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Long time NMAHA Member Jenny Larson Johnson with The Tsultan's Echo aka Sully

**Next Meeting: October 12th 2024 details on our website**

**NMAHA Proudly promoting the Arabian horse!**

Dates to remember!

Meetings

**October 12th, 2024**

Home of Heather Larson

10940 109th Ave, SW

Pillager, MN

Noon Potluck 1:00pm meeting

Trails are available for trail ride before noon.



**December 8th, 2024**

Paynesville Area Center

1105 W Main St.

Paynesville, MN

**SAVE THE DATE**

**May 17 - 18, 2025**

Two One Day Value Shows held at R & J Arena, Verndale, MN  
One Day Value Shows are AHA recognized and qualify for points for AHA Regional and National shows at a reasonable cost.  
Amateur friendly show!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**June 7, 2025**

Open WSCA and Arabian show held at Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield MN.  
This event qualifies for Arabians Unplugged year end awards, WSCA Champ Show and AHA Open Event Incentive Program.

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**Northern Minnesota**

**Arabian Horse Association**

Meet our member Emma Chapman. Emma started taking riding lessons at Cedar Ridge Arabians in 2013. It was the first place she had the opportunity to ride so was introduced to Arabians right away. She has been riding ever since then and was lucky enough to purchase her own horse in 2019, a little grey purebred country horse. His name is Tucker. Sired by AA Apollo Bey and an MHR Nobility daughter. Thank you for being a member of NMAHA!

## MEET NHA'S FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHER

Emma Chapman

**Q:** How did you first get involved in photography? Has it always been your passion?

**A:** When I was in middle school, I got my first DSLR camera. I would bring it everywhere and take photos of anything I could find! I started bringing it to the barn and taking photos of the lesson horses. My instructor recommended I reach out to one of the magazines to shoot at horse shows. I tried my hand at it with my trusty Canon T3i and kit lens. Although I had much to learn, I had a lot of fun! Towards the end of high school and the beginning of college, most of my time was consumed by school and I had to put my hobby aside. Fortunately, I decided to start going back to shoot at horse shows a few years ago, and I haven't stopped since!

**Q:** Why did you choose to combine photography with your love of horses?

**A:** My love of horses is one of the biggest parts of my life, and I would always be involved with them no matter what. It was only logical to combine my two passions! After spending so much time photographing horses, I realized that taking other types of photos just wasn't as interesting for me. I'm able to be my most creative and inspired when I photograph horses!

**Q:** Tell us about starting your photography business.

**A:** As I developed my skill, I had friends and family who were interested in photoshoots. They helped me realize that I was talented enough to turn my hobby into a business. I did senior photos, family shoots and equine shoots. It was difficult starting out because I didn't know how all the logistics worked — how much to charge, what image size to use, etc. I did my research and also did some experimenting to figure out what worked best for me. The rest comes from being social and advertising! So much of it comes from confidence; you need to feel confident in your ability and know your worth, which was something I struggled with for some time. I try to meet new people at shows and put my name out there, and as a result, my business has grown.

**Q:** How long have you been shooting for National Horseman Arabian? What has been your favorite part thus far?

**A:** I've been shooting for NHA for about two years, and my first show shooting for the magazine was Scottsdale 2022. My absolute favorite part is going to all these amazing horse shows and capturing special moments and the beauty of the Arabian horse. It's an incredible opportunity to go to these shows and witness our love for this breed firsthand. I've also met so many great people who have turned into friends. To be surrounded by those who admire the Arabian horse as much as I do is a dream!

**Q:** What do you love most about horse show photography?

**A:** As cheesy as it sounds, being able to capture the special behind-the-scenes moments. A horse show is so much more than just time spent in your class. It's a combination of every moment it took to get there. I love when an image is able to convey the joy of winning a class, the intense focus of a warm-up ride, or the adoration a rider feels for their horse.



**Q:** What are your favorite types of shots to get?

**A:** I like putting an artistic spin on typical atmosphere photos. I love taking a more fine art-styled shot that still encapsulates the energy of a horse show. Whether that be a unique angle, trying to get the lighting to your advantage, or really focusing on the little details, I'm always trying to make the horses and riders look their best.

