



EMAA

Eastern Michigan Arabian Association

May 2018

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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

President's Letter

Hello EMAA,

First, I would like to thank all the members who took time out of their busy schedule to attend the spring meeting. We went over all the changes for 2018, our budget and goals. We had in depth discussions and great ideas to incorporate into the future. Meeting in Lansing was more central for most attendees so it was suggested we use MSU for 2018 as well.

Sharon went over the treasurer's report, profit and loss with a projected deficit for 2018. Just looking at our bank balance is not an accurate picture of where we are as EMAA has been absorbing multiple increased expenses the past few years. The goal of the budget was to get us back on track without just raising costs for the members. Spending was put into reports and adjusted for 2018. This year regular classes will remain at thirteen dollars, specialty and dressage fifteen dollars per class. The pre-entry discount was reduced by two dollars and due to 100% loss on pre-entry the past few years, dressage will have no pre-entry discount. Camping and stalls went up by two dollars a day to offset the increase in fairgrounds rental and fees. Camping was also a focus this year as members plugging in at illegal areas cost the club one thousand dollars in fines. For 2018 there is a new process in place to eliminate the possibility of this reoccurrence.

We went over the show bill for 2018 and discussed member preferences for rings at Shiawassee and splitting the main ring vs using alternative rings on Saturday. It was decided that we would use the outdoor ring at Shiawassee for main ring classes (weather permitting) and move dressage down to the lower arena. We went over logistics for Saturday and because showmanship will be "show and go", we will divide the main ring on Saturday morning. We had a great group of members attend and hope for an even greater turnout next year.

Kelly talked about her new program incorporating the Ride for the Gold, partnering with Angel Heart Farms. I hope that many of our youth participate to spread awareness of this great cause.

I encourage everyone to visit <http://www.angelheartfarm.com> to see the great things Angel Heart Farm does. She also discussed changes in gymkhana to assist with time management, which was the main focus for 2019.

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President's Letter Cont.

Jennifer talked about past/current breeding statistics and the future of our Arabian breed. She also discussed the return of the junior horse classes!

Dani discussed the fun classes and an A-Okay Award for this year. We are hoping that the changes in the schedule will help our youth (and adults) have more time for Saturday night fun.

EMAA will be teaming up this year again with several partners. Horse Blanket Headquarters is generously offering EMAA members to bring your dirty and torn blankets to the first show and deliver the clean repaired blankets back to members at the last show. This is a great service to save time for our members and they are giving a portion of the services back to EMAA! We also are working with Crest View Tack shop who will be assisting with prizes at the banquet and other events through the year. They are even assisting us in an amazing fundraising item for the first show!

Kim went over the dressage schedule for 2018. We are looking into options for our dressage ring and worn letters to better serve our members. Just a reminder that scores from our shows can be submitted to Midwest Dressage Association and the Western Dressage Association of Michigan. Please see their websites for additional information.

I can't wait to see everyone at the first show!

Sincerely,
Danielle Hawes, President

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Larissa Lincoln at 7:06 pm
 - a. Attendance: Sharon Murch, Dani Maser, Larissa Lincoln, Rebecca Rett, Kelly Beaubien, Jennifer Edwards
 - b. Absent: Pat Cole, Danielle Hawes
2. Old Business
 - a. Spring Meeting will be held Saturday April 28th 9:30-1pm
 - b. Final show forms were reviewed and will be sent to Kait once approved
 - c. Show trailer was delivered to Danielle's house so she can do an inventory log
 - d. Trophy sponsorship forms are due by Spring Meeting
 - i. Kristan did receive information from Michelle Kostrzewa for her trophy
 - e. Shirts/logo-
 - i. 3BL Logo @ 3blslogowear.com is a company we are looking into
 - ii. We all agreed we would like to move forward, but will speak to Danielle about how to go about this first and finalize at the next meeting
 - f. Presentation of colors
 - i. Board decided to keep this on Sunday during lunch break
 - ii. Josephine Irene Shelton offered to sing the national anthem for us and we all motioned to accept. She is only available for 1 show so we will be reaching out to the members to see if anyone would like to sing at the other 3 shows
3. March Minutes
 - a. Were reviewed via email and a motion to accept by Sharon and was seconded by Kelly, motion carried
4. Judges Contacts
 - a. Kristan received 3 contracts for main ring and all the dressage contracts back. She will keep us posted on the ones missing at the next meeting and reach out to them.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/emma.org
Sign up for EMAA Marketing Emails on our website: emma.org

Board of Director Meeting Minutes Continued

1. Treasurer's Report

Chase balances:

