone additional outside of our club.

June Show:

Lynda F. gave an update on the June show.

- Judges
 - Clara Bushal, has been asked back for 2023.
 - Lynda will look at contacting a second judge this month.
- 2023 Date
 - A deposit has been paid for the fairgrounds in for June 3rd.
- Ribbons as a rule are ordered in March.

Ambassador Program:

Jean L. reported on the Ambassador and Hands & Hooves Programs

- The deadline has come and gone for both programs.
 - 16 Participants in the Hands & Hooves Program and 8 in the Ambassador Program.
- Awards have been ordered and received, there are just being finalized.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Committee Reports Continued:

Youth:

Kaitlyn F. gave an overview on the Youth Program:

- Youth Judging
 - The NMAHA Team at AHA Nationals finished Reserve Overall in the Youth Judging out of 5 or 6 teams that competed. Congratulations to them!

NEW BUSINESS:

Convention Recap:

- Our club delegates , Lynda F. and Kaitlyn F. gave an overview of the AHA Convention.
 - Many of the proposed resolutions that were passed didn't result in much discussion; however, there were 4 that were presented and discussed at most all committee meetings, listed below:
 - #5 : Main Ring judges are able to be certified to judge Sport Horse under saddle and in-hand at the local shows, not at Regional or National shows. This does not allow the main ring judges to judge dressage classes. This resolution was approved.
 - #6 : Altering Tail, more clarification was listed for this resolution and it was approved.
 - #7 : Shoe Weight Limits, which would allow for a weight that goes outside of the pad, up to 5 ounces which can be removed. That would give the horse a break from wearing as much weight in a shoe all of the time. This resolution was approved.
 - #8 : Tongue Ties, is permissible in the show ring for driving horses and horses in a double bridle. All disciplines are allowed to tie the tongues in the warm up arena, but only these two exceptions listed above are allowed in the judging arena. This resolution was approved.
- Kaitlyn was recognized and awarded a Regional Volunteer Service Award at the ceremony held at the convention. Congratulations, Kaitlyn!

Arabians Unplugged:

- Treasurer
 - AU will be looking for a different treasurer for 2023 as Karron Denk is no longer the MHAHA's treasurer.

Specialty Awards:

- 2022 President's Award
 - President, Jean L. presented Lynda F. with the President's Award.
 - AHA Regional Volunteer Award
 - Kaitlyn F. was recognized by President, Jean L. for receiving our region's Volunteer Service Award.
 - AHA Club Level Award
 - President, Jean L. presented Jaime Liestman with the AHA Club Volunteer Service Award.
- Congratulations to all on a job well done!

Meeting Minutes Continued

NEW BUSINESS continued:

- *Christmas Party Drawings*
The two winners of the \$50 cash drawings were: Jaime L. and Jean L.
- *NMAHA Member Recognition*
Rachel T. was named Competitive Novice High Point Endurance Rider by the Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association (UMECRA).

Lynda F. and Kaitlyn F. of MK Arabians had their filly, Rayanna KL go Top Ten at US Arabian Nationals in the Purebred Arabian Yearling Filly class.

Holly Johnson Connaker and her gelding, Gin J+// earned Top Ten in HA/AA Gelding Performance Halter AAOTH and Top Ten in HA/AA Western Pleasure AATR Select at US Nationals.
- *Member Spotlight*
Don't forget to be part of the NMAHA Member Spotlight, if you so choose.
- *Virtual Meeting Options*
Zoom or Google Meet: further discussion on which is the best option for the majority of our members or those who would like to attend virtual is needed before the January meeting and going forward.

Royalty Crowning :

-Congratulations to our 2023 Royalty:

Queen— Missy Beecroft

Jr. Queen — Lily Schlangen

Both royalty members received two traveling crowns, a 2023 sash, a NMAHA Royalty shirt and a rose upon being crowned.

OTHER:

Meeting Dates

January 21, 2023: Virtual only Meeting at 1:00 PM

March 25, 2023: Green Roof Area Center, Paynesville, MN —Potluck @ Noon, Meeting @ 1:00 PM followed by the Ambassador and Hands & Hooves Awards

April 22, 2023: Green Roof Area Center, Paynesville, MN —Potluck @ Noon, Meeting @ 1:00 PM

August 19, 2023: Reflection Farm, Litchfield—Trail Ride in AM, followed by Potluck @ Noon and meeting @ 1:00 PM

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

Adjournment

Jaime Liestman,
NMAHA Secretary

NMAHA 2022 President's Award

Congratulations!



Lynda Frenchick

I am proud to be able to present the Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association President's award to Lynda Frenchick. Lynda has been involved with the Arabian breed for much of her life. She can be found doing an amazing amount of work behind the scenes, as well as in the public view. From horse show mom and grandma, to showing her own horses, she has been a tremendous asset to our club.

Her contribution as a past President and Executive Board Member has been no small task, as well as representing our club as one of our delegates to the National Convention. Her commitment to doing what needs to be done is some of the glue that holds this club together.

Lynda is a wealth of knowledge and we are fortunate to have her as part of our group. Thank you, Lynda.

Respectfully,
Jean Liestman, NMAHA President

AHA Volunteer Awards

CONGRATULATIONS



KAITLYN FRENCHICK
AHA Regional Volunteer
Service Award

Jaime has been a dedicated member of our Arabian horse association for nearly a decade. She wears many hats and takes on many responsibilities. She has been a board member and has served in the role of secretary for several years. She assists with the newsletter compilation. Another of her accomplishments has been to implement and maintain the royalty program in her club. Jaime has shown many of her riding lesson students how to love and appreciate the Arabian horse and several have gone on to participate in shows through her guidance and encouragement. Her drive to garner sponsorships has kept NMAHA's OEIP show financially stable and has allowed her club to continue to offer this show. During the COVID restrictions, Jaime started a HANDS & HOOVES program to reward members for time spent with their Arabian horses, when shows were not able to be offered. Jaime is her club's representative to the ARABIANS UNPLUGGED group that rewards those showing in non rated Arabian shows, where she also sits on the steering committee. Her farm has hosted a trail ride for NMAHA members for the past three years. Jaime is always willing to volunteer and to share her love of the Arabian horse. We feel she is deserving of recognition.



JAIME LIESTMAN
AHA Club Volunteer
Service Award

2022 National Accomplishments

Congratulations!



National Honors

1. **Rachel Temp** and her gelding, *Triumphant Echo*, earned the Novice Highpoint for the Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association.
2. **Lynda & Kaitlyn Frenchick** received a US National Top 10 with their filly, *Rayanna KL* in Arabian Yearling Filly Halter.
3. **Holly Connaker** received a US National Top 10 with her gelding *Gin J+//*, in HA/AA Gelding Performance Halter AAOTH and in HA/AA Western Pleasure AATR Select.

2022 National Accomplishments

Congratulations!



NMAHA Junior AHA judging team
Reserve Champion Overall 2022

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