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Show Season Is Fast Approaching!

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Can you believe that the start of show season is just around the corner? If your horses look like mine, the hair is still coming off and the weather has not been consistently good enough to make grooming, riding or any kind of fitting program work.

We are edging toward warmer weather and at times the mud is not too bad, but we all need a break and are more than ready for a great northern Michigan spring and summer.

Included in this newsletter are all of the NMAWHC approved showbills. We have a great summer lineup of shows with opportunities for everyone from the most inexperienced horses/riders to those that know the

ropes and have been around for awhile.

Remember to make sure your NMAWHC membership is current so that your points can accumulate towards a year end award. There is a membership application included in this newsletter. Also included is the back tag reservation form that will allow you to show with the same number at all the NMAWHC approved shows.

There is also a sponsorship form for the Anna Bays series, with options for all budgets for supporting this traditional show that is the only one hosted by NMAWHC each year. Please consider becoming a sponsor for this great show, or if you

cannot afford it this year, please pass the sponsorship on to someone who you think would be able and willing to help. There are some great perks to becoming a sponsor!

Finally, before we all start off showing this year, take a moment to consider why you show.....the socializing with people who share your passion for horses, the bond you form with your horse and the great feeling you get when your hard work pays off with a good performance in the show pen. We all like to win, but it is not all about winning. Have FUN, be safe and good luck this year!

Presidents Message

WATCH YOUR WEIGHT!

That usually gets some attention! Relax, I'm talking about your truck and trailer. There are some rules you may not know about that could have some serious consequences if the State Police choose you as an example.

The Michigan State Police have started to enforce rules for vehicles over 10,000 pounds that are used for commercial purposes. Most of us think we are exempt since we use our rigs for personal use only. Maybe not.

After speaking with MI State Police Motor Carrier officer Jim Perkins from the Traverse City post, I was shocked to learn that our truck has been in violation since we started hauling trailers. My situation

is pretty cut and dried. I use the same truck for personal, business and farm. By virtue of the "Business Use" and overall weight, I must:

- Register my pickup
- Apply for and display ASDOT labels
- Submit my body and vehicle for annual inspection
- Submit a pile of documentation

Additionally, if I commit a violation of the motor vehicle code, penalties are more severe. How does that affect you and your horse hauling rig? You could be held to the same exact standards if your vehicle:

- Has a gross vehicle weight rating or Gross Weight Rating of 10,000/1 or more.

- Is designed to transport over 8 riders
- Is hauling hazardous materials
- And (here's the biggie) is used in commerce.

His interpretation of commerce is (generally speaking) any vehicle used for any purpose where money changes hands. I don't mean to be vague, but the specifics are left open to interpretation. His example was based on the local race car drivers. Yes it's a hobby, but by participating and paying an entrance fee, they have a "reasonable expectation of compensation". I asked him a few specific questions of what we do, and his answers mostly left the interpretation to the officer involved and the severity of the infraction. I asked if an \$8 fair premium or a belt buckle is compensation and I did not get a black and white response.

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Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2009

Cedar Run Eye Center, Traverse City, MI

Meeting Convened: 6:40

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve by Mike, 2nd by Ginny

Treasury: Motion to approve by Deb, 2nd by Danille

Present: Jennifer, Mike, Ginny, Kris, Deb, Rose, Deb, Danielle, Shelly.

Absent: Sandy, Michelle, Goldie

Guest: Rachel Brady

Topics:

Overview of meeting with other associations regarding show approvals, show dates, and the goals of all clubs to support and increase the interest in the equestrian community.

1) Show approval committee—Ginny, Shelly and Deb

A) Select Committee

B) organize “Show approval template”

C) Vote to approve show bills submitted so far

1) Anna Bays: Rachel Brady motions to approve the Anna Bays showbill contingent upon minor clerical changes. 2nd by Deb, the motion was approved. Shelly will submit PAC approval forms to APHA.

2) NMAA—Need map, location & judges & approval fee: Shelly motions to approve the Anna Bays showbill contingent upon previously noted clerical changes. 2nd by Rose

3) WMHA—2 judges, and a trail judges. Rachel is doing the sponsor book and directory for the Wolverine and NMAA club. She suggests instead of approval fees, we place our showbill in the sponsor book. Mike motions to approve the Wolverine showbill contingent upon clarifications. 2nd by Rose. Motion approved. Ginny motions we advertise in their show sponsorship. Book. 2nd by Shelly.

4) Cherry Blossom: typo, judges, maps, sawdust, Ginny motions we approve the Cherry Blossom showbill contingent on the clerical errors, judges, maps. 2nd by Deb Tate.

2) Tack Sale Recap: Big thank you to Jennifer for all her work

1) Financials: profit was similar to last year

2) How did it go, what to do better. Jennifer received the following Comments: Better advertising: Nelsons—said 3 days, 2 for 2-days; bigger names and bring in horses; one suggestions was regarding set-up and heating/temptature controls. Jennifer says there were problems with the facility re: parking, the ice, vendors refund money because wireless was not working. Should go longer on Saturday. Sunday many vendors said they sold more Sunday than Saturday.

3) Should we do it again, if we decide to go on, thank the vendors and announce our intentions. Staffing and volunteers were the biggest issue. Deb makes a motion that we create a tack sale committee, 2nd by Ginny. Deb motions Jennifer be the committee chair 2nd by Mike. Committee included Deb, Mike Sandy.

