



# EMAA

Eastern Michigan Arabian Association

Jan./Feb. 2019

## *President's Letter*

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## 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

Hello EMAA,

With the amount of Facebook Messenger's, emails and inquiry's, I can tell members are getting excited for the 2019 show season. It seems like I just ordered all the awards for the banquet and I've already got the orders in for ribbons for the 2019 show season. With our growing numbers I did ask for a vote to award honorable mentions or increase our ribbons to 7th or 8th place. Unfortunately, this was voted down. Nevertheless, we will continue to have beautiful neck ribbons for Champion and Reserve plus an award for Sport horse in hand Champion and Reserve High Score.

The website has been updated with the 2019 Show dates. I'd like to apologize that this took a little longer than we had hoped to post but due to not having the contracts in our hands we were not comfortable with posting the dates until we were sure that they were locked in. Our next board meeting we will be reviewing all of our show forms, rules and regulations, ect. Once approved will upload to the website. We have had some members ask if they could reserve stalls or sign up for classes or get back numbers and I am asking that you please wait until it is posted that you are allowed to do so. Our show office manager is a very busy and I don't want her bombarded with requests that we are not prepared to fulfill. As always there will be plenty of time given to send stall requests ect, so please wait for the newsflash on when those should be sent in.

I hope everyone has stayed warm and safe during these last few Winter storms. There's definitely no snow days for horse men and woman! Give your horses a hug and start thinking about show season, as it will be here before we know it.

Sincerely,

Danielle Hawes, President

*President*

Danielle Hawes

*Secretary*

Allison Jones

*Youth Activities*

Dani Maser

*Show Office Manager*

Rebecca Rett

*Gymkhana & Trail*

Kelly Beaubien

*Vice President*

Larissa Lincoln

*Treasurer*

Sharon Murch

*Directors at Large*

Kelly Beaubien

Jennifer Edwards

Emery Engers

*Dressage Secretary*

Kim Winger

*Webmaster/Newsletter*

Kait Bullock

# *Board of Director Meeting Minutes*

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 7pm • Meeting called to order at 6:53 pm.

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

## **Old Business:**

1. Show program committee volunteer.
  - a. Looked into several different programs
  - b. One would require a yearly subscription of at least \$975 to use
  - c. Major conflict was back # being associated with rider and not horse and the limit of riders assigned to a horse
  - d. This would greatly impact year end awards
  - e. Continue with current software at this time.
2. Mason contact/date confirmation.
  - a. An Interim Director has been made as Ingham County and contacts should come back soon with no issues with show dates requested - May 17th-19th and September 6th-8th
3. Future of EMAA discussion.
  - a. What is the level of judge EMAA would like to provide for exhibitors – 4-H Judges vs Rated Judges
  - b. What are exhibitors looking for?
  - c. Much versatility provided by current showbill

## **Secretary's report:**

Minutes review, process for 2019.

## **Treasurer's report:**

Treasury Report-Account balance:

1. Chase balance:
  - a. Nov. 01 – Nov. 30: \$53,186.61
  - b. Dec. 01 – Dec. 31: \$52,417.94
  - c. Jan. 01 – Jan. 09: \$52,352.94
2. Pending transactions:
  - a. Pending Deposits: \$844.75 (Tribute Donation)
3. Contract status 2019.
  - a. Mason (EMAA I) – May 17-19, 2019 (?) Dates not confirmed – No one is in the position to process dates/contracts
  - b. MSU (EMAA II) - June 21-23, 2019 Contract completed
  - c. Shiawassee (EMAA III) – July 12-14, 2019 Dates confirmed; no contract yet.
  - d. Mason (EMAA IV) – Sept. 6-8, 2019 Dates not confirmed – No one is in the position to process dates/contracts

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4. Taxes, 1099's
5. Year-end report summary status.
  - a. Our balance on Dec. 29, 2017 was \$40,897.06 – Our balance on Dec. 31, 2018 is \$52,417.94
  - b. 2019 Memberships: 23 Family (1 Family w/additional child), 26 Individual, 5 Youth

