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Long time NMAHA Member Valerie Temp
with Eternal Wishes aka Wishes

Next Meeting: December 8th 2024 details on our website

NMAHA Proudly promoting the Arabian horse!

Dates to remember!

Meetings

December 8th, 2024

Paynesville Area Center

1120 W Main Street

Paynesville, MN

Noon Potluck 1:00pm meeting



January 2025

Virtual Meeting at 1:00pm

Watch your email for

Meeting link

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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Arabian Horse Association

Meet our youth member Taylor Nichols. Read Taylor's story from riding stock type horse to becoming acquainted with the Arabian breed to owning her first Arabian horse. Thank you Taylor for being a member of NMAHA!

My Arabian Horse Journey

By Taylor Nicholls- 15 years old Ham Lake, MN

Do you remember when you first realized you loved horses? For as long as I could remember I have loved horses! My first Halloween, as a toddler, I was putting my legs in a horse costume and galloping up and down sidewalks and driveways to collect candy. I begged my parents to take me to a pumpkin patch that had a pony I could ride. I loved the beauty and movement of a horse. They are such a large animal, but gentle creatures, you can see they possess emotions and care for their human companions.

As a young youth my parents tried to fill my interest with horse related activities, I joined the 4-H Horseless Horse program, where I attended some workshop about horses, painted a horse, colored pictures of horse and took a few riding lessons at a local stable. As I got older, my love for horses grew and I so wished I had a horse. The challenge was I live in a city where horses are not allowed, but that didn't deter me from asking my parents routinely for a horse. When I was ten my mom noticed an article in the 4-H newsletter that Horse Drill team was forming, and you didn't need a horse. I registered for the kick-off meeting. I met a very kind and generous person, Kellie, who leased her older horse to youth. She just happened to have an American Quarter Horse named Diamond that was available. I was ecstatic!

Diamond was an old horse, about 24 years old, and she didn't like to move, but the more we got to know each other we grew into a team. My first year I did drill team and showed at the county fair. I was having the time of my life, so happy to have this opportunity to have a horse "to call my own". First year was full of challenges, I didn't know my leads and Diamond often got them wrong. I received lots of red and white ribbons, but my happiness did not waver. After 2 years on Diamond, Kellie started to mention that Diamond may need a lighter rider. She suffered from arthritis and was showing signs of being uncomfortable. We started our search for a different horse, but this brought on all kinds of questions we needed to answer like, where we would stall a horse? Should we lease a different horse? Can we afford to own a horse? and Can I keep up the maintenance and caring for a horse daily? My family went through a period of accepting maybe my horse career was over and I needed to focus on other hobbies. After about 9 months my parents realized I was a horse girl, and I needed to have one in my life. My mom took the lead and answered all those tough questions.

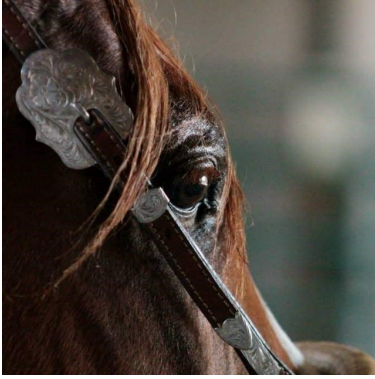


Now we were serious about looking for a horse. I didn't mention that in those first 2 years I also got involved with Horse Judging contest for youth. This was an exciting world for me because I am good at evaluate something and making quick decisions. Our team won a trip to Arabian Nationals in 2022. (Side note: Which Northern MN Arabian sponsored our team to attend, we are so grateful for the support of this club and the club's investment in youth to grow their love of horses.) While I was at Nationals I fell in love with the breed. I was mesmerized by Arabians elegant and majestic presence. Their carriage and presentation were very different from my American Quarter Horse.

When the time came for me to pick my own horse, I wanted an Arabian. We looked at 100's of horses on-line but looked seriously at three very different horses. I ended up choosing a horse named Patton. Patton and I just clicked; he was a soft, gentle horse with a very calm personality. Patton and I trained together for 6 weeks before we brought him back to my boarding facility and I started owning him. I learned so much from Patton's prior owner, Elenor. She taught me how to use my body to communicate with Patton, she explained how my feelings are being read by him, if I am anxious, he is anxious and how we can recognize this and calm each other down. I learned that riding an Arabian was different and I needed to re-learn how to ride my new horse. These are skills I may never have learned without her carefully guiding my introduction to riding an Arabian. This step removed hours of frustration for horse and rider, ensured our transition went smoothly from one owner to the other. This is advice I share with others searching for their next horse, find someone who is willing to work on a transition with you. I believe anyone who cares about where their horse goes should be willing to invest in a transition period. It helps to be sure it is a good fit and really set the new owner up for success. Fast forward to today, Patton and I have been together for 4 months now, our bond grows every day.

