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**"A BIT OF INFORMATION"**

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

April 20, 2024 :  
NMAHA Potluck and Meeting, Green Roof Area Center, Paynesville, MN

April 26-28, 2024:  
MN Horse Expo, State Fairgrounds

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...

It sure is a roller coaster spring. As I write this we are experiencing our 4th Winter and hopefully by the end of the week our 5th Spring. Gotta love Minnesota when its weather is off its meds.

It is discouraging for those of us that do not have indoor facility and are trying to get our horse in shape for the first show. It is encouraging that the days are getting longer and the winter hair is coming off.

We had our Ambassador Awards and Hands & Hooves Awards at this meeting, and I congratulate the high point winners and wish to thank all of those who participated in these programs to promote the Arabian breed to others and to recognize the work you do with your horse(s). Thank you to Jean for being chairperson for this program. Along with Jaime the awards are always wonderfully displayed and presented. Enjoy the pictures in the newsletter.



We talked at some length about the group of concerned Arabian owners that is working on proposing changes to stop the downward spiral of our breed and membership. In the last 20 years there is a 72% decline in registrations, from 14,429 in 2002 to only 4,010 in 2023. AHA membership has declined from 40,110 to only 15,862 in the same time frame. This is a CRITICAL point for the future of the breed and AHA. AHA has in the past hired consultants to look at the structure and both times one of the main recommendations was to structure AHA as a business model. Few to no changes were made. The Arabian Horse Promotional Fund group (a small group of AHA members who built a fund in 2018 to facilitate direct efforts towards investing and reaching people beyond our existing community to introduce them to the Arabian horse) this group has taken up the task to create much needed change. Currently AHA has a Board consisting of 29 members, consisting of all Regional Directors, representatives of the Purebred Arabian Trust (PAT) and AHA Officers, this is too large to enable quick and effective decision making. The proposal is to lower the number of board members to 13-14 members. The smaller Board would have at least 3 Regional Directors, 1-2 representative of PAT, the AHA President, immediate past AHA president, 4 members elected by the membership would be based on their skillset in business and the Arabian horse, 3 additional members would be appointed by the above members. The 18 Regional Directors would become the Regional Directors Council with similar duties and responsibilities.

## President's Perspective Continued

The new AHA Board format would be empowered to modify existing resolutions if needed to protect the welfare of the horse, the integrity of the sport, the best interests of the members, or the ability to grow and react. This change can only come about with input from the current membership so this is being presented at Regional meetings and the discussion is being taken into consideration towards the final resolution that will be presented at convention.

I would like to encourage former members to consider at least an Associate membership. We would love to see our NMAHA alumni at our meetings and events and there is no need to feel obligated to volunteer. You have done your share. We would just love to have your presence and sharing of your knowledge

As we will not be having an AHA recognized show in May our focus is on our June show in Litchfield, MN on June 1st I want our members to be thinking about our need for volunteers and we hope you will consider coming, whether it is for a short time or longer, all help is appreciated!

Some of the areas that you can volunteer at our shows are:

- Gate (two people per shift – responsible to open and close gates for classes, checking exhibitors in for their class, announcing the class)
- Runner (takes class listing and communications between office and announcer or gate keepers, etc.)
- Help setting up, taking down trail, equipment
- Announcer assistant
- Ribbons

To sign up to volunteer for the June show feel free to contact me.

Until then we look forward to this snow to melt and final Spring to arrive.

*Lynda Frenchick*

NMAHA President

# Meeting Minutes

## March 2024

The meeting was held in person at the Green Roof Area Center in Paynesville as well as virtually via Google Meet on March 23, 2024. Prior to the meeting, a delightful potluck was had, followed by the 2023 Ambassador and Hands & Hooves Award presentation.

President, Lynda Frenchick called the meeting to order at 1:24. Members present in were: J. Liestman, L. Frenchick, J. Liestman, D. Michaelis, A. Schleper, G. Schleper, M. Schleper, L. Loch, M. Beecroft, S. Woolcott, F. Geurts, V. Temp, and A. Frenchick. M. Smith and K. Frenchick joined via Google Meet. Visitors present were: A. Diffley, D. Geurts, and K. Olson

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

### Treasurer Report:

Prior to the meeting, Valerie emailed reports including the year end financials to the officers and board. Valerie reported the following:

- The IRS and The Secretary of the State filings were filed that are required yearly.
- The NMAHA funds in our accounts are earning more interest than in 2023.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **June Show:**

Lynda F. gave an update on the June show.