3) Anna Bays: We have insurance for the annual policy covering show dates, tack sale and one unnamed event.

A) layout timeline and project list. Continue show plans.

B) Awards: Shelly and Danielle will coordinate ribbons & awards.

4) From remaining committees

A) Award Banquet Committee: Shelly, Danielle, Rose Yachik.

5) Meeting calendar for the rest of the year. April 8, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2.

Newsletter: Promote Anna Bays, Cherry Blossom Series, presidents message, promote horses by the bay, tack sale recap, membership form.

Meeting Adjourned 8:36 motion by Rose, 2nd by Danielle

Next Meeting: April 8, Cedar Run Eye Center

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Murphy NMAWHC Secretary

Foal Announcements

Triple T Farm is proud to announce the birth of 3 foals.

Bay Quarter horse colt sired by Endzone Dancer out of Northern Double Clue.

Bay tobiano paint colt by Sacred Assets out of Surely Enough

Sorrel solid paint filly with four white socks and face white sired by Top Hat Edge out of Infinitive.

Please contact me if you have a foal announcement of your own!

I imagine a \$500 futurity or roping jackpot would be a little more clear.

The bottom line is that times are changing. These have been in effect since 1990, however the USDOT did not have the technology to process the numbers until recently. The information from the Michigan State Police states it is "effective immediately" and that the State Police will begin enforcing the vehicle marking requirements as of January 1, 2009.

Like most rules, there are exceptions. It is up to you to decide how far you want to pursue the "right" thing to do, just keep in mind the penalties can be substantial. Officer Perkins told me that usually it's not just one violation, more often there are several that total

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hundreds of dollars in fines and repairs.

I encourage you to check with the Michigan State Police traffic safety division at (888) 464-8736 or check the web at www.michigan.gov/motorcarrier

Before you call, look at the information tags on your truck and trailer and be sure to Watch Your Weight.

Sincerely,
Kris Deisler

NMAWHC Calendar Of Events

Board Meetings; All the meetings will be held at 6:30 pm at the Cedar Run Eye Center in Traverse City on Wednesdays.

April 8	May 6
June 3	July 1
Aug 5	Sept 2

July 11 & 12-Cherry Blossom Series, Wexford Co Fairgrounds, Cadillac

July 25-NMAA @Fairgrounds in Gaylord.

Aug 22&23-Cherry Blossom Series, NW MI Fairgrounds, Traverse City.

Northern MI Paint Horse Club show-May 16, Big Rapids

MI Quarter Horse Association –May 22 & 23, Allegan, MI

Have an event you want listed? Email me at NMAWHCnewsletter@aol.com and I'll get it on the list!

Show Dates; NMAWHC approved

June 13 & 14—Anna Bays@NW MI Fairgrounds, Traverse City.

June 20—NMAA@NW MI Fairgrounds, Traverse City, MI

June 27 & 28-WMHA@ Wexford Co Fairgrounds, Cadillac

July 4 & 5-Anna Bays Memorial@ Flint-fields, Acme

Other Events:

Twilight Shows: NW MI Fairgrounds, TC
May 20

June 17

July 15

Aug 26

May 9 & 10, 16 & 17-NWMHA, Gaylord

May 10—WMMHA Ludington

Mason County Saddle Club Open Shows, Western MI Fairgrounds, Ludington

May 10, June 21, July 4 & 5, August 16, September 13

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Profit & Loss

No changes to report for the month

Volunteers Are Needed

An organization is only as strong as it's members and your organization is asking for your help. We need you to volunteer to help at the Anna Bays shows, one to be held in Traverse City at the NW MI Fairgrounds, the other near Traverse City at Flintfields, this summer. As was said to me, these are large undertakings for the club and many hands make light work for all involved. Short shifts are available for those who offer to help out. Contact Deb Cochran at debcochran@hotmail.com or (231) 620-2067 to help at the Anna Bays Shows.

Support your club by helping out to insure that the shows, clinics and other events put on by NMAWHC can continue to go on.

Thanks in advance for your help!!

Your contributions are always welcome!

If you have an article, personal news or any things you wish to share with the rest of us, please contact Tammy at NMAWHCnewsletter@aol.com



Ribbons To Donate

NMAWHC and NMOF have lots of unused ribbons to donate to a good cause. If you know of some one or organization who could put our extra ribbons to good use, please contact Ginny at

kvelectric1@juno.com or Tammy at

cheval3120@aol.com.

Camping at Anna Bays July 3rd & 4th

While this show is a ways off, there is no camping on the show grounds at Flint Fields and your show committee is busy trying to secure camping as close to the show grounds as possible. Because this show falls on a holiday weekend, we need a head count for a deposit to hold our camping spots at the closest campground located 1 mile from Flint Fields. To assure we get our reservations in on time, we need to hear from you by **Wednesday May 13, 2009**. That is coming up in a rush, so if you need camping, please contact Kris or Ginny Diesler by this Wednesday at 941-7278 or email kvelectric1@juno.com!!

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

Anna Bays Show Packets Available

These great little packets include showbill, patterns, entry forms and a list of things needed to get your show season off to a great start. You can get all this for only \$5.00!!

Contact Ginny at kvelectric1@juno.com or 941-7278 to get one for your own!



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