

Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association



NMAHA NEWSLETTER

March 2020

Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was held at Paynesville Area Community Center, Paynesville, MN on March 21, 2020. Prior to the meeting the 2019 Ambassador Awards were announced and presented to those in attendance. President, Lynda Frenchick called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM. Members present were: J. Liestman, K. Frenchick, J. Liestman, L. Mueller, D. Michaelis, V. Temp and A. Eblen.

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

Treasurer Report:

Valerie T. reported the Burt Trophy no longer offers ribbons. Hodges Badge Company would be an option. One could look into combining an order for the May and June show in hopes of lowering the cost. Kaitlyn F. made the motion to approve the treasurer's report with Lee Ann M. seconding that motion.

Committee Reports:

The One Day Shows:

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

R&J:

-At this point R&J is still holding shows, unless something changes with COVID-19.

If we cancelled our \$200 deposit would be lost, unless we chose a different date for 2020 OR it could be transferred to 2021, which would require our contract be renewed.

Show Numbers:

-We potentially could have a larger show than in the past due to 2020 shows being cancelled prior to ours.

If we have 150 horses or greater, we would no longer be considered a Value Show for 2021.

Qualifications:

-Qualifications are dismissed up to May 10, 2020. If entries were pre-paid then the exhibitor would automatically be qualified.

At this point, this does not apply to Region 10, since the show is scheduled after May 10th.

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Dates to Remember:

April 20, 2020—Potluck at noon—meeting to follow. Sauk Center, MN **Location subject to change**

May 15, 2020—2021 Royalty Applications due to Jaime Liestman

May 16-17, 2020—NMAHA Show, Verndale, MN

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Committee Reports (Cont):

Volunteers:

- Kaitlyn F. will head up the Google sign up sheet.
- Ring Stewards may be Ally E. and Rachel T.

Sponsorships:

- Sponsorships are always welcomed even from businesses outside of the Verndale area.
- Our FB page could be used to push getting sponsorships and encourage members to ask businesses.

Awards:

- Roz G. has ordered towels to be embroidered.
- Lynda F. will order vet wrap and gift certificates.
- Kaitlyn F. will see if the company is able to withhold putting the year on the High Point Buckles, in the event that we would need to cancel our show for this year.

June OIEP/WSCA Show:

Lynda F. gave an update.

Fairgrounds Contract:

- Contract has been signed, the fairgrounds has been paid and insurance submitted to them.

Sponsorships:

- Jaime L. is concerned about asking businesses during this difficult time with the COVID-19 Pandemic for sponsorships. Many businesses are currently closed in the Litchfield area and this also leaves many individuals without work.

Volunteers:

- This is very important to help the show run smoothly.

Awards/Ribbons:

- Jaime L. will follow up with the rose neck garlands that are being donated to our club.

Judges:

- Steve Bobzin and Roxanne Schall are booked.

Food Stand:

- Missy B. is checking with a Relay for Life group to see if they would be willing to be in charge of the food stand.

Royalty:

Jaime L. reported on the Royalty.

- The Royalty shirts have arrived and have been received by our Royalty.
- Due to COVID-19 there will be less events for the Royalty to attend, such as MN Horse Expo.
- The 2021 Royalty Guidelines and Application are available. Deadline is May 15, 2020.

Region 10 and NMAHA Youth Fundraiser:

Kaitlyn F. reported on the Fundraising.

- Region 10 Youth fundraising has been pushed back and other options are being explored.
 - One club donated \$100 and a second club donated \$200 to Region 10 Youth.
 - NMAHA In-Hand Poker class will be giving 90% of the entry fees to Region 10 Youth as a fundraiser, with the remaining 10% plus \$200 being awarded to the class winner.
- NMAHA fundraiser is still a go with baskets being donated for a silent auction. The proceeds would go toward the Hippology and Youth Horse Judging.

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OLD BUSINESS:

By-laws:

-Rewording of annual meeting (needs to be made public, such as in the minutes published in the newsletter): Article II Second and Third paragraph.

1. The Annual meeting will be held in January.

2. At least one meeting of the association per year will be held within the geographical area described as a triangle between Brainerd, Alexandria and St. Cloud.

