



NORTHERN MN ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE sign up to volunteer at the May shows by sponsoring classes or our hospitality cart (muffins, cookies, coffee) for Saturday and Sunday mornings. Hope to see you there!



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<http://www.northernmaha.com>



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 18th :

- Next AHA meeting
- Green Roof Arena Center in Paynesville
- Noon pootluck
- 1 pm meeting



SAVE THE DATE:

May 16th-17th Show:

Two One Day Value Shows held at R & J Arena, Verndale, MN

One Day Value Shows are AHA recognized and qualify for points

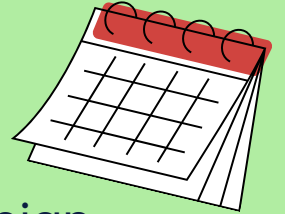
For AHA Regional and National shows at a reasonable cost. Amateur friendly show!

June 6th Show:

Open WSCA and Arabian show

Held at Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield MN.

This event qualifies for Arabians Unplugged year end awards and WSCA Champ Show.



SPONSORS:

We are looking for sponsors to help make our upcoming shows a great experience for everyone. Your support helps us keep everything running smoothly and ensures our horses and participants have a wonderful day. Please sign up today to sponsor a class.



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

Thoughts from my perspective....

What a gorgeous day! It made it hard to be inside but we certainly enjoyed great food and conversation before and during our potluck. As I write this we are having another 70 degree day in March but the high in two days is only in the 30's. For those of us trying to get our horses to shed out it is blankets off, blankets on again. Well at least the people doing maple syrup will be happy with the ups and downs in temperatures.

Our Member Incentive High Point (Ambassador Awards) were handed out before our meeting. What a great group of members and awards. Congratulations to all the participants and winners! I encourage all our members to participate in the programs. There is a program for everyone. I know many of you are doing it so just record it and turn it in!

All things are coming together for our May Value shows. We are moving the Pizza Party to Saturday evening to coincide with our Equitation clinic judge Chris Culbreth. New for this year we will be doing a Saturday and Sunday morning hospitality delivery around the barn to exhibitors and others of treats and beverage. We are also open to other fun things to do so make this an enjoyable show and memorable. If you have any suggestions please feel free to share! Again there will be high point buckles for both overall and working western (Arabian and Half-Arabian).

We will be setting up an online sign up to volunteer. Please watch for the facebook link and email. Please consider helping out at the shows. It takes more than a handful of people to make it a success.

Thank you Tina Nicholls for volunteering to assist with our Royalty Program! We look forward to having Taylor and Audrey at events promoting the Arabian and representing our club.

The June show is coming together. Our judge this year is Lori Ricigliano. She has many licenses/certifications as a judge (AHA, WSCA, 4H MN & ND, NVRHA, MEOA, POAC) I look forward to working with her at our show. Remember the profit from this show will be going to the Meeker County 4-H Horse Project.

During our meeting we talked about our membership numbers and I am going to challenge our membership to recruit new members. Many people only need a little nudge from someone asking them personally to join.

Thank you!

Lynda Frenchick
NMAHA President

MARCH MEETING MINUTES:

NMAHA January Meeting

March 21st, 2026

Paynesville Green Roof Center and Virtual, 1 pm

Attendance: Lynda Frenchick, Roz Gilbert, Mesa Lieser, Valerie Temp, Kaitlyn Arnzen, Audrey Frenchick, Khloe Lieser, Taylor Nicholls, Tina Nicholls, Karrier Halbur, and Mary Smith.

President Lynda Frenchick called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm

Katilyn made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report indicates minimal activity since last report. Mary motioned to accept the treasure report; Kaitlyn seconded motion. Motion carried.

