



Rocky Mountain Paint Horse Association Newsletter

Letter from the President



RMPHA Members,

The Board and General Membership Meeting was held on November 29th in Castle Rock, including election of officers. Those present voted to continue the 2018 season with the 2017 Board. Thanks for the confidence of those present.

The majority of the meeting was discussion on current show options vs. economic requirements and availabilities of the RMPHA treasury. It was decided to look into an Open Show concept sponsored by RMPHA, in an effort to add to our current show funds. The lack of support for our July Pueblo show has drastically affected our show budget and we must react accordingly. I have received no response from the other Colorado Paint Horse clubs in regards to forming a combined horse show committee...darn, it sounded like a good idea.

On the brighter side, the weather has been more favorable to outdoor equine activities and the Stock Show is getting closer.

That said, Merry Christmas to you all...have a great holiday.

See you all soon,

John Weaver, RMPHA President



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General Membership News



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Board and General Membership Meeting

November 29, 2017

By Sue Willard

Board members present included John Weaver, Sue & Larry Willard, Rodger Montgomery, Autumn Haugen and Mel Hanlon. We were pleased to have many members and interested guests attend.

Discussion was held regarding the Paint shows in the state and the limited venues and dates available. National Western is proceeding with the construction and improvement plan for their facility. Currently the parking-load/unload area on the west side of the stalls at the Event Center is reduced to accommodate parallel parking only with the Light Rail construction continuing. Latigo Equestrian Center in the Black Forest is adding over 100 stalls to their venue and recently has done lots of upgrading to the facility. They offer on-site veterinarian, farrier, tack store and restaurant in addition to indoor and outdoor arenas and warm up pens. They are very interested in working with RMPHA to host an event there.

The decline in local breed shows is universal across the breeds. Many ideas were voiced in ways to sponsor money-making projects for the club including the annual golf tournament and an open/all breed show. The idea of creating an umbrella format for Paint-approved shows on the front range was discussed in more depth. There is a need for entry-level shows that are affordable, to help spark the interest of our youth and those beginning in the showing experience.

The annual election of officers was held without any changes. Anyone interested in serving on the board or participating in ideas for activities for the club is very welcome to join any of the meetings.

**The Zone 3/YDF show will be held at the National Western Event Center in April, 2018, with 6 judges. Dates are still being confirmed at this time so stay tuned for information when its available.

HPPHC is working on their 2018 schedule as well.

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<u>2017 Committees Continued</u>		
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It Takes a Village: 10 Ways to Volunteer at Horse Shows

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Volunteers at horse shows are an essential component of the entire event. Volunteering truly is the glue that holds the show together. Whether it be in the show office, arena or even at the concessions stand, exhibitors have many opportunities to assist their association.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet new like-minded people, especially if one is just entering the horse world. While horse shows are usually busy affairs, there are usually breaks which allow you to get to know those working beside you.

By helping out, you obtain a unique perspective and create a positive atmosphere for the equestrian community. Here are ten ways you can help at your next horse show.

1. Assist with general office tasks

We all know how challenging and demanding working in the show office can be. Entries, stalling, camping — the list continues. Helping with basic tasks such as handing out awards or delivering a message to the person at the gate helps the office do their job more efficiently. Next time you are at a show and see those who are working in the office, ask them if there is anything you can do to help or simply give a genuine “thank you”. These small acts have a significant impact in the long run.

2. Help work the gate/check-in

With multiple classes per day and many exhibitors, running the gates can be an intense job. This must be done properly and correctly for the show to run smoothly. Working the check-in is a fantastic way to meet new people and develop deeper connections with other members of the association.



While this picture may represent a humorous look into volunteering, it is a crucial aspect that keeps horse shows running smoothly. Photo © PHBA

3. Create a “Welcome Committee”

Entering the world of horse showing can be intimidating for newbies, but it doesn't have to be. Organize a small group of people who welcome newcomers and exhibitors at every show. Generating a welcoming environment is a wonderful way to give back to the equestrian community. Youth associations have given out water bottles, pens and other small items to rookies. Positive actions lead to a chain reaction of kind gestures which will better the experience for everyone involved.

4. Organizing events/dinners

The community is the most important aspect of horse shows. Dinners, parties and special events all bring the equestrian community closer together. If you have any extra time, consider trying to plan a dinner or party for the next show. Some associations have done raffles, dog races, donkey races, etc. The possibilities are truly endless when everyone in the association works for a common goal. This is also a fantastic way for youth to become involved and interact with fellow equestrians, thus creating long-lasting friendships. Other ideas include setting up a mini-concert, fashion show or even a movie night. The key is to create hospitality and fun in a large setting where everyone feels included.

5. Concessions

Concession stands create wonderful opportunities for youth to get involved in the horse world. Almost every exhibitor visits the concession stands at least once at a show, which gives volunteers a platform to build relationships with others. The saying, “Nothing brings people together like food,” especially holds true in these scenarios. Other ideas such as bake sales or bottle drives can be incorporated at concession stands to help fund the association and other events.

6. Ring Stewarding

Learning how to scribe for judges is a valuable tool for an exhibitor. Many exhibitors have gained valuable insight because the world looks different from the center of the arena. Ring stewarding gives volunteers a better understanding of what the judges are looking for and makes the actual judging of classes more enjoyable. Judges appreciate a ring steward who is respectful, efficient and organized. Many judges concur that having a dedicated ring steward by their side completely effects the outlook of their day. A good ring steward creates a more positive environment for themselves, exhibitors and judges.

7. Help to get others interested in the association

Whether via social media, sponsorships or contests, generating excitement about horse showing can go far. Volunteer to use social media to spread details about an event or information on the next show. Contests are a fun and unique way to encourage additional participation from exhibitors. Creating more involvement in activities benefits the association's atmosphere, financial situation and productivity.

8. Assisting with Loading and Unloading

The excitement of arriving at horse shows can become quite stressful when it comes time to unpack the trailer. Show tack, work tack, clothes, blankets, chairs, hay — the list goes on and on. This tedious process can take hours and is especially challenging for those who unpack or pack up by themselves. If you have the time, lend a hand and help carry that bale of hay to their stalls. You can change someone's day even through the simplest acts.



