



EMAA

Eastern Michigan Arabian Association

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President's Letter

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Hello EMAA,

I would like to begin by inviting all of our returning members back for another great year. To our new members, I would like to welcome you to EMAA, and let you know how excited we are to have you. The board has been very busy putting the finishing touches on the show season, and are waiting on our last delivery of ribbons to arrive.

Our annual spring meeting will be held at the MSU Pavilion (classroom A) Saturday April 27th, at 9:30 AM. I encourage all members to attend as this meeting is designed to present new information, discuss changes, and get feedback from our members. Traditionally, member turnout has been low, and turnout this year will be the deciding factor if we continue to hold the spring meeting in the future.

We are closing in on a month to our first show, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you and your horses back for another great season.

Sincerely,
Danielle Hawes, President

2019 SHOW DATES

EMAA I (Mason)
May 17-19

EMAA II (MSU)
June 21-23

EMAA III (Shiawa.)
July 12-14

EMAA IV (Mason)
Sept. 6-8

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February Board of Director Meeting Minutes

February 13th 2019 7pm, Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Attendance: Danielle Hawes, Larissa Lincoln, Allison Jones, Sharon Murch, Dani Maser, Jennifer Edwards, Emery Engers. Absent: Kelly Beaubien, Kim Winger, Rebecca Rett

Old Business:

1. Electronic approval of January minutes.
Motion by Jennifer, second by Larissa, motion carried.
1. Electronic vote Honorable Mention Ribbons.
Motion failed with 5 votes against, 1 vote in favor and 1 abstention. Electronic vote Champion/Reserve ribbons Motion failed with 5 votes against, 1 in favor, 1 abstention. Electronic vote ribbon order. Motion passed with 6 votes in favor, 1 abstention.

Secretary's report:

- Minutes review. Completed via email.

Treasurer's report:

1. Account balance
 - Jan. 01 – Jan. 31: \$52,417.94 – \$52,077.94
 - Feb. 01 – Feb. 13: \$52,077.94 – \$49,435.00
2. 2019 Memberships: 25 Family (1 Family w/ additional child), 30 Individual, 6 Youth
3. Contract status 2019
 - Mason (EMAA I) – May 17-19, 2019
 - Date confirmed – Contract received
 - Concessions – confirmed
 - Security (Paschal) contacted .
 - Hotel reservations @ Staybridge .
 - Judges:
 - MR A – Anne Lawter
 - MR B – LoraLee Stevens
 - MSU (EMAA II) – June 21-23, 2019
 - Contract completed and uploaded to Google Drive
 - MSU Concessions – contacted.
 - MSU Security (Green coats) confirmed
 - Hotel reservations @ Staybridge confirmed
 - Judges:
 - MR A – Alohana Jackson
 - MR B – Brittany Mathes
 - Shiawassee (EMAA III) – July 12-14, 2019
 - Dates confirmed.
 - 4-H concessions contacted .
 - Security (Paschal) contacted .
 - Hotel reservations @ Quality Inn confirmed.

Judges:

- MR A – Chelsea Wesson
 - MR B – Angela Deal
- Mason (EMAA IV) – Sept. 6-8, 2019
 - A IV) – Sept. 6-8, 2019
 - Dates confirmed .
 - Concessions confirmed.
 - Security (Paschal) contacted .
 - Hotel reservations @ Staybridge confirmed.
 - Judges:
 - MR A – Pending.
 - MR B – Brenda Griffen-Bradley
 4. 2019 Banquet – Reserve Holiday Inn in Flint
 5. Wix renewal \$299.00
 6. Motion to approve: Larissa Second by: Dani.

President's report:

1. Articles due Friday April 12th for March/ April newsletter. Eric-Meet EMAA Staff Member. Kelly-Ride for the Gold. Larissa-Versatility.
2. 2019 goals, Officer Duties.
3. Rules/ Bylaw review, Show forms review.
4. February 28th office manager email expires.
 - Rebecca will be using personal email address
5. Trophy sponsorship status. Mare Award expires this year.
6. Camping policy, Triple check process.
 - Put camping information and reminders in May Newsletter
7. HP Package membership: \$9.99/ month for 300 prints. Will use this for the months leading up to the show to print show materials

Show Office Manager report:

1. Replacements for June show discussed.
2. Show Trailer Maintenance/Inventory
3. Printer Drum replacement.

Youth Director report:

1. 2019 events updates.
 - Derby event at Shiawassee show

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Committee Reports:

