

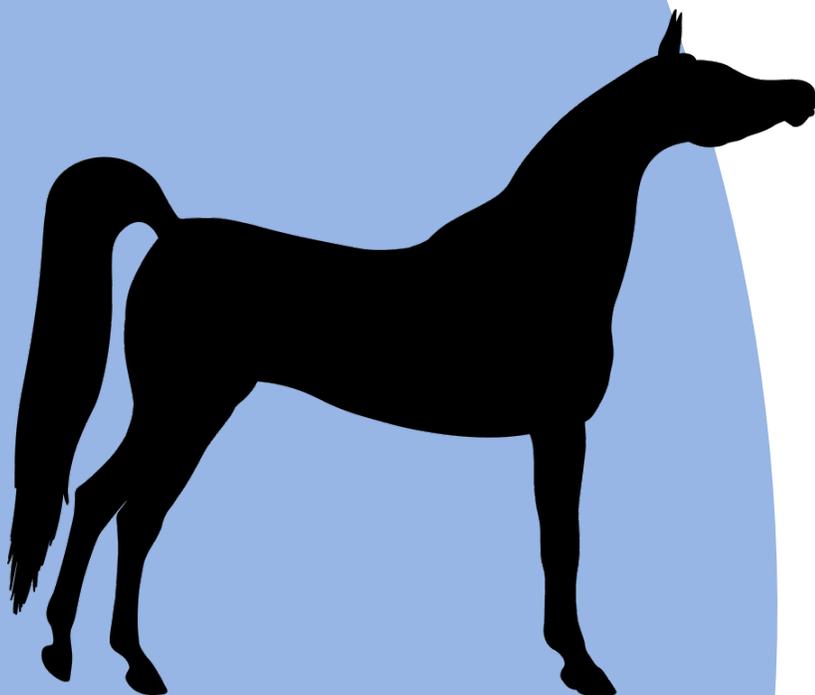


NORTHERN MN ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 21st:

- Next AHA meeting
- Green Roof Arena Center in Paynesville
- Year End High Point Awards Ceremony



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

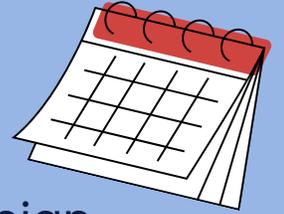
For AHA Regional and National shows at a reasonable cost. Amateur friendly show!

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:

May Show:

Silver:

- Valarie Temp
- Forrest Nutter

Gold:

- MK Arabians
- Shada Arabians
- Shada Inc.
- Aerie Meadow
- Golden Ridge Stables
- McConaughy
- St. Croix Training
- LeFever

Thank you

June Show:

- Roz Gilbert
- Carin Frenchick
- Valerie Temp
- MK Arabians
- Woodland Hills Equestrian Center

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

Thoughts from my perspective....

It was another cold day in Minnesota and it was nice to be able to stay home and have our meeting virtual. I thank those who were on the meeting and want to encourage our members to join our meetings so you are up to date on what we are doing as a club and AHA as an organization.

We continue to make plans for our May Value shows. We will again have an exhibitor pizza party and we look forward to an Equitation clinic on Saturday evening with our judge Chris Culbreth. We will be setting up an on-line sign up to volunteer. Please consider helping out at the shows. It takes more than a handful of people to make it a success.

Our June show will be handled differently this year. At our October meeting it was decided to sponsor a WSCA show, since it is so close to our May show and volunteers are hard to get. Since we already had a judge and the facilities reserved for June 2026. It was presented and the club has decided to reach out to the Meeker County 4-H Horse project. We will still have the show under our name but will be changing the classes and offering both pleasure and game classes. With 4-H Horse project members' volunteering they will then get the proceeds from the show. It will be a single judge event, will still count toward Arabians Unplugged high point.

The club is in need of a member to assist Kaitlyn as Royalty Advisor this year. If you would be interested in helping her, please reach out to Kaitlyn or myself.