**Q:** What would be your dream shot?

**A:** I truly love shooting under-saddle horses, but halter horses have a special place in my heart. I enjoy shooting halter horses because of how challenging it is to capture the Arabian in its truest form. I would love to shoot an Arabian halter stallion at liberty. It would provide ample opportunities for creative shots that capture the essence of an Arabian.

**Q:** What are your professional goals for the coming year?

**A:** To continue to grow my business. I would love to do more farm shoots, and work with different barns in my area. I also look forward to seeing everyone at shows this year and making new connections. Say hello if you see me!



## Thoughts from my perspective...

I write this as my first article after some major changes for our club. I wish the new club and its members success and happiness in promoting the Arabian breed.

As for NMAHA we have gained several old members and current members have stepped forward to fill the open positions as officers and chair of our programs. However, we are still looking to fill some needs and I encourage our membership to consider being more involved in your club. We need a couple more board members, members to chair or direct our Royalty for 2025, help with our 2025 shows and someone to create our newsletter. Please reach out to me if this is of interest.

We have set the dates for our 2025 shows with the return of our two day Value Show at R & J Arena in Verndale, MN. May 17th and 18th 2025. We are looking at some exciting additions to this show!

Our WSCA Open show will be held on June 7th 2025 at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield MN.

As summer is winding down there are still a couple of shows remaining in the area and then it will be convention and US Nationals. We hope to sponsor one or two youth Hippology Judging teams as Nationals again this year. Below are our 2023 teams.

It is important for our membership to attend the October meeting where we go over the resolutions for convention. This is your one way to have your voice heard on how AHA is structured and works to keep the Arabian breed viable and the breed of choice for new horse owners and for current members. We need to stop and reverse the downward trend that the breed is experiencing.

I can't stress enough how important it is at this time to get involved in your club.

I wish everyone a great rest of the summer and hope we have a long and beautiful fall.

*Lynda Frenchick*

NMAHA President



## Minutes

### Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association (NMAHA)

#### Regular Meeting

August 10, 2024

Roz Gilbert's residence – 1pm

President Lynda Frenchick called the meeting to order at 1:09

Officers present: Lynda Frenchick, Roz Gilbert, Mesa Lieser, Valerie Temp

Board present: Kaitlyn Frenchick

Members present: Mary Smith

Non-members: none

Roz Gilbert made a motion to correct the June special meeting minutes to state Lynda would contact Ron from R&J Arena, not Roz. Val seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary motioned to accept treasurer report, Roz seconded motion. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding show offerings in 2025, including offering Value Shows again in May and the current WSCA/AU show in June. Mesa motioned to have one show committee and maintain the current June show location and date in 2025. Kaitlyn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Show committee to meet by the end of August to discuss details to bring to the next regular meeting.

Lynda brought forward the Ambassador program update. Consensus by the group to combine programs into one, Rated, Open and non-show. Membership contact has been made to make awareness of the program offerings with the change to the chair. Chair Kaitlyn has been reviewing prize options.

Royalty Program will have Kaitlyn as the chair with her duties as Youth Coordinator. Current applicant will continue process for 2025.

Discussion on filling vacant board position occurred. Also, further discussion on membership totals and ways to continue to attract new members.

AHA Convention delegates – Lynda is the first delegate with the duty of President. Kaitlyn indicated she would fill the second delegate position. Mesa will be the alternate. Convention will be in person in Reno, NV in November.

Board member nominations will be open to fill at the October meeting. No officer positions are open to be filled.

Region 10 is holding a special meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Current agenda includes discussion regarding a proposal for class entry gate for Walk-trot. Location of the Region 10 2025 Championship horse show. Finally, a proposal to allow for a new club within Region 10.

Val introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roz seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Next meeting will be October 12<sup>th</sup> at member Heather Larson's residence. Virtual option will be offered.

Mesa Lieser, Secretary.

We need you! We have a real need for members to consider being more involved in the Arabian horse by being more involved in their club! Please consider being an Officer or a Board member in our club. The obligation is not great, we have only 6 meetings each year and your time and input is needed.

Please consider helping out your club. You may let any of the officers know of your interest to help in this capacity or in any way that you can assist the club to continue our programs. Nominations for Board members will be at our October meeting and the position starts at the end of our January meeting. Contact any officer or board member for more information. Thank you!



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