1. Judges: Jennifer Edwards-Chair
2. Member spotlight: Larissa Lincoln-Chair
3. Ribbons: Danielle Hawes-Chair
4. Points: Kim Winger-Chair
5. Suggestion Box: Emery Engers-Chair
6. Banquet: Dani Maser-Chair
 - Will vote for Banquet theme at first show
7. Dressage-Kim Winger-Chair
 - Requested a bit gauge to measure bit diameter and disposable gloves
 - Motioned : Allison, Second : Jen
8. Gymkhana/Trail/Ride for the Gold-Kelly Beaubien-Chair

New Business:

1. Proposal Bemer therapist Anne Campbell. Tabled.
2. USDF forms. Permission for link of dressage tests directly to USDF website. Per Senior Marketing Director, no licensing agreement is required or annual fee.
3. WDAA forms. Permission granted for link of dressage tests directly to WDAA website.
4. Dressage Judges updates.

Adjournment at 9:32 pm

Motion: Larissa

Second by: Dani

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Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Attendance: Danielle Hawes, Dani Maser, Larissa Lincoln, Allison Jones, Sharon Murch, Kelly Beaubien, Jennifer Edwards, Emery Engers, Rebecca Rett. Absent: Kim Winger

Old Business:

1. Electronic approval of February minutes.
Motion by Larissa, second by Jennifer, motion carried.
2. Electronic vote Hodges final ribbon order.
Motion by Kelly, second by Emery. Motion carried.
3. Electronic vote Paschal Security. Motion by Sharon, second by Larissa, motion carried.
4. Electronic vote Mason I contract. Motion by Larissa, second by Allison, motion carried.
5. Electronic vote Dressage judge proposal.
Motion by Dani, second by Kelly, motion carried.
6. Calipers, medium gloves ordered for Dressage bit checking.

Secretary's report: Minutes review. Completed via email.

Treasurer's report:

1. Chase Balances: Feb. 01 – Feb. 28:
\$52,077.94 – \$43,109.29, Mar. 01 – Mar. 13:
\$43,109.29 – \$42,597.92
2. 2019 Memberships: 25 Family (1 Family w/ additional child), 30 Individual, 6 Youth
3. Dressage Judges approved; all contracts ready to mail
4. Mason (EMAA I) – May 17-19, 2019
 - Date confirmed – Contract returned to Ingham County & waiting for approval
 - All other arrangements complete
 - Judges:
 - MR A – Anne Lawter
 - MR B – LoraLee Stevens
 - DR A – Nancy Bryant
 - DR B – Stephanie Likens
5. MSU (EMAA II) – June 21-23, 2019
 - MSU Concessions
 - All other arrangements complete
 - Judges:
 - MR A – Alohana Jackson
 - MR B – Brittany Mathes
 - DR A – Leah Majkrzak
 - DR B – Janell Schebarth
6. Shiawassee (EMAA III) – July 12-14, 2019
 - 4-H concessions contacted

- All other arrangements complete
 - Judges:
 - MR A – Chelsea Wesson
 - MR B – Angela Deal
 - DR A – Stephanie Likens
 - DR B – Sheri Wolke
7. Mason (EMAA IV) – Sept. 6-8, 2019
 - Pending final contract
 - All other arrangements complete
 - Judges:
 - MR A – Pending
 - MR B – Brenda Griffen-Bradley
 - DR A – Janell Schebarth
 - DR B – Joan Esterline
 8. Proposal free memberships for Show and Dressage Secretaries. Motion: Sharon. Second: Kelly. Motion carried.

President's report:

Articles due Friday April 12th for March/April newsletter. Eric-Meet EMAA Staff Member.

Kelly-Ride for the Gold. Larissa-Versatility.

1. Rules/ Bylaw review, Show forms review.
2. February 28th office manager email expired. Do not use retired emails.
3. Spring meeting items.
4. Printing. # Dressage tests needed. Showbills, forms.
 - English Test : All Intro and Training Level –100 for year, all First Level test – 60 for year, all Second Level test 10 for year
 - Western : All Intro test 100 for year, all Basic test 100 for year

Show Office Manager Report.

1. Replacements for June show not needed.
2. Show help secured
3. Show Trailer Maintenance/Inventory.
4. Printer Drum replacement.
5. Patterns for shows.

Youth Director Report:

1. 2019 events updates
2. Youth activities set for all 4 shows

Committee Reports:

- Judges: Jennifer Edwards-Chair.
- Member spotlight: Larissa Lincoln-Chair
- Ribbons: Danielle Hawes-Chair

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- Points: Kim Winger-Chair
- Suggestion Box/Camping Policy: Emery Engers-Chair
- Banquet: Dani Maser-Chair
- Dressage-Kim Winger-Chair
- Gymkhana/Trail/Ride for the Gold-Kelly Beaubien-Chair

Spring Meeting scheduled for a Saturday April 27th at 9:30 am. April Board will meet prior to Spring Member meeting.

