

EASTERN MICHIGAN ARABIAN ASSOCIATION

MARCH/APRIL 2011



Dressage Update

BIG NEWS FROM THE DRESSAGE RING.....

It's almost time to set up those cones! We have a few changes to share with you. Make sure you check the website for the new tests this year; there are only 3 per level instead of 4 as in previous years.

You may now ride any test on any day. It will help in making your weekend schedule run smoother depending on your main ring schedule and other conflicts. The only downside to this is that the final placing results cannot be posted until the end of the show on Sunday. However, I will post the scores as they are completed throughout the weekend so you can see where the standings are.

There will now be a \$4 weekend charge to be eligible for the high score dressage test to keep in sync

with the main ring weekend high-point fee. All monies collected are directly used to purchase the year end awards in these categories. Another exciting change this year is that we are opening the dressage program to other breeds. This will provide an opportunity for non-arabians to compete in dressage at a wonderful schooling show that is still affordable and family friendly. It will supplement our dressage program costs which will help the club



budget. Cost for open breed class tests is \$20. Open breed class tests will be placed separately from our regular Arabian/half-Arabian classes; in other words Arabians/half-Arabians will not be competing with other breeds. Please extend a warm EMAA welcome to the new-comers at the shows this year. With that said, please make sure you send in your entries on time and request your dressage ride times before the deadline. We may have a full schedule. As always we will do our best to accommodate your needs and be flexible. I am really looking forward to another fantastic and fun show season with all of you! As always, please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions. See you all soon!!

-Kim Winger

OPEN BREED DRESSAGE CLASSES –

These are open to all breeds of horses. EMAA membership is not required for exhibitors in these classes. Riders may choose to ride any test from our show bill, to include Intro A, B, C, Training level 1, 2, 3, First level 1, 2, 3, and Second level 1, 2, 3. All participants interested in this option must choose class #235 on their show entry and then specify to the office, dressage secretary or gate attendant which test they are riding. Class #235 is not eligible to receive year end points or awards at the EMAA banquet. Results will be posted as tests are scored, and placings will be posted by the end of the show on Sunday. See dressage section of rules for attire and other guidelines to be followed.

Calendar Updates



APRIL

4/10 EMAA Spring Meeting at Shiawassee Fairground offices. Tack sale and bake sale – be sure to attend to get the latest info on the 2011 show season.

4/13 EMAA Board Meeting 7pm at J. Porters Chophouse, Flint, MI.

4/16-17 AHAM Dressage & Sport Horse – Spring Clinic

4/24 2011 Spartan Spectacular Arabian Horse Auction

4/28-5/1 AHAM All Arab show, Ingham County Fairgrounds

EMAA ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 10TH**

1 PM-4PM

**SHIAWASSEE
FAIRGROUND
OFFICE**

**TACK SALE
BEFORE AND AFTER
THE MEETING**

**BAKE SALE
PLEASE BRING ITEMS
TO DONATE**



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BOARD OF DIRECTOR
MEETINGS ARE HELD
ON THE SECOND
WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH.



MEMBERS ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND.
IF YOU HAVE A
PARTICULAR ITEM THAT
YOU WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE ADDRESSED,
PLEASE SEND AN
EMAIL TO
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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
7:00 PM

Board of Director meeting minutes—January 2011

Eastern Michigan Arabian Association. January 11, 2011

A regular meeting of the Eastern Michigan Arabian Association Board of Directors was called to order at

7:15 p.m., President P. Murley presiding. President Murley welcomed and introduced new director D. Hawes.

Present: Christopher Campbell, Danielle Hawes, Lora Hicks-Thorsby, Patricia Murley, Pam Sabourin, Kim Winger, Heather Zofko-Bills. Excused: Michael Young. Guest: Pat Cole, Christine Young

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by L. Hicks-Thorsby, supported by D. Hawes that the minutes of the regular meeting of

November 10, 2010 be approved as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurers Report

C.Young reported for M. Young that the balance is \$11,818.71 in account. 2010 Tax info sent to accountant, all 1099 sent out. It was moved by C. Campbell, supported by P. Sabourin to accept the treasurer's report as given. Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion about Quick Book software not working on computers and status of all four computers. Computers are getting old and slow. C. Young will look into both new computers and new software. She reported that some historical records may be lost but nothing crucial.

