

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Minnesota Arabian Horse Association
March 3, 2012, Noon-3 p.m.
Anita Grant's Home
Northfield, MN

Attending Officers and Board Members: Lori Conway, Annie Slawik, Jill Frieders, Anita Grant, Miriam McGurran, Lisa A. Lewis, Rebecca Bell, John Diedrich, Toni Marie O'Daniel, Teresa LeFever, Pat Swenson

Excused Board Members: Sarah Paripovich

President Lori Conway called the meeting to order at 12 noon

Secretary's Report

Minutes from January 29 Meeting will be ready for approval in the near future.

President's Report

Lori Conway introduced the "Why I Want an Arabian Horse" essay contest idea developed by Minnesota Horse Council Board Member Carol Dobbelaire.

Conway Arabians and the Minnesota 4-H Horse Association announce the first annual Why I Want an Arabian Horse essay contest. This contest is open to all Minnesota 4-H members actively involved in the 4-H horse project. Conway Arabians will donate one weanling or yearling horse guaranteed to be sound and correct in conformation, of good disposition and bloodlines, with a current negative Coggins, and be registered or eligible for registration with the Arabian Horse Registry. If the donated horse is a male 6 months of age or older, it will have been castrated prior to being awarded.

Contest Rules: Contestants are to submit a typed essay of up to 1 ½ pages (preferred format is Courier New, Century Gothic, Calibri, or Times New Roman font style with a font size between 10 and 12.) demonstrating their knowledge of the Arabian horse breed, what ownership of this horse would mean to them including how they would provide care, the environment in which the horse would be raised, and any other pertinent and/or human interest information they wish to share. Entries are to be sent to the Why I Want an Arabian Horse essay contest postmarked no later than August 31, 2012. The contestant will create a Cost of Care document demonstrating the applicant's understanding of the expense of horse ownership. The document, essay, and signed Consent and Release of Liability form (available at <http://www.mn4horse.com>) will comprise the complete application. The application will not be considered unless all documents arrive together.

Conway Arabians will donate a purebred yearling gelding to this program.

MAHA Express newsletter:

Janet de Acevedo Macdonald distributed an Editorial Calendar for the newsletter, proposing six issues per year with topics for each issue. Each newsletter will always have a President's letter, a Mark Your Calendar section and the Membership Form. Each issue will also have enough flexibility to include articles/photos submitted by members, as well as obits, info from the MN Horse Council, columns from Becky Bell and John Cohan, etc.

Janet proposed including an ongoing report from Membership too, and new Membership Chair, Lisa Lewis, concurred.

Janet will try again to do a trainer's corner or have a vet/vet tech that will write or be interviewed for articles on vaccination recommendations, deworming. Etc. John Diedrich suggested asking Penny Gute.

Costs for photocopying and mailing 24 newsletters runs just under \$30/issue.

MAHA Website

In coming weeks Janet will:

Replace current website banner photos with new discipline photos from Avalon Photography. She will get a clearer copy of Van Jacobsen's Cougar Rock photo and keep it on the site. Jill Frieders offered to provide a Dressage photo.

Install a Facebook icon to click through to MAHA group on the homepage

Add each Board Member and Delegate term expiration year on the MAHA Officers page.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Frieders provided a formal report.

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Minnesota Arabian Horse Association
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2011

	<u>Dec 31, 11</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Wells Fargo	7,361.62
Wells Fargo-Youth	6,104.87
Wells Fargo Bank - Savings	45,353.23
Wells Fargo CD #1	14,164.02
Wells Fargo CD #2	6,749.81
Wells Fargo CD #3	11,719.95
Total Checking/Savings	<u>91,453.50</u>
Total Current Assets	91,453.50
Fixed Assets	
Dressage Ring (new 2004)	1,468.74
Stall Curtains	697.19
Total Fixed Assets	<u>2,165.93</u>
Other Assets	
Arabians Unplugged Funds	-391.82
Tables	110.74
Total Other Assets	<u>-281.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>93,338.35</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	59,594.60
Retained Earnings	27,600.96
Net Income	6,142.79
Total Equity	<u>93,338.35</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>93,338.35</u></u>

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Minnesota Arabian Horse Association
Profit & Loss
January through December 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Educational Clinics	366.25
Fall Classic Income	37,262.05
Interest Earned	209.49
Membership Dues	4,541.30
Open Championship Show Income	1,954.00
Spring Fling Income	57,280.00
Youth Income	1,501.25
Total Income	<u>103,114.34</u>
Expense	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	51.25
Bank Service Charges	45.50
Delegate Reimbursement	4,000.00
Fall Classic Expense	28,867.04
Insurance Expense	1,716.84
Meeting Expense	1,353.56
Membership Expense	601.58
MN Horse Expo	163.12
Office Expense	76.19
Open Championship Show Expenses	1,880.51
Promotional Expense	2,249.36
Spring Fling Expense	53,242.80
Storage Rental	550.00
Tax Preparation Fee	525.00
Youth Expense	1,648.80
Total Expense	<u>96,971.55</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>6,142.79</u>
Net Income	<u><u>6,142.79</u></u>

