



November 2018 Newsletter

Hello Members:

Well, 2018 show season is in the books . . . it was a big learning curve for the officers, but I hope everyone had fun. A huge thank you to the phenomenal show committee for all of your hard work before the shows and at the shows--from finding judges, developing forms and counting ribbons to setting up cattle, ranchmanship and trail classes as well as clean-up and re-packing everything afterwards--a HUGE thank you! Many out-of-state competitors have stated that our shows are extremely well run, and our show secretary and staff as well as the show committee made that happen. AJ Stone, Ben Lampeur, Patty Banwart and Kerry Fagerstrom were also "step up to the plate" members! Thank you!

2019 is already in the planning stages. Our first show will be June 8 & 9 at Bound's Showtime Arena in Deerfield; July 6 & 7 at Heartland Equestrian Center in Custer; August 3 & 4 at Bounds Showtime Arena in Deerfield; August 24 & 25 at Heartland Equestrian Center and September 21 & 22 at Walworth Co. Fairgrounds in Elkhorn.

We are working on "tweaking" the show reports we get after each show to help get the points out to you faster. For the 2018 season Kenda and I have done all of this by hand (good thing we only live 4 miles apart!) and we're looking forward to streamlining that process. Thank you for your patience on this. . . .

We are hoping to update our website to be more interactive in the future. Danielle and I will be working on this over the winter and hope to include a series of "know your rulebook" videos on YouTube to explain what you need to know to improve your scores. I'm not sure how all of this will work but will keep you posted.

We have found when sending emails to all of our members we get several "blocked" or "not deliverable" emails back. When you renew your membership, please be sure to include a current email and make sure it is legible. Not everyone uses Facebook, and we would like to be able to keep you updated on any changes.

Once all of the numbers are in for the last show and the awards committee has it's final budget I will secure a banquet venue and date. The banquet will be on a Saturday afternoon in January.

On the trailer front . . .we have a very generous offer to use Debbi Hamilton's trailer until we find one. AJ Stone graciously allowed us to use his for the 2018 trail classes, but we are looking for one to contain our trail obstacles, tarps, cones and ropes all in one place. We are also hoping to rent the trailer and trail obstacles out to other show venues to help pay for the trailer, and we will be offering sponsorship opportunities for advertising on the trailer. If you know of a possible sponsor please use the sponsorship form from the website.

If anyone would like to be on the ballot for any of the officer positions please submit your nomination(s) by December 15th to be put on the ballot. Please understand that if you nominate someone other than yourself they may choose to decline. Officer duties include but not limited to:

President:

- ARHA charter renewal
- Liability insurance for our shows
- Corporate (non-profit) filings with the state
- Oversee show dates and finding judges
- Securing show staff and vendors for shows
- Contracts for venues and staff for shows
- Eblasts to ARHA to have shows posted before the shows
- Newsletters
- Year-end taxes filed
- Plan the banquet
- Marketing
- Basket to ARHA World Show for the youth raffle
- Choosing committees
- Ensure that obstacles, tarps, cones, chairs are at the shows and re-packed
- Keep track of and order ribbons for shows
- Secure hotels for show judges and staff for shows
- I'm sure there's more....

Vice President

- Assist the President in all of the above
- Be prepared to take over if the President becomes unavailable
- Head up the Awards committee

Secretary

- Membership cards issued and mailed and submitted to ARHA
- Document and record nominations for counting points
- Keeping track of division points
- Maintain membership list
- Maintain website working with Danielle providing week-end high points
- Develop forms to streamline the association

Treasurer

- Stay until the end of all shows to pay judges, staff and venue
- Write checks for expenses approved by the president
- Keep WRHA books itemizing expenses and income
- Provide financial reports to the Board of Directors
- Balance the checkbook

2018 has been a very good year for WRHA with great comradery and fun at the shows! Thank you to everyone who encouraged other members and who made new members feel welcome! You rock!

In 2019 we will be a member of the Wisconsin Horse Council which offers added "umbrella" insurance to our organization as well as great networking opportunities that will, hopefully, introduce new groups to WRHA and bring us new members.

Looking forward to a fun banquet and an even better 2019 show season. Thank you to all WRHA members for your support during this transition and your great, encouraging attitude toward each other. Couldn't ask for a better group of horse owners and people to move this association forward!

See you at the banquet!

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