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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) _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ cell _____ work _____

E-Mail _____

Individual - \$25

Family or Farm - \$35

checks payable to FMHA
Mail to: Jeanette Singleton
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Once received, your name will be listed on the website as a current member.

FMHA Annual Meeting
January 15, 2022
Tampa Bay Downs, Tampa, FL

The meeting was called to order by FMHA President Martha Stein at 5:00 pm. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

The **2021 financial report** was given by FMHA Treasurer Jeanette Singleton. Copies of The Profit and Loss Statement were placed at each table.

2021 was a record year for our shows.

*Citrus Cup - \$19,259.79 profit

*Summer's End - \$17,467.44 profit

Martha called for the **election of board members**. Six seats were up for election. Each person on the ballot that was present stood up and gave a brief introduction.

Randal Donelson

Kevin Gibson

Larry Bolen (not present)

Deborah Ferrell

Rebecca Watters

Sally Ann Lyle

Diane Tanguay

Ballots were passed out to the members for voting.

High Point Chair Becca Waters and Glenn Winograd asked the members to vote on proposed changes to the High Point Program.

*The International Horse Show must have at least 10 Morgan classes to qualify for High Points.

*Nominations – All members must submit the High Point Registration form to the High Point Chair (Becca Leigh) indicating the horse(s) that is competing and what divisions they are competing in for the year. The form must be completed for the horse to qualify for the designated High Point shows – UPHA Spring Show, Gasparilla Charity Horse Show, Citrus Cup Reginal, Dixie Cup, Summer Fun, and Summer's End

*Open Breed, Exceptional, Carriage, and Dressage Divisions – Those competing in these divisions must complete the High Point Registration for Open Breed, Exceptional, Carriage, and Dressage Divisions form. This form must be completed and turned in to the High Point chair (Becca Leigh) no later than November 10th of the show year. All show information submitted is the responsibility of the owner/lease owner.

Forms for the High Point nominations will be posted on the FMHA Facebook page

All proposed changes were voted on and approved by the members.

Citrus Cup – Citrus Cup Chair Alicia Davis was unable to attend so Martha presented the report.

*She thanked everyone for their support of the show – both monetarily and with horse entries.

*It was a great show and expecting it to be better this year.

*Daily barn treats will continue

*The club will sponsor a Progressive Party on Friday night.

*Best Western is the hosting hotel and did not raise room rates.

A few changes for 2022:

*Entries may now be entered on “Horse Shows Online” as well as mailing entries to Carlie Evans. The date will be posted when the site is open for entries. Remember this is a USEF show- membership cards and horse papers must be sent to Carlie or given to her at the show, regardless of how you entered. There will be a fee charged if Carlie has to “lookup” your information to verify your membership or horse registration.

*Some challenge trophies have been eliminated due to their poor condition. These will be on display at the show and available for purchase through a silent auction.

*Added another session for Over Fences and included championships for some.

*Carriage Obstacles will be on Wednesday

*A Family class was added – a chance to ride with a family member. A minimum of two family members is required for the entry or as many as you want as long as the horses get along.

*The show program will no longer be printed – financial decision. Sponsors will be recognized by the announcer. Ring banners and a larger banner listing sponsors will be displayed.

Sponsorships are available for class sessions and classes. Please support the show.

The Citrus Cup and FMHA Facebook pages will be updated as necessary. Contact Alicia if you have any questions or concerns.

Summer's End - Summer's End Chair Glenn Winograd presented information on this year's show.

*2021 largest show ever

*“Pick your trophy” was a success

*He is 95% sure the show will move from the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion to the World Equestrian Center (WEC) Dressage will outside at the WEC and everything else will be inside.

The show bill will go up to \$200-\$500 per horse.

Exceptional riders would not be affected by the increase.

The WEC hotel is \$319 a night (not the show host hotel).

The cottages are \$250 a night. There are motor home rentals available. There are other hotels close to WEC.

ANUAL MEETING continued

The results of the election for new board members were:

Kevin Gibson, Larry Bolen, Deborah Ferrell
Rebecca Watters, Sally Ann Lyle, Diane Tanguay

Jeanette asked for a volunteer to head Membership. This includes maintaining the membership excel spreadsheet, contact information, sending out a membership renewal letter at the end of the year to all members, and encouraging new people to join. Brooke Hoskins volunteered to take this position.

Martha presented a need for a person or persons to take over the duties of The Tropical Trotters. Currently, Andrea Whelpton has been in charge of the group. Heady Zalan (Hazelwood Stables) and Brooke Hoskins said they would take on the responsibility.

Betty Gray asked for everyone to vote for Stirrups and Strides for favorite charity on Facebook.

Martha thanked everyone and the meeting was adjourned.

submitted by Jeanette Singleton

SMILING FACES AT THE FMHA BANQUET





Congratulations
to all the
High Point Winners!



MEET OUR MEMBERS *With a number of new members in our club, we are going to introduce some of them in our newsletter pages.*

BROOKE HOSKINS

Like many people, Brooke Hoskins became involved in Morgan horses because a little girl, her daughter Maya, pleaded to take a lesson. 6 years later, she now lives on a farm in Odessa, Florida with her family, husband Matt, daughter Maya, son Tyler, cherished dog Dodger and a barn cat of course. Their horse Boomer (CH FMHF Kaboom) and two other wonderful Morgan horses live and train there with Hazelwood Stables being their neighbor. It's a long way from her birthplace of Pasadena, California, but Florida feels like home after decades living there. Upon graduating from the University of Central Florida, she worked in Advertising and Public relations and traveled the country for 10 years selling NBA and NHL advertising in over 20 professional sports arenas. This time allowed her diverse experiences and interactions with people from the smallest towns in America to the biggest corporate boardrooms.