Committee Reports

Banquet: H. Zofko-Bills reported she has a list of awards that have not been picked up. People loved having a theme banquet and walk way up middle. Next year we will do Marti Gras theme. People liked the useful awards, silent auction was successful. Raffles drawn during awards kept people paying attention. Award patches were well received. C. Campbell would like to see election results published. By-law change of Delete Article 5, section 5 was approved.

Advertising: C. Young reported that membership form is in January Saddle Up Magazine. It was moved by P. Murley, supported by C. Campbell to continue to pay Christine Young \$100.00 per newsletter and \$100.00 per month for being the webmaster of our website. Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Dressage: K. Winger discussed a new schedule and three test only per level. Only two days of dressage.

Judges: P. Sabourin reported that she is in contact with prospective 2011 judges. Looking into qualified past founding members to judge.

Membership: 34 memberships received at banquet. Redid membership form with credit card payment info on it. An email vote was taken in December 2010 to purchase a cc machine for \$500.00. Motion passed.

Newsletter: No Report. Points: No Report. Ribbons: Order must be placed by 2/15 to get discount. Last year cost was \$6,600. Budget

for 2011?

Youth: C. Campbell would like to send out a news flash to youth. Also put it on our face book page about what they would like to do together as a club. Parade of flags, working at the show maybe to earn points toward an award. Be the "judge".

Web site: C. Young is refreshing the site, simplifying navigation and making updates.

Going-on: No Report.

Suggestion Box: No Report.

Old Business: None

New Business Spring Meeting date is April 10, 2011. Tack Sale and Bake Sale to be before meeting. Board of Directors meetings will be held at J. Porters in the Holiday Inn in Flint for the rest of the year. AHAM Futurity rep to address our board members at February meeting.

Great Lakes Arabian Alliance will be having two shows this year. Want to have EMAA send a news flash out about them and give EMAA \$2.00 for every EMAA member that becomes a member of their club. Discussion followed came to the conclusion to let them place an ad for \$5.00 in our newsletter.

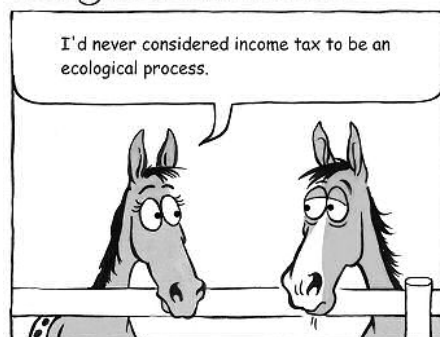
Fun classes this year will be Liberty at MSU and Agility at Shiawassee.

Adjournment

It was moved by C. Campbell, supported by P. Sabourin that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Fergus BY JEAN ABERNETHY

www.FergusTheHorse.com





Board of Director meeting minutes—February 2011

Eastern Michigan Arabian Association, February 9, 2011

A regular meeting of the Eastern Michigan Arabian Association Board of Directors was called to order at

7:10p.m., President P. Murley presiding. President Murley welcomed guests in attendance

Present: Christopher Campbell, Danielle Hawes, Lora Hicks-Thorsby, Patricia Murley, Pam Sabourin, Kim Winger, Michael Young, Heather Zofko-Bills. Guest: Cathy Campbell, Paul Dederick, Dan Marczuk, Su Schmerheim, Christine Young, Dave

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by C. Campbell, supported by D. Hawes that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2011 be approved as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurers Report

M. Young reported that the balance is \$11,778.45 in account. It was moved by C. Campbell, supported by H. Bills to accept the treasurer's report as given. Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Committee Reports

Show Manager: Cathy Campbell passed out proposed 2011 show bill. Discussion followed. Open breed dressage classes offered at \$20.00/class. This would be only class wouldn't have to be a member of EMEA. Add an In Hand Option class after class 70 in main ring. Cost changes for 2011: High score dressage test cost \$4.00 per weekend, Highpoint \$4.00 per weekend, Post entry from \$2.00 to \$5.00.

It was moved by P. Murley, supported by C. Young to accept changes in show bill and fee changes.

Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Shiawassee camping and stall cost discussed; tabled to do more research on charges.

Dressage: Kim Winger said each level will have 3 test and they may be ridden on any day.