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Minnesota Arabian Horse Association
Balance Sheet
As of January 25, 2012

	<u>Jan 25, 12</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Wells Fargo	4,758.40
Wells Fargo-Youth	6,104.87
Wells Fargo Bank - Savings	45,353.23
Wells Fargo CD #1	14,164.02
Wells Fargo CD #2	6,891.67
Wells Fargo CD #3	11,719.95
Total Checking/Savings	<u>88,992.14</u>
Total Current Assets	88,992.14
Fixed Assets	
Dressage Ring (new 2004)	1,468.74
Stall Curtains	697.19
Total Fixed Assets	<u>2,165.93</u>
Other Assets	
Arabians Unplugged Funds	-331.82
Tables	110.74
Total Other Assets	<u>-221.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>90,936.99</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	59,594.60
Retained Earnings	33,743.75
Net Income	-2,401.36
Total Equity	<u>90,936.99</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>90,936.99</u></u>

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Minnesota Arabian Horse Association

Profit & Loss

January 1 - 25, 2012

	<u>Jan 1 - 25, 12</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Donations Received	500.00
Fall Classic Income	100.00
Interest Earned	141.86
Membership Dues	175.00
Region X Income	1,000.00
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Total Income	1,916.86
Expense	
Delegate Reimbursement	3,800.00
Fall Classic Expense	345.47
Membership Expense	120.00
Office Expense	26.45
Open Championship Show Expenses	15.30
Promotional Expense	11.00
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Total Expense	4,318.22
Net Ordinary Income	<hr/> -2,401.36
Net Income	<hr/> <hr/> -2,401.36

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Minnesota Arabian Horse Association
Spring Fling
January through December 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Spring Fling Income		
Patrons	400.00	200.00
Refunds	-145.00	-735.00
Sponsorships	50.00	141.00
Spring Fling Income - Other	56,975.00	43,529.00
Total Spring Fling Income	<u>57,280.00</u>	<u>43,135.00</u>
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Expense		
Spring Fling Expense		
Fees--AHA	1,270.07	545.00
Fee--Tri State	55.00	0.00
Awards	4,191.76	2,621.76
Bedding	0.00	4,530.50
Facility Rental	26,698.40	16,610.00
Food	373.77	468.87
Insurance	399.00	399.00
Travel	538.00	4,299.52
Labels	140.07	160.29
Lodging	2,461.20	0.00
Meals	0.00	0.00
Patron Welcome	172.51	367.35
Payback	5,825.00	4,408.00
Postage	603.58	589.46
Printing	598.34	436.68
Contract Labor	4,927.29	3,886.70
Supplies	1,692.81	742.00
Fees--USEF	2,925.00	2,085.00
Spring Fling Expense - Other	371.00	738.00
Total Spring Fling Expense	<u>53,242.80</u>	<u>42,888.13</u>
Total Expense	53,242.80	42,888.13
Net Ordinary Income	<u>4,037.20</u>	<u>246.87</u>
Net Income	<u><u>4,037.20</u></u>	<u><u>246.87</u></u>

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Minnesota Arabian Horse Association
Fall Classic
 January through December 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Fall Classic Income		
Refunds	-96.00	0.00
Sponsorships	175.00	160.00
Fall Classic Income - Other	37,183.05	34,940.50
Total Fall Classic Income	<u>37,262.05</u>	<u>35,100.50</u>
Total Income	37,262.05	35,100.50
Expense		
Fall Classic Expense		
AHA Show Fees	0.00	840.50
Contract Labor	3,759.40	2,775.90
Application Fees	2,786.00	0.00
Awards	1,445.53	798.88
Breakfast	0.00	160.00
Exhibitor Party	1,237.35	953.33
Facilities Rental	13,555.00	12,651.00
Food	174.00	114.50
Insurance	266.00	266.00
Office	0.00	0.00
Payback	899.50	499.50
Postage	109.79	19.54
Travel/Lodging	2,209.83	2,860.50
Supplies	747.83	1,272.43
USEF Fees	0.00	1,605.00
Fall Classic Expense - Other	1,676.81	713.00
Total Fall Classic Expense	<u>28,867.04</u>	<u>25,530.08</u>
Total Expense	28,867.04	25,530.08
Net Ordinary Income	<u>8,395.01</u>	<u>9,570.42</u>
Net Income	<u><u>8,395.01</u></u>	<u><u>9,570.42</u></u>

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Membership

Lisa Lewis reported as of March 2, 2012, MAHA has 242 Adult, 12 Life and 76 Youth members. In March 2011, the numbers were: MAHA has 229 Adult, 10 Life and 78 Youth members.