- Fairgrounds Contract
  - There has not been a requirement as of yet for a down payment, but our weekend is still held for June 1, 2024.
- Sponsorships
  - As always, sponsorships are a big need for this show to continue. Please think about being a sponsor
- Volunteers
  - Darcie M. has volunteered to be the ring steward.
  - Laura L. will volunteer where needed.
  - Lance W. mentioned he would be the announcer. Jaime L. will follow-up.
  - The Schleper family will volunteer as needed.
  - The 4-H Horse Judging teams that NMAHA sponsored should be contacted for being volunteers.
- Judges
  - Stacey Busswitz and Josh Tjosaas will receive a copy of the showbill once it's complete.
- Awards/Ribbons
  - Lynda F. will order ribbons that are needed. Mostly first and second place is what is low.
  - Jaime L. will order the plates for the championship neck ribbons.
  - Darcie M. is working on glass items with etching that she will donate, but the number of items is unknown at this time.
  - It was asked if any of the awards/ribbons from our AVS shows could be used for the June show. Heather L. would have an idea of the inventory left.
- Roll of Dice
  - Classes with more than 6 entries would be eligible and this is in place of the performance jackpot classes.
  - The winner of the \$25 would be decided by a flip of the coin between the judges prior to the class.

# Meeting Minutes Continued

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

### **June Community Show continued:**

- Arabians Unplugged
  - Jaime L. reported that there are two non-Arabian clubs that are partaking in the AU program.
- Silent Auction
  - Jean L. suggested we hold a silent auction to help regain any financial loss from not holding the AVS show in May.
  - Missy B. and Laura L. are willing to oversee the silent auction, but the club needs to decide where the funds will go specifically.

### **Royalty Program:**

Jaime L. reported on the Royalty.

- Thank you to our Junior Queen, Lily Schlangen for helping to present awards to our Ambassador and Hands & Hooves Champions and participants.
- One application has been received for the 2025 Royalty.
- Applications are due by May 15, 2024.

### **Arabians Unplugged:**

Jaime L. reported on AU.

- It was approved to expand the AU circuit, which would allow non-Arabian clubs to participate. The new rules and forms were updated and Laura Mickelson will be making people aware of this when she emails the calendar out with show dates of clubs. Laura M. also announced this at the last Region 10 meeting. Jaime L. and Jean L. will help promote this addition.

### **Youth**

Kaitlyn F. shared regarding the for Region 10.

- Region 10 is looking for a Youth Director.
- If any youth are interested in competing on a judging team, reach out to Kaitlyn.
- The Region 10 Scholarship is open to both youth and adults who wish to pursue higher education.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Verndale Refund:**

No deposit was made for 2024, therefore no refund was received.

### **MN Horse Council Payment:**

Valerie T. confirmed that the check we sent for dues was processed.

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

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

- Perhaps the show could/should be moved to August.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **October Meeting:**

A request has been made to change the date of the October 12th meeting.

- The new date is October 5th. The location is TBD, but if weather cooperates, there will be a trail ride hosted by The Schleper family.

# Meeting Minutes Continued

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

### *AHA Ring Side 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.

- The Region 10 show (June 5-9) has been selected as one of six shows to hold these discussions. The date(s) of the ring side discussion is TBD.

### *AHA Membership Dues:*

Dues will be increasing \$5.00 as of April 1, 2024.

- Members who are renewing may want to renew prior to that.

### *NMAHA Memberships:*

Lynda F. suggested that NMAHA past members and members whose memberships recently expired be contacted to see if they would be interested in an associate membership.

- Membership Chairperson, Jean L. will invited these individuals to hold an associate membership.

## **OTHER:**

### *Best Mess:*

Mary S. will send Lynda F. the software updates for the program.

### *Region 10 Meeting Report:*

Kaitlyn F. gave an update.

- Promotional and fundraising ideas were discussed in an attempt to turn around the decrease in Arabians and Half-Arabians being registered.
- AHA Convention is held in Fall of 2024 in Reno, Nevada.
- The new Region 10 Officers were announced.

### *Next NMAHA Meeting:*

April 20, 2024 at the Green Roof Area Center, Paynesville, MN. Potluck at noon with the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Valerie T. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 PM, with Sue W. seconding the motion.

