

Meeting Minutes
Minnesota Arabian Horse Association
Saturday, January 12, 2013
Anita Grant's Home

Attending Officers and Board Members: Lori Conway, Jill Frieders, Anita Grant, Lisa A. Lewis, John Diedrich, Nathan Hastad, Pat Swenson, Miriam McGurran, Toni Marie O'Daniel, Van Jacobsen, and Janet de Acevedo Macdonald.

Board members not in attendance: Annie Slawik, Rebecca Bell, and Teresa LeFever

Guest: Ian Macdonald

President Lori Conway called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

1) Secretary's Report

Janet asked that the December 7, 2012, Meeting Minutes draft she distributed earlier by email be edited if necessary and approved for posting to the membership via the club's website. Following a correction on convention delegate remuneration, Jill made the motion to approve the amended Minutes, Toni Marie approved and Pat seconded. The motion carried.

3) Treasurer's Report

Jill submitted a Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss current to 01/11/2013; both with previous year comparison figures. The club's total assets are \$100,157.78, which represents a 10% change over the \$91,044.21 from the same date in 2012. Total Liabilities & Equity are \$100,157.78 and \$91,044.21, respectively.

It was agreed that MAHA's detailed financial reports will be made available upon request, but not posted as part of Meeting Minutes on the website.

Jill moved that MAHA make a one-time \$1000 donation to the Minnesota Hay Bank to help horses in need. Van seconded. Motion carried.

The Board tabled discussion on how to handle "in memory of" request money at the national convention. It will be revisited in October.

MAHA has \$1000 remaining in its budget allocated to donations.

4) President's Report

Annual Meeting, Awards Banquet & Clinic:
Shada's Jeff Schall, and Cedar Ridge Arabians' Leah Boyd and John Galladay will join the class presenter list for the clinic on Sunday, January 27, at Cedar Ridge. Lori, Van, and John will round out the expert field.

No fee will be charged to participate in any of the clinic's classes. High Point winners will receive cash versus gift cards.

After some discussion, it was decided there should be no guest speaker during lunch, as time will be needed to handle the high point and other volunteer recognitions.

The 2013 GamaarFynEdition AAOTR Award will go to 1999 purebred gelding, MM Sabe+//, 2012 US National Champion English Pleasure AAOTR 18-35, and Morgan Kelly. The GamaarFynEdition AAOTR Award runs through 2018.

5) Membership Report

Lisa presented information on the AHA's TAIL (Total Arabian Interaction & Learning) Program. She has been in discussions with AHA's new Marketing Director Bill Harliss. She is interested in heading up this effort by offering a MAHA-sponsored project at Region 10. The initial thinking is to invite no more than 30 school kids to the fairgrounds and ask four MAHA-member barns to present differing "stations" of information about horse care. Jill, Nathan and Anita expressed interest in helping Lisa with this effort. It was also recommended that Lisa talk with Region 10 member Stacey Dunn.

Current member numbers are:

Grand Total: 359
Adult 1 Yr – 244
Adult 3 Yr – 11
Lifetime – 12
Youth 1 Yr - 92

6) Spring Fling

Lori reported for Teresa. The postcard is at the printer. The premium book and other forms needed to register to attend the show will be online next week.

Payback will be \$15 cash for First Place. Miriam will head up the Silent Auction for MAHA Youth, she and Jill will handle ribbons. AHT's Tony Bergren will be asked to help at the in gate. Donut sponsors will be HestenPark, Conway Arabians, and Jill's company, O'Brien & Wolf, LLC. Someone is still needed to staff the hospitality table for all three show days.

7) High Point Forms

Three new forms are needed for members to participate in MAHA's High Point program; Distance Riding, Dressage, and Western Dressage. Van and Pat will work together on the Distance Riding form defining how points are accounted. Jill will work on a form for Dressage, and Anita will draft one for Western Dressage.

8) MAHA Trail Rides

The June ride will be hosted by Chrisalem Hills in Rosemount and will be either Saturday, June 22 or Sunday, June 23. The fall ride will be hosted again by Conway Arabians in Chatfield and will be either Saturday, October 12 or Sunday, October 13.

9) MAHA Delegates

Jill made the motion to approve Nancy Sawyer, Toni Marie, and Lori as delegates with terms to expire after the 2014 National Convention. Van Jacobsen will be an alternate delegate. John approved and Toni Marie seconded. The motion carried.

10) Region 10

MAHA member Ian Macdonald will attend the January 13, 2013 Region 10 Meeting in Eau Claire, Wisconsin representing John, who is unable to attend.

11) MAHA Board Meeting Dates for the balance of 2013

- ✍ Saturday, March 2, at noon at Chrisalem Hills in Rosemount.
- ✍ Friday evening, at 6 p.m. March 22, at the MN Equestrian Center (MEC) in Winona during the Spring Fling. Time and place within MEC to be determined.
- ✍ Tuesday, August 27, at 7 p.m. at the Black Stallion in Hampton
- ✍ Wednesday, November 6, at 7 p.m. at the Black Stallion in Hampton

Adjournment

Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Toni Marie approved, and Anita seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet de Acevedo Macdonald