## **President's Report:**

1. Newsletter sign up 2019
  - a. Member write up- Allison Jones Jan/ Feb issue, Eric Herlache: March/April issue
  - b. EMAA Tips write up – Ride for the Gold- Kelly (March/April), How to check in at the Show Office- Rebecca (May), Suggestion Box – Emery, A-OK Award – Dani (May), Versatility – Larissa (March/April), Safety/Bio Security info – Jen (May), Dressage High Score –Allison (June)
2. Articles due Feb 8th for Jan/Feb issue
3. Items overview for February meeting: 2019 goals, Rules/ Bylaw review, Show forms review, Memo of understanding form, Trophy sponsorship status, Inventory completion, Position descriptions/duties, budget, Camping policy, Triple check process, reimbursement requests, printing.

## **Show Office Manager Report:**

1. Replacements for June show
  - a. Work schedule not finalized at this time.
2. Show Trailer Maintenance/Inventory.
  - a. Trailer was damaged by a tree branch during a storm. Hole is covered by a tarp and everything inside trailer is safe. Will need to figure out repairs and cost
3. Ribbon status.
  - a. At least 4 full boxes but need to do a final count
  - b. Order by Feb 15th to receive 10% discount
  - c. Sport Horse in Hand Ribbon should not be neck ribbons for placings for HA and Arab classes as is regular class. Motion passed for Champion Hi Score and Reserve for HA and Arab combined classes and present at each show.

## **Youth Director Report:**

1. 2019 events.
  - a. Costumes at Sept Show
  - b. Liberty at MSU
  - c. Create a form to fill out for A-OK Award nominations

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## **Committee Reports:**

- Judges: Jennifer Edwards-Chair : Tentative judges for May, June and July show pending contracts. Communications of Sept Show judge in the works.
- Member spotlight/ Facebook Activity: Larissa Lincoln-Chair : Increase in member activity on Facebook page with daily post. Could use Facebook poll to ask members questions
- Ribbons: Danielle Hawes-Chair : Will order by Feb . 15th for discount.
- Points: Kim Winger-Chair – No Report.
- Suggestion Box: Emery Engers-Chair – No report.
- Banquet: Dani Maser-Chair – Going to check several venues in Lansing area.
- Dressage-Kim Winger-Chair – No report.
- Gymkhana/Trail/Ride for the Gold-Kelly Beaubien-Chair- Will write up article for Ride for the Gold to spread word again.

## **New Business:**

- Spring Meeting- Date set for April 27th at 9:30 am located at MSU Pavilion
- Partners' page.-up to date.
- “What’s going on” report – No report.
- Show bill 2019- Swap classes 38 & 39, 56 & 58, 103 & 104 due to age groups and timing from previous classes

Adjournment at 9:19 pm Motion: Larissa. Second by: Kelly

## *Show Office Update*

Happy New Year everyone! The 2019 Show Season is right around the corner – Yay! If you would like to reserve a specific Back #, please email me at [dowrebec@gmail.com](mailto:dowrebec@gmail.com). Back #'s will stay the same for the entirety of the season. Please let me know if you have questions!

Rebecca



## Meet a Member: Rachel Evangelista

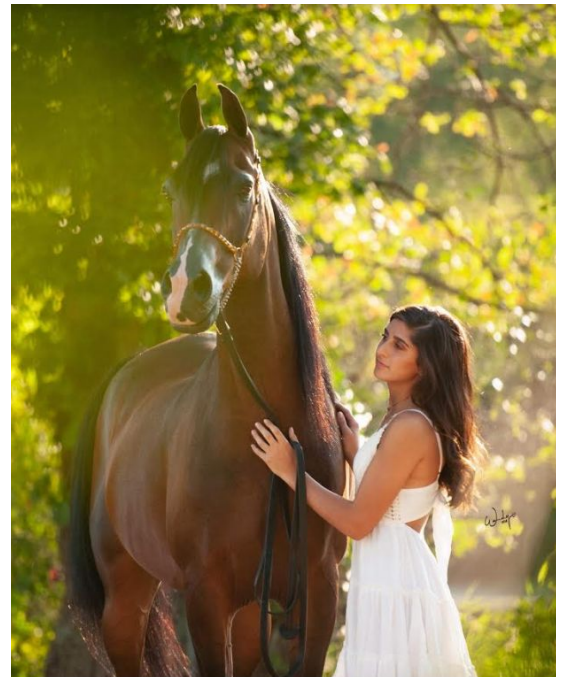


My name is Rachel Evangelista, I am 18 years old and have been an EMAA member since around the age of 6. My obsession with showing horses started when Kristan Sayers (also an EMAA member) introduced me to the Arabian horse world and allowed me to grow up on the back of her horse Bo. I've been hooked ever since.

