

EASTERN MICHIGAN ARABIAN ASSOCIATION

MAY 2011



Letter from the President



PAT MURLEY AND HER STALLION,
DESPERADO MAGIC

Hello EMAA Members:

Happy 25th Anniversary EMAA! What a grand accomplishment to celebrate...and some of you have been involved since day ONE!!! Within financial means, the Board is planning as much special celebration activity as possible, so be sure to come and join the fun.

Thank you to all the members who came to the Spring meeting! It was good to see so many, and be able to carry on a conversation without a horse in hand.

There are many News items you need to be aware of:

- ◆ Changes in stall rates
- ◆ Changes in camping rates
- ◆ MANY Changes in Dressage – Including, An Open Breen Class Being Offered
- ◆ Changes in Junior to Ride Classes
- ◆ Changes in Weekend Highpoint and Weekend High Point Dressage Test Score
- ◆ Also information on a proposal for a joint 2012 EMAA and Michigan Futurity Show

AND MUCH MORE – so rather than my going over them again, please refer to the notes from the Spring Meeting on pages 3 & 4.

First show at Mason is three weeks away and counting. Is it ever going to stop raining or even snowing? As always, please email any question, comments, and suggestions to the Board for consideration.

Sincerely,
Patricia A. Murley, President

Calendar Updates



MAY

- 5/8 2011 Spartan Spectacular Arabian Horse Auction
- 5/11 EMAA Board Meeting 7pm at J. Porters Chophouse, Flint, MI.
- 5/14 WMAHA show (ACS) at Hudsonville Fairgrounds
- 5/20-22 EMAA I at Ingham County Fairgrounds.
Entries/stall reservations due 5/16.

JUNE

- 6/8 EMAA Board Meeting 7pm at J. Porters Chophouse, Flint, MI.
- 6/18 WMAHA show (ACS) at Berlin Fairgrounds, Marne, MI
- 6/24-26 EMAA II at MSU Pavilion. Entries/stall reservations due 6/20.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION NEAR MASON

The Kipp Road overpass at US -127 will be closed until after Labor Day.

If you are approaching Mason from the south on US-127, you will still be able to exit at Kipp Road and reach the fairgrounds by turning right.

But if you approach from the north on US-127, you will need to stay on US-127 and continue to the Barnes Road exit, then turn left and follow the posted detour.



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MEETINGS ARE HELD
ON THE SECOND
WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH.



MEMBERS ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND.
IF YOU HAVE A
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YOU WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE ADDRESSED,
PLEASE SEND AN
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SO THAT WE CAN ADD
IT TO THE AGENDA.



MEETINGS ARE HELD
AT THE
HOLIDAY INN FLINT:

J. PORTER'S
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5353 GATEWAY
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FLINT, MI 48507
7:00 PM

Board of Director meeting minutes—March 2011

March 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.

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

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by C. Campbell, supported by K. Winger that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2011 be approved as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurers Report: C. Young reported that the balance is \$4,514.40 in account. It was moved by C. Campbell, supported by D. Hawes to accept the treasurer's report as given. Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED**
Upcoming expenses: March tax return preparation last year cost of \$260.00. April renewal of bond and liability insurance last year cost of \$1,195.00. **NSF Checks:** Stephanie Koby \$673.00, Jillian Oswalt \$165.00, Thomas Halley \$154.00

Committee Reports
Show Manager: Cathy Campbell discussed members being charged an extra day if they arrive before 2 pm on Friday. The cost would be \$18.00 per stall and \$18.00 per camping site. Option class descriptions needed. Jumping will stay on Friday afternoon. Warm up 3:30, classes from 4-5pm. Ribbons are ordered.

Dressage: Kim Winger reported that the whip length has been changed. Ribbons needed for open classes.

Judges: Pam Sabourin reported on main ring: May show Bonnie Hazen, June show David Earhart, July show Jody Habron, September show Lisa Powell.

Kim Winger reported on dressage judges: May show Betty Horst, June show Gail Mathews, July show Erin McElmurry, September show Barb Moss .

It was moved by C. Campbell, supported by C. Young to accept the 2011 judges as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Points: Discussion about how points are earned and how they were originally counted at the inception of EMAA. In regular classes count up to 10 horses in class plus six points for first, five points for second, four points for third, three points for fourth, two points for fifth and one point for sixth. Double the points in Championships.

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

Advertising: C. Young submitted a full page to Saddle Up! Magazine, for the MSU Expo edition. Total cost is \$180.00, Michael Young will pay half. Submitted a full page ad to Midwest Dressage Assn. to run in March issue. Cost is \$50.00; M. Young will pay for it.

