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Full Name _____ AMHA member? y__ n__

other adult family/farm member _____ AMHA _____

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Your Farm Name (if any) _____

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E-Mail _____

Individual - \$25 Family or Farm - \$35

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Once received, your name will be listed on the website as a current member.

FMHA ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

This year's event took place at the Safari Lodge at the beautiful Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa. The Lodge is located in the middle of the zoo surrounded by animal enclosures, so attendees were able to enjoy close-up views of giraffes and elephants and other African animals and birds during the cocktail hour. A big group of members from Ocala and points north rode down to Tampa in style on a chartered bus. It was a great chance to visit with each other and get the party started a little early. Thanks so much to Chuck Hudson and Shoo-fly for helping to underwrite our "road trip".

Once everyone was gathered, we were treated to live music for the evening provided by Shaun Hopper - with a couple of our members joining in for a song or two. Who knew there was such talent in the group! We also had some special animal visitors from the educational collection during the evening. A porcupine, boa and anteater all got to meet the members close up, with their handlers ready to answer any questions.

Following the buffet dinner, we held the Annual Meeting and election of club officers. Tom Johnson will be serving as President, Kris Cole as VP, Felicia Schlemmer, Secretary and Allison Lockhart, Treasurer.

Directors beginning a 2 year term are Debbie Ferrell, Rick Davis, Margaret Karrh, Tami Johnson, Sally Ann Lyle, Diane Tanguay. Andrea Welpton will be coordinating Tropical Trotter activities.

High Point awards were given out to the members who have been busy in the show ring all year. It was nice to see so many young people earning awards.

The evening was capped off by a "Ride/Drive a Champion" live auction. The lucky high bidders will have a chance to ride or drive one of the many champion Morgans that call Florida home. Many thanks to the generous owners and trainers who donated to the auction. Also, a huge thanks is due to Casey Stein and Becca Watters for the great job they did organizing this wonderful event! It was a perfect kickoff to 2018.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very honored to have been elected president of FMHA. I am looking forward to helping this club grow and hopefully expand our promotion of the Morgan horses we all love. The Officers and directors are all very passionate about the club and the Morgan horse.

Our membership is expanding into Alabama and Georgia with several new members. So let's all welcome them with open arms.

I want every member to know they can contact me or any board member with ideas and concerns for the club. We are going to be very transparent with what the board is discussing so that every member is informed. We will be forming several committees and will be needing volunteers.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Banquet as much as I did and Congratulations to all the High Point Winners.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the shows.

Tom Johnson

ONE MORE GRAND NATIONAL WINNER

Editor's apology to the Jerry and Shirley Modell that this got missed in the last newsletter. And congratulations of winning GN and WC Park Saddle 3 yr Old titles with Queen's Yankee Spirit

NEWS FROM WEST COAST MORGANS

West Coast Morgans, Inc. is proud to announce our newest team member, and talented trainer and judge, Ms. Anne Judd. Ms. Anne Judd is a highly respected professional horsewoman, and brings with her tremendous knowledge and skills to help produce more of the finest horses and riders in the country.

Anne will be teaching and training hand-in-hand with talented trainer, Valarie Siemer to provide an amazing combination of expertise and flair to the West Coast Morgans diverse program. With a talented support staff, and gorgeous facility and new covered ring, West Coast Morgans is on an amazing growth path to an even more exciting 2018!

West Coast Morgans already offers the best in horse care and equine rehabilitation to help our equine athletes perform their best. Now with the addition of Anne Judd to our team, she and Valarie are making our Morgans and Saddlebreds in Florida the best they can be!

FMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - notes

Items on the Board's agenda for discussion include:

-exploring the possibility of adding a show or two from Georgia and Alabama to the High Point eligibility for our members from that area

-forming a Budget committee for long range budgeting and planning

-planning for the 2019 Banquet, which will be in the Ocala area

-a possible beach ride organized by Rick Davis

Ideas/input on these or any other subjects are welcome.

