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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
2023 HIGH POINT WINNERS!



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Newsletter Issue mailed: 15th of the month March, June, August, December

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Business Card ad (1 year).....\$35 Full page, per issue.....\$50 Half Page, per issue.....\$35
 Classified.....FMHA member - free non-member, per word/per issue.....\$0.20

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

Full Name _____ AMHA member? y__ n__

other adult family/farm member _____ AMHA _____

children _____ AMHA? _____

Your Farm Name (if any) _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ cell _____ work _____

E-Mail _____

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

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

checks payable to FMHA
 Mail to: Jeanette Singleton
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FLORIDA MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes 1/13/24 Tampa Fl.

The annual meeting and banquet was held at the Columbia Restaurant in historic Ybor City

Meeting called to order by FMHA President Martha Stein at 6:45 pm.

***Show reports**

Gasparilla: MaryJo Schmidt show coordinator reporting: March 5-9

Judge Luman Wadhams. Prize list will be out in the next few days

Citrus Cup: Alicia Davis show coordinator reporting: April 24-27, Barns 3-5

arena 5 judges listed online, would appreciate sponsorship's, the show

will have lots of special events, guests and a exhibitors party Friday Night we are looking for sponsors for the food for Friday night as all food must be purchased at WEC and we can't bring in outside food for the party. WEC requires a lot of paperwork on both horse and owner including up to date Health Certificates, Registration Papers, USEF Horse ID #, Owner, Trainer, Rider USEF card, up to date with Safe sport, Breed membership cards correct addresses and credit card info. Bring your own boards or frames to set up you may not deface stall walls

.Summer's End: Glenn Winograd show coordinator reporting: September 5-8, We will have a Thursday evening Start, The Show will again be at WEC, barn 10arena 6. See Citrus Cup for notes on WEC requirements.

**List of 2024 Florida Horse Shows:* Mar 1-2 Little Gasparilla, Mar 5-9 Gasparilla Charity, Apr 24-27 Citrus Cup, May 5 WCM open show, May 22-25 Summer Fun, Sept 5-8 Summer's End , Oct 22-26 Ocala International.

*Martha Stein asked for a vote by hand approval as written on the 2023 Meeting minutes that were available on each table submitted by Secretary Paula Black. Vote by majority approved no corrections.

*Martha Stein asked for a motion to approve the list of 2024 board members and officers as written on the ballots passed out to members at the tables if there were no additional nominations.

Motion Ann Winograd, Second Alicia Davis, Majority approved.

2024 Officers Martha Stein: President, Karen Gardner: Vice President, Jeanette Singleton: Treasurer, Paula Black: Secretary. Board 1 year more: Cheri Barber, Alicia Davis, Janice Scotto, Glenn Winograd. Board 2 year term: Kevin Gibson, Sally Lyle, Lisa Norris, Deb Ferrell, Ashley Zimmerman, Diane Tanguay. (Break for Dinner)

Call to Order by Martha Stein after Dinner 7:10

*The 2023 Financial report was given by FMHA Treasurer Jeanette Singleton and copies of the Profit and Loss Statement were placed at each table. 2023 continues the upward trend financially.

*Martha Stein addressed the current status of our 501C3 and explained that an attorney proficient in such matters has been acquired and the status should be resolved sometime this year (2024).

*Martha Stein addressed that The Tropical Trotters currently need a leader who would be in charge of badges and youth of the year. There were no immediate volunteers.

*Martha Stein called attention to the new High Point Forms that were placed on the tables and asked for approval. Motion Jeanette Singleton, Second Rick Davis, Vote by hand Majority approved.

Becca Walters is stepping down as High Point Chair. We would like to give a huge thank you to Becca and for your hours of hard work and attention to details. Well Done! Ann Morgan has taken up the reins as our new High point Chair and Coordinator please let her know your entering high point.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Martha and Jeanette for coordinating the venue, menu and room details for the banquet. Great Job Salud!

Short break for Entertainment: Flamenco Dancers (15 min) *High Point Awards

*Raffle and Live Auctions

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by FMHA Secretary Paula Black



FMHA Banquet - good friends,
good food, recognition of accomplishments



NEW RULES FROM USEF

Beginning 12/1/23 - All horses attending a USEF approved show MUST have a USEF ID, please make sure to include the USEF ID # on your entry form.

The ID is free and can be done online

US Equestrian strives to consistently ensure the safety and welfare of both our human and equine athletes. One fundamental aspect of equine safety is microchipping. Microchips in horses allow for immediate onsite verification of horses for the purpose of safeguarding the health of each horse. This is vital, especially during times of disease outbreaks or natural disasters.

To this end, the US Equestrian Board of Directors approved a new microchipping rule during the 2023 Mid-Year Board meeting.

Beginning December 1, 2025, under GR 1101.1, all horses competing in USEF-licensed or -endorsed competitions must be microchipped with a 15-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip.

For more information on microchipping, including content that was made specifically to answer a wide array of questions, please visit www.usef.org/microchip.

If you have specific questions about recording your microchip, please email horseservices@usef.org.

With our trees and pastures starting to wake up this time of year, it is always good to be aware of the possible danger that some plants pose to our horses. The following is from a UF/IFAS bulletin

PASTURE MANAGEMENT AND WEED MITIGATION

Any undesired plant, whether a broadleaf or a tree, is considered a weed. In general, horses are discriminate eaters and will avoid eating weeds if ample grass pasture or hay is available. However, when pastures are overgrazed or improperly managed, they are more susceptible to weed invasion, and horses are more likely to browse on weeds when there is nothing else to eat. While not all weeds are toxic to horses, some can cause illness or even death if sufficient quantities are consumed. The best way to prevent horses from eating toxic plants is to regularly inspect pastures and fence lines and remove unwanted plants.

If a toxic plant is discovered, it should be killed via chemical application or physically removed, or the area should be fenced off to prevent horses from grazing in the affected region. Frequent inspection is important, because seeds may be carried into pastures by wind, birds, and other wildlife, leading to new growth of toxic plants.

Ornamental plants used for barriers and landscaping may also be toxic to horses and other livestock. Owners should be aware of ornamental plants around the property and along pasture perimeters and avoid planting any toxic species whenever possible.

Good pasture management is essential for promoting the growth of healthy grasses and avoiding the proliferation of weeds. Pasture management practices include:

Soil testing

Liming and fertilizing

Grazing management

Mowing

Chemical weed control as needed

While mowing is an important part of pasture management, it may be ineffective for permanently removing unwanted weeds. Therefore, physical removal or herbicide application is the preferred method for management of toxic or other undesirable plants. When treating pastures with herbicides, adhere to manufacturer recommendations regarding waiting periods before allowing animals to graze the land. Even though most pasture-labeled herbicides do not have grazing restrictions (horses are considered to be livestock on herbicide labels), application of herbicides can make toxic plants more palatable. For this reason, it may be best to remove horses until toxic plants have completely desiccated.

Toxic plants possibly found in Florida include Azalea, Balack Locust, Black Walnut, Boxelder, Bracken Fern, Cherry, Creeping Indigo, Crotalaria, Johnsongrass, Nightshade, Oleander, Red Maple, Water Hemlock and Yew



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1-2, 2024 Little Gasparilla

March 5-9 2024 Gasparilla Charity Horse Show, Tampa FL

April 24-27, 2024 Citrus Cup 2024 World Equestrian Center, Ocala FL

May 22-25 Summer Fun

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

October 22-26 Ocala International, World Equestrian Center, Ocala FL