What is next? I need to keep growing my riding skills. I look forward to working with a trainer this winter and to get ready for show season. My long-term goal for Patton is to qualify for Youth Arabian Nationals before I graduate from High School. We have 4 years to accomplish this goal. I look forwards to this challenge and the amazing bond I will make with my Arabian horse, Patton.





Thoughts from my perspective...

I wish to thank Heather and her family for hosting our October meeting. We enjoy a wonderful variety and amount of food for our potluck.

The fall colors are at their peak right now, so the drive was a delight for the eyes. We are certainly in the fall season and so far it has been great and I hope it continues for another couple months. My outdoor To Do list before Winter is long and I need the snow to stay away for a while in order to complete it.

Fall trail riding is probably the best. No bugs, wonderful temperatures. I hope all our members can enjoy a ride or two. Horse shows are done for me and my family for the year, so our horses are growing their winter mohawks. Good luck to those that are still going to shows and onto US Nationals.

This year we are happy to be sponsoring one of our youth members competing in Individual Judging at US Nationals along with that we are helping support her and other youth members as they compete in the Hippology Contest at Nationals. The best of luck to Audrey F., Ellianna L. and Kate L.

Our meeting was productive finalizing and approving our 2025 budget and reviewing the 17 resolutions that will be voted on at the AHA National Convention in November. Kaitly and I will be attending November 20-23 in Reno, NV. Thank you to NMAHA for the opportunity and honor to represent you at the convention.

Just a final note: we still would like two more members to serve as Board members and someone that would take on the task of creating our newsletter.

I wish everyone a wonderful fall season and Happy Thanksgiving!

Lynda Frenchick

NMAHA President



Minutes

Northern Minnesota Arabian Horse Association (NMAHA)

Regular Meeting

October 12, 2024

Heather Larson's residence – 1pm

President Lynda Frenchick called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm

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

Board present: Kaitlyn Frenchick

Members present: Mary Smith, Jenny Johnson, Heather Larson,

Non-members: Loretta Wulf

Val made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Kaitlyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Report on One Day show included class offerings, including non-Arabian classes. Comparison of other region shows was provided in regards to horses and entries. Contract is set with R&J Arena, also Judges for Saturday and Sunday. There will be a clinic offered Saturday after classes have concluded.

Report on June Shows included confirming the fairgrounds are reserved, but contract will be finalized closer to the date. Will attempt to book a Food Truck to have a food option on grounds. Judges have also been booked.

There was additional discussion on changes to shows around the region due to the Coliseum being unavailable. Region 10 will be June 28th in Madison, Region 10 Sport horse is June 14th and the Get Together will be June 21st.

Chair Kaitlyn provided an update regarding the Ambassador Program. Currently no forms have been turned in, but there is still time before the deadline. She has been reviewing prize options.

Royalty program chair Kaitlyn indicated that the crowning will occur at the December meeting. Sash/crown is already in possession.

Discussion on youth members occurred. Outlined that there is currently 9 members. Three youth members earned a 4-H trip to US Nationals for Hippology. One member would also like to compete in horse judging. Roz motioned to donate \$300 towards the youth members, including \$250 to assist in traveling expenses and \$50 to reimburse the youth judging fee. Jenny seconded. Motion carried.

AHA Convention delegates – Lynda and Kaitlyn are registered to attend. They are currently watching airfare and plan to book a hotel room at the group rate. Delegates will be reimbursed according to budget.

2025 Budget proposal is using the 2024 budget with the addition to account for One Day shows. Kaitlyn motioned to approve budget as proposed. Val seconded. Motion carried.

Roz made a motion to donate to the Horseman Distress Fund. Heather seconded. Motion carried.

Roz made a motion to renew WSCA and Tri-State membership, Kaitlyn seconded. Motion carried.

Roz made a motion to donate \$100 in addition to our AU dues for the Arabians Unplugged program. Jenny seconded. Motion carried.

Roz made a motion to donate \$150 to a distance ride award for 'best condition'. Jenny seconded. Motion carried.

October Meeting Minutes continued Discussion and consensus to advertise at events, particularly to show our support with donations.

Lengthy discussion occurred with Convention Resolutions. Consensus to allow delegates to vote in the interest of the club.

There was a call for a volunteer to take over the Newsletter.

Val introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roz seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Next meeting will be Dec 8th at Paynesville Area Center in Paynesville. Virtual option will be offered.

Mesa Lieser, Secretary.



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