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## MMAHA NEWSLETTER

# Meeting Minutes October 2020

On October 17, 2020, the General Membership meeting was held via Zoom. President, Lynda Frenchick called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. Members present were: J. Liestman, V. Temp, J. Liestman, L. Mueller, R. Gilbert, M. Smith, J. Riebe and K. Frenchick.

A motion was made to approve the minutes with a correction to the August minutes by Mary S. and a second by Kaitlyn F. The correction is as follows: The deadline is November 25, 2020 for the Ambassador Awards Program. (Not November 1, 2020 as published.)

#### **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 other than some AHA dues have come in. Jean L. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report with Mary S. seconding that motion.

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### The One Day Shows:

Update on the ODS and Value Show for 2020. (May 16-17th)

#### Contract.

-The contract has been signed and returned for R&J for 2021. This is for one year. A decision will have to be made at a later date whether to renew for future years.

#### Judges:

- -Mary S. reported that one of the judges has returned the contract for 2021. The two judges that would have judged the 2020 show will judge in 2021. *Hotel:*
- -Roz G. has confirmation from America Inn for 4 rooms for to 2021. A room for each of the judges, Roy the announcer and Mary in the show office.

#### Awards:

-The prize list should stay the same for 2021, unless more Ranch Horse classes are added.

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#### **Dates to Remember:**

November 25, 2020—Ambassador Forms Due

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

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## **Meeting Minutes Continued**

#### Committee Reports (Cont):

#### June OIEP/WSCA Show:

#### Dates:

-The Meeker County Fairgrounds has our date open for June 5, 2021. The deposit will transfer over from 2020.

#### Judge(s):

-Steve Bobzin will judge in 2021.

-Will wait to see about a second judge. It was suggested that Lynda attempt to line up a second WSCA judge. If none are available then look into other options.

#### Ambassador:

Jean L. reported that 12-15 people have been tracking their time spent with their Arabian or Half-Arabians

- -Youth forms need to be submitted to Roz G. for tracking purposes. Same for Associate Memberships. It was discussed that maybe a fee needs to be charged to become a youth member in order to maintain better records.
- -Fees: Discussion on whether a fee should be charged to those who participate in the Ambassador Program in order to assist with the cost of awards.
- -Jean L., Jaime L. and Lynda F. will go over forms to make sure they are up to date.

#### Royalty:

Jaime L. reported that the 2020 Royalty accepted the invitation to be our 2021 Royalty, which would be Lily Schlangen and Maddie Beecroft.

- -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. The application was available for anyone who met the criteria and wanted to compete.
- -2021 sashes should be the only thing that needs to be ordered for the Royalty, provided their shirts fit from 2020.

The Litchfield Chamber of Commerce held a Scarecrow contest. Danner, Brekke & Everts Financial and Insurance Solutions, had the winning number of votes. They graciously donated the \$100 prize to the NMAHA Royalty. DBE's support is much appreciated.

#### Youth Judging Team:

There aren't any NMAHA youth members competing in the virtual Youth Judging.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Term of Board Members:**

Officers are extended until January. At that time new officers will take over.

#### By-Laws

Under Article III it indicates that officers will be elected annually in the month of November. We don't meet in November, however.

- -Originally this wording was designed when we had enough members to send out a ballot by mail, but in recent years it has been voting by white ballot. Article III does not specifically say "at a meeting".
- -Roz G. proposed to have a slate at the December meeting and vote at the January meeting. This could be made known in the newsletter as well as on facebook.

## **Meeting Minutes Continued**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Delegate Reimbursement:**

-Each delegate has a \$175 expense. Lynda F. and Kaitlyn F. will be our two delegates participating virtually. Other members are welcome to watch for a \$35 fee.

#### Horseman's Distress Fund:

-Roz G. made the motion that NMAHA donate \$350 out of our Donation Budget to the Horseman's Distress Fund. This motion was seconded by Mary S.

#### WSCA Membership:

-\$70 membership fee is due in December. Roz G. made the motion, with a second by Jean L. that we continue with the WSCA membership. Lynda F. will send this in.

#### **Arabians Unplugged Membership:**

-\$150 membership fee for Arabians Unplugged. Jaime will look into if this still is required since there is no banquet in 2020.

#### **Resolutions:**

- -Mary S. highlighted the 17 Resolutions for AHA that will be discussed and voted on virtually at the convention. The resolutions can be viewed on the AHA website.
- -At the time of the convention, voting for President and VP will also take place.

#### Other:

#### 2021 Budget:

Mary S. explained the budget for 2021. If everything plays out as proposed for 2021 there would be a deficit of \$300.