Adjournment : 10:18 pm. Motion: Allison
Second by: Dani

New Business:

1. Revisit proposal Bemer therapist Anne Campbell.
1. WDAA forms.
1. "What's going on" report.
 - United Breeders Auction & Futurity Award Program
 - Will send pdf of info to board members to review

Dressage Update

I can't believe our 1st show is only a few weeks away! We are looking forward to kicking off the show season and seeing everyone soon. Please be sure to notice the 2019 show bill to see which dressage tests we are offering this year. If you want to ride anything different, you can do so under the "test of choice" class option.

Some of the dressage tests have changed this year, so make sure you are practicing the new updated version for 2019. Please visit usdf.org for the English tests and westerndressageassociation.org for the Western tests.

As always, you will enter your classes online or by mail/email before choosing ride times. Ride times are selected from open slots on Signupgenius.com. For detailed info, please visit our website at emaa.org.

Once again, we will be welcoming open breed horses to our dressage program, but request that you wait until the Monday prior to the show to pick your ride times. This allows members that are riding in both the main ring and dressage to choose ride times based on their scheduling needs.

Join us at the upcoming Spring meeting for more info and pick up your show packets! Please reach out if you have any questions and see you all soon!

Kim Winger
Allison Jones

Weekend High Point

Weekend High what??
That's right Weekend High Point!!

We offer an opportunity to win yet another award and all you have to do is sign up!

And you want to know the best part.....it is only \$5 per horse/rider combo per show! Showing multiple horses? No problem, sign them up too! Not showing at all 4 shows? Well, you should be, but it does not matter as each weekend is counted separate!

No limit on the number of classes you show in. Points are calculated based on class placings, so if you get a first place you get 6 points, second place 5 points, third place 4 points, and so on. We award a winner for each of the 4 shows AND for each of the different age divisions!!

Versatility...Are You Signed Up?

As you know, the Arabian horse is one of the most versatile breeds out there. They can do it all and we love them for it. Their ability to be able to compete and excel in numerous different divisions is why our shows are so successful! We decided to celebrate the versatility of the Arabian and Half-Arabian horse by offering a year end Versatility award, and you should sign up at the first show!!

Here is what you need to know:

- Fill out the Versatility entry sheet and turn into the office **before** you show in any classes
- 2 age divisions to choose from; 17 and under and 18 and over
- 1 horse/rider combination
- One-time fee of \$15
- You get to pick which 4 classes you will be showing in, although they do need to be from 4 different divisions
- Divisions include Halter, Huntseat, Saddleseat, Western, Dressage Rail, Dressage English, Dressage Western, Gymkhana, Trail, and Specialty
- Great way to try something new

Chances are, you and your horse are already showing in several different divisions. If not, it is the perfect time to try your hand at a new class. Plus, for only \$15 for the whole season... why not!!!

Not Another High Point Award!

As our new season draws nearer, if you're like me then you've already made a tentative list of all the classes you hope to compete in this year. Some of you may even have your entry forms filled out and ready to send into our office manager! While going through your list of year-end award goals, I hope my youth riders won't forget about the Ride for the Gold Challenge!

In our second year offering this opportunity, EMAA is once again partnering with Angel Heart Farm to promote the incredible program they offer to bring Arabians and children with illness together. Angel Heart Farm creates the chance for young horse enthusiasts battling life threatening illness to learn riding skills, and even show up to regional levels. But we need the help of all our youth riders to keep the support and dreams alive for these kids!

Here's how you can help:

- When registering for classes at the May show, Don't forget to sign up for the RFTG Challenge. Your \$10 entry fee will be a direct donation to Angel Heart Farm.
- Choose your favorite two horsemanship, equitation or showmanship classes that you plan to ride in for your age division.
- As you compete throughout the season, your points will be tracked. The top five high-point riders will be named as EMAA's RFTG Finalists after the September Show.
- Finalists will be asked to submit a written essay answering the question "How do you think horses could help children with life threatening illness?"
- Members of the EMAA Board will choose a RFTG Champion based on the essays submitted.

The EMAA Board would like to congratulate Trenton Hawes, who was our 2018 RFTG Champion and will be the 2019 Ambassador. Trenton submitted a very thoughtful essay and I hope he's ready to promote the program and share his love of horses with other youth members. For more information on Angel heart Farm, please visit their website www.angelheartfarm.com.

MSU Pavilion Expansion

Hopefully you were able to get out to the MSU Horse Expo that was held at the Pavilion March 8-10. Not only were the vendors packed in, but there were some great Arabian breed ambassadors!