Bylaw and AHA Award Deadlines:

Rebecca Bell reported that MAHA is compliant.

2012 MAHA Spring Fling

Teresa LeFever and Nathan Hastad reported things are on track for the March 23-25 show, in Winona. Volunteers were determined for Set Up, Hospitality, Ribbons/Gate, Announcer, Ringmaster, Youth Silent Auction and other needs.

MAHA Youth

Teresa asked for items to be donated to the MAHA Youth Silent Auction. She is also looking for someone to coordinate the auction.

Teresa is also looking into hosting a MAHA Youth Clinic at the LeFever Training Centre in Hudson, Wisconsin sometime in June. She is investigating clinicians who are suitable for youth riders.

2012 Minnesota Horse Expo

Anita Grant is looking for stall drapes that are the same or complementary colors. Toni Marie O'Daniel offered to help her with this. Lori offered set up and take down help from Conway Arabians.

2012 WSCA/Open Show/Arabians Unplugged

Toni Marie and Anita reported David Boggs and Terri Ann Boggs will be the judges for the MAHA Arabian Open Shows Championships & WSCA Show, Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo, September 9.

Annie Slawik will do insurance for the AOSC.

The 2012 Arabians Unplugged show circuit booklet has been posted to the MAHA site on its Open Shows page.

MAHA Trail Ride

After some discussion, Pat Swenson will arrange a Saturday, June 30 trail ride at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve. Riders should meet by 10 a.m. and bring a treat to share afterwards. MAHA will provide the beverages.

2012 Open Houses, Clinics, other educational events

Conway Arabians is looking to host a picnic and trail ride day in mid-July. LeFever Training Centre plans to have an open house for its new Hudson, Wisconsin facility in June.

Insurance

Annie will write policies for both the Spring and Fall MAHA shows.

2012 MAHA Fall Classic

Scheduled for September 15 & 16 at the MN Equestrian Center in Winona, Lori proposed keeping its same format, as it has been successful.

After some discussion, Lori will pursue asking Johnny Johnston to present a clinic on equine photography.

Arabian Amateur & Professional Horseman's Association (APAHA) High Point Money Program

Lori introduced this new high point program for amateur owners. Briefly outlined, these are its perimeters:

1. To be eligible, each individual must be a Current Member of AHA and pay an annual nomination fee of \$150 prior to the first show that will be used for points. APAHA members will receive a discounted nomination fee of \$100.
2. Each individual entrant must personally show each horse that generates points towards the awards program. Points must be submitted on the official verification form and signed by the show secretary within 30 days of completion of the qualifying show.
3. All Amateur Owner points must be earned with a horse owned by the amateur or a member of their immediate family. Amateur Owner points towards the High Point Award must be earned in Adult Amateur Owner to Ride, Drive or Handle classes only. The Amateur Award Program is open to riders 18 years and older.

For more detailed information and to sign up for the program, please visit the APAHA website.

Jill made the motion for the MAHA Spring Fling to become a one-star participant in this program. Janet approved, Lisa seconded. Motion carried. John amended that carried motion to include the MAHA Fall Classic, which was approved by Jill and seconded by Annie. Motion for both MAHA shows to become one-star participants in the APAHA program carried.

Lori will also bring this information to the Region 10 Board Meeting, asking it to do the same thing for the Region 10 Championship Show.

Election of 2012 AHA Delegates from MAHA

Lori, Toni Marie, Anita, John, Janet and Nancy Sawyer were elected as the six delegates from MAHA to the AHA Convention in Denver.

Nancy, Lori and Toni Marie's delegate term expires after the convention in Denver. Anita, Janet and John's terms expire about the 2013 Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

2012 MAHA Board Meeting Dates

Rebecca and Janet have reviewed the MAHA Bylaws separately. According to the Bylaws, Article V Board of Directors, item C, "At last five regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each year at such time and place as the Directors shall provide."

Both Rebecca and Janet agree these five published dates mean the association is in compliance with its meeting obligations as outlined in its bylaws.

1. Sunday, January 29, 10 a.m., Annual General Meeting, Cedar Ridge Arabians, Jordan
2. Saturday, March 3, noon, General Meeting, Anita Grant's home, Northfield
3. Wednesday, April 11, 7 p.m., Black Stallion Restaurant & Bar, Hampton
4. Wednesday, August 29, 7 p.m., Black Stallion Restaurant & Bar, Hampton

5. Saturday, September 15, time TBD, General Meeting, MN Equestrian Center, Winona

Other business

Board members expressed interest in adding dressage classes to each of our two shows and/or having a MAHA dressage show in the 2013 season.

AHA Region 10 Director Laura Mickelson will be approached about scheduling a Region 10 Amateur Youth Dressage Show during the 2013 season.

Adjournment

Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Annie approved the motion. Lisa seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet de Acevedo Macdonald