Membership: 53 members for 2011. 22 Family, 5 Youth, and 26 individual.

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. Current delivery: Regular Mail 22, email 31.

Web site: C. Young proposed moving website hosting to GoDaddy.com. Site will be redesigned to simplify navigation. Should reduce costs by approximately \$190.00 per year. Facebook page has 333fans.

It was moved by C. Young, supported by P. Sabourin to change the domain to GoDaddy.com for less cost and better web design. Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.** C. Young will have new site up and running by spring meeting.

Going-on: D. Hawes calendar for web/newsletter. Lope for Leesa show April 23rd at Shiawassee.

Ribbons: C. Campbell reported cost of \$6,931.18. All old ribbons will be used up in 2011.

Old Business

P. Murley reported that Wendy Peterson will not be available to take photos at our shows. Will ask if she could come to MSU show. Ad in next newsletter looking for photographer

New Business

Discussion ensued regarding moving the April meeting to the 10th after the spring members meeting.

It was moved by C. Campbell, supported by D. Hawes to hold the regular board meeting on April 10th, after spring meeting. Ayes: All, Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Equipment Inventory was listed and verified.

C. Campbell has a man that will cut jumping poles down to make them less cumbersome. EMAA has some jumps for sale.

Adjournment

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

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board will be April 10, 2011 at Shiawassee Fairgrounds following regular member meeting.

L. Hicks-Thorsby, Secretary



EMAA Spring General Membership Meeting

The annual Eastern Michigan Arabian Association Spring Meeting was held Sunday, April 10, 2011 from 1-4:00pm at the Shiawassee Fair Grounds meeting room. In conjunction with the meeting a bake sale was held and the third annual Trunk Tack Sale. Approximately 45 members were in attendance.

Patricia Murley, President - Welcome

Pat went through a listing of 2010 accomplishments and expenditures. Keeping in mind that it costs the club approximately \$10,000 to run one show; all bills for the last show year were paid and there are no outstanding bills at this time. This is the 25th anniversary of the organization and special events will be planned as finances allow. Special 25th anniversary neck ribbons have already been ordered for all championship classes.

Michael Young, Treasurer - Budget Review 2010 and 2011.

Michael presented the following information: The check book balance as of 4/10/11 is \$4,402.26. EMAA spent \$46,000 last year on four shows and the banquet. The 2010 credit card machine usage (first year this was available) was \$5,870. All 2011 show dates are confirmed, deposits paid, and registered with Arabian Community Shows.

Example of increased costs:

2009 show ribbons = \$6,145;
 2010 show ribbons = \$6,400 - 9% increase
 2011 show ribbons = \$6,931 - 4% increase
 13% increase

Heather Zofko-Bills, Vice President - 2010 & 2011 Banquet . Due to award selections for the 2010 banquet EMAA saved approximately \$1000. The 2010 banquet attendance was up 20+ over 2009. Heather received many compliments on choice of “usable” awards vs trophies. Any ideas for 2011 awards please let Heather know. There are still some awards that have not been picked up. Please contact Heather for arrangements. 2011 Banquet is November 19, 2011 – same location. Heather and Pat thanked entire Banquet Committee for all their hard work. Organizing the banquet is like putting on an annual EMAA “wedding”.

Christine Young, Webmaster and Editor. Newsletter: 2011 has a refreshed new look. 27 members currently receive by regular mail; 36 members receive by email. For club cost savings, members are encouraged to receive newsletter by email when possible. Website: Redesigned site launched 3/22/11. Christine presented an online presentation and navigated through the new site. Goal for the new site is to have a refreshed look, be cleaner and easier to navigate. Savings will be \$160 a year over the old host site. Forms: all are now available on line.

Internet pictures – with the new website there is the capability of easily posting club photos. Posting pictures had been discussed previously; however, there was concern with privacy etc. The attending membership discussed and agreed that as long as names and emails were not posted with the pictures, the photos of the banquet and the horse shows etc. would be ok to post.

EMAA Face Book page – We currently have 237 friends.

