



## EASTERN MICHIGAN ARABIAN ASSOCIATION

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## President's Letter

Hello EMAA: Happy New Year to One and All.

Hard to believe it is only about 100 days till the first show. Time will fly as we all continue working horses and making show preparations.

It was good to see so many people at the banquet...176 to be exact! If you are still due an award, please contact Heather Zofko-Bills and arrange for pre-paid mailing or pick up at the Spring Meeting. Thanks again to the Banquet Team for all their hours or planning and preparation... Great Job!

Your Board is busy with the annual Dressage Committee Meeting and Show Bill Committee Meeting; also finding judges, ordering ribbons, etc. The Board has not yet voted on the proposals from these Committees; however, at the moment, the proposals include:

- a new and fun class in dressage – option class
- discontinuing the Jumper/Hunter Division; continuing the Hunter Hack Class
- new age groups and offerings in gymkhana
- changes in show application deadline
- changes in process for camping and stall reservations

As you know, EMAA also has several new positions and new members filling them:

- Show Manager (manager of the show ring) – Chris Campbell
- Office Manager (manager of the office) – Connie Barron
- Treasurer - Pam Sabourin

-Director at Large – Pat Cole

All of these folks are stepping up and trying something new and look forward to meeting and working with you through the coming year.

The Spring Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 4/15/12, 1:00–4:00. There will also be the annual Tack-Trunk Sale and a Bake Sale. Plan on attending so you are aware of the changes in the Rules & Regulations so you can have a GREAT 2012 Show year.

Patricia A. Murley



### 2012 Show Dates

May 18-20, 2012  
Ingham County  
Fairgrounds

June 22-24, 2012  
MSU Pavilion

July 20-22, 2012  
Shiawassee  
Fairgrounds

Sept. 7-9, 2012  
Ingham County  
Fairgrounds

## Spring Meeting at Shiawassee

EMAA's Spring Meeting will take place on Sunday April 15th at 1:00pm at the Shiawassee Fairgrounds offices.

Please try to attend! We will discuss changes to the show bill and updates to

the Rules and Regulations for the 2012 show season.

We will once again have a Trunk Tack Sale starting at noon. Bring your sale items and display them on your tailgate or trunk.

Refreshments will be avail-

able at the Bake Sale - please bring baked items to donate!



## October 2011—BOD Meeting Minutes

Eastern Michigan Arabian Association October 12, 2011

A regular meeting of the Eastern Michigan Arabian Association Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05p.m., President P. Murley presiding. Present: Christopher Campbell, Danielle Hawes, Lora Hicks-Thorsby, Pam Sabourin, Kim Winger, Michael Young, Heather Zofko-Bills. Guest: Laurel and Shea Glover.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by C. Campbell, supported by H. Bills that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2011 be approved with corrections stated. Ayes: All, Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report: M. Young reported that the balance is \$25,036.69 in account as of 10/11/11. It was moved by D. Hawes supported by C. Campbell to accept the treasurer's report as given. Ayes: All, Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED

### 2012 Board of Directors

**PRESIDENT**  
Patricia Murley  
president@emaa.org

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Heather Zofko-Bills  
heather@emaa.org

**SECRETARY**  
Lora Hicks-Thorsby  
lora@emaa.org

**TREASURER**  
Pam Sabourin  
pam@emaa.org

**DIRECTOR AT LARGE**  
Patricia Cole

**DIRECTOR AT LARGE**  
Danielle Hawes  
danielle@emaa.org

**DIRECTOR AT LARGE**  
Kim Winger  
dressage@emaa.org

**DAL—YOUTH DIRECTOR**  
Christopher Campbell  
youth@emaa.org

**SHOW MANAGER**  
Connie Barron  
showmanager@emaa.org

**NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**  
Christine Young  
info@emaa.org

Committee Reports: Show Manager: C. Campbell reported that everything is done for 2011.

Dressage: Kim Winger reported that changes for next year will be discussed at the committee meeting.

Judges: P. Sabourin has no report, will start hiring judges for 2012 after show bill is finalized.

Points: K. Winger and C. Campbell reported points are done.

Youth Representative: Chris Campbell no reported.

Suggestion Box: No report.