Current wording:

1. *The annual meeting shall be held in October in the Brainerd, Minnesota area.*

2. *The majority of the meetings of the Association shall be held within the geographical area described as a triangle between Brainerd, Alexandria and St. Cloud.*

Show Facility Comparison:

Jaime L. and Lee Ann M. toured Double F Arena in Hinckley. Pictures were taken and report sent via email to the Board.

Kaitlyn F. made the motion to table the discussion until the April meeting. That would give our members a chance to view the photos and the comparison sheet of the two facilities (R&J Arena and Double F Arena) via email that will be sent out by Kaitlyn. This will be voted on by the BOD once feedback is received. Valerie T. seconded this motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hippology:

-Kaitlyn F. mentioned that the Hippology contest could perhaps be done online if the COVID

-19 restrictions are still in place.

Best Mess for June Show:

-New version has been paid for by Treas. Valerie T.

Region 10 March Meeting Report:

-Kaitlyn F. gave an update. COVID-19 was the main topic.

AHA President:

-Peter Conway is running for AHA President.

Awards:

-There was a discussion regarding awards and some new possibilities, such as a Yeti Cup or cash.

Scholarship:

-Deadline is May 15, 2020 and the application is available on the Region 10 website.

Youth:

-Activities are up in the air at this point.

Meeting Dates:

April 18, 2020 – Sauk Centre, MN **THE LOCATION MAY BE CHANGED TO THE PAYNESVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CENTER**

August – Date TBD, Location Darwin Ski Hill – Trail Ride

October - Date and location TBD

December 5, 2020 – Location TBD, looking at possibilities.

These dates are to be discussed at a later time.

Jaime Liestman,
NMAHA Secretary

President's Perspective

Thoughts from my perspective.....

Our March meeting was a small gathering and stayed under the recommended COVID 19 ten or less people in a group guideline. I want to thank all those who did attend. As I write this article, we are currently under a Stay Safe at Home recommendation of our Governor and we are waiting to hear from him if it will be extended. If it is - we will not be holding a meeting in April, but the Board and Officers will be meeting electronically. More to come when we know more.

We had our Ambassador Awards at this meeting, and I congratulate the high point winners and wish to thank all of those who participate in this program to promote the Arabian breed to others. Thank you to Jean for being chairperson for this program.

Our shows are fast approaching. We wait in anticipation to see if we will be able to hold them. Currently - both shows are outside of the currently recommended restrictions. Please be assured if you send in pre-registration for our shows and they are cancelled we will be refunding your money.

I want our members to be not only thinking about our need for volunteers, but to call and let us know that you can. 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:

- Volunteer Coordinator for June show (schedules and assigns volunteers for the show)
- Ring Steward (this is a great learning experience for young persons - high school age and older - who either participate in judging for 4H or FFA to work alongside the judge)
- 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 – halter score tabulators
- Ribbons

To sign up to volunteer for the May One Day Shows (May 16th & 17th) please contact Kaitlyn Frenchick. For our June 6th Arabian Community Show we are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator. To sign up prior to having a listed volunteer coordinator - feel free to contact me.

The MN Horse Expo is cancelled this year, so our royalty is losing this event to attend and promote our club and the Arabian breed. We are hopeful and look forward to seeing them at other events that they attend.

Until then, stay safe, wash hands frequently!

Lynda Frenchick
NMAHA President

2019 Ambassador Awards

HIGH POINT WINNERS

Sr. Champion

Jaime Liestman

RF Epic

Mr Ames CRF

PA Silkys Patrick

Sr. Champion

Missy Beecroft

RF Red Dawn

Jr. Champion

Ally Eblen

Zimbassador PGN

Trinity WLF

Res. Jr. Champion

Lily Schlangen

PA Silkys Patrick

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RF Epic

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Kaitlyn Frenchick

Ravello GF

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2019 Ambassador Awards—Cont.

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Lynda Frenchick



Jaime Liestman



Lee Ann Mueller



Darcie Michaelis



Kaitlyn Frenchick

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