Brooke decided to become involved in AMHA in the spirit of service and to help more families and riders navigate the exciting and hardworking world of horses, potential showing and the roller coaster ride of it all. She hopes to increase membership and activities while working with board members and the community. In the words of AMHA, "As they work with the Morgan horse, members develop a sense of sportsmanship and fair play, learn citizenship skills, master leadership skills, and develop discipline and a sense of responsibility for themselves, their horses, and their clubs."

Brooke enjoys being surrounded by animals of all kind, whether it's the deer passing through daily or the five family chickens. She also volunteers for Southeastern Guide dogs camping the puppies in training and providing reports to help enrich the lives of those who need them. She believes "All animals have something to teach us, if we really listen". Having always been an early riser, farm life agrees with her and the best rewards of the non-stop days and work are the amazing sunrises and sunsets accompanied by the symphony of nature around her. Her husband Matt volunteers with the Keystone Civic Association to preserve the scenic rural areas around them in Odessa as developers attempt to change the peaceful setting in the area.

The Hoskins Family



Anyone who would like to make a submission, we would love to hear from you



Randy Donelson with Atwood Issa Bella

RANDY DONELSON

Randy Donelson and his spouse and partner, Gary Sales relocated their Atwood Morgan Horse Farm from Ohio to Oxford, FL two years ago. Nearly 20 Morgans have been registered under the Atwood prefix since the farm was established in 2008 and are now scattered from coast to coast; show ring winners bred by Randy and Gary have included Atwood Arabella, Atwood Earl of Essex, Atwood Forensic Topic and the 2014 Grand National Three Year Stallions and Gelding English Pleasure champion, Atwood Cincinnatus.

Randy worked in the field of Education for over 30 years, primarily teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses in Literacy Education at The Ohio State University; Gary worked as a forensic psychiatrist for the State of Ohio and continues to practice part time.

Both Randy and Gary are Ohio natives. Randy grew up adjacent to his grandparents' farm and had a Welsh pony he showed in 4-H. He purchased his first Morgan in 1978 and showed in Ohio and Pennsylvania in the 1980s. Gary grew up near Cincinnati; he had no equine background until establishing Atwood Farm with Randy. Atwood Farm is expecting two foals this spring and Randy and Gary are looking forward to watching their home bred mare, Atwood Isle of Skye (Balenciaga x Perfect Cut) show on the Florida circuit under the direction of Cheri Barber Stables. Randy and Gary welcomed visitors to their farm in Oxford and look forward to getting up know other members of the Florida Morgan Horse Association.

NEWS FROM AMHA

ALEX MOONEY SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Alex Mooney, The Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show® will award a minimum of \$5,000 annually for undergraduate Academic Scholarships and/or Professional Development.

Criteria and the Application Form can be found at www.morgangrandnational.com and www.morganhorse.com

Application deadline is June 30, 2022. Recipients will be notified by September 1st. The winner or winners will be recognized at The Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show®, October, 2022. Applicants undergraduate Academic Scholarships must have or have had involvement with the Morgan horse. Extra consideration will be given to those who support Cystic Fibrosis research, families and patients and/or those who demonstrate community service on behalf of Cystic Fibrosis. The awards will be given to students entering or currently enrolled in accredited Colleges, Universities, Community Colleges, Trade or Technical Schools.

Those who wish to donate to the Alex Mooney Memorial Scholarship fund may make their checks payable to: The Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show®, (FBO ALEX MOONEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP in the memo line) and send them to: Kelly McFaul, 206 S Lark Lane, Wichita, KS 67209

The Annual Meeting of Members was held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 in Orlando, Florida and the 2022 Election held. AMHA welcomes the following new Directors to our Board:

Ashleigh Wood - Eastern Region Director

Sharon Boyce Bender - Western Region Director

and, we are happy to announce the re-election of Harlan Grunden - Central Region Director.

Also, we deeply thank our two outgoing Directors for their service and dedication: Kate Kirsch and Mari Sanderson. Kate served as both Eastern Region Director and Vice-President of Finance; Mari as Western Region Director. Congratulations, too, to Mari who was named AMHA Director Emeritus following her 13 years as a seated Director and past President.

In addition to the election results posted above, Officer positions were elected. The 2022 AMHA Board of Directors is as follows:

C.A. Lee, III - Eastern Region Director and President

Kelly Kraegel - Central Region Director and Vice-President

Steven Handy - Eastern Region Director and Vice-President of Finance

Ashleigh Wood - Eastern Region Director

Harlan Grunden - Central Region Director

James Gruenberg - Central Region Director

Dallas Bolen - Western Region Director

Sharon Boyce Bender - Western Region Director

Terri Sturm - Western Region Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 4 & 5 2022 LITTLE GASPARILLA, Tampa FL

March 6-11 2022 GASPARILLA CHARITY

April 13-16 2022 CITRUS CUP HORSE SHOW, Newberry FL

May 5-7 2022, DIXIE CUP, Georgia

May 27-29 2021 SUMMER FUN, Tampa FL

September 8-12 2022 SUMMERS END, Ocala FL

October 8-15 2022, MORGAN GRAND NATIONAL, Oklahoma



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