Report on One Day shows:

- Judges have been contracted and hotels booked. Saturday's judge is the clinician.
- Ribbons were ordered, some first-place prizes have been ordered, remaining items will be ordered shortly.
 - There is a sponsor for the working horse belt buckle; working with prior year's winner to design buckle for 2026.
 - We will continue the high-point breed buckles.
 - Leadline prizes are also on hand.
- Classes/prize list were reviewed by show committee. Considered the final version on March 20th. Will need to get posted and shared via social media, etc.
 - The deadline of May 1st was confirmed with show security.
- **Volunteers/workers:** Volunteer help will be done via Sign Up Genius, Mesa will coordinate. Requested personal outreach will be leveraged.
- Patron/Sponsors will be accepted. Received patrons or sponsors will be shared from the show secretary prior to the show.
- **Exhibitor items:**
 - Will provide pizza and water will be served during the clinic.
- **Hospitality items:**
 - Coordinating donuts, juice and potentially coffee. Looking for sponsorships.

Report on June Show:

- Contract has been initiated for June 6. We are operating the show, with the local 4-H organizations providing all other resources. Profits will be shared.
 - Show bill will be updated to have fewer AHA classes and more WSCA and addition of game classes.
 - Need to order ribbons yet.
 - Only one judge this year. Lori Ricigliano (WSCA, 4-H, Ranch Horse, AHA credentials).
 - Consider opening the barn up for stalling. Lynda will report next month.

Royalty:

- Taylor and Audrey are 2026 Royalty. Tina is assisting with the Royalty coordinator.
 - Should consider attending Horse Expo, connecting with Region 10; Helping at both NMAHA horse shows. AHA will provide free promotional material to assist with at county fairs.
- Will be looking for 2027 Royalty candidates.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED):

NMAHA January Meeting March 21st, 2026 Paynesville Green Roof Center and Virtual, 1 pm

Youth:

- Region 10 is doing the Triple Crown award again in 2026.
- Considering Judging contest during Region 10 show. More details will be decided/coming.
- NMAHA Youth team is a possibility. Sign up is around April 1st.
- Mary reminded club of AHA academy information.

Old Business:

- Sponsoring AHA distance rides.
 - Club is interested and will sponsor/donate. Valerie to provide insights/recommendation on areas that would be ideal at a future meeting.

New Business:

- Membership – Lynda challenged club members to recruit one new adult member. This will assist in delegate count.
- Member Incentives – Discussion on how to award members who are using their horse in multiple Arabian and non-Arabian programs. Rachel to provide a proposal for club consideration.

Region 10 updates:

- Discussed AHA financials. Some programs are considered assigned funds and AHA holds the money but it cannot be used in other areas. Considering the lag of closing the prior month and when it gets reported.
- May 11th will be the first day of the new CEO, Taryl Shea.
- Removing of qualifications needed for regionals and nationals.
- Region 10 had a successful 2025 and will be sharing funds with clubs at a tiered level based on the club offerings.

- **Show Updates:**

- Main ring is back in St. Paul
 - Sport horse/dressage in Oshkosh
 - Academy classes being offered at the main ring show
- High Point for Youth and Adult at Region 10
 - Rated/AVS show required. (pre-show does not count)

The club received a donation from Beverly Haman, current youth member's family, and appreciates the generosity.

Next meeting on April 18th, Area Center in Paynesville with a noon potluck and 1 o'clock meeting.

Meeting adjourned with motion from Valerie and seconded by Roz at 1:59 pm. Motion carried.

Mesa Lieser,
NMAHA Secretary

MEMBER INCENTIVE AWARDS:

Member Incentive Awards were distributed to the following club members on March 18th:

Participants: Mesa Lieser, Khloe Lieser, Audrey Frenchick, Lynda Frenchick, Kaitlyn Arnzen, Valarie Temp, Rachel Temp, Karrie Halbur, Taylor Nicholls

Hands and Hoof: Taylor Nicholls(Junior) and Rachel Temp (Senior)

Ambassador: Taylor Nicholls (Junior) and Karrie Halbur (Senior)

Rated High Point: Khloe Lieser (Junior) and Kaitlyn Arnzen (Senior)

Horse: Rayanna KL +/ Owned by Lynda Frenchick and Kaitlyn Arnzen



CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who participated and won awards!

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