Banquet: P. Murley reported that silver awards will be presented at banquet. Colors are purple and silver. Ribbons are being ordered. K. Winger has check for \$520.00 to order gift cards. Next banquet meeting October 25, 2011.

Advertising: No report.

Membership: 167 total.

Newsletter: M. Young reported that the next issue Nov/Dec. This will include the year end results. Articles due first Friday in December.

Web site: No report. Newsflash will be sent out requesting old photos be sent to Stacie Zurek for

banquet.

Going-on: D. Hawes reported that US Nationals starts on October 21. Michigan earned 4 Top Tens, 1 Reserve, 2 National Championships at the Sport Horse Nationals.

Ribbons: C. Campbell reported 3 ½ boxes of odd/end ribbons left. Will need to order all new ribbons for next year.

Old Business:

ACS: A member had a question regarding why we discontinued ACS point approval. As President P. Murley wrote in her July news brief Arabian Community Show (ACS) Status –The Board voted to discontinue the ACS program AFTER the September 2011 show.

Your Board has been having multiple and extensive discussions regarding EMAA's participation in the Arabian Community Show (ACS) Program. The decision was based on the following discussions:

- how the management of the ACS has changed over the years
- the inconsistency of information provided from ACS to EMAA board members
- the deterioration in the lack of quality ACS awards and the untimeliness of presentation of same
- the number of EMAA members in 2011 who paid for AHA memberships to receive ACS awards
- many members like having an on-line record of their horses accomplishments
- EMAA members have won more awards than probably any other ACS club
- the mixed interpretation of ACS rules between different ACS clubs
- the confusion between ACS rules and EMAA rules
- the fact that ACS does not support trainer participation in ACS classes
- the amount of work the program causes the show office, and
- the enormous confusion which is caused when policy/procedure changes are made mid-show year.

Showing From Trailer: It was moved by H. Bills, supported by P. Sabourin that effective 1/1/2012 the EMAA trailer-in and/or showing from the trailer fee will be \$18.00 per day per horse. Ayes: All, Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED

Office Manager Position: It was moved by D. Hawes, supported by H. Bills to offer Constance Barron the position of Office Manager for the 2012 Season. Ayes: All, Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED

Will post Horse Show Manager and Horseshow Assistant Manager Positions for 30 days, requesting cover letters and resumes.

New Business: None

Adjournment: It was moved by P. Sabourin, supported by M. Young that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: All, Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

## November 2011—BOD Meeting Minutes

Eastern Michigan Arabian Association November 9, 2011

A regular meeting of the Eastern Michigan Arabian Association Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05p.m., Vice President H. Zofko-Bills presiding. Present: Danielle Hawes, Lora Hicks-Thorsby, Pam Sabourin, Kim Winger. Absent: Christopher Campbell, Pat Murley,

Michael Young. Guest: Christine Young, Laurel Glover, Pat Cole, and Connie Barron

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by C. Young, supported by H. Bills that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 2011 be approved with corrections stated. Ayes: All, Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurers Report: C. Young reported that the balance is \$19,990.32 in account as of 11/9/11. It was moved by P. Sabourin supported by D. Hawes to accept the treasurer's report as given. Ayes: All, Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

### Committee Reports

Show Manager: No Report.

Dressage: No Report.

Judges: No Report.

Points: No Report.

Youth Representative: No Report.

Suggestion Box: No report.

Banquet: Darin Miller nominations will all be emailed to board members and an email vote will be taken. 171 will be attending. Board approved Dressage High Score Award be given to Amanda Zlotek with a score of 66.84.

Advertising: No report.

Membership: 167 total.

Newsletter: C. Young reported that the next issue Nov/Dec. This will include the year end results. Articles due first Friday in December.

Web site: No report. Sent out news flash regarding sending old photos to Stacie Zurek for banquet.

Going-on: D. Hawes reported that US Nationals are over. More horses have been taken from a farm in Livingston County due to neglect.

Ribbons: Discussion regarding finding someone that will order ribbons to place. Discount if ribbons are ordered before February. Will need to order 4 complete sets of ribbons.

### New Business

C. Young will no longer be taking care of memberships. Discussion was held regarding who should receive 2012 memberships. It was decided that they will be sent to the Treasurer mailing address first, then to show manager. Christine will need a list of members that will still need a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to them. Discount membership will be avail-

able at banquet.

