

Meeting Minutes
Minnesota Arabian Horse Association
Saturday, January 23, 2016
Conway Arabians, Chatfield, MN

Attending Officers and Board Members: Teresa LeFever, John Diedrich, Toni Marie O'Daniel, Penny Gute, Van Jacobsen, Brook Matthiesen, Lori Conway, and Nathan Hastad.

Excused absences: Brian Feuling, Anita Grant, Jill Frieders, Annie Slawik, Pat Swenson, Jennifer Foreman and Renee Kramer.

President Lori Conway called the meeting to order at 4:17 pm.

1) 2016 Spring Fling show

Teresa discussed the Spring Fling show and what yet needs to be done.

- The premium book will be sent to Brook around Jan. 26 to be posted on the MAHA website and Facebook pages.
- Silent auction items are needed yet. Each board member should try to bring in 1-2 items. Items could include gift baskets, game tickets, lessons, patron sponsorships to Region 10 or Fall Classic show, or other unique items. When posting show information to MAHA's website and Facebook pages, call attention to this need. Proceeds go to the MAHA youth.
- Donut sponsors include: Chisalem Hills Amateur Barn, West Lawn Farms, Conway Arabians and Bird, Jacobsen & Stevens law firm.
- John has volunteered again to be ring master and Brian may be able to be the gate person. Still looking for ribbon folks, especially youth who would like to do this.
- Friday night will include a dinner (it's Lent so will order more macaroni and cheese), high point awards and President's Award, and a general MAHA membership meeting. Teresa will add this into the premium book.
- Judge is Kelly Elm, a US Nationals judge.

2) 2016 MN Horse Expo

Lori read an email from Annie Slawik, who is helping organize MAHA's involvement in the MN Horse Expo. Annie, Kristen O'Daniel, and Jeff Rutz of the MHAHA club are organizing the event.

- Excited to announce that MAHA and the MN Half Arabian Horse Association will join forces and present both clubs' horses as a joint effort at the 2016 MN Horse Expo.
- Criteria for participation includes by invitation only for horses who are the best representation of the Arabian and half-Arabian breed and must include a

- nationally or regionally accredited horse, in show shape with show coat and show clipped.
- No marketing or promotion of any individual farm at the MAHA/MHAHA booth/stalls can be done because MAHA and MHAHA receive stipends from Region 10 to participate in this event. Only promotion of Region 10 clubs can be done.

3) Club Financials

With some large outstanding bills yet that need to be paid (Arabian Horse Times magazine subscription and MAHA clinic), it still appears that MAHA is doing well financially. The club has enough discretionary funds that four ideas were discussed, including two member give-back benefits and a member retention and new member item. More in-depth financial discussion to be completed at the February 2 board meeting.

- Show fees for the 2016 Spring Fling and Fall Classic shows will not be raised.
- Van made a motion to offer a \$1,000 MAHA scholarship to be awarded annually and commencing in 2016. Toni Marie motioned to amend the motion to say two \$500 scholarships as her professional expertise in the area indicates that more people will apply if there is more than one scholarship available. Toni Marie will work on criteria for the scholarships but so far it will include: the requirement to be a MAHA voting member or youth member, open to adults who are currently attending an accredited higher learning institution, and youth who are currently seniors in high school. Toni Marie seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- The board will look into offering a MAHA sponsorship at the 2016 Nationals shows. Van believes AHA has a package rate for all Nationals shows and will look into this and provide more information back to the board. If this motion carries, be sure to list the club's name on the sponsorship as the Minnesota AHA or the Minnesota Arabian Horse Association since there are multiple "MAHA" clubs around the country.
- The board indicated a need for a flyer, brochure or other type of handout that promotes MAHA and highlights its member benefits. The item would be for events like the MN Horse Expo and would need to be completed by that 2016 event (April 22-24). Lori made a motion to have Brook create the item, John seconded it and the motion was passed.
- Through a few misunderstandings, MAHA's Arabian Horse Times membership promotion from 2015 had a few kinks in the execution and timing. Lori and others worked to fix this issue and believes it is now solved.
- Van made a motion to have MAHA pay the catering bill for the January 23 clinic. Toni Marie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Toni Marie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Brook Matthiesen
MAHA Secretary