Contact information for all Board members is on pg 2 of the newsletter

2018 GRAND NATIONAL ANNOUNCES JUDGES

The Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show® is pleased to announce verbal agreements with the following judges for 2018:

Classic/Park/Pleasure

Josh Greer of East Bernstadt, KY

Missy Hanover of San Juan Capistrano, CA

Phil Price of Medina, OH

Sandy Sessink of Elyria, OH

Hunter/Western

Jolene Galvin of Scottsdale, AZ

Richard Petty of Jacksonville, OR

John Whalen of Plympton, MA

John Wich of Harshaw, WI

The entire slate of judges will be announced soon. Plans are underway for another great show in Oklahoma City showcasing some of the greatest Morgans in the world. Show dates are October 6-13

MORGANS ELIGIBLE FOR ARHA COMPETITION

For the past 13 years, the American Ranch Horse Association (ARHA) has only allowed a limited number of breeds to show within its organization. Beginning this year, ARHA has opened its registry to include all Western and Stock-Type horses, including Morgan horses and grades. Any western or stock-type horse that will walk, trot, and lope will be permitted to show within ARHA.

ARHA is committed to holding the highest standards for Ranch Horses and strive to give them a fun and friendly place to be competitive and showcase their true talents. They hope the opening of their registry will inspire those who have not been able to show in the past to become a part of their Ranch Horse Family.

You can find Certificate of Eligibility forms as well as 2018 membership forms on their website,

www.americanranchhorse.net

FMHA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES JAN 27, 2018
 Meeting was called to order by Tami Johnson at 7:30 PM.
 Opening remarks, thanks given to Rebecca Watters and Casey Stein for putting the banquet together
 Tropical Trotters: Kris Cole reported that the Tropical Trotters leader position is being turned over to Andrea Whelpton from Davis Stables and that there were membership applications available to join for 2018
 Citrus Cup: Alicia Davis reported that the Citrus Cup had a financial loss of \$106. She asked that everyone sponsor for the 2018 show. She also announced that the Progressive Party theme will be "Morgans Surfing the USA". The 2018 prize list will only be available on line this year. Youth of the Year contest and activities are in the works.
 Jubilee of Breeds: Alicia Davis reported that the Jubilee of Breeds show info is also on line.
 Summer's End: Glenn Winograd reported that the only loss of finances due to the cancellation of the show was to T-shirts. He offered any remaining shirts at \$10.00 each. He announced that the 2018 show will be at the Livestock Pavillion, but they are looking into the Ocala World Equestrian Center for 2019.
 Gasparilla/Little Gasparilla/Harvest Days/UPHA: Mary Jo Schmidt reported that Kent Swalla will judge the first show and James Lowery will judge the second. They are asking for support from FMHA and their members. She described the hospitality for the shows. Lark Henry discussed the

mission of UPHA as well as the convention to be held in Amelia Island 1/30-2/3
 AMHA Convention: Tami Johnson reported that anyone going to the convention that is willing to promote FMHA and do a write up of the convention will receive a stipend from FMHA for doing so.
 Merge of GA with FL: Glenn Winnograd reported that it is not feasible to combine the clubs, but it IS possible to extend our Highpoint Award system to cover more of the South East and adding Dixie Cup to the shows that give the FMHA members points toward year end.
 Event Ideas: Rick Davis reported that he will be organizing a Summer Beach Ride Tami Johnson suggested joining a Re-Sell day at Tack Shack.
 Election of Officers: Tami read the proposed slate of officers
 President Tom Johnson
 Vice President Kris Cole
 Secretary Felicia Schlemmer
 Treasurer Allie Lockhart.
 There were no nominations from the floor. Unanimous vote accepted Officers as read.
 The Board of directors will include the 4 incoming officers, Tami Johnson Alicia Davis, Valerie Seimer, Glenn Winnograd, Rick Davis, Margaret Karrh, Diane Tanquay, Sally Lyle, Jan Scotto, and Deb Ferrell.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM - submitted by Kris Cole



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 13-17 UPHA Ch 16 Gasparilla Charity Horse Show, Tampa
April 4-7 Citrus Cup Regional, Newberry FL