C. Young made an online motion to again put in a ½ page ad in Saddle Up for \$90.00 for their membership drive issue. An online vote was taken. Ayes: All, Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

No December Board Meeting will take place.

Adjournment: It was moved by D. Hawes, supported by P. Sabourin that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: All, Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

### 2012 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](mailto: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  
5353 Gateway Center, Flint, MI 48507**

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## Classifieds

### FOR SALE:

County Competitor dressage saddle (black)  
 Excellent condition — Always stored inside  
 2004, made in England  
 Spring tree, XW  
 18" seat  
 16.5" flap length

Asking \$950

Christine Young,  
 cell: 810-656-6094  
 christine.a.young@hotmail.com



## From the Dressage Ring...

Well, another show season is almost upon us and ready or not, here we go! I just wanted to let you know some of the news so far this year...

Judges are as follows-

- May- Barb Moss
- June-Joan Esterline
- July- Kim Robbins
- Sept.- Jan Macafee

We will be having 7 minutes in between rides this year. In the past, 6 minutes often put us behind schedule. We are hoping that this will not occur with this change.

\*Remember, first year rider does not mean it being your first year riding dressage. It means it is your first year riding a particular test.

New this year- we will be offering a new class to see if our members are interested- WESTERN DRESSAGE!! It will be the Basic 1 test which is walk/trot. It will not be eligible for a year end award this year, but possibly in the future if we have enough participation. Anyone can try this class, you can be a walk/trot/canter exhibitor, green horse, etc. It is simply to offer another option to our members as it is becoming a popular thing in the dressage/western world. The test will be on the website soon. More details to come!

Once again, we will be offering the open breed class at our shows. Spread the news!

Thank you to all that attended the dressage meeting. Your time and input is always appreciated. That is all for now. Email me if you have any questions or concerns at [kimiwing@comcast.net](mailto:kimiwing@comcast.net). See you all soon!

...Kim Winger, dressage secretary

## *New Office Manager—Connie Barron*

Allow me to introduce myself...

My name is Connie Barron, and I am the new EMAA Office Manager (formerly called show manager). Some of you may have met me last season when I assisted Cathy in the show office. I am excited to become the office manager, and a little nervous too. Cathy Campbell did such an awesome job over the years, that her shoes will be a challenge to fill.

I have been asked to tell you a little bit about myself. It's my pleasure to do so. I look forward to getting to know more of you as a result of working in the EMAA show office.

I grew up in the Flint area. I was a horse crazy little girl, like many others, but had to wait until I became an adult to realize my dream of having horses. Our first horses were actually supposed to be for our kids. Within a couple of years, the kids lost interest, but we were hooked.

My husband and I presently own North Hollow Farm, LLC, a horse boarding facility located in Ovid. We board horses and do cow sorting, team roping, team penning, barrel racing, pole bending, and competitive trail challenges. We also raise roping cattle for jackpots and rodeo events, and cattle for beef. We also raise a few goats for goat-tying. We own nine horses of our own, including a pure bred Arabian mare, and a pinto half-Arabian gelding.

I am a former vice president and member of the board of directors for the Michigan Barrel Racing Association (MBRA). I have worked as a secretary at team roping events for the Michigan Ropers Association (MRA). I am a member of AHA, AQHA, ACTHA, MBRA, MRA.

I am so looking forward to the beginning of show season. I will do my absolute best to run the office efficiently, but would like to ask that you please be patient with me as I am learning all of your names, numbers, etc.

Some things that would really help out for the first show:

- Please email back number requests as soon as possible, as we are re-assigning them this year.
- Please send membership renewals in early, so there is no wait for this at the show window.
- Please send pre-entries in by the early entry deadline.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you, please feel free to stop by the show office any time.

### Returned Check Policy

A \$25 fine will be charged to the writer of any check returned by the bank. The check and the fine must be made good within two weeks of formal notification.

If payment is not received within that time, points earned for year end awards are thereby forfeited for those horses, riders or handlers whose show fees were covered by the non-sufficient fund check.

