



EMAA

Eastern Michigan Arabian Association

March/April 2018

President's Letter

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Hello EMEA,

Although Mother Nature is sending us mixed messages about the arrival of spring the first Mason show is only five weeks away! With over 300 pounds of ribbons getting delivered this week your board has been very busy assuring contracts, completing schedules, and putting the finishing touches on the season.

The spring meeting is April 28th, 2018 at 9:30 am at MSU Pavilion in classroom A. We will be discussing the 2018 show season and answering any questions members may have. I encourage all members to attend, if possible please review the new website/email blasts for updates.

This will be EMEA's 32nd anniversary, and we have grown significantly since the inaugural 1986 season. Maintaining our original vision while meeting the growing needs has been a challenge that we have not taken lightly. I continue to encourage an open communication with the board as the year progresses. With the new Website some email addresses have changed, please be sure any communication is sent to the correct email.

There will be some schedule changes, new procedures and programs in 2018. We will need to work together to make them successful. Putting all this together was not an easy feat for the board, we ask for all members to keep an open mind and provide feedback as we continue to evaluate everything.

Sincerely,
Danielle Hawes, President

Off Season Events

4/28 SPRING MEETING
MSU Pavilion
Classroom A
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

2018 SHOW DATES

EMAA I - May 18 - May 20
Ingham County Fairgrounds

EMAA II - June 22 - June 24
MSU Pavilion

EMAA III - July 13 - July 15
Shiawassee County Fair

EMAA IV - Sept. 7 - Sept. 9
Ingham County Fairgrounds

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Board of Director Meeting Minutes Continued

1. Danielle called meeting to order at 7:15pm
 - a. Attendance: Sharon Murch, Dani Maser, Larissa Lincoln, Rebecca Rett, Kelly Beaubien, Jennifer Edwards, Danielle Hawes
 - b. Absent: Pat Cole
2. Old Business
 - a. Spring Meeting is Sat, April 28th 9:30am-1pm.
 - b. Show trailer maintenance, we are still waiting on quotes and Rebecca will have at the next meeting
 - c. Trophy Sponsorship
 - i. Kristan has emailed both candidates again because they have not replied. Replies must be done by the first show or it will not be used for this show season.
 - d. Inventory log
 - i. Rebecca will go thru and bring this at the next meeting
 - e. Dressage cone proposal
 - i. Unanimous decision that we cannot purchase this for 2018 due to our budget and Treasurers report
 - f. Electronic votes, all the following motions have been carried and passed
 - i. 2-13-18 Ribbons
 - ii. 2-16-18 Final showbill
 - iii. 2-17-18 Spring meeting date
 - iv. 3-5-18 Main ring judges
 - g. Secretary's Report
 - i. February Minutes were sent via email and a motion to accept was carried and passed
 - ii. Main ring Judges contracts: Kristan sent to Sharon for approval and they were mailed out by Sharon March 17th, 2018
 - iii. All Dressage contracts have been collected and copies are in our Drive.
 - h. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Chase balances:
 1. Feb: \$40,057.57 - \$31,166.42
 - a. \$662.98 deposit
 - b. \$318.84 withdrawals
 - i. Paymentech fee - \$65.00
 - ii. Checks paid - \$253.84
 1. Webmaster - \$100
 2. Treasurer & Postage - \$153.84
 - c. Debit paid - \$9235.29
 - i. Jan. Board Meal - \$189.99
 - ii. Postage & Stamps - \$17.89
 - iii. Hodges (ribbons) - \$9207.41
 2. March 01 - 14: \$31,166.42 - \$31,101.42
 - a. Recent Transactions 03/01 - 02/14
 - i. Paymentech fee - \$65.00
 - b. PayPal funds: \$86.49
 - c. Pending bills:
 - i. Webmaster - \$300
 - ii. Treasurer - \$150
 3. NSF checks: None
 4. 2018 Memberships: 11 Family, 22 Individual, 5 Youth, 1 Family w/additional child