- -Mary S. is concerned that the Ambassador Program has gone over budget. Jean L. asked that the budget be increased from \$300 to \$400.
- -No fee is charged for Best Mess for 2021.

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.

### Jaime Liestman,

NMAHA Secretary

## President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective...

I have been very slow to get my contribution to the newsletter completed and therefore reason our newsletter is posting so late.

We had our meeting via zoom and reviewed our 2021 shows status along with approving our budget for next year. We are set at this time for both our May show and June show. We now look forward to Covid-19 waning so we can have them. We will renew our WSCA membership therefore if you show in open WSCA shows as a member of the club on May 21, 2021 you may compete in their Championship Show, if you qualify.

As I refuse to consider what is happening in our world with Covid-19, particularly in MN, as the "new normal" I look forward to a normal year next year with our horse shows and being with friends and members. It saddens me the time being together with friends and NMAHA members that has been missed by everyone, especially with the loss of long-time members this past year.

It is time to elect new officers and we have one position open for board member, I encourage all members of our club to consider a position. Please let Jaime Liestman know of your intent or nominations you may have. We will vote at our January meeting. Please watch the website or contact an officer for the meeting information.

Until then I wish all a Happy Thanksgiving. Stay safe and well.

Lynda Frenchick
NMAHA President

## Scholarship Winner

#### **Congratulations Ally Eblen**

#### on being chosen as one recipient of the 2020 Region 10 Scholarship!

Ally is a member of the Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Mark Larscheidt Scholarship Program. She is a freshman at University of MN, Crookston, majoring in Equine Science/Pre-Vet. She has successfully competed with the NMAHA Judging Team and as an individual at the

AHA Youth National Hippology and Judging contests in 2019. She is also an active member of the Meeker County (MN) 4-H Horse Project, being an officer on the Project Development Committee for six years.

In addition, she was the NMAHA Queen in 2019 and has volunteered at NMAHA shows and events. She shows her Arabian geldings in pleasure classes and the 4-H training project, along with being a mentor to several younger individuals interested in the Arabian horse.



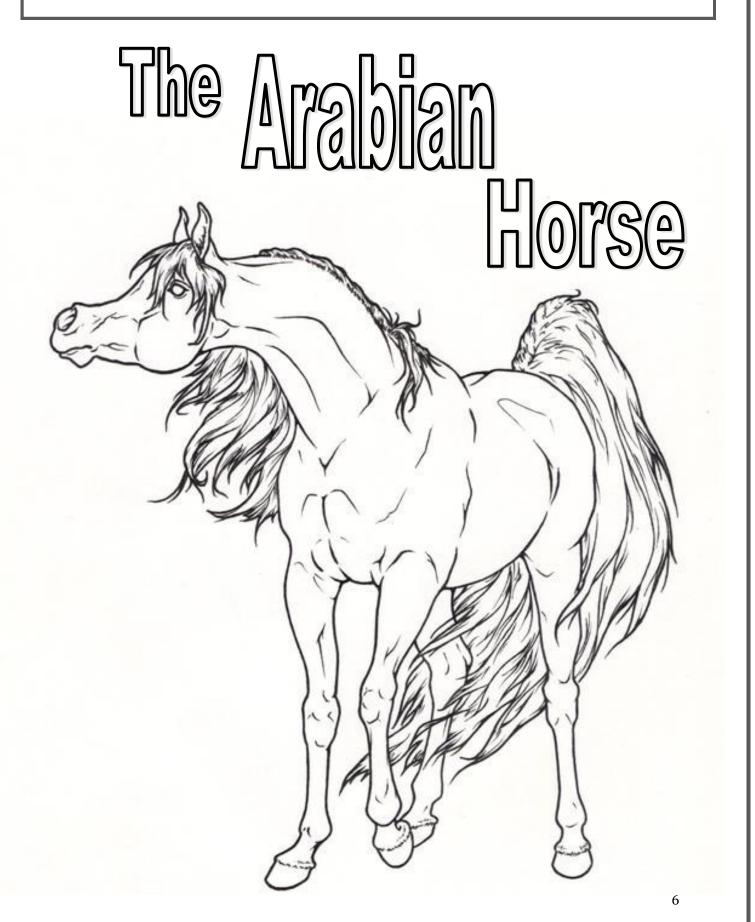
## **Nominations**

NMAHA is currently accepting nominations to serve as an *Officer of the Board* or a *Board of Directors member*.



If you would like to nominate an individual or run yourself, please contact the NMAHA Secretary, Jaime Liestman as soon as possible. Voting will take place at the January 2021 meeting.

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