2011 Judges

Pam Sabourin – Director at Large

Main Ring

May – Bonni Hazen

June – David Earehart

July – Jodi Habron

Sept – Lisa Monahan Powell

Kim Winger – Dressage Secretary

Dressage Ring

Betty Horst

Gail Matthews

Erin McElmurry

Barb Moss

This year, due to the 25th Anniversary, the club specifically tried to recruit some original or senior club members who are judges. EMAA is committed to finding the most qualified judges that finances will allow; judges who are also oriented to educating and participating in a kid/family friendly atmosphere. Two shows this year were particularly hard to arrange for judges as there were conflicts with other Arabian events. Reminder that EMAA does have judge’s evaluation forms and members are always invited to complete and submit their comments – good and bad regarding their judging experience.

Cathy Campbell, Show Manager

Show Manager, Cathy Campbell shared the following show information and changes:

Fee Changes:

Stall and Camping Fee changes due to fee changes at our show locations:

- ◆ If you are moved into your stall and/or camping area BEFORE 2:00 PM on Friday; you will be charged for that day.
- ◆ If you are still in your stall AFTER 9:00 AM Sunday; you will be charged for that day.
- ◆ Camping is \$18.00 per day.
- ◆ Horse Stall AND Tack Stalls are \$18.00 per day.

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TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE ENTIRE BOARD:

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- ◆ Late Class Fees: Late class entry fees have increased from \$2.00 per class to \$5.00 per class.
- ◆ Weekend High Point Award Fee: Weekend high point charge has increased from \$2.00 per weekend to \$4.00 per weekend – one horse/one rider combination.
- ◆ Weekend High Point Dressage Ride Award Fee: The high point dressage ride award has historically been covered by the club; the cost will now be \$4.00 per weekend – one horse/one rider combination.

Class Changes:

Added – an in-hand option class

Added – Junior Owner To Ride Class

Junior's name must be on the horse's registration paper or be a member of immediate family

Immediate family includes: Father, Mother, Brother, Sister

Lease arrangements do not count.

Class age split: Split the 18-34 age group to 18-25 and 26-34

Owner To Ride remains 18 and above

Weekend high point age group remains 18-34

Kim Winger, Dressage Secretary. Dressage Secretary, Kim Winger, shared the following show information and changes: There are new dressage tests for 2011. EMAA is selling copies of test packets for \$2.00.

Dressage Ride Schedule will be:

Friday: 3:00p-5:30p ride times

Friday: 6:00p-7:00p three rail classes

Sat and Sun morning will be the Sport Horse In-Hand Classes

Following sport horse classes, ride times run through 5:00p Saturday; 4:00p Sunday (subject to change based upon entries)

Test Ride Change: any test may be ridden any day

scores will be posted on the bulletin board throughout the weekend as they are tabulated

ribbons will be available at the close of rides on Sunday afternoon

ADDED OPEN BREED CLASS - #235 – Ride Any Test

Class #235 Exhibitors will:

~complete a separate entry form

~not be required to join EMAA

~ribbons will be awarded by test, not by age group

~be eligible to show in multiple classes

~not be eligible to compete for weekend high point dressage ride or weekend high point awards

~who are members of the Midwest Dressage Association (MDA) are eligible to submit test scores to MDA for award consideration

~provide a Coggins test

~be charged \$20 per class

~all ages will be judged together in the specific test

~not earn any EMAA points for year end banquet awards

Due to the adding of the open breed class and the amount of interest this announcement has already created; ride time sign up will be first come first serve, changing ride times due to main ring conflicts should not be an expectation.

Due to the adding of an open breed class, EMAA members who join the Midwest Dressage Association prior to showing will be eligible to submit dressage ride test scores to MDA for consideration for year end awards.

Weekend High Point Dressage Ride Award Fee: The high point dressage ride award has historically been covered by the club; the cost will now be \$4.00 per weekend – one horse/one rider combination.

Suitability Reminder – Open to horses that have not competed in any test first level or above at EMAA or any other prior show. Horses may show in this class for a maximum of 2 show seasons. New rule effective 2011: (from the 2011 USEF Rulebook): Riders may be allowed one whip no longer than 47.2 inches.

Intro Levels – Rider may show only two years at the intro level; exception is if the rider remains a walk/trot rider in the main ring

Chris Campbell – Youth Director. Jumping; Friday 3:00p – 3:30p will be open schooling, 3:30p-5:00 will be the jumping classes.

Gymkhana – Friday 7:00p; no change, same classes. Reining – no change, same pattern. English Western Riding – no change, same pattern.

Youth Program: Chris shared that the goal this year is to create a sense of community among the kids. Competition is fine, but we are still friends and “EMAA Kids” after the class. Discussed possible short segments of children participating in the show for a learning experience –

~Working in the office at the window

~Setting up jumps

~Judging a class with the judge – due to liability, probably sitting up by the announcer

~Announcing a class

~Setting up the dressage ring

These short segments would provide new experiences, and encourage working as a team. We all know the kids are busy !!!