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Board of Director Meeting Minutes Continued

- i. 2018 Shows
 1. Venue contracts complete
 2. Security contracts complete
 3. Concessions lined up for Mason & MSU; Shiawassee still questionable
 4. Hotel reservations for all shows complete
 - ii. Year End (2017):
 1. Danielle has audited 2017 transactions
 - a. We are still missing receipts for 2017, you will be notified in the event that we are contacted by IRS
 - b. Return must be filed by May 15
 - iii. Chase
 1. Accounts (bank & Merchant Services)
 - a. Merchant Services Account
 - i. Chase (Anmar) was going to look into getting the right people (Danielle and myself) on this account and removing the former officers
 2. Chase Corporate Liability Card (INC card) – was applied for and approved
 - iv. Options (we are closing this research)
 1. Review of Merchant Services charges vs PayPal
 - a. Merchant Services cannot reduce our rates, PayPal is less expensive but will not work at the shows
 2. Review of ZellePay (promoted by Chase) vs PayPal
 - a. Still looking into this
 - v. Financials
 1. In February we reported a year end loss of \$1814
 2. Further details using this year's prices and last year's show entries, memberships, other expenses, and banquet expenses, that we are on track to lose approximately \$7715.
 - vi. Dani motioned to accept and Kelly seconded, motion carried
3. Proposed price changes
- vii. Stalls \$20 a day or \$40 a weekend, same for camping
 - viii. Trailer in fee \$20
 - ix. Versatility \$15
 - x. Weekend high score \$5 per show
 - xi. Weekend high point \$5 per show
 - xii. Dressage test \$15 per test with no pre entry discount and pinned classes will \$10
 - xiii. Main ring pre entry fee is \$10 post entry \$13
 - xiv. Championship classes \$13 (halter is free)
 1. Kelly motioned to accept and Larissa seconded, motion carried
4. President's report
- b. Rules and Regulations review
 - c. Show Forms review
 - d. Discussion on lifetime member
 - e. Logo, still looking into a trademark
5. Due to time, Show Office Manager report, committee report, and new business will be moved to next board meeting.
6. Adjournment
- f. Motion by Dani and seconded by Kelly
 - g. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM

Meet the Board

Each month we will be including a “Meet the Board” section in our newsletter.

Board Member of the month: REBECCA RETT & MEGAN MCCALLY



Hi everyone! My name is Rebecca Rett and you have all most likely met me either in the Show Office or around the Showgrounds. This will be my third year as the EMAA Show Manager!

I've been horse obsessed pretty much my entire life, and at the age of 5 I eventually convinced my parents to let me start taking lessons. After years of lessons, I finally got my first horse, Taaj, when I was in 7th grade.

I started showing at the EMAA Shows where I showed Halter, Huntseat, Saddleseat, and a little bit of Dressage. I just recently purchased a Half-Arabian Gelding, Jazz, and I can't wait for the 2018 Show Season to begin!

After High School, I went to Michigan State University and graduated with a Bachelor's in Animal Science and Agribusiness Management in 2014. While at MSU, I was a member of the Horse Judging Team and the Block & Bridle Club.

Currently, I am a Territory Manager for Neogen Corporation in the Canadian Division as well as co-own/co-manage Go Show Midwest with Megan. When I'm not at a horse show, I enjoy spending with my husband, Brian, and our two Beagles, Mac and Lucy.