*Jaime Liestman,*

NMAHA Secretary



# 2023 Awards PRESENTATION







# 2023 AWARDS



## HANDS & HOOVES

**SENIOR CHAMPION**  
JAN PETERSON

**JUNIOR CHAMPION**  
LILY SCHLANGEN

**RES. SENIOR CHAMPION**  
JAIME LIESTMAN

**RES. JUNIOR CHAMPION**  
ELLA SCHRUPP

### **PARTICIPANTS**

MISSY BEECROFT  
JOE DIMINICK  
BRADY LARSON  
LAURA LOCH  
DARCIE MICHAELIS  
JEFF RIEBE  
AUDREY SCHLEPER  
GRETCHEN SCHLEPER  
MARJORIE SCHLEPER  
RACHEL TEMP  
VALERIE TEMP  
JEANNE ANN WOOLCOTT



# AWARDS



## AMBASSADOR

**SENIOR CHAMPION**  
RACHEL TEMP

**RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION**  
VALERIE TEMP

**JUNIOR CHAMPION**  
LILY SCHLANGEN

**PARTICIPANTS**  
BRADY LARSON  
JAIME LIESTMAN



# 2023 HORSES REPRESENTED



AL EBONY MAGIC  
AUTUMN ARMANI  
BP BAHARAT  
BP NAZIKA FARS  
BP NISAN LELA  
BP TALIDI  
BSSA BEARONESS  
BSSA MAI PRECIOSA  
BSSA YADREAA  
CHANTILLY LACE HEG  
ENCORES TOUCH CF  
ETERNAL WISHES  
EVANGLINE S  
HISTORY MAKER  
KALLY THYME SA  
KHONFETTI MRF  
LAKOTA ZZ  
MI BASKATINA  
NORSKS AIRIEL BLOO  
NW NEVEAH  
PA SILKYS PATRICK  
PEACE BE STILL  
PETS TROUBLED ROSE  
RAYANA KL  
REWRITE THE STARS MB

RF AMIRA KAMAL  
RF ATHENA  
RF BLACK SWAN  
RF EPIC  
RF GAMAARA  
RF I CARE A LOT  
RF I SAW THE LIGHT  
RF JUST LIKE HEAVEN  
RF MAKE YOUR MOVE  
RF RED DAWN  
RF REIGN OF FIRE  
RF TALI AMEER  
RF TALI AZIMA  
RF TALI FARIDA  
RF THE ULTIMATE GIFT  
SHEKINAH JUBILEE  
SPOTS AFYRE  
SUITS YOUR FANCY TM  
TALEESE  
TALI SAHIB  
TRIUMPHANT ECHO  
VELVETS NOBLE HEIRESS  
WA DCS JEWEL  
WAF CHLOE  
ZLA MATIZ



## Application for 2025 NMAHA Royalty

Welcome to the Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association Royalty Program. We are proud to offer this program to our members and are excited about the upcoming year. Please read the following carefully, and return application to the Royalty Advisor no later than May 15, 2024. If any questions should arise during the Royalty Contest, please contact Jaime Liestman at 320-434-0273 or [jimmyjunel@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmyjunel@hotmail.com)

*NOTE: If there are any changes, postponements or cancellations at any time during the contest or the reigning year, they will be announced via the NMAHA website, the NMAHA Facebook page and/or email.*

### 2025 NMAHA Royalty Guidelines and Rules

#### Qualifications

- Each NMAHA Royalty member is being chosen to represent and be an ambassador for the Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association.
- Candidate must be a member of AHA with designated club of Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association the year of the contest, as well as the year of their title. **Current membership card to accompany Royalty Application.**
- Queen candidate must be a member of Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association for at least two (2) years prior to the reigning year before she can be eligible to compete.
- Age of the contestant will be determined by their age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the reigning year.