- **March: \$31,166.42 - \$30,338.02**
 - o Deposits - \$0
 - o Withdrawals
 - Paymentech fee - \$65.00
 - INK Credit Card payment - \$313.12
 - o Checks paid - \$450.00
 - o Debit paid - \$0
- **March 31 - April 14: \$30,338.02 - \$30,123.30**
 - o Recent Transactions:
 - Paymentech fee - \$65.00
 - Treasurer - \$150
- PayPal funds: \$201.90
- Cash: \$40.00 (cash mailed for membership)
- Pending bills:
 - o Webmaster - \$100
- NSF checks: None
- 2018 Memberships: 12 Family, 25 Individual, 6 Youth, 1 Family w/additional child

Chase

- Accounts (bank & Merchant Services)
 - o Merchant Services Account
 - Follow up - removing the former officers

Miscellaneous

- Review of Merchant Services vs PayPal Here
 - o Would "PayPal Here" work for us?
 - 2.7% for card transactions; card readers range from \$14..99 > \$79.99
 - Card reader connects wirelessly via Bluetooth to the PayPal Here app on your compatible smartphone or tablet (or laptop?)
- Insurance Renewal - status
 - o Ingham Cty wants a Subrogation Waiver but our insurance company will not do this
 - o AHAM - Ann Knoop will get back with me on the insurance company that they use
 - (Ron Gekiere would know this but his mother just passed away so he cannot be contacted at this time)
 - o WMAHA - Dee Bozek said that they are insured with Jarvis
 - Jarvis will not provide a waiver of subrogation either but will look at it and provide us a quote.
 - o AAHA - Alamo Arabian Horse Association (in Texas) - Bill Eash (treasurer & USEF Steward) said that they have used Agri-Risk
- DR contracts, MR contracts?
- 2017 Tax Return
 - o Detailed reports generated out of Quicken have been sent to the Accountant to complete 2017 tax return

Mason (EMAA I) - May 18-20, 2018

- COI with subrogation waiver?
- Contract, Concessions, Security confirmed
- Hotel reservations @ Staybridge confirmed
 - o 2 for 2 nights & 1 for 1 night
 - **Cancel: Staybridge, Okemos:**
 - 1 - 2 night reservation
 - 1 - 1 night reservation

Board of Director Meeting Minutes Continued

1. Judges:
 - a. MR Judge:
 - i. Saturday: Karen Waite
 - ii. Weekend: Taylor Cunningham
 1. Hotel: Y
 - b. DR Judges:
 - i. Friday: Rebecca Bastianelli
 - ii. Weekend: Janice Smith
 1. Hotel: N
 - c. Dani ,motioned and Kelly seconded; motion carried
 2. Vice President Report
 - a. Dani Fun Classes
 - i. Mason will be a scavenger hunt, more details to come, MSU Kids judge Liberty, Shiawassee will be games, and last show will be costume
 - b. All newsletter articles are due by 4-13-18
 - c. April Bio for newsletter is Rebecca/Megan and Dani needs article for fun classes
 - d. Facebook administrators will be limited to help with any confusion on responses
 3. Show office Manager
 - a. June show Michelle Evangelista will be helping out but will only need to help on Friday and possibly Sat morning and her pay rate will be determined as it gets closer
 - b. Michelle will be training Friday at May show to be our backup if Megan or Rebecca ever have an emergency and cannot attend the shows
 - c. Memberships forms- Rebecca wants a hard copy of the memberships so will be printing them
 4. Committee Reports
 - a. Judges- Rebecca will have 6 names for next year by the 1st show
 - b. Ride for the Gold will be talked about at the Spring Meeting by Kelly
 - c. Medals were delivered to Danielle and ribbons are on the way
 5. New Business
 - a. Show Photographer was discussed
 - b. Free ads for EMAA members and tack, board decided no they must be paid ads only
 - c. Wage of \$100 for a backup manager training was voted and motion carried
 - d. \$10 off a class was decided for those who attend the spring meeting, motioned by Dani and Kelly seconded; motion carried
 - e. We will provide light refreshments at the Spring Meeting, Danielle will bring if we can but to be determined after Rebecca contacts MSU to make sure it is okay
 - f. Paid meals at the shows; we will give a list of names for who should receive them, motioned by Larissa and seconded by Jenny
 - g. Wireless Printer and printing package with HP/kinkos/etc will be looked into. We want to try and save money on printing. We also discussed that dressage and main ring will need to print together for more savings
 - h. Banquet theme ideas and we will let membership vote to determine winner
 - i. Back to Prom
 - ii. Black and white ball
 - iii. 007 casino night
 - i. Sharon suggested a 50/50 for the shows and we will discuss and finalize at the next meeting
 6. Sharon motioned at 9pm and Jenny seconded to adjourn meeting
- Minutes approved via email, motion to accept by Jen and seconded by Dani. Motion carried.

