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Happy Holidays!

As 2016 is coming a close, we wanted to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. We are so excited for the new year and cannot wait to see you all in July at the horse show.

A few updates for the new year are:

-The Circle J Morgan Horse show will be June 30th – July 3rd. We are excited to have western dressage at the show again and hope that each and everyone of you will come out to support the wonderful Morgan Horse.

-We are working on putting together our silent auction and baskets, and we want your input. We are hoping to have one of the largest auctions in Circle J history, but that can't be done without your help. If you are willing and able to donate to the auction, we would greatly appreciate it. We are looking for baskets, tack, activities, anything along that lines. If you aren't sure if

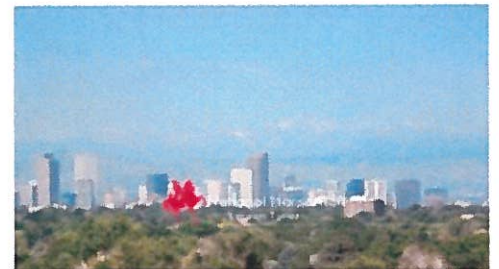
what you have works, please reach out to CircleJMorgan@gmail.com and we will let you know.

-We are looking for sponsors for the horse show. Please be on the lookout for sponsorship forms in the new year. We are hoping to add some amazing new perks to the sponsorship levels, and you won't want to miss out.

-Do you have something that you want us to promote for you? Are you looking for a horse or looking to sell a horse? If so, please email CircleJMorgan@gmail.com and we will make sure to include it in our next newsletter.

Have a wonderful holiday season and we will see you in the new year!

-Circle J Board



Region 7 Updates from Mari Sanderson



Circle J Updates

2016 Calendar is available for purchase

2016 Membership dues are due

Election Ballot

From: Mari Sanderson

Election ballots will be going out soon. Most of you, will be getting your ballot via e-mail. This is being sent to you from the company that handles the election process, Survey Ballots. The majority of members throughout the USA chose this method to receive their ballot.

(Approximately 20 people throughout the USA have requested a paper ballot, at this time.) Thank you so much for choosing the email method as it will save the AMHA around \$8000.00 by not mailing via USPS. We were trying to keep this transition as easy and seamless as possible. The last Network had a postcard you could send in if you wanted a paper ballot, the website has been continuously posting notices, the weekly global has been giving out reminders and TMH magazine has also given out notice. The last few years as a transition we have been sending out both email and paper ballots to all and as time has progressed the majority of you have transitioned to e-mail ballots. Your membership form has requested your e-mail address, in preparation for the



change over the last few years. The rest of you that chose a paper ballot via USPS, also will also be getting your ballot soon. You can call the AMHA office if you have any other questions.

Once you receive the ballot, PLEASE USE IT! The ballot you receive will contain items you will vote on regarding bylaw changes. There will be a copy of the proposed bylaw changes in its entirety included. The bylaws that you are voting on are 4.1 thru 4.6. There are a few, uncontested, Director at large positions to fill so you will be voting on this also. It is very important we have a quorum. I would hate to have our region be

the only one not to have a quorum due to lack of voting. I fully support the changes to the bylaws and in fact, I am the author of these new changes, along with the committee that helped rewrite the bylaws to make them streamlined and applicable to the status of "today's" AMHA. Most of the recommendations came from the Strategic Plan meeting we had in 2014 that included some of you from this region. Our attorney added his legal opinion and this is what we came up with, as a finished product. We hope to save anywhere from \$10,000-\$12,000 a year if the membership votes to implement the new bylaw changes.

Preserving the Morgan Horse

from: Mari Sanderson

This item I feel is very important to our breed by preserving the history of our Morgan Horse. As you all know, we have a museum in Middlebury, VT. This is located in the middle of town and you

have to pass it to go to the UVM Morgan farm. It's a prime location. Sadly very few members even support this museum. By support I mean membership/donations to the museum. There are many levels of membership to fit into your budget. I chose the \$40 individual membership. Yeah, I know, I actually qualify for the senior level. Obviously a donation no matter what amount will be

accepted. If we the members don't find a way to make this museum "stand on its own", sadly the amount of funds set aside to maintain it could more than likely be exhausted within the next five years. We need to prepare now for the future of our breed. <http://www.morganhorse.com/museum/index/> is the website.

AMHA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights – Fourth Quarter

from: Mari Sanderson

The AMHA Board of Directors held their standing committee meetings and fourth quarter 2015 board meeting in Raleigh NC on November 14 and 15, 2015.

Finance Committee

* The AMHA Finance Committee met on Saturday November 14 at 9:00 AM ET.

* Executive Director, J. Broadway provided balances for all accounts. The committee discussed the September 2015 Income statement and balance sheet.

* Old business: Chair C. Fletcher reviewed the status of the revenue generation task force formed as part of the strategic plan. The task force will hold its first meeting on Wednesday Nov 18th

· J. Broadway provided the proposed 2016 budget. Discussion centered around the need to make the programs department breakeven rather than operate in the red. The budget was approved with some amendments to make the bottom line more profitable.

· New Business: J. Broadway asked the committee to consider transferring additional funds in the rainy day account to the Ameritrade investment account to meet the minimum requested by the financial advisor. A motion was made and passed to transfer funds to meet the minimum.

Bylaws Committee

* The AMHA Bylaws Committee met on Saturday November 14 at

10:20 AM ET

* Old Business: the committee reviewed the comments to-date regarding the proposed bylaw changes. The group approved the redline provided by legal counsel with minor amendments. The final version will be published on the AMHA website and accompany the 2016 online ballot.