#### Categories of Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association

**\*General ages are listed, but are subject to change according to the number of contestants.\***

**\*Depending on contestants, there will be no age limit for the title of Queen.**

**This will be up to the discretion of the Royalty Advisor**

Queen	18- Over	Sweetheart	8 & Under
Jr. Queen	14-17	Prince	14 & Over
Princess	9-13	Duke	13 & Under

- Royalty members must volunteer a minimum of 4 hours at one of the NMAHA Shows (can be divided between shows- when more than one show is being held). These jobs and tasks may include, but not limited to, answering questions about NMAHA, presenting awards, running errands for show management, assisting with gates, etc.
- Participate in one Royalty Ride, preferably at the NMAHA Show in June (Royalty Member does not have to be the owner of the horse).
- Assist a representative from NMAHA with sponsorship efforts for the NMAHA Show(s).
- NMAHA Queen is to write three articles for the NMAHA Newsletter
  1. Introduction of oneself at the beginning of your reign (Jan/Feb issue).
  2. About your activities as NMAHA Queen (Jul/Aug issue).
  3. Farwell as NMAHA Queen (Dec issue).
- NMAHA Royalty title holders are to write two articles for the NMAHA Newsletter
  1. Introduction of oneself at the beginning of your reign (Jan/Feb issue).
  2. Farwell as Royalty Member (Dec issue).
- NMAHA Queen must attend a minimum of three (3) Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association meetings during the reigning year.
- NMAHA Jr. Queen, NMAHA Princess and NMAHA Prince must attend a minimum of two (2) Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association meetings during the reigning year.
- NMAHA Sweetheart and NMAHA Duke must attend a minimum of one (1) Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association meeting during the reigning year.

### Competition for Queen

1. Must complete the Royalty Contest Application
2. Horsemanship, at any official horse show (excluding 4-H and Fun Shows) with an Arabian Type horse during the contest year. Choose a Showmanship, Horsemanship, Equitation including Walk Trot, for your age division. Scoring is determined by the placing on the judge's card for the class.  
**Show name, location, judge name(s), class name and placing(s) need to be provided to the Royalty Advisor no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the contest year.**
3. Speech
4. Written Exam
5. Essay
6. Personal Interview, to take place by one NMAHA member and one non-NMAHA member (depending on the number of candidates competing).
7. Secret Judging

### Competition for Royalty

1. Must complete the Royalty Contest Application
2. Horsemanship, at any official horse show (excluding 4-H and Fun Shows) with an Arabian Type horse during the contest year. Choose a Showmanship, Horsemanship, Equitation including Walk Trot or Lead Line, for your age division. Scoring is determined by the placing on the judge's card for the class.  
**Show name, location, judge name(s), class name and placing(s) need to be provided to the Royalty Advisor no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the contest year.**
3. Written Exam, candidates 8 years old and younger may have an adult present to assist with the reading of the questions.
4. May be asked to write an essay
5. Personal Interview, to take place by one NMAHA member and one non-NMAHA member (depending on the number of candidates competing).
6. Secret Judging

***\*If a contestant does not meet all of the requirements for the competition, they will forfeit the possibility of receiving a title.***

### Upon Receiving a Royalty Title

- Each female title holder will be given a sash and each male title holder will be given a baseball cap with their title and year of their reign to keep.
- Each title holder will be given a shirt to be worn at different functions, to keep.
- Each female title holder will be allowed the use of two (2) crowns---(1) Tiara & (1) Hat Crown, to use throughout her reign. Any alteration to the crown(s) must be approved by the Royalty advisor(s), or else a charge for the full price of the crown(s) will be assessed.
- If any damage has been inflicted upon a crown (i.e a rhinestone falling out, bending, etc.) contact a Royalty Advisor as soon as possible so the correct repairs can be made before further damage occurs.
- Crowns are to be returned to the Royalty Advisor at the meeting prior to the crowning of the next years royalty, unless other arrangements have been made.
- If a NMAHA Royalty title holder holds another Royalty title within another breed association or club, it is under the discretion of the NMAHA Royalty Chairperson(s) whether that member should continue that title position for the remainder of the year. This is to avoid confusion among interested members while promoting Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association.
- NMAHA Queen is eligible to compete for WSCA Queen, as long as she meets the requirements of the WSCA Royalty Program.

**\*This application must be postmarked & mailed (or emailed) to:  
Jaime Liestman 61650 320<sup>th</sup> St. Litchfield, MN 55355, by May 15, 2024**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities/Awards, Hobbies and Special Honors:

Horse Activities/Awards and Involvement with NMAHA:

*I am a NMAHA member and have read and understood the contents of this application including the approved guidelines, and will adhere to all rules during the contest for the NMAHA Royalty.*

Royalty Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby give permission to the above person to be a contestant for the 2025 NMAHA Royalty. I have read and understood the contents of this application including the approved guidelines, the NMAHA Royalty. \*Only required if applicant is under the age of 18 years.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_