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FMHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (All memberships are valid from January 1 to December 31 of current year)

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

REMEMBERING DR JERRY MODELL



Longtime member, Dr Jerry Modell passed away recently. He was a nationally recognized physician, having served as Chair of the Anesthesiology Department at University of Florida for 23 years. He and his wife, Shirley have been breeding and showing lovely Morgans under the Gradell Farm banner since the early 80's. At that time they purchased UVM Hester and bred her to Treble's Willy Wild, in the process, forming a lifelong partnership and friendship with Carol Hudson and Cheri Barber. Jerry loved to show and he was always ready to get in the cart behind one of his homebreds. Two of his favorites in recent years have been Gradell's Wild Reflection and Gradell's Center of Action. The Modells have always been strong and generous supporters of FMHA and a good friend to many of our members. Jerry will be missed. Our condolences to Shirley and the rest of the family.

EASED PREREQUISITS FOR AMHABOARD MEMBERS

At the April 25, 2020 board meeting, the AMHA Directors voted unanimously to temporarily ease the nomination prerequisites for those candidates on the 2021 ballot. The AMHA policy that currently requires live, in person attendance at an AMHA meeting within 24 months of filing nomination materials has been temporarily amended from requiring live, in person attendance to participating via video conferencing. The candidate must be able to participate in the entire meeting using the video camera sharing option in order for this amended requirement to be fulfilled.

AMHA encourages all members to consider getting involved in the governance process of the Association. If you think you might be interested, please obtain a set of nomination/election guidelines/materials from AMHA by contacting AMHA Executive Director, Carrie J. Mortensen at execdir@morganhorse.com or calling (802) 985-4944 Ext. 201.

BENNETT LAWSUIT DISMISSED

Letter from AMHA President

Today, a ruling was handed down from the Vermont Superior Court in the matter of Victoria Bennett vs. Mari Sanderson et al. Judge Helen M. Toor issued the ruling dismissing Victoria Bennett's suit in its entirety.

The ruling was based on a derivative action filed by Victoria Bennett, a former director and member of the American Morgan Horse Association, against current and former directors, officers, and directors emeriti.

Judge Toor ruled in favor of the defendant AMHA directors and officers on ALL counts.

We feel the decision today vindicates the defendants' dispute of the lawsuit's allegations of mismanagement and further believe this ruling underscores the fact that Ms. Bennett's complaint reflected a fundamental misunderstanding of the legal structure and mission of AMHECT.

As far as next steps, Bennett does have the option to appeal. Any further actions would cost AMHA additional legal fees, valuable staff time, and strained volunteer moral.

As many of you have expressed concern, this matter has indeed cost AMHA a large sum of money. We continue to pursue insurance coverage for these costs and are hopeful that we will prevail in obtaining reimbursement.

We will be looking at our best course of action moving forward based on advice from our attorneys.

It is our sincere hope that we can now all move forward together and devote our time and resources toward our universal love for the Morgan horse.

Stay strong,

C. A. Lee, III

AMHA President

FOAL NEWS FROM WHISPERING OAKS



A filly born May 27.

Sire. Valley View

Dakota Gold

Dam

Another Opportunity

We are very proud of Dakota's first foal.

HORSE SHOWS PAST AND FUTURE

SUMMER'S END 20 YEARS AGO



Valerie Seimer
and Mr Wallace



Rick Davis



Kris Cole

AND LONGER AGO AT CITRUS CUP Before Glen and Ann were Mr & Mrs



Many thanks to Alicia Davis for digging through
her archives for these fun pics

and looking toward CITRUS CUP IN 2021

construction at Canterbury is underway-new LED lights and bleachers in the arena, big restroom building
new outdoor arenas and more getting ready for Citrus Cup 2021!



FMHA MEMBERS AD

Like so much of the horse industry, AMHA and the Morgan Horse Magazine have been suffering financially since the pandemic closed down most horse activities this spring. The magazine editor reached out to the local clubs asking if they would run promotional ads to help out. In just a few days, enough FMHA members stepped up in support that we were able to run 2 pages in the upcoming September issue. Thanks go to all those generous people who participated on such short notice.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 10-13 SUMMERS END Ocala FL

Oct 10-17 MORGAN GRAND NATIONAL, Ok City OK

Oct 30-Nov 1 HARVEST DAYS, Tampa FL

Jan 16, 2021 FMHA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, Ocala, FL

April 14-17, 2021 CITRUS CUP HORSE SHOW, Newberry FL