Judges: Pam Sabourin reported on main ring: May show Bonnie Hazen, June show David Earhart, July show - no one yet, September show Lisa Powell.

Kim Winger reported no judges yet for dressage ring.

Points: No report. Youth Representative: No report. Suggestion Box: No report. Banquet: No report

Advertising: C. Young recommended buying a half page ad in the Saddle Up-MSU Expo issue. Cost of \$120.00. Would help us to advertise the Open Breed Dressage Division. It was moved by C. Campbell, supported by P. Murley to put a full page ad at a cost of \$180.00 in the Saddle Up MHC Expo issue.

Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.** M. Young has offered to purchase ad if he can put his business on it too.

Membership: 49 members for 2011. C. Young brought up a Membership directory for spring meeting, discussion followed and it was decided to pass on it this year.

Newsletter: C. Young reported that articles for March/April issue are due on Friday March 11. This will be the last issue before the spring meeting.

Web site: C. Young has contacted Voloper regarding redesign of site, waiting for reply. Facebook page has 333 fans.

Going-on: D. Hawes calendar for web/newsletter. Northern Arabian Association show August 24-

28th in Lexington, VA. AHA advertising one day qualifying shows.

Ribbons: C. Campbell reported cost of \$6,733.00 plus 10% discount, plus judges cards and back numbers \$100.00. It was moved by P. Murley, supported by H. Bills to accept the cost presented and to purchase.

Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business

M. Young introduced gotomeeting.com as an alternative to meeting at a location. Discussion followed

New Business

P. Murley and C. Young have been in contact with Midland County Fairgrounds and they have the weekend of May 7-8th, 2011 available, discussion followed regarding maybe having an open dressage show or a warm up show.

Wendy Peterson would like to take photos for the 2011 season. She has a few requests, paid lunch and a secure area for her stuff. Has an idea for a t-shirt for the 25th anniversary.

AHAM Futurity rep Paul Dietrick addressed the board about joining together for the September show in 2012. Discussion followed and a committee was formed to work on it.

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 10:00 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board will be March 9, 2011 at J. Porters in the Holiday Inn in Flint off of US23 and Hill Road.

L. Hicks-Thorsby, Secretary



2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE
CHRISTINE YOUNG

**EMAA
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.

STEPHANIE KOBY -
OWES \$673

JILLIAN OSWALT -
OWES \$165

THOMAS HALLEY -
OWES \$154

EFFORTS TO COLLECT THIS MONEY ARE STILL ONGOING.



Show Office

From the show office, Can you believe it's time to start getting ready for another show year. Hope everyone had a great winter. Back number requests have started to come in. If you have a particular number that you prefer to use please email me to hold it for you. All number requests are granted on a first come basis, please realize that you must request a number even if you have used the same number for years. There are not a lot of

changes in the showbill this year, the addition of owner to ride classes for the youth, and we have divided some of the 18-34 age group classes. We still have time to add classes to the option class list so please email me with any suggestions you might have. There have also been so changes in the Dressage division so take the time to look them over. We have had to restructure some of the miscellaneous charges, these will be explained at the

spring meeting. The Please try to come to the spring meeting as this is the best time to ask any questions about the new season. There is an opening in the show office this summer so if you are interested in working at the shows get in touch with me. See you all soon, hope everyone is getting back in the saddle.

Cathy Campbell

Henneke Body Condition Score

Horse owners have a valuable tool for checking equine body condition, thanks to Don Henneke, PhD, who developed a body scoring system in 1983, when he was a graduate student at Texas A&M University. The system involves observing and palpating six parts of the horse--neck, withers, shoulder, ribs, loin, and tailhead. Those six parts are listed as being the most responsive to changes in body fat.

Henneke's system assigns a numerical value to fat deposits as they occur in these six areas. There are many factors that can be involved in equine body condition: nutrition, activity, weather, parasites, and dental problems, to mention only a few.

To begin with, you must establish a base body condition score. The scores, as promulgated by Henneke, range from 1 to 9. To establish a score for your horse, palpate and study the six areas listed. This means more than just running your hand lightly over the area. Henneke recommended that the pressure applied be more like a massage. For example, press your hand firmly against your horse's side to get an idea of the fat covering over the ribs. When checking the withers feel all around the area, probing and massaging with your fingers. The same approach should

be used for the other four locations.

