

Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association



NMAHA NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember:

January 1, 2022 —NMAHA Ambassador Program starts.

April 1, 2022— NMAHA Hands & Hooves tracking starts.

April 23, 2022—NMAHA Potluck at Noon, Meeting at 1:00 PM—Paynesville Area Center, Paynesville, MN and via Zoom.

May 15, 2022— NMAHA Royalty Applications due

May 21-22, 2022 - NMAHA One Day Value Shows, Verndale, MN. Pizza Night on May 20th!

President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective...

In my first message as the NMAHA President, I will share a bit about myself. I was born with the “horse crazy gene” into a family without horses, but always knew that horses would be a part of my life. My partiality toward the Arabian horse was furthered when NMAHA member, Faye Besser, let me lead around one of her Arabian mares to cool her out at the Stearns County Fair. I was hooked and as they say, the rest is history. I have been fortunate to have been involved with Arabian horses since the late 1960's.

NMAHA has many opportunities for involvement in programs: The 2021 Ambassador and Hands & Hooves Awards were presented at our March meeting to an enjoyable group. Congratulations to all of the participants! The current Ambassador program began January 1st and the Hands & Hooves on April 1st. Royalty applications for the 2023 year are due May 15th.

Our shows rely on volunteers to run smoothly, so please consider notifying a board member if you can lend a hand at our May and June shows. Each of you has a pivotal role in the success of these shows.

The promise of increasing daylight, slick coated horses, new foals and outdoor riding is on the horizon! Let's make 2022 a year to continue creating great memories!

Jean Liestman

NMAHA President

Meeting Minutes

March 2022

The meeting was held at the Paynesville Area Center in Paynesville, MN and via Zoom on March 12, 2022. Following the meeting was the awards presentation of the Ambassador and the Hands & Hooves programs. President, Jean Liestman called the meeting to order at 1:07. Members present were: J. Liestman, L. Frenchick, J. Liestman, J. Woolcott, L. Mueller, M. Beecroft, R. Temp, D. Michaelis, K. Frenchick and V. Temp and R. Gilbert (via Zoom). Visitors present were: S. Woolcott.

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

Treasurer Report:

Prior to the meeting, Valerie emailed reports to the officers and board. Valerie T. gave an overview, but stated not much activity has happened.

-Prizes were paid for and the club insurance.

Kaitlyn F. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Rachel T. seconded the motion.

Committee Reports:

The One Day Shows for 2022:

- Awards
 - The bags and tumblers are completed and have been received.
 - Kaitlyn F. has the buckles ordered for the Highpoint awards.
- Volunteers
 - Kaitlyn F. has the spreadsheet for the volunteer sign-up. If anyone is interested in heading the volunteers, please contact her.
 - Kaitlyn F. believes she has a Ring Steward lined up.
- Sponsorships– Patrons and Class
 - It is always helpful to have individuals, barns and business sponsor our show.
- Pizza Night– May 20, 2022
 - Roz G. will call the pizza establishment to discuss how soon an order should be/can be placed. She will also verify that they will deliver to the arena if the order is large enough.
 - Napkins and plates should be provided by NMAHA, however, beverages will not be provided.

June Show:

Lynda F. gave an update on the June show for 2022 -The barn will be open at 4:00 PM on Friday

- Fairgrounds
 - Lynda F. confirmed the date and will get the deposit sent to Aggie for the use of the facility.
- Judges
 - Clara Bushal, a WSCA judge is lined up.
 - A second judge is in the works, but perhaps won't have a WSCA judges card.
- Volunteers
 - Volunteers are always needed to assist with the show running smoothly.
- Sponsorships
 - Sponsors are a major part of the success of this show, so any sponsorships are appreciated.
- Ribbons/Awards
 - Both ribbons and the plates/plaques for the neck rose garlands need to be ordered.
- Showbill
 - The show committee (Lynda F., Jean L. & Jaime L.) will meet in the near future to discuss the showbill.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Committee Reports Continued:

Royalty Program:

Jaime L. reported on the Royalty:

- The current Royalty Application/Guidelines are available on the NMAHA website.
- Applications can be submitted to Jaime and need to be postmarked by May 15, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

Region 10 Youth Fundraising:

Kaitlyn F. is unsure if there will be a Youth Fundraiser, but Youth Day will be held April 30th at the Sahara Sands show.

NEW BUSINESS:

Arabians Unplugged:

- Dues: Darcie M. made a motion with Missy B. seconding that motion, to give a total of \$300, which includes the \$150 required membership to Arabians Unplugged.
- Rookie of the Year: New for 2022 is a Rookie of the Year Highpoint Award.
A form will be available at any of the AU participating shows and is the responsibility of the exhibitor to keep track and turn in the forms to Laura Mickelson.

Region 10:

- March 13, 2022 is the Region 10 meeting held via Zoom.
- Don't forget about scholarship opportunities.
- Kaitlyn F. noted that the Youth Judging contest was postponed due to the weather.

WSCA:

- The WSCA meetings was postponed due to weather and is now scheduled for April 24, 2022.

Ambassador/Hands & Hooves:

- These programs are great tools to encourage individuals to join NMAHA. They are also a great way to give back to our members.
- We need to think of other incentives to entice people to join our club.
A committee consisting of: Jean L., Jaime L., Darcie M., Jeanne W., and Missy B. will meet to brainstorm.
A few suggestions are:
 1. Offer free class(es) at our Value shows to encourage "backyard" Arabian lovers to participate.
 2. Utilize FB more, perhaps pay for ads.
 3. Print and distribute flyers.
 4. Attend WSCA shows to encourage exhibitors to join NMAHA.
 5. Contact 4-H extensions.

Meeting Minutes Continued

OTHER:

NMAHA Newsletter:

- It might be a nice gesture to mail copies of our newsletter to members who don't have email or internet access.

May:

- Is "Meet An Arabian Horse" Month.

Lucky Listener Program:

- AHA offers the Lucky Listener Program, which encourages youth in the community to visit barns and read to Arabian horses.

*Meeting Dates ***POTLUCKS are BACK*** prior to the meetings:*

- April 23, 2022 at the Paynesville Area Center, Paynesville, MN.
- August 13, 2022 at Reflection Farm, Litchfield, MN --- Trail Ride at 10:30 prior to the meeting.
- October 3, 2022 at the residence of Kaitlyn F., St. Cloud, MN
- December 10, 2022 at the Paynesville Area Center, Paynesville, MN.

At 2:12 PM Valerie T. made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Rachel T. seconding this motion.

Jaime Liestman,

NMAHA Secretary

Ambassador/Hands & Hooves Awards



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AND

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