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The 2024
Citrus Cup
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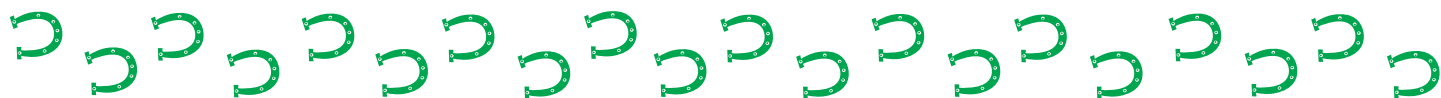
CITRUS CUP WRAP UP

48TH CITRUS CUP OFFICIALS: Fay Lowry – Main Ring Natalie Lamping – Dressage Linda Mancini- Over fences Kacy Tipton- Fashik – Carriage- Obstacles Cindy Dougherty – USEF Steward Dallas Bolen – Apprentice Judge John McDonald – Announcer Eric Tasker – Announcer Co-manager/Paddock – Kent Moeller Citrus Cup Committee: Alicia Davis chair/manager, Les Conklin, Kevin Gibson, Tom Johnson, Sally Lyle, Margaret McKnight, Mary Jo Schmidt, Janice Scotto, Jeanette Singleton, Martha Stein, Glenn Winograd Change is good but it comes with challenges! The change from long time facility in Newberry, Florida, to WEC (World Equestrian Center in Ocala) presented challenges! The Citrus Cup committee, with the help of Kent Moeller, conquered all the challenges – making the 48th Citrus Cup the best yet! Horses came from across the country! We welcomed new barns from Indiana, Michigan, Virginia, Ohio, North and South Carolina, and our longtime supporters from Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. The number of horses entered was more than doubled over last year. The quality was exceptional – reigning world champions in every division made for highly competitive classes. The increase in spectators also more than doubled- the ring side tables and stands were full! The WEC hotel shuttled their guests over every night to enjoy the show. One gentleman, who came over on the shuttle, told me he and his wife were celebrating their anniversary with dinner at the hotel when they heard about the show. His wife loves horses, so they came over to watch. As they were leaving, he came up to tell me how much they enjoyed the show! Also in the stands were Arabian trainers and exhibitors who were arriving for their upcoming Regional Championship. It is always nice to showcase our breed in front of others, everyone – regardless of your breed preference- appreciates a good horse! A special thanks goes out to all our generous sponsors. Their financial contributions helped to pay for the extras that made the show special – such as the rose neck garlands for the champions, morning breakfast treats, gifts for all exhibitors, and the favorite- Girl Scout cookies. Thank you to our wonderful committee members and super volunteers Mary and Charlie Brannon- from selling tee-shirts- presenting awards- to manning the gate they were always right there to help. It was a team effort that made this show great!

Show results are available on Horse Shows Online. You can enjoy watching the entire show or just a particular class anytime on Richfield Video. Whenever they live stream a show it is on their website forever!

Looking forward to our 49th Citrus Cup, April 23-26, 2025 at WEC

submitted by Alicia Davis



REVISED FMHA BY-LAWS APPROVED

FMHA zoom meeting for bylaw change 5/21/2024 (2024 current dues paid members in good standing only)

Members Present:

Karen Gardner, Glenn Winograd, Betty Gray, Anne Morgan, Sally Ann Lyle, Alicia Davis, Jeanette Singleton, Martha Stein, Jill Hoenmans, Kevin Gibson, Casey Stein, Paula Black

Martha Stein called meeting to order 7:30pm

Martha asked to call a vote to approve the new by-laws as written and to limit discussion to 20 minutes

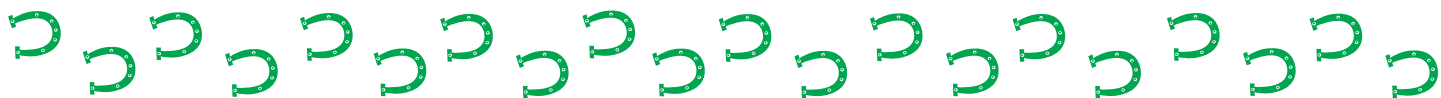
Motion: Alicia Davis – Seconded: Karen Gardner

Discussion: Anne Morgan asked about the wording in what defined a member in good standing and how the amount of votes were determined in multi person memberships. After referring to the above concerns as addressed in new by-laws she agreed that it was indeed clear and was satisfied. Discussion ended after 13 minutes

Vote was called and all members present and the proxies voted unanimously to pass the new by-laws as written with no additions or changes. Vote passed as quorum was reached 14 proxy and 12 zoom participants: 26

Martha Stein adjourned Meeting at 7:58 pm

- submitted by Paula Black, full minutes available on FMHA website



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hopefully by now you are aware that the club is pursuing a 501(c) 3 designation. The board has been working with a local law firm that specializes in non- profits to achieve this. We will announce once we receive this status.

Please encourage the youth riders to brush up on their horse knowledge over the summer We are planning on holding the Youth of the Year contest at Summer's End. Watch our website and social media for further information.

The Ocala International show has been taken off the high point list since they are not offering Morgan classes this year.

Hoping you have a wonderful summer and stay cool! -Martha Stein

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 5-8 Summer's End, World Equestrian Center, Ocala FL

October 5-12 Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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