

Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association

NMAHA NEWSLETTER

August/September 2020

Meeting Minutes

August 2020

Following the NMAHA Trail Ride, a meeting was held in person at Reflection Farm in Litchfield and via Zoom on August 22, 2020. Vice-President, Missy Beecroft called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. Members present were: J. Liestman, M. Beecroft, V. Temp, J. Liestman, L. Mueller, R. Gilbert, M. Smith, J. Riebe and R. Temp.

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

Treasurer Report:

Valerie T. had emailed the officers/board the current Treasurer's report prior to the meeting. She reported that there hasn't been much activity.

-Many of the expenses from 2020 will be able to be applied to 2021.

-NMAHA did receive a refund from the insurance company since we didn't hold either of our shows. Also, a refund from Tri-State was received.

Mary S. made the motion to approve the treasurer's report with Jaime L. seconding the motion.

Committee Reports:

The One Day Shows:

Contract:

-Lynda F. sent the contract to R&J for 2021. The 2020 deposit will be transferred over to 2021.

-Mary S. will send the show dates to AHA once the contract has been returned.

Judges:

-The judges from 2020 will carry over to 2021.

June OIEP/WSCA Show:

Dates:

-June 5, 2021

Judge(s):

-Steve Bobzin will judge in 2021.

-Wait to see about a second judge.

Ambassador:

Jean L. reported that several people have been tracking their time spent with their Arabian or Half-Arabians. The deadline is November 1, 2020.

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Dates to Remember:

October 17, 2020—Meeting via Zoom @ 1:00 PM

November 1, 2020—Ambassador Forms Due

December 5, 2020—Meeting via Zoom @ 1:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes Continued

Committee Reports (Cont):

Royalty:

Jaime L. asked that the 2020 Royalty be carried over for the 2021 Royalty year.

- Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Royalty weren't able to attend events and promote the association.
- Promotion for competing for 2021 was not done due to the uncertainties of COVID-19, as well.
- 2021 sashes should be the only thing that needs to be ordered for the Royalty, provided their shirts fit from 2020.

Mary S. made the motion to transfer the titles for 2021 to the 2020 Royalty, if they agree to accept the invitation of continuing to be Royalty. Missy B. seconded this motion.

Youth Judging Team:

There has been interest to go to the Arabian Nationals to compete.

- Due to COVID-19, it is unsure if the Youth Judging competition would take place in person or virtual.
- One other Region 10 team is planning on competing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Delegates to AHA Convention:

- The convention will take place online this year, with all welcome to login and view, but only the Delegates are permitted to vote.
- There will still be the registration fees and delegate packets (min. of \$150 each). Online registration has been completed— Lynda F. & Kaitlyn F. (alternates Mesa, Roz & Valerie), can be changed up to 8/31/2020.
The current budget allows for reimbursement of these fees.
- Resolutions can be accessed and printed from the AHA website or AHA can send.

Region 10 Youth Donation

- Mary S. made the motion to donate \$200 to the Region 10 Youth, since our May show was not held in 2020 allowing the Poker Trail class to take place. The motion was seconded by Missy B.
The \$200 would come from the Donation/Memorial Fund.

By-laws:

- Rewording of annual meeting:
Article II Second and Third paragraph.
 1. The Annual meeting shall be held in January.
 2. At least one meeting of the association per year will be held within the geographical area described as a triangle between Brainerd, Alexandria and St. Cloud.
Current wording:
The annual meeting shall be held in October in the Brainerd, Minnesota area.
The majority of the meetings of the Association shall be held within the geographical area described as a triangle between Brainerd, Alexandria and St. Cloud.

A voting quorum was reached in person, via Zoom and by proxy all in favor of the By-law changes.

Meeting Minutes Continued

OLD BUSINESS:

NMAHA Membership:

-AHA encouraged getting AHA members to join an affiliated club. NMAHA attained 36 members by June 30, 2020 allowing us to delegates.

Other:

-Mary S. inherited historic NMAHA items and is looking for a new storage place for it or for it to be transferred to a digital format.

-Region 10 virtual Judging Contest is available online.

-December Christmas Party/Meeting

Jaime L. made the motion to not hold the Christmas Party and official Royalty Crowning in 2020, due to COVID-19. Lee Ann M. seconded this motion.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

October 17, 2020- Meeting via Zoom @ 1:00 PM

December 5, 2020- Meeting via Zoom @ 1:00 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 1:37 PM.

Jaime Liestman,
NMAHA Secretary

Trail Ride

Reflection Farm
Waymaker
Trail



President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective....

I would like to start with thanking Reflection Farm for hosting our trail ride and meeting. I also want to thank all those who assisted with our August meeting in my absence, particularly Missy for presiding over the meeting.