After thoroughly checking all six areas, assign the horse a score for each area of the body. A horse that has an overall score of 1 is emaciated, while the horse with an overall score of 9 is obese. Most veterinarians recommend that the score of a healthy horse range between 4 and 7, with 5, perhaps, being the ideal.

We won't provide Henneke's criteria for each of the numerical scores, but we'll list what he feels

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you can expect to find at scores 1, 5, and 9.

Body Condition Score 1 Bone structure of the neck, withers, and shoulder are easily noticeable; ribs protrude prominently; spinous processes of the loin project prominently; and tailhead, pin-bones, and hook bones project prominently.

Body Condition Score 5 Neck

blends smoothly into the body; withers are rounded over the spinous processes; shoulder blends smoothly into body; ribs cannot be visually distinguished, but they can be easily felt; back is level; and fat around tailhead is beginning to feel soft.

Body Condition Score 9 Fat is beginning to be deposited on the neck, withers, and shoulders; fat over ribs feels spongy; might have slight crease or groove down the back; fat around tailhead feels soft.

It would do well to have the complete Henneke chart in hand when establishing a body condition score. (It can be found at www.TheHorse.com/pdf/nutrition/bcs-poster.pdf.)

The next obvious question is this: How often should you check the body condition score?

The answer can vary for a variety of reasons, from climate to strenuous use to changes in nutrition program, whatever the situation. However, it is recommended the body score be checked at least every two months. It is more important to check the score during the winter months when the horse is carrying a long coat of hair because fat deposition changes then are less discernible to the eye. During that season, it would be well to check the body score on a monthly basis.



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Eastern Michigan Arabian Association

Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary

"My treasures do not clink together or glitter; They gleam in the sun and neigh in the night."

Arabian Proverb

Redesign of WWW.EMAA.ORG

Our redesigned website is now up and running! The sub-menus have been removed, making navigation simpler. The page menu is now listed across the top of the screen, and will hopefully make it easier to find what you're looking for.

The EMEA NewsFlashes will also have a fresh look. If you don't already receive our NewsFlash, please go to the Contact Us page and click on the link to subscribe.

I am still working on setting up new contact emails for the Board of Directors and Show Manager. Until those are published, please contact me at christine.a.young@hotmail.com and I will pass along messages.

Thanks for your patience as some construction continues..... *Christine Young, Webmaster*

EMAA Spring General Membership Meeting

EMAA's Spring Meeting will take place on Sunday April 10th 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 2011 show season.

Show packets will be distributed at the meeting.

There have been significant changes in the dressage division, as well as several updates to the main arena show bill.

This is a great opportunity to

learn about the changes, and voice your opinions.

TACK SALE!

Have stuff you want to sell? Looking for things you need?

We will once again have a Trunk Tack Sale before and after the meeting. Bring your sale items and display them on your tailgate or trunk.

Refreshments will be available at the Bake Sale - please bring baked items to donate! This sale helps to subsidize the cost of the meeting and the cost of producing the show documents.



BAKE SALE

THERE ARE FOUR CHAMPION AND FOUR RESERVE CHAMPION PATCHES AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$5.00 EACH.



IF YOU WON ONE OF THESE AWARDS AND WOULD LIKE AN EXTRA PATCH (FOR A JACKET OR SWEAT-SHORT?) PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINE YOUNG AT INFO@EMAA.ORG

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

INSERTS: MINIMUM OF 250 COPIES PER NEWSLETTER; COST OF \$20.00 PER NEWSLETTER. *CUSTOM DESIGN AND/OR COLOR INSERTS ARE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF \$40 PER EDITION.*

CLASSIFIEDS: \$0.05 PER WORD / MINIMUM OF \$5.00
BUSINESS CARDS: 3 MONTHS: \$15.00 1 YR: \$50.00

ISSUES WILL BE MAILED 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 375+ 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. OR YOU CAN MAIL YOUR AD, WITH CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO EMAA TO:

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EMAA 2011 Show Dates

EMAA I - May 20-22, 2011
Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason, MI

EMAA II - June 24-26, 2011
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI

EMAA III - July 22-24, 2011
Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna, MI

EMAA IV - September 9-11, 2011
Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason, MI

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