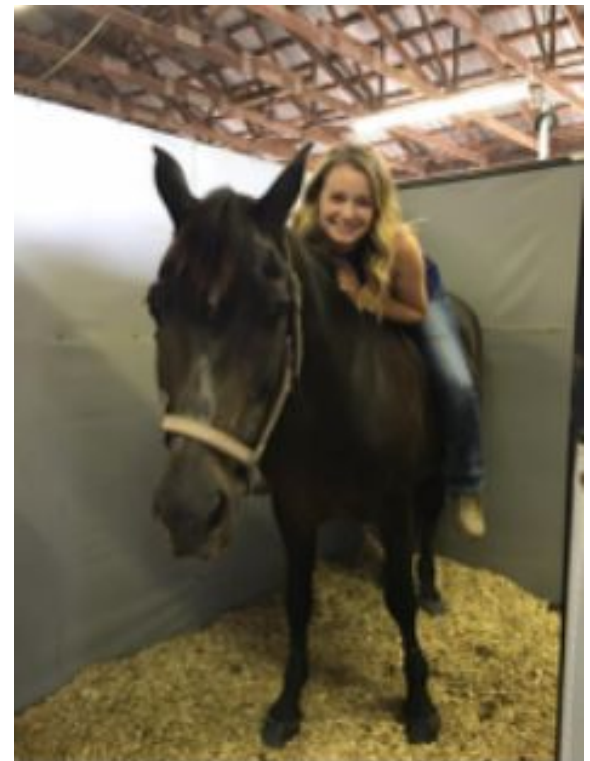
My name is Megan McCally, and if you've attended an EMAA Show in the last few years, chances are you've met me in the Show Office!

I've loved horses my whole life, and started formally taking lessons when I was 8 years old. After years of begging, setting up donation boxes around the house, and even an attempt at becoming Amish I was fortunate to get my Morgan Mare, Ruby.

We spent the next several years showing Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat, and Western (she truly exemplifies the Morgan versatility!) in 4H, on the Equestrian Team, and dabbled on the Class A Morgan Circuit.

After graduating high school, I continued to Michigan State University and graduated with a degree in Animal Science. I am currently a Territory Manager at Neogen Corporation in the Meat & Poultry Division and just recently co-purchased the Go Show Midwest Website.

When I'm not at a horse show (or my full-time job), I enjoy spending time with my two pups, Pollyanna and Billie, and renovating my 100 year old farmhouse.



Show Office Report

The first show of the season is quickly approaching!

Please note that the deadline to reserve Stalls is the Saturday prior to the show. If you would like to be stalled with a certain group, please make sure to send all Stall Reservation Forms in the same envelope. In order to reserve stalls, I will need to have either a Credit Card on file or a Check. Please do not send cash in the mail!

We will once again be using Gaitkeeper to register for classes. The show will be available on the Gaitkeeper Website within the next week or so. If you prefer, you can use the paper registration form that will be available on the website shortly.

When you check in at the Show Office, I will need both a copy of the horse's papers and a negative coggins test (pulled within the last 12 months). To save time, you are welcome to send both to me via email (dowrebec@gmail.com).

If you would like to reserve a particular Back # for 2018, please let me know! - Rebecca -

From the Dressage Ring

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon! Hard to believe with snow on the ground this past week that show season is a month away. We will be using the same format as last year for the most part. **Signupgenius.com** will be available for you to schedule your ride times after you have submitted your entries. You must enter all required information or your request will be returned.

Open breed can sign up starting at 12:01 a.m. on the Monday prior to the show. We will add on ride times as needed and the judges' availability. Please make sure you review the rules on 2-year limit on Suitability and level of tests ridden. Novice horse/rider combo is intended for any new horse/rider combo riding a particular test for that year. We are doing Western tests 2 and 4 this year instead of 1 and 3.

Please make sure to time yourself at home to remain within the time guidelines indicated on the test. That has been a consistent recommendation from our past judges. Welcome to new exhibitors joining us this year! As long as the weather cooperates, we will have a lot of fun with great competition. You will find we are a family friendly group and focus on enjoying our time together!

See you all soon! -Kim Winger-

Youth Update

Upcoming May show the youth activity will be a scavenger hunt! Will start all day on Saturday the conclusion will be an hour after classes have finished in the main arena.

Details will be at the show office to pick up there will be age groups! Look for the correct sheet!
See you at the show! -Dani-

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