The Region 10 show will be back at the MN State Fairgrounds this June, they will be adding Academy classes to the show. At this time scheduled for Sunday in the Compeer arena.

Our next meeting will be giving out our year end high point awards. I hope you will consider attending. It will be in Paynesville at the Green Roof Area Center on March 21 st .

As we continue to have a Minnesota cold spell and are seeing the increase in day light I look forward to spring and warmer temperatures. Until our next meeting, stay warm. (It's not so bad if it weren't for the wind.)

Lynda Frenchick
NMAHA President

AHA ACADEMY PROGRAM/ARABIAN RECREATIONAL RIDING PROGRAM

What is the AHA Academy Program?

The AHA Academy Program is a beginner-level show division designed to introduce new riders to Arabian and Half-Arabian horse showing in a supportive, educational environment. Academy classes focus on confidence-building and learning, creating a positive first experience in the show ring.

Who can participate in it?

Academy classes are open to beginning riders and may be ridden on horses of any breed. The program is intended for riders who are new to showing or developing their skills and confidence in a competition setting.

What is the Arabian Recreational Riding Program (ARRP)?

The Arabian Recreational Riding Program (ARRP) is an online program that rewards riders for every hour they spend riding (or driving) their horse. Participants can submit entries for trail rides, ranch work, parades, riding lessons, local open shows (Saddle Club, 4-H, etc.) or just pleasure riding.

Congratulations for Taylor Nicholls of being part of the ARRP and for being in the top 10!



More Information check out the AHA website for **BOTH PROGRAMS AND MORE!**

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES:

NMAHA January Meeting January 17th, 2025 1pm Virtual

Attendance: Lynda Frenchick, Roz Gilbert, Mesa Lieser, Valerie Temp, Kaitlyn Arnzen, Audrey Frenchick, Khloe Lieser, Taylor Nicholls, and Tina Nicholls

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

Roz made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Valerie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report indicates CY2025 did experience a loss, not as significant as budgeted. Roz motioned to accept treasurer report; Kaitlyn seconded motion. Motion carried.

Report on One Day shows:

- Saturday's judge has been secured, still need a judge for Sunday.
- Ribbons were ordered, still need to order first place prizes.
- There is a sponsor for the working horse belt buckle.
- We will continue the high-point breed buckles.
- Classes/prize list needs to be reviewed and updated based on prior year experience. There is interest from AHA and the region to include Academy classes and will be considered where it seems appropriate.

Volunteers:

- Ring master/scribe confirmed
- Announcer confirmed
- Remaining help will be done via Sign Up Genius, Mesa will coordinate.
- Patron/Sponsors will be appreciated again. Mesa will coordinate.
- Exhibitor party:
- Will provide pizza. Likely to host during the Clinic on Saturday.

Report on June Show:

- Proposed to operate the show for Meeker County Horse Project. Was approved by the county.
- Classes will be adjusted to provide fewer pleasure classes and add game/timed events.
- o 4-H youth and families will be responsible for volunteers and day of the show needs.
- Kaitlyn made a motion to operate June show and share profits with Meeker County Horse project, Roz seconded. Motion Passed.

Ambassador program will be renamed to "Member Incentive Program" to ensure it covers each of the programs offered to club members. Prizes will be awarded at the March meeting.

Royalty program chair Kaitlyn is stepping down and the program is looking for a new chair.

New business:

- Paynesville Area Center has updated their policy to require a damage deposit and hourly rate. Kaitlyn motioned to continue holding meetings there and pay new fee structure, Valerie seconded. Motion carried.

Region 10 updates:

- Academy classes being held on Sunday of Region 10 show in St. Paul, in the compeer building.
- USEF rule for chipping has been postponed for the 2026 show season.
- Region 10 is soliciting club comments on what poses challenges and if representatives would like to sit on a distance ride committee.
- Reminder to connect with the region to assist/participate in MN Horse Expo activities.

Next meeting on March 21 st , 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.

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