<http://www.morganhorse.com/about/who-we-are/2016-election-information/>

* New Business: None

Registry Committee

* The AMHA Registry Committee met on Saturday November 14 at 1:08 PM ET

* The Registrar gave a comprehensive report, which included statistics on registrations, transfers, etc. A status on open orders, parentage verification program, and waived signatures was also provided.

* Old Business: The registrar requested clarification of a rule and the group had a brief discussion. The registrar then presented a two requests from a member who wished a ruling on a decision by the registrar regarding a horse name. After extensive discussion, the committee ruled on both requests

* New Business: the committee considered some additional language to the rules for hearings and appeals as drafted by legal counsel. A motion was made and passed to accept the addition regarding reciprocity.

Board Meeting

* The AMHA Board of Directors met on Sunday November 15 at 8:00 AM ET

* Recent Board meeting minutes, youth life memberships, and standing committee reports were approved.

* Executive Director, J. Broadway reviewed the strategic planning dashboard, a tool to monitor and

track progress on the action items from the plan. The strategic planning workshop participants from 2014 will be invited to a working session at the 2016 convention to hear updates.

* Working committee and ad hoc committee chairs shared reports.

· Decisions/ Motions approved included:

- President Gove appointed G. Green to serve as AMHA's representative on the USEF Council for 2016/2017

- K. Breyer, on behalf of K. Newcomb, presented the proposal for the Van Schaik Scholarship.

Motion passed and will be effective immediately

- T. Lee presented the Marketing committee's proposal to support the Sebring Memorial Grant Program being launched through AMHECT. Motion passed

- M. Sanderson made a motion to approve the 2016 regional shows. Motion passed

Region 1: New England Morgan Horse Show, July 25-30;

Region 2: New York Morgan Horse Show, September 14-17;

Region 3: Morgan Gold Cup, June 15-18;

Region 4: Citrus Cup, April 6-9;

Region 5: Jubilee Morgan Horse Show, August 31-September 3;

Region 6* (waiver granted to move to Region 9 for 2016 only):

Summer Daze Morgan Horse Show, July 7-9;

Region 7: Morgan Medallion Classic Horse Show, July 27-30;

Region 8: Far West

Championship Show & Region 8 Morgan Championship, June 15-18;

Region 9: Circle J Morgan Horse Show, June 30-July 3;

Region 10: Southern State Morgan Horse Show, May 25-28.

- C. Mugnier made a motion to approve the 2016 judges school locations and clinicians. Motion

passed

Carousel Horse Show in Scottsdale, AZ. and the Jubilee Regional Morgan Horse Show in Springfield, IL. or New York Regional in Syracuse, NY

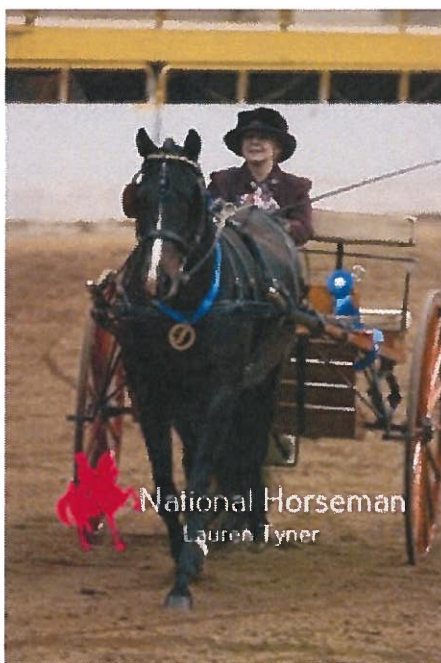
- S. Foy provided a progress report from the streamlining and automation task force. The task force was asked to proceed with their efforts.

- C. Mugnier presented a proposal to form a mentoring network as identified in the strategic plan.

Motion passed

- The board also voted to bestow emeritus status on outgoing board members Cindy Mugnier and Sara Foy as they have served nine consecutive years and made numerous contributions. Motion passed.

The first quarter 2016 board meeting will be held February 10-11, 2016 in Boston, Massachusetts.



Circle J Calendars

We are excited to announce that our 2016 calendar is ready for order. We have some great horses, riders, and barns featured and we hope that you will considering buying one. These calendars will not only help you stay organized, but they make wonderful gifts for the holidays.

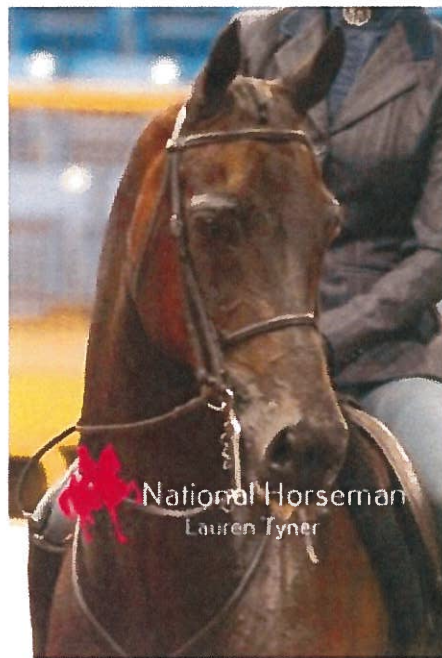
Calendars are:

\$25 for one

\$65 for three

\$100 for five

If you are interested in ordering a calendar, please email CircleJMorgan@gmail.com to place your order. We cannot wait to share some wonderful memories with you!



2016 Memberships are due

As a reminder, 2016 Circle J membership dues are due. If you did not receive information about renewing your membership, please email CircleJMorgan@gmail.com to get that information.

Also, if you have any friends and/or family members that are interested in joining our amazing club, please encourage them to become a member. We are always excited to add new members to the fun.

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