One of the main vendors that I wanted to hit was about the expansion of the MSU pavilion. I spoke with George Smith Associate Director, MSU AgBioResearch; Associate Dean for Research, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. He was very open about the goals that they are trying to achieve and how that will benefit the equestrian associations who utilize the space.

Their objective is to provide a 40,000 sq. ft. addition to the East side of the pavilion (where we currently run Dressage). They are currently estimating that addition will cost \$3 million. He did have a couple of different blueprints as they have not committed to one design yet. He did state that this expansion would not include any additional outdoor arenas, so while it would provide a much-needed covered arena there would be no additional riding space. There would be opportunities to add additional stalls depending on the set-up as well. Either way, this expansion would be of huge benefit to our members! We will keep you posted on any updates.

~Larissa Lincoln, Vice President~

Eric Herlache



It all started 6-7 years ago, not as a member but as a spectator and a groom. I had never even seen a real horse up close, much less been to a horse show. Hi, my name is Eric Herlache, and I am a volunteer at EMAA. I got roped into helping out with EMAA because my girlfriend was training horses and bringing clients to the shows. As she became more involved with the organization, so did I. Over the past couple years my role as a volunteer at EMAA has grown, by running the in gate, setting up trail or other pattern classes, and running the timer for gymkhana events on Friday nights. If I am not helping out the association, I can be found near the in-gate cheering on the DoubleStar Equestrian riders or sleeping in a chair in our tack stall. I also possess an incredible superpower of uncannily always knowing what class they are on in the main ring, whether I'm awake or half asleep. I may not ride a horse at EMAA or be a member, but I'm happy to be an important part of this association.

While I prefer to ride motorcycles over horses, and am more of the “muscle” at the farm where I live, I am actively involved in playing sports. I have played soccer since I was in elementary school and still play on a co-ed adult league in Lansing. I currently work at Smither's Co., which is a product package testing company. I was thrilled to join this company because I get to use all kinds of different methods to destroy products that are sent to us. I also love learning new skills each week as we work to rebuild the farm where DoubleStar Equestrian calls home. I have a great time interacting with the horses and all our great clients. And I can stack hay with the best of 'em! Good luck to all the EMAA members showing this season!

Meet a Member

Julia Barnebee



At the age of three I sat on a horse for the first time, holding onto his mane and completely bare back as my neighbor walked me around her yard. Since that moment I was hooked and knew exactly what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. As I grew older we moved houses and again my neighbors had many horses. When I was six, I started lessons across the street on a horse named Silver. I fell in love with the flea bitten gray, right before they sold him. When I was seven, I attended my first horse show on a different gray named Appy. We won our lead line class, I'll never forget the happiness after working so hard and it paying off. About a year later my neighbor passed away and all of his horses were sold.

One of my best friends, Cacey Hirleman, was over for a sleepover when she brought up to me that she was taking lessons at a farm close by. After lots of begging and pleading, I finally got my mom to agree to check it out. The day of my first lesson I couldn't contain my excitement. Passing under a sign over the driveway it read Zukowski's Meadowview Farm, such a dreamy place. Hills covered in snow with some of the most beautiful Arabian horses I've ever seen. We went into the large indoor arena and an adorable bay stood in the center all tacked up and ready to go. After some instructions and leading around, Lisa let me walk around on the horse known as Khat. There were many horse to ride at Zukowski's and I've been lucky enough to be able to ride some of them;

Khat, Koi, Monica, Lady, Yogi, Fire, Mac, and Alex. I fell in love with the Palomino, Mac. He was a pain to get moving but I was always determined to make him go (I gained quite a bit of leg strength from this). He taught me a lot about basic horse care and riding. When Mac passed away I was heartbroken.

Fast forward through many years of riding, learning, making friends, and mucking stalls I continued at Zukowski's. When I was 16 I started helping at EMEA horse shows with the Zu Crew. I enjoy cheering on my friends from the railing, but after a couple of years of being a groom I wanted to be in the ring showing horses like they were. The first horse I showed at EMEA was Nyk, a beautiful bay owned by Jana Sibson from Ambience Arabians. I continued with Zukowski's and after graduation with the class of 2018 I decided to show a horse throughout that show season.

After looking for the right horse for a while I noticed she was right in front of my face at the barn I'd been at for many years. Alex and I quickly made a strong connection, she's undoubtedly my heart horse. I decided to lease her for the EMEA horse shows of 2018. I won my first ribbon on Alex at our first show in a Western Pleasure training class at MSU. We earned fourth out of a class of about 16. Alex gave me an amazing season and we continued to have a great connection, she truly wants to please. I owe her and my trainers, Lisa and Tia, more than I could ever give.