

Minnesota Arabian Horse Association
Board Meeting
January 11, 2026

Present: Kathy Ableidinger, Abby Condon, Lori Cherry, Kris Glaze, Robert Belknap, Roberta Lembke, Tammi Hinniker, Brook Mathiesen, Laura Mickelson, Brittney Tollefson

Meeting Called to Order by President Lori Cherry

The Board approved the minutes of the December 15, 2025 meeting.

1. President's Report. Region 10 Recap. Lori reported that she attended her first Region 10 meeting.

Academy Classes Toolkit. AHA has a new toolkit academy classes. MAHA will target the 2027 Spring Fling Show to roll out the new academy classes toolkit. Laura pointed out that our academy classes differ from the Tri State program in that Tri State requires that the horses be owned by a lesson program.

Introduction of New Board Members: Abby Condon, Brittney Tollefson, and Kathy Ableidinger.

US Nationals Class Changes. US Nationals is adding choice rider jackpot classes to USN. The current jackpot class will become the elite rider jackpot.

2. Spring Fling Updates. Everything is on track.

3. Show Subcommittee Proposal

Brook presented the proposal for changing the format of the fall show that was developed by the show subcommittee. The proposal includes removing zero entry classes, moving to Ladies and Gentleman to ride classes, increasing stall fees, and changing payout in Jackpot classes. The proposal was well received by the board.

4. Versatile Horse Program: The board discussed the versatile horse program as developed by Lori Cherry. The program will award the most versatile Arabian and Half-Arabian horses at its 2026 Fall Classic Show with an award. The horse and rider must compete in 3 of the 4 following disciplines: Halter (Breeding, In Hand, Performance Halter), Pleasure (Hunter, English, Country English, Western, Ranch Rail, including new AWWA Ranch Disciplined Rail Pleasure), Pattern classes (Reining, Ranch Riding, Trail; excludes any class that the rider/handler is judged; and

Specialty (Show Hack, Costume, Park, Side Saddle, Driving). The program can be expanded to the spring show if successful. After discussion the board approved the motion.

5. Spring Fling Update : March 20-22 at MEC. Teresa is looking for help setting up for the show starting on Wednesday. Tammi is working on setting up the marketing materials for the show. Kris is going to help with the sponsorships. The schedule is completed. Teresa has submitted the show program to Robert for posting on the web.

6. Miscellaneous Updates

Lori will meet with Christy about the Laurel Reeves artwork. Laura will help coordinate the artwork.

Toni Mari. Motion for MAHA to sponsor the open shows by sponsoring \$500 for DW productions and \$150 for Arabian Unplugged. Motion passed.

6. New Business. No new business.

Business adjourned.