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## FMHA ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET

The weather was perfect for those members who took advantage of the chance to take a tour of Silver Springs in the famous glass-bottom boat before the meeting started. After the annual meeting and election, we enjoyed a nice buffet dinner in the banquet hall overlooking the springs. After the High Point awards were handed out, everyone enjoyed dancing to the music of the Glass Onion band.

### FMHA MEETING BANQUET JANUARY 14, 2017

Meeting called to order 6:00pm

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Tami Johnson announced to the membership that we have received a letter of resignation from Tari Lyn. She as Vice President will assume the roll of President and Tom Johnson will step in as Vice President for remainder of the year.

Minutes for the Summer's End Meeting were gone over and accepted.

FMHA has a total of \$49,334.72 in the bank.

It was reported that Citrus Cup made a profit this year.

They will be adding the progressive party again for 2017. Ann Smith or Jennifer Truglia are the contacts.

Kris Cole gave the Tropical Trotter's report. It was reported that they did 2 fundraisers and made a donation to Make A Wish. They held an educational clinic on what judges see in the show ring with Rick Davis as the speaker. They held a fun show judged by Becca Waters. Kris stressed that the club dues to AMHA are coming up and if the club wants to continue that there must be a commitment from enough youth and their parents.

Kris Cole reported on the Youth of the Year contest at Citrus Cup. She agreed to put it on again this year, but that this year there will be a registration form in the prize list and that it, along with the fee, must be received by entry closing date.

Summer's End also netted with a profit in 2016. 2017 Judge will be Alicia Owens with Tuffy Owens announcing.

Jubilee of Breeds 2017 dates Feb. 3-5<sup>th</sup>. Alicia Davis will be manager.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

It was discussed that there will be an AOTS class at Citrus Cup and that it was felt Western would be the best division. There was discussion about making it Carriage or adding AOTS Carriage, but AMHA will only provide one award. Valerie Seimer suggested to have both and give the award to the class with the most entries.

*meeting continued:*

Mary Jo Schmidt announced that UPHA Chapter 16 has taken over the Gasparilla Charity Horse show. There will be a two day show the weekend prior and they have promised that there will be many improvements to the show including making it a "Star" rated show for the Morgans and providing us with a full schedule of Morgan classes as well as a Morgan Judge. 2017 judges will be AJ Brewer for ABS's and Dwane Knowles for the Morgans and academy.

FMHA Board of Directors discussed and voted unanimously to donate \$4000.00 towards the shows efforts, with a possibility of doing so for the future shows.

#### NEW BUSINESS CONT.

Jan Scotto discussed the rescues Morgan Safenet and Forever Morgans need for support in their efforts to save horses. It was proposed to make a donation to each. It was voted on to give Morgan Safenet and Forever Morgans rescues \$500.00 each.

Rick Davis announced that he will hold a re-sell day over next Summer that will include a lunch.

The motion was made and second to adjourn the meeting.

*submitted by Kris Cole*



## NEWS FROM BRIDLE CREEK STABLES

Bridle Creek Stables had a very successful 2016! In OKC we came home with really good ribbons highlighted by Victoria Coryn winning Reserve National Champion W/T Hunter Eq. in her age division with Flintlock's Grandee and a Reserve National Champion W/T Classic Eq in her age division with Primera's Remington. She also received top 5 ribbons in the very large W/T Pleasure division, both Hunt Seat and Saddle Seat Classic. Her sister Elisabeth Coryn was Reserve National Champion Jr Ex. Pleasure Driving and World Champion Jr Exhibitor Pleasure Driving 14-17 with Highover to the Nines. She also received top 10's in her saddle classes with Highover to the Nines, JW Phantom, and Kaboom.

These two shined again in the FMHA High Point Awards with Victoria winning both the W/T Pleasure AND Equitation Divisions. And because of her stellar year she also topped all of the Jr Exhibitors to win the Overall Jr. Exhibitor High Point Award. Elisabeth won the Jr. Exhibitor English Pleasure High Point as well as the Park Saddle AND Equitation High Point Awards. Both girls also received certificates from Saddle Horse Report Year End Awards with Elisabeth and Nines winning Champion Jr. Exhibitor Pleasure Driving and top 10's with JW Phantom in both Park Saddle Open AND Park Saddle Jr. Exhibitor. Victoria received a top 5 for Walk Trot Hunter Equitation.

We could not be prouder of their accomplishments!



## SANDY SESSINK CLINIC

Bridle Creek Stables and the Florida Morgan Horse Association co-hosted a clinic with Sandy Sessink at Bridle Creek stables on January 28 and 29th. Despite the chilly weather and even a little rain, riders from 8 to 80 enjoyed honing their skills and learning from World Champion Morgan instructor and trainer Sandy Sessink at a riding clinic hosted at the beautiful Bridle Creek Stables at Serendipity Farm in Pinellas Park.

We had 12 private lessons in the clinic. With their confidence boosted and new exercises to improve their skills, every rider gained knowledge and were visibly improved, as were their horses.

After their last day of lessons, clinic attendees were treated to a powerpoint presentation by Sandy that covered everything from dressing for the winning look to how to best show your horse to the judge in the show ring.

Host Kris Cole said, "What an amazing day number two clinic with Sandy Sessink! We started at 9 AM and did not finish until after 6 PM! Thank you everyone for coming, I know not a single person walked away without gaining valuable knowledge and skills! Sandy Sessink, I for one learned a lot over the last two days and even more importantly gained a new friend! I learned a lot and truly enjoyed myself! I admired Sandy Sessink as a kid and do even more as an adult!" And from Sandy, "I'm glad I was able to impart something of value. I truly enjoyed every bit of it. The enthusiasm from everyone was very inspiring to me, which makes teaching so much fun. And, Kristen Cole I feel like I gained a great friend, as well."



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### RIDING RULES for Old(er) Horse Women:

1. We DO NOT need to show up with our hair combed, make up on and wearing a clean shirt.
2. Moaning, groaning and complaining about aching muscles is perfectly acceptable, as is taking Motrin (or something stronger) prior to a ride.
3. Helping someone on or off the horse does not mean the rider is an invalid.  
It only means the horse got taller overnight.
4. Everyone will wait, patiently, while someone tacks...no matter how long that takes.
5. Mentioning it is too hot, too dry, too humid, too wet, too buggy, etc., is considered self expression, not whining.
6. Wanting to be first, last, walk, or just stop does not mean the rider is a wimp.  
Sometimes it is necessary to teach a horse who is in charge.
7. We will take the time to discuss the important issues of the day like who is dating who, who is cheating on who and any other relevant information which needs to be passed on.
8. We will acknowledge that horses are very strange animals and sometimes for no reason at all we fall off of them. If this happens to any rider the other riders will ascertain that the person is okay and then not mention the incident to another living soul, especially husbands and significant others.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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February 22-25 2017 AMHA Convention, Riverside CA

March 10 & 11 2017 Warm Up Show

March 14-18 Gasparilla Charity Show, Tampa, FL

April 5-8 2017 Citrus Cup Regional, Newberry FL

