

General Membership Meeting Minutes
Minnesota Arabian Horse Association
August 29, 2012, 7 p.m.
The Black Stallion Restaurant
Hampton, MN

Present: Lori Conway, Nathan Hastad, Pat Swenson, Miriam McGurran, Teresa LeFever, Anita Grant, John Diedrich, Becky Bell, Annie Slawik, Jill Frieders, Toni Marie O'Daniel.

Guests: Laura Mickelson, Linda Selchow

Absent: Janet de Acevedo Macdonald, Sarah Paripovich

Secretary's Report: The April 11, 2012 Minutes were read by members and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Jill and 2nd by Annie.

Membership Report: An update was given by Lisa Lewis. MAHA has 367 total members as of this meeting. 264 Adults, five-3 year members, 12 lifetime members, and 86 youth members. We have lost some youth riders since last year.

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by Jill Frieders. Our Spring Fling made around \$9,000.

The balance sheet shows assets of \$90,372.42. This is above where we were last year. We are positive financially right now. We will know more numbers after the Fall Classic horse show. Miriam made the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Nathan 2nd.

Fall Classic: The Fall Classic is September 15th & 16th. Johnny Johnston is not well enough to come and do the clinic. It was decided to have an open clinic once again along with the catered dinner and exhibitor party. Connie Curtis will be the USEF steward for the show. Laura Mickelson will put our sponsorship form online. O'Brien-Wolfe and Conway Arabians will be providing donuts for the morning sessions.

MN Horse Council: Miriam talked about different issues being presented to the MN Horse Council (MNHC). The deadline for grants and scholarships are available online. Please check the MNHC website often for new information.

Miriam also suggested that people become members of the horse council.

Conway Arabians donated a gelding to the MN State 4-H. The horse is at the fairground this weekend for the show and will be given to the lucky winner of the essay contest.

AOSC/WSCA Champ show: The show is coming along well. An entry blank was sent out for people to fill in prior to the show. We have hired a show secretary for this year to help in the office. Her fee will be traded for a free stall and entries. There will be an ad in the WSCA Spotlight this month for the show as well as a sponsorship form that will be put on the MAHA Facebook page.

Spring Fling: The show will be March 22-24th at Winona. Last year's show was put in for "Show of the year" through AHA. We will look into judges after the AHA Convention in November.

Open House/Clinics: A decision was made to have another clinic at Cedar Ridge during January. It will be the third weekend of January. The year-end awards will be presented at the open meeting that will be during the clinic. Ideas of Clinicians are: John Rannenburg, Gordon Potts, Liz Bentley, Ryan Strand, and Stanley White.

Minnesota Horse Expo: Annie Slawik and Kristin O'Daniel will co-chair the event for MAHA. More information will follow at the next meetings. A huge thank you to Anita Grant for all the work she has done in the past for this event.

MAHA Youth: Kara LaVenture has talked about helping with the MAHA youth. She was a huge asset for the Region 10 show and put together some great events for the show. Teresa LeFever will call Kara and see if she is interested in getting more involved with the MAHA youth. Laura Mickelson stated that Kara would be doing a youth lounge at next year's Region 10 show.

The WAHA show is not able to have the judging contest again. The judging team is in need of a new show to go to. Region 10 is looking into hosting the contest as well as funding it, but there may be logistic issue with having it at Regionals. A suggestion was made to have the judging contest at the Youth Round-Up. Laura Mickelson will bring it up to Joan Rose at the next Region 10 meeting. At this time, MAHA has one team right now, but would like to get two more members.

Fall Trail Ride: The Fall Trail Ride is October 7th @ Conway Arabians. People can come early and see the facilities. A current Coggins and hard hats are required for the ride. Annie Slawik will call our insurance to make sure that the trail ride is covered under our policy. MAHA will supply pop for the ride and people can bring their own snacks to share.

2013 Board Members: Four at-large board member terms expire this year: Teresa LeFever, John Diedrich, Becky Bell and Sarah Paripovich. Per our bylaws, Officers run for election annually. Anyone running for the Board needs to be a current member and should be actively involved in the club. Tammy Stoffel is suggested as someone to contact about joining the nominations. She would be a great PR person for MAHA.

MAHA Logo: Lori will talk to Tammy Stoffel about cleaning up our Logo. The board would like to keep what we have and just clean it up a bit. There is a lot of extra that could be deleted to make it a more usable logo. It was recommended to give Tammy a MAHA membership in trade for doing the new logo.

Bylaw Change: It was recommended that officers should have a two-year term instead of a one year term. The bylaw change needs to be made at a general membership meeting

with a 2/3 vote. We could do it at the general meeting in January. Becky Bell will look into making these changes.

AHA Convention: MAHA will be sending six delegates to the convention. Lori Conway, Janet de Acevedo Macdonald, Toni Marie O'Daniel, Anita Grant, John Diedrich, and Nancy Sawyer will attend the convention in Denver in November.

Software for Secretary: A request was made at the last meeting by Janet for updated software for the secretary's position. Janet had requested that we buy Adobe Acrobat X Pro. It is \$370. Lisa made the motion and Jill 2nd the motion to buy the software for MAHA that Janet will use.

Adjournment: A motion was made by John and seconded by Annie to end the meeting. The meeting ended at 8:18.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Marie O'Daniel