Meet the Board

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

Board Member of the month: LARISSA - VICE PRESIDENT



My name is Larissa and I have been Vice President since 2014. It has been a crazy ride but I love every second of it. I was born into horses as my mom had an Arabian that she did endurance races with before I was born. At 9 months old I was being carted around on a horse with her, and have been hooked ever since! At 9 years old I started showing 4-H and have done just about every discipline there is. From 4-H I rode with LMHA and West Michigan until we found EMAA. There is truly no other show like it, I love the family atmosphere and how everyone seems to help each other out.

I currently have my dream horse, Sanjit. I purchased him from an Addis Auction when he was 3 and he has just been such a pleasure to grow with. He has such a great attitude about everything and is always willing to give 110%. We currently ride Saddleseat, Show Hack, Native Costume, and Gymkhana.

When I am not riding, I work as an RN complex case manager with Ascension St. John Providence in Novi. At home I keep busy with my 12 chickens and 2 ducks, who we affectionately call "the ladies". We have a cat named Masquerade and an English Springer Spaniel named Charlie. My mom has been taking care of the 2 "old guys" JR Tsolitaire who is 29 and Flip who is in his 30's.

Ride for the Gold Challenge

ATTENTION EMAA YOUTH ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE???

Wondering how you can make your 2018 season extra special? How about joining in a noble cause to help OTHER youth make THEIR 2018 extra special?? Join the Ride For The Gold Challenge!

This year, EMAA has partnered with Angel Heart Farm, a non-profit organization that provides opportunities for children with life-threatening illnesses to achieve their dreams of showing success. I want every 17 and under exhibitor to help make a difference for kids in need this year!! Here's how you can help:

1. Sign up for the Ride For The Gold Challenge at the first show you attend this year. There's a \$10 fee to enter into the challenge for the whole year and the money EMAA earns will go directly to Angel
2. Heart Farm to help pay for showing fees, show clothes, riding helmets, or boots for a kid who needs some smiles in their life.
3. Pick your two favorite equitation classes that you plan to ROCK OUT this year. The points you earn for these classes will be tallied throughout the show season. You cannot change classes once they are picked!!
4. The top five high point riders will be named as Ride For The Gold Finalists, and will then be asked to submit a written essay (no longer than two pages) addressing the questions: How can horses improve the lives of children facing life-threatening illnesses?
5. Visit angelheartfarm.com and learn about what an amazing cause this is that you're taking part in!

Essays will be reviewed by the board and a RFTG Challenge Champion will be named at our 2018 banquet! The 2018 Champion will then become an Angel Heart Farm Ambassador for our 2019 season (responsibilities and duties TBA)

As you sign up for classes at this EMAA I show, please consider how blessed and fortunate we are to do a sport that we love with amazing animals! YOU! You can help bring some blessing to the life of a child in need!! Please email your questions to Kelly Beaubien at Kel.beaubien@yahoo.com

Show Office Report

Our first show is less than a week away, YAY! Just a few friendly reminders for the Show Office:

- Papers & Coggins – To save time at the Office, please feel free to email me your Papers & Coggins.
- Back #'s – If there is a particular Back # you would like to use for the Show Season, please let me know and I would be happy to reserve for you.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns. Looking forward to seeing you all! –Rebecca –

From the Dressage Ring

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon at our 1st show of the season!

A few reminders:

- PLEASE check the posted schedule at the show to ensure your test and class is correct.
- It is imperative that you check in with the gatekeeper to confirm your name and test/division upon arrival at the dressage ring. She will confirm the order of go so you are prepared and the judge/scribe has your correct test pulled to score.
- Welcome all new exhibitors to EMAA, we are glad to have you!
- Don't forget to sign up for weekend High score for Dressage. An award is presented at the banquet for those signed up that have the highest score at each level of test.
- Novice horse/rider combo is intended for a new horse/rider combo riding that particular test.
- Please check in at the show office upon arrival to make sure you are entered in the correct class and that matches what the dressage schedule indicates. This will help with accurate placing in the correct class.
- If the schedule on Signupgenius fills up, I will add ride times where I can.
- If it is full, please email me your name/horse name, and class/tests to be on the waiting list. We are often able to accommodate most rides with cancellations that take place.
- If you have any questions, reach out at kimiwing@comcast.net
- If time permits, I will try and hold a meet and greet on Friday evening for new exhibitors or those with questions.

Thank you! –Kim Winger–Dressage Secretary

Youth Update

Kids stop by the show office on Saturday to get your scavenger hunt sheet!

Work on it all through the day and a half hour after classes end meet me at the show office!

****Remember bring your A game and start helping others for entries in the A Ok box!**

June show will be liberty and kids judging with pizza and pop! See you next week!! –Dani–

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