

Quick update on club news.

Hi, everyone,

I know that many of you have not heard anything from any of us in a while, so I am taking a few minutes to let you all know what is happening with your club.

My name is Angie Foy and I am your president for this year. Not sure if that is a good thing, but I will do the best that I can. Sandy Grabow is the vice-president with the secretary and treasurer remaining the same as last year. Jeff Grabow is the newest director.

We gathered for a board meeting in late November and talked about a few things. One of the main things is that the show we were planning to have at Gordeyville in June would be right in the middle of several other established shows at that location. We, the board, decided that it would not be in the best interest of the club to have a show at that location at that time, so we decided to cancel that show all together. We will now only have the one show at Hopedale, IL in August. The judges for this show will be Mike Adams and Adam Longman. We are hoping to make this a fun show for everyone, so put the dates on your calendar. August 8 & 9.

We may lose the dates we have had at DuQuoin the past couple of years because of the decision to have the show at a different facility this year. We are going to ask that they allow us to hold the dates for next year, but we need to realize they may not do so. It is a nice facility and it draws exhibitors from many of the states South of Illinois. Of the two shows our club had last year, the one at DuQuoin is the one that made some profit. Not a lot, but we do like to break even or make a little rather than lose money. Something else to think about is trying to get another date there. We can check into that as well.

We have checked into several fund raising options. We are, thankfully, not in a position to need a fundraiser at this time, but will be looking into ways to make a little extra so that we can remain solvent for the foreseeable future. We will bring the information that we have gathered and present it to you at the Spring meeting.

Jane Leuking is the person in charge of the futurity again this year. Thank you, Jane for all the work you put into that project. I have received a packet from her with all the information and I think most of you have also. If not, contact me or Jane and we will help you with getting your little horses entered in the IMHOA futurity.

We will again have the awards program. I think the information is on the website. The contact person for the awards program is Barb Step. Any horse or pony that you are wanting to be in the program has to be entered. Please contact me or Barb or check the website for information and entry deadlines.

Shows are being put on the AMHR/ASPC website. Be sure to look there for show contact information. Remember that all shows located in Illinois will count toward the High Point awards.

We have asked Dave Minor to head our youth program. I am sure he would welcome any help at any time. If you can only do a little, please contact him because we are all busy and we want to do the best that we can for our youth.

We are planning a general membership meeting on March 14. Information will be forthcoming. Please plan to attend. It is hard to make everyone happy, but we cannot get your input unless you are at the meeting. We are planning a meeting of board members on February 14. Any member is welcome to attend these meetings. Time and place will be announced.

PLEASE PAY 2009 DUES NOW!!!!!!!!!!
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS A SINGLE THING!!!!!!

2009 MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

SECOND ADULT NAME: _____ DOB: _____

YOUTH NAME: _____ DOB: _____

YOUTH NAME: _____ DOB: _____

YOUTH NAME: _____ DOB: _____

YOUTH NAME: _____ DOB: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Single Adult - \$20 – Two Adults Same House - \$30 – Youth - \$5 Each

Make check payable to IMHOA and mail, with this form to:

Barb Step, Treasurer
9903 N. 1800th St.
Paris, IL 61944

I am inserting here some information that was emailed me and I was asked to forward.

Hello!!

I am wondering if you, as president of the Illinois Miniature Horse Owners Association, could pass the word to your members.

This is going to be EXCITING!!!

Here is a fantastic opportunity for stallion...and mare owners to compete in an exciting class with potentially BIG payouts!!

The AMHR Stallion Sweepstakes has been brought back and it promises to be bigger, better, and easier for all wishing to participate to do so. Thank you to Bruce Abbott for quarterbacking this effort!!

It's really quite simple. Owners of AMHR-registered stallions can nominate them for \$200. Mare owners can bid for a breeding to that stallion. The winning bidder can have their mare bred to that stallion....and the resulting foal will compete in a special class held at AMHR Nationals. The Stallion owner also selects one of their own mares to be bred to that stallion - with both the Stallion owner's and the Mare owner's foals competing in that class. The nomination fees, and winning bids are jackpotted, with payout to 8th place!! The owner of the stallion whose foal places 1st also gets a bonus payout.

In years past - the payouts were in the THOUSANDS!!

Check it out – at <http://www.amhrstallionsweepstakes.com>

I am not really good at newsletters, but wanted to be sure you all had a bit of an update. If anyone would be interested in putting a newsletter together in the future, please contact me. I would like to thank Evan Harer for all the work he has done on the newsletter in the past couple of years. Also, if there is anything you would like to see added to these letters, feel free to send me the information. Anything you would like to share is welcome.

We especially like to hear about new babies--of any kind :-)

If there is anything I can do to help you with club stuff or if you would like to have something added to future letters, please email me at adfoysrh@gmail.com. You can call me at 618-228-7714 or 618-779-9866.

I check my email several times most days so will answer as promptly as possible. Also, if you have an email address that you use regularly, please send that to me so I can put it on my list. It is not only cheaper to send newsletters by email, but also a lot easier for those of us that need to do the printing, addressing and mailing. We are all busy, so please help us out with this. Also, if someone would be able to print and mail the newsletter after it is finished, please contact us. The club will reimburse for expenses that are incurred. Thanks

You can also contact other board members at the following email addresses:

President: *Angie Foy* -- adfoysrh@gmail.com
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Secretary: *Cathy Hess* -- chess7778@gmail.com
Treasurer: *Barb Step* -- bbstep@wildblue.net

Directors

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Stay warm and have a wonderful foaling and show training season.

Angie