As the summer months are passing by it has been a strange summer for our horse community with many shows cancelled. However, we have been able to have a number of shows and there are still a number still coming up. Horse shows are my vacations and certainly I haven't been on as many vacations as I would like. We look forward to the shows still on schedule for this late summer and fall and look forward to it being a "normal" show season next year and seeing our horse show friends again.

I wish to welcome our new members to our club. Thanks to you joining, club is able to have two delegates for the AHA Convention this year. Which will be a virtual meeting. I admit I am a little bummed as I was looking forward to going to my first convention.

Our next two meetings will be held via internet meetings. Please watch our website and our facebook page for information.

Until then, enjoy your horses, enjoy the cooler weather that is coming. Stay safe!

Lynda Frenchick

NMAHA President

President's Award

It is with great pleasure that I presented the 2020 NMAHA President's Award to Jean Liestman.

She is and has been chairman of the NMAHA Ambassador Program for a number of years. Maintaining and adapting the program to current situations.

Jean is a faithful supporter of our club, a lifelong Arabian horse enthusiast, trainer and teacher, always willing to share her wealth of knowledge. She has touched the lives of hundreds of people. It is through her that I achieved my dream of owning Arabians.

Thank you Jean for all that you have done and do for NMAHA.

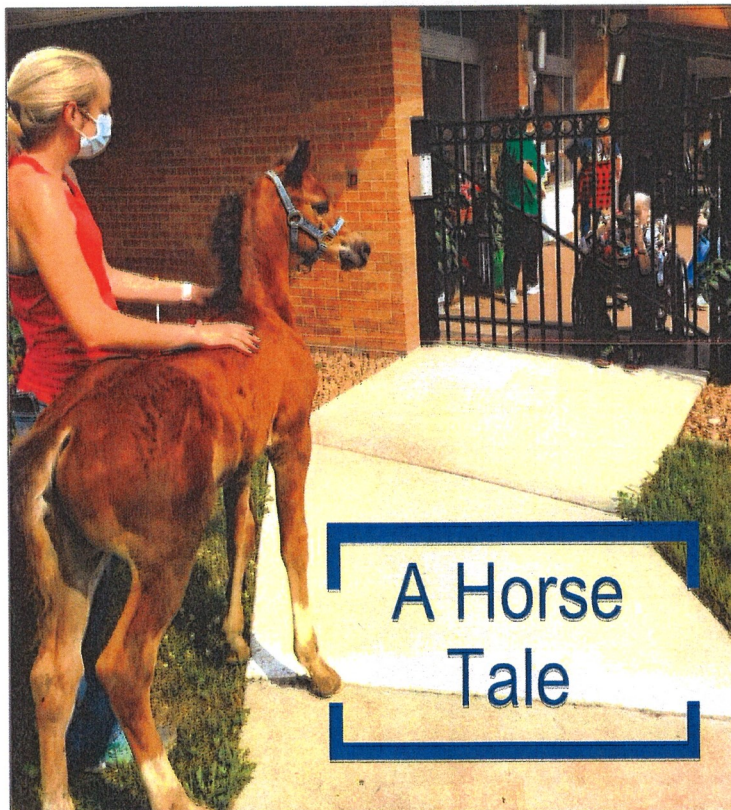
Sincerely,

Lynda



An Arabian Connection

Senior Connection - Summer 2020



Lynda's daughter, Kaitlyn, shown with Lynda's registered Arabian foal, visiting Arlene on July 3rd.

Few things connect people faster than common interests. A life-long interest in Arabian horses led to a conversation, and friendship connection, between Arlene Becker and CentraCare – Paynesville employee, Lynda Frenchick.

Arlene, a Care Center resident, lived her life surrounded by horses, particularly Arabians. She raised purebred Arabian horses on her farm near Milona, MN. Arlene was especially interested in the Egyptian line of Arabians.

One day, while visiting the Gift Gallery, Arlene struck up a conversation with Lynda and they struck common ground, or should we say "hooves"? Both have been members of the Northern MN Arabian Horse Association and have been involved in owning, raising, and showing horses most of their lives.

Lynda's daughter, Kaitlyn Frenchick, recently helped with bringing in a 5-week-old registered, purebred foal, Valerio MAC GF, to visit Arlene. It was an exciting day, continuing a connection between two individuals who both admire, and appreciate, Arabian horses.



(Left photo) Arlene hugging her mare, Fantasy, who was the last horse she owned in 2002. (Above) Arlene with her stallion, Hi Fashion Synraff, at a horse show in 1973.

Photos courtesy of Lynda Frenchick and Arlene Becker.

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