

Minnesota Arabian Horse Association
Board Meeting
February 16, 2025

Present: Christy Caspers, Teresa LeFever, Roberta Lembke, Brook Matthiesen, Toni Marie O'Daniel, Lori Cherry, Laura Mickelson

Guests:

Meeting Called to Order by President Christy Caspers

The Board approved the minutes of the January 27, 2025 board meeting.

President's Report

Christy reported that she did onboarding with the new board members to discuss the board and expectations. Chris may do membership, Tammi will be working in the marketing area, and Laura will handle WSCA work and local participation.

Christy reached out to Hillary regarding the Horse Expo to get her documentation and suggestions for going forward.

Christy discussed the 70th Anniversary Celebration. She shared some of her ideas including highlighting old newsletters and mailings, setting up a table at the Spring Fling and Fall Classic, announcement of the new scholarship, and more. Anita Grant volunteered to pull together some documentation on old MAHA related materials that she has.

Christy made a motion that the board allocate up to \$200 in prizes to celebrate the anniversary. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the open membership meeting that will be held on Saturday night at the Spring Fling. She would like to have a discussion on the restructuring resolution and the new scholarship. Brook recommended that we use this opportunity to ask members what they would like to see from MAHA.

Just in Time Email

The New Hays Scholarship will be announced in the Wednesday JIT mailing.

Spring Fling Update

Teresa reported that things are in order. The board agreed to a Pizza Party on Friday night and a 70th anniversary cake on Saturday afternoon.

Lori recommended that we consider paying the barn manager a small stipend as this is one of the only unpaid positions we have. Nathan Hastad has agreed to serve in this role for the Spring Fling. Lori recommended that we consider transitioning this position to a paid position. After discuss, this idea was tabled for a later meeting.

Benton County Horse Project part of the Benton County 4H Program

The Benton County Horse Project reached out to MAHA requesting a donation to their program. Sarah Studenski attended the meeting on their behalf to request funding for the Benton County Horse Project (Benton County 4H). She explained that the club is seeking funding to upgrade equipment as well as sponsoring clinics for the kids. The club has 32 youth members. The Board discussed their request and determined that we are not interested in donating to the equipment but will investigate options for sponsoring some sort of workshop or demonstration for the club.

Budget Report

Lori gave a financial update for the club. As of December 31st, the club total liabilities and equity stands at \$136,450.45. Cash assets come to \$130,340.67.

WSCA:

Laura made a motion that MAHA rejoin WSCA for \$110 to benefit our members who show on the open circuit and to demonstrate our commitment to the open shows through advertising and in the WSCA online newsletter and website. Lori will handle the membership form and payment. WSCA meets twice yearly. Toni Marie and Christy volunteered to serve as delegates. Laura will complete the form and send to Lori for submission with payment. Tammi will be asked to pull together an ad for the WSCA Spotlight magazine. Brook seconded the motion and the board approved.

Lesson GiveAway: Roberta will provide an e-update on the Lesson Give-Away program and make a recommendation to the board if the program should run another year or if we should consider another promotion to run at the Expo.