It was on my 10th birthday that we brought home my best friend Titan, who is still the horse that I show today. In my eyes he is the most amazing, extraordinary, bay hunter that my life would not be the same without. I could not be more grateful to this big guy who has taught and challenged me more than I could ever imagine. Carrying me through 7 years on the equestrian team (3 middle school, 4 high school) we've showed everything! Showmanship, hunt seat, western, and saddleseat. Whatever the team needed, we did it.



This fall I will be attending Western Michigan University for nursing. And YES I will continue to show throughout my college years! I don't think I will ever be able to let this part of my life go, and there's no way I will let college get in the way of my horse crazy obsession. Eastern Michigan Arabian Association has offered and continues to offer me so much! A laid back showing circuit that allows me to juggle school, work, equestrian team, a life outside of horses and still give me an amazing 4 weekends a year that I can have fun with friends, and do what I love most.



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## Meet the Board

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

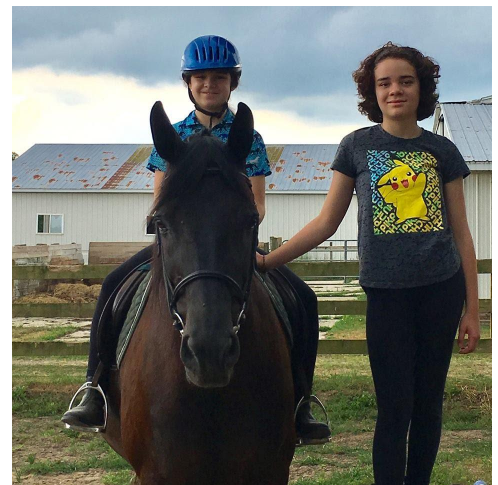
**Board Member of the month: ALLISON JONES – SECRETARY**



Hello EMAA! My name is Allison Jones and I am your new EMAA Board Secretary. I have been a part of EMAA for a little over six years. My Half Arabian, Andante Bello, (Dante) and I have shown in a variety of classes over the years. Dante’s non Arabian half is a quarter Percheron and a quarter Thoroughbred which is where he gets most of his size from. I have been riding Dante since he was six years old and he will be 20 this spring. I first met Dante when his previous owner brought him to Mackinac Island for the summer to be a part of the local 4-H program where I was a young local 4-H member and avid horse lover. I quickly realized that Dante was my once in a lifetime horse and he has been my #1 Dude ever since. Dante and my background is primarily in Dressage and you will most often find us over by the Dressage arena at the EMAA shows. We also find ourselves in the main ring for rail classes though. We have rode in numerous huntseat pleasure, saddleseat pleasure, show hack, sport horse under saddle and dressage equitation classes. I enjoy keeping Dante and I both on our toes and trying new things. At home we enjoying going for long trail rides down miles of dirt roads or through the wooded trails behind his pasture. Dante is also a superstar leadline and walk/trot horse when it comes to teaching my eager nieces how to ride. I feel extremely lucky to have him as my equine partner in crime.

Outside of my equine world I work at Michigan State University. I work behind the scenes in the university’s fundraising and donor relations as a data analyst. My other children also have 4 legs making me a dog mom of two fun, adorable pups, Colby and Zoey. I enjoying doing dog training and agility classes with them. I am also a registered yoga instructor and can be found practicing yoga daily and occasionally at the barn with my horse. I am a true Michigan native and love being outdoors, the Great Lakes, and the many seasons and weather shifts Michigan provides.

If you see Dante and me around the show ring this year or see me hanging on the back of Kim Winger’s golf cart at the shows make sure to stop me and say hi! I would love to meet you and chat!



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