



EASTERN MICHIGAN ARABIAN ASSOCIATION

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2017 Show Dates

May 19-21, 2017
Ingham County
Fairgrounds

June 23-25, 2017
MSU Pavilion

July 14-16, 2017
Shiawassee
Fairgrounds

Sept. 8-10, 2017
Ingham County
Fairgrounds

Vice President's Letter

Hello EMAA,

We survived the first show, and what a show it was! We had sun, rain, flooded barns, and babies being born. This show was huge, with 200 horses and 1400 entries. We had some late nights and early mornings. I couldn't be prouder to be a member of such a thriving association.

For the upcoming shows, please be sure to review the 2017 Rules and Regulations under Show Forms on the website as there was much discussion over appointments/tack for classes. This is the exhibitor's responsibility to know what the rules and regulations state prior to entering the ring. Any questions should be addressed prior to the show.

EMAA II is only a few weeks away at Michigan State University Pavilion. We will once again have Eye of the Horse Photography to capture some great memories.

Be sure to sign up early and get your music in to Kristan Sayers for the Liberty class that will be held on Saturday night. Prizes are \$150, \$100, \$50 with a maximum of 15 horses (first come first serve). We will also be setting up a youth section to assist with judging Liberty. Please be mindful of your music selection as this is a youth oriented event.

There will also be the ever-popular Stall Decorating Contest with prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50.

Remember to utilize the Suggestion Box for any ideas and constructive criticism, and don't forget to sign your name so that the suggestion is addressed.

Thank you for making EMAA such a great show and see you soon!

Sincerely,

Larissa Lincoln, Vice President

May 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes

EMAA Board Meeting: May 10th, 2017. Meeting started at 6:00pm by Pat Murley. All officers were in attendance

Treasurer's report

- \$31551.90 current balance
- Paid premium for insurance
- 2016 profit down in May and September, June and July shows were bigger
- Credit card machine address was changed
- Hotels for judges is done
- We will ask vendors to stay open as long as possible
- Judges will be paid directly after the show
- All workers will be paid the Monday after the show, and will be mailed a check
- Security- 11PM-7AM, Need to talk to MSU though and figure out how it will work because we cannot bring anyone else in
- Kim will write a check for cash for Rebecca before the show
- Kim brought a book with new jacket ideas, she also got T-shirts for us to think about getting

Show office

- We are all set for gates and ribbons
- Stalls are being finalized and posted next week
- Ribbons are all set
- Gatekeeper is working better this year
- Dressage sign up is working good and it is already full on the signup genius
- Kristan and Rebecca will make up a sheet for the judges
- Rebecca will tell the judges where they are staying
- Rebecca is getting walkie talkies and batteries and we authorized for \$250

Kelly on Gymkhana

- In hand as class 37b, and pattern will be the same as walk trot.
- Option class is poles for leadliners

Dani on Youth Activities

- Dog Agility- we still need a tunnel, Kristan will supply weave poles
- She will making judges cards and getting candy

Themes for the banquet

Ideas are the following and Pat M. will make a vote sheet for members at the 1st show

- ◇ Great Gatsby- 20's Flapper
- ◇ Magnificent 7- Old Western
- ◇ King Arthur- Renaissance

Danielle on what's new

- 2015 AHA deems May the Arabian horse month, they have a contest now on Twitter using the hash tag #arabianhorsemomth
- 9660 registered Arabians 2015, 3001 in 2016: A huge drop in breeding.

Extra

- Interviews are set up tomorrow for the new web master
- Kelly will check on T shirt prices for us to decide
- Kelly is looking into the Grain Tribute coupons

Motion by Kristan to adjourn at 9:38pm and seconded by Larissa

Minutes accepted and approved via email by Larissa and seconded by Danielle.

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2017 BOD Meetings

Board of Director meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

Members are welcome to attend. If you have a particular item that you would like to have addressed, please send an email to info@emaa.org a few days in advance so that we can add it to the agenda.

Meetings are held at the Holiday Inn Flint:

J. Porter's American Chophouse

Youth Activities

Very sorry we weren't able to do the dog agility on Saturday at the May show.
Reminder: the MSU show is the Kids Liberty to judge and have pizza and pop

Also remember to report on the kids doing Acts of Kindness throughout the show season for the end of the year A-OK award! The A-OK box is always located by the office with paper to write about the helper.

Any Questions you can contact Dani Maser 517-812-8039

Thank you!! :)
Dani

Show Office Reminders

Stall Reservation Forms

In order to reserve a stall, you will need to send me the Stall Reservation Form (found on the website) along with payment (check or CC information).

Even if you request a stall on Gaitkeeper.com, I will still need the Stall Reservation Form. If you do not wish to be stalled in certain area or with a group of people, we always have plenty of stalls when you arrive at the show.

