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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 22, 2023:

Potluck/Meeting, Green Roof Area Center, Paynesville, MN

May 15, 2023:

Royatly Applications Deadline

May 20 & 21, 2023:

NMAHA Value Shows, R & J Arena, Verndale, MN

June 3, 2023:

NMAHA WCSA/OEIP Show, Meeker Co. Fairgrounds, Litchfield, MN

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President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective...

As of this writing, the winter of 2022/2023 seems never ending. Looking at the positive becomes more of a struggle as we are again buried under new snow. But we trust the promise of new life ahead and need to be grateful for the moisture.

Our March meeting in Paynesville was well attended. It was gratifying to see the number of members who were there to receive their Ambassador and Hands & Hooves awards. Please help us think of others who may want to join us and participate in these rewarding programs.

I would be remiss if I did not again spur our members to volunteer to help at our shows that are coming up. The Verndale shows are May 20th & 21st and our show in Litchfield is June 3rd. Sponsorships are another critical piece of a financially successful show. Let's demonstrate to exhibitors, whether they be members or non members how helpful, supportive and accommodating we can be as we represent our club and the larger overall group of Arabian Horse lovers.

Don't forget that May is Meet an Arabian Horse Month. Let's spread the appreciation for our Arabian and part Arabian horses by inviting others to meet them.

We will soon actually see spring right around the corner!

Gean Liestman NMAHA President

Meeting Minutes

<u> March 2023</u>

The meeting was held at the Green Roof Area Center in Paynesville, MN and via Google Meet on March 25, 2023. There was a potluck prior to the meeting. Following the meeting was the award presentation for the 2022 Ambassador and Hands & Hooves Programs.

President, Jean Liestman called the meeting to order at 1:01. Members present were: J. Liestman, L. Frenchick, J. Liestman, L. Schlangen, V. Temp, M. Lieser, D. Michaelis, L. Lock, J. Woolcott, B. Tollefson, P. Hopp, J. Peterson, B. Larson, and R. Gilbert via Google Meet. Non-members present were: S. Woolcott, D. Pautzke, S. Pautzke and D. Tollefson.

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

Treasurer Report:

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

- -Valerie will look at CD rates going forward.
- Funds from our savings account will need to be transferred into the checking account prior to the May shows.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

May Value Shows:

Roz G. gave an update on the shows.

- Awards
 - -Mary has ordered additional awards to accompany the left over awards from the previous year.
 - -Custom made wooden spoons were presented as possible awards for this year or next year.
- Judges
 - -Danny Thompson and Kira Harkins are the two judges hired.
- Volunteers
 - Kaitlyn F. will have a sign up sheet via Google available.
 - Valerie will not be able to assist in the show office this year.
 - The scribe and ring steward has been lined up.
- Sponsorships
 - -These are always beneficial to helping with the cost of putting our shows on.
- Patrons
 - –Kaitlyn F. and Mesa L. will work together again this year to assemble the baskets for our patrons.
- Pizza Night
 - −Roz G. mentioned that pizza still needs to be ordered once we get closer to the date.
- TBA Classes
 - —There have been TBA classes requested:

Saturday, English Trail: Class 5A—Arabian/Class 5B—Half-Arabian Sunday, English Trail: Class 101—Arabian/Class 102—Half-Arabian Arabian Western Pleasure ATR: Class 131

Meeting Minutes Continued

Committee Reports Continued:

June Show:

Lynda F. gave an update on the June show.

- Judges
 - -Clara Bushal and Stacey Busswitz have been hired.
- Volunteers—We need volunteers to help make this show run as smooth as possible.
 - -Rick Beecroft will be our announcer.
 - -Darcie Michaelis will be our ring steward.
- Sponsorships
 - -We should encourage our members and businesses to sponsor a class or two.
- Stalls
 - -The show committee decreased the stall fee to \$40 per stall.
 - -Shavings did increase to \$8 per bag.
 - -Instead of the \$10 fee charged for individuals who don't clean out their stalls, there will be a \$25 fee charged this year.
- Awards
 - -The awards are still being finalized.

Royalty Program:

Jaime L. gave an update on the Royalty.

- 2023 Royalty
 - -Thank you to Lily Schlangen our Jr. Queen for presenting the 2022 Ambassador and Hands & Hooves awards.
 - -The articles introducing our recently crowned royalty along with photos were in the last newsletter.
- 2024 Royalty
 - Application deadline is May 15, 2023. The application can be found on our website or contact Jaime Liestman.

Youth Update:

No update given.

OLD BUSINESS:

Endurance/Competitive Ride point system for Ambassador Program:

• The new point system can be found in the Ambassador Rules on our website. They are as follows:

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12.5 miles = 3 pts
25-30 miles = 6 pts
40-50 miles = 8 pts
75 miles = 10 pts
100 miles = 12 pts
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There is a separate form that needs to be signed by the ride coordinator.

Meeting Minutes Continued

OLD BUSINESS (cont.)

AHA Distance Horse National Championships:

• The AHA Distance Horse National Championships will be held in MN this year from September 29 thru October 1st at Huntersville State Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Region 10 Update:

AHA New Hire

 Lucy Mertens from MN with the MHAHA club has been hired by AHA.

OTHER:

Meeting Dates:

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

Brittney T. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:34, with Lily S. seconding that motion.

Jaime Liestman,

NMAHA Secretary





Sr. Champion - Rachel Temp
Reserve Sr. Champion - Brittney Tollefson
Jr. Champion - Lily Schlangen

Participants:

Valerie Temp Missy Beecroft Jaime Liestman Brady Larson Lynda Frenchick

Hands & Hooves Awards
Champions:

Sr. Champion - Jaime Liestman
Reserve Sr. Champion - Brittney Tollefson
Jr. Champion - Lily Schlangen
Reserve Jr. Champion - Ava Venstad

Participants:

Valerie Temp Rachel Temp Sara Charles Darcie Michaelis Ambir Turbes Missy Beecroft Jeanne Ann Woolcott
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Laura Loch
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