Pam Sabourin – Director at Large – Proposal Michigan Futurity and EMAA Show Combination

The President of the Michigan Arabian and Half Arabian Breeders Futurity approached EMAA in February with a proposal to have a joint show September 2012 at Mason. The EMAA Board has created a subcommittee to explore the pros and cons and finances of this combined show. Members with suggestions and comments should email Pam Sabourin Subcommittee Chair.

Member Suggestions:

Why not offer All Breed Open Jumping?

Why not have a club dinner at the last show of the season; order food and charge to cover expense.

Is EMAA going to offer any 25th Anniversary LOGO shirts?

Meeting Adjourned 3:00.



Dear EMAA,

On March 20th, 2011 we lost a beautiful soul, my horse Bayley. She was injured and had to be put down. I loved Bayley so much and if it weren't for the EMAA organization I am sure we would not have grown to be such a great pair. I have overcome so much with her and I will miss her terribly. I know Bayley was sent to me for a reason and I feel so blessed to have had the privilege to have her in my life, she was truly my best friend and life will never be the same without her, but she will be in my memories. She was such a loving horse and I am completely sure she loved coming to EMAA to see everyone's smiling faces. She has been an inspiration to my family and me and I am praying that she has touched each and every one of you as she has me.

Love Always,

Taylor Price



Forever in our hearts & forever number 40....

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.



Notes from our Show Manager

WooWoo! in just a couple weeks to go, and our 25th Anniversary show year will be under way. Congratulations to EMAA and all the people who have enjoyed, loved and shared their Arabians with us. We hope to make this year a celebration of our Arabian family. All year we will spotlight some of the people to whom we owe this great opportunity to show our horses. Please take the time to get to know some of them and maybe even some of their horses, our first champions.

There are not many changes in the showbill this year. There are now Junior Owner to Ride classes in Hunt, English and Western. We have divided the 18 – 34 Huntseat and Western classes to be 18-24 and 25-34, trying to alleviate some of the split classes. These classes will both qualify for the 18-34 high point awards. An in-hand option class is available on Sunday morning. There are also very few changes in the fee structure. Post entries have gone up to \$5 per class. Please remember any change in a class entry or any classes added will result in a post entry charge

even if you pre registered. Championships can still be added at no additional charge. The entry form is online, you do not have to prepay for classes and there will not be any charge for classes dropped before 9 am the day of the class. The weekend high point has gone up to \$4 per weekend. Office fees, versatility, and class fees have remained the same.

The grounds fees have been restructured. Stalls, tack stalls and camping will now be charged on a daily basis, \$18 per day. Any exhibitor arriving before 2pm on Friday will be charged for that day. When you get settled into your stall or camping spot you will need to check in at the office and make sure you have a camping pass with the time and day of your arrival marked by a staff member. Stall cards will also need to be marked with the time of arrival so please make sure you have a stall card posted. All exhibitors failing to get their stalls and/or camping arrival time verified will result in being charged for all three days.

Liberty will be back to the second show (MSU) this year – anyone interested in reserving a spot please let me know.

All stall reservations must be prepaid, you can now put them on your credit card. There is a stall reservation form online, you will need to send this with payment to Christine Young before I can reserve your stalls. PLEASE, do not email me with your stall requests. We will be able to accept credit card payments for your show fees at all the shows. All back number requests should be in by this time. Entries will be starting soon and I will not be able to guarantee any preferred back numbers that have not been reserved. If you have any questions please feel free to ask – my phone number is 810-724-3577 or email me at show-manager@emaa.org and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Here's wishing everyone a great show year,
Cathy Campbell

EMAA Youth

To all the youth in the club,

At the first show I would like to invite everyone to help put together the treat bags for the first place winners and Champions. We will also use this time to talk to each other and get to know one another.

My hope for this year is to get "you", the youth, to know each other better. I grew up in this club and have gained many

friends and hope that you will also get the chance to meet someone new, maybe even a new friend.

One of the best thing about showing is that when you are in the show ring you can be as competitive as you want and after the class is pinned and the ribbons are passed out, and whether you have won or lost, had the best ride of your life or hit the dirt in your new show

clothes, we can be friends. In the barn, wash rack, or campsites being able to talk about what went on in the classes this will all help with life skills that you will be able to take with you in your adult life.

So please come and help put together the treat bags on Friday at 6pm.

See you there Chris-

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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