Forms can be submitted to:

Rebecca Dow
514 S Union St.
Parma, MI 49269
officemanager@emaa.org

GaitKeeper

Once you submit your entries on Gaitkeeper.com, please feel free to email/text/call to make sure that I have received your entries. This will make check-in on Friday night much easier.

Liberty

If you are interested in signing up for our Liberty Class at MSU, please send me an email with your name at the horse's name. All music requests can be sent to Kristan Sayers (kristansayers@gmail.com).

Thank you!
Rebecca Dow

Dressage Updates

From the dressage ring....

I am sure you are all recuperating from the 1st show as I am, slowly but surely, only to do it again before we know it!

We had some chilly weather and some rain, as we always seem to, but overall, things ran smoothly. We were able to accommodate everyone on the waiting list and had open time slots due to cancellations.

I had some great feedback on our judge with it being our first time having Doug Puterbaugh. He will be our Friday judge at the next show.

Our rail classes were well participated in with Julie Fleming as our judge on Friday. She will be our 3 day judge at the next show.

My apologies that I was not able to hold a dressage meeting as I had planned on doing. Time just simply got away from me with so much going on Friday. I will try again at the next show.

Using the new SignUpGenius.com site seemed to work out well for everyone to choose their own time slot. We will continue this process, so once you have entered classes online or confirmed receipt of mail with Rebecca, you can schedule your ride time. Open breed will again sign up on the Monday prior to the show at 12:01 am. I will put the EMAA II show on SignUpGenius.com soon.

We try to be flexible with scheduling as always and realize that changes are bound to happen. Please understand that if you change riders, horses, and class/tests to be ridden, this involves changes in the program system and will result in add/drop charges as the rules are stated. I can only repeat myself in asking everyone to PLEASE confirm with the gate person upon checking in: rider name, horse, and test to be ridden with division. If you don't confirm these are correct, it results in the incorrect test being pulled by the scribe, the whistle being blown, which then delays the ride and frazzles the rider. This can be avoided by keeping in mind our best practices as requested.

Also, it is most helpful, and required at most Open shows, that YOU check in with the gate person to find out the order of go. It is frustrating when the gate person has to search out the next rider in such a large warm up area. Your proactive attention to this is greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to sign up for Dressage Weekend High Score. Those are awarded at each level and presented at the Annual Awards banquet.

Placings and scores are posted on the website so you can see the rankings. I will bring tests that were left from the last show.

Any questions, please email me at dressage@emaa.org. Thank you so much for making our dressage program such a success! Judges are always amazed at how much participation we have. See you all soon.....

-Kim Winger- dressage secretary

*Be sure to sign up for our email NewsFlash to keep up on the latest news.
You must opt-in to receive these emails.*

If you aren't already getting our emails, click the link on the homepage at www.emaa.org.

Great News EMAA Members:

In our quest to provide you with more membership benefits, we have partnered with Horse Blanket Headquarters in Wixom, Michigan to provide you with convenient, cost-effective horse blanket washing.



Starting at the May 2017 show, you will be able to drop off dirty blankets and pick up cleaned, repaired, repelled horsewear at future shows.

EMAA member, Jana Sibson, Owner of Horse Blanket Headquarters will have a designated stall for blanket drop off at all four shows. At the drop-off stall, you will find Horsewear Tickets that you can fill out with your blanket cleaning and repair preferences. Most importantly, you will provide your contact information. Payment will be arranged through Horse Blanket Headquarters. You can also print Horsewear tickets at www.HorseBlanketHQ.com.

Blanket or Cooler Wash \$25; Sheet Wash \$23; Hood Wash \$8; \$Blanket Water repellent \$16; Saddle Pads vary in price from \$4-\$12. You may preapprove any needed repairs for up to \$30. Minimum repair charge is \$5.00.

We hope you enjoy the convenience of being able to drop off dirty blankets and pick them up clean and ready for next year all while supporting EMAA.

Please direct any questions to Jana Sibson 586.747.4553 (cell) or to Horse Blanket Headquarters 248.859.2398 (9am-5pm M-F, Sat 9am-12pm). You can also email Jana@HBHQ.gmail.com.



TRIBUTE PARTNERS PROGRAM

Is your horse on a Tribute Equine Nutrition Diet? Save your Proof of Purchases and help EMAA earn rewards money!

EMAA has joined forces with Tribute Equine Nutrition to help spread the word on their extensive nutritional line and earn some rewards money in the process. If your barn is currently feeding Tribute products, simply cut the Proof of Purchase from the bottom right corner of each bag and turn them in at the show office to help EMAA earn money. Each Proof of Purchase will help accumulate rewards that can be put towards our banquet, prizes, and helping to improve our club.

Not only does Tribute provide the peace of mind that your horse is getting everything its body needs to perform at his or her very best, but it gives back to those who are using their products! Contact Kelly Beaubien with any questions at Kel.beaubien@yahoo.com.