Until such time as the check and fines are made good, the membership of the writer shall be suspended, and the writer will be banned from showing at future Eastern Michigan Arabian Association shows.

All further transactions MUST be made in cash or by money order.

#### OUTSTANDING NSF CHECKS

EMAA has had checks returned due to insufficient funds from the following people. Numerous attempts have been made to collect this money without success. Amounts shown here include the fines.

Jillian Oswald  
owes \$165

Nicole Kubesh  
Owes \$338

Efforts to collect this money are still ongoing.

## Calendar Updates

### **JANUARY**

1/11 EMAA Board Meeting 7pm at J. Porters Chophouse, Flint, MI.

### **FEBRUARY**

2/8 EMAA Board Meeting 7pm at J. Porters Chophouse, Flint, MI.

### **MARCH**

3/9-3/11 MHC Stallion Expo & Trade Show at MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI.

[www.michiganhorsecouncil.com](http://www.michiganhorsecouncil.com)

3/14 EMAA Board Meeting 7pm at J. Porters Chophouse, Flint, MI.

### **APRIL**

4/15 EMAA Spring Meeting at Shiawassee Fairground offices. Tack sale and bake sale – be sure to attend to get the latest info on the 2012 show season. EMAA Board Meeting for April will take place following the Spring Meeting.

## Newsletter / Website Advertising

### **NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING**

All Ads MUST be submitted by the second Wednesday of the month. All prices are per issue unless otherwise specified.

Cover Ad \$35.00    Center Spread \$55.00  
Full Page \$25.00    1/2 Page \$17.00

Classifieds: \$0.05 per word / minimum of \$5.00

Business Cards: 3 months: \$15.00    1 yr: \$50.00

Issues will be published bi-monthly in the off season. Ads must be camera-ready or a \$10.00 fee applies. ALL ads must be paid in advance.

### **WEBSITE ADVERTISING**

Classified Ads: Includes up to 50 words of text, runs for 3 months. No charge for EMAA members, Non-members pay \$5.00

Photo Classified Ads: Includes one photo and up to 50 words of text. Ad runs for 3 months: \$10.00

Business Card: Includes a business card scanned and placed on the Business Directory page. *Can also include a link back to your website.* Cards will be placed on the website for a period of one year: \$60.00

Email NewsFlash: Our Newsflashes are sent to a subscriber base of 500+ members. Provide your own copy—\$5.00 per issue. Custom designed ad—\$10 per issue.

To place an ad for the newsletter or web, email copy (and photo, if applicable) to [info@emaa.org](mailto:info@emaa.org). Or you can mail your ad, with check made payable to EMAA to:

Christine Young  
3309 Lake George Road  
Dryden, MI 48428

In order to receive our email NewsFlash, you MUST opt-in. Please follow the link on the home page at [emaa.org](http://emaa.org)

**EASTERN MICHIGAN ARABIAN ASSOCIATION - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

NEW  
 RENEWAL    Membership number, if known \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH                \$20        Consists of one person, 17 yrs & under

INDIVIDUAL            \$30        Consists of one person 18 yrs & older

FAMILY                \$40        Consists of 3 family members residing at one address. Does not include trainers, friends or anyone not living at the address provided. Proof of home address may be required, and may include but is not limited to driver's license or school ID. Additional children at same address may be added for \$10 each.



**TOTAL FEES DUE:**

[Yellow box for total fees due]

**SELECT PREFERRED DELIVERY OF NEWSLETTER**

U.S. MAIL

EMAIL                Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY MEMBER INFORMATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ST, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (residing at same address)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT**

Checks should be made payable to EMAA. To pay by debit or credit card, please fill out all fields below:

Account #

Exp Date   /

Security Code

Please make checks payable to EMAA.  
Mail completed form with payment to:  
Pam Sabourin  
7228 Johnson  
Flushing, MI 48433

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**  
Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check #: \_\_\_\_\_



*Eastern Michigan Arabian Association is a Non-Profit organization dedicated to the promotion and advancement of Arabian and Half-Arabian horses.*

*Established in 1986, we are one of the largest Arabian Horse organizations in Michigan.*

*We host four non-rated horse shows each year, offering classes in Western Pleasure, Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat, dressage and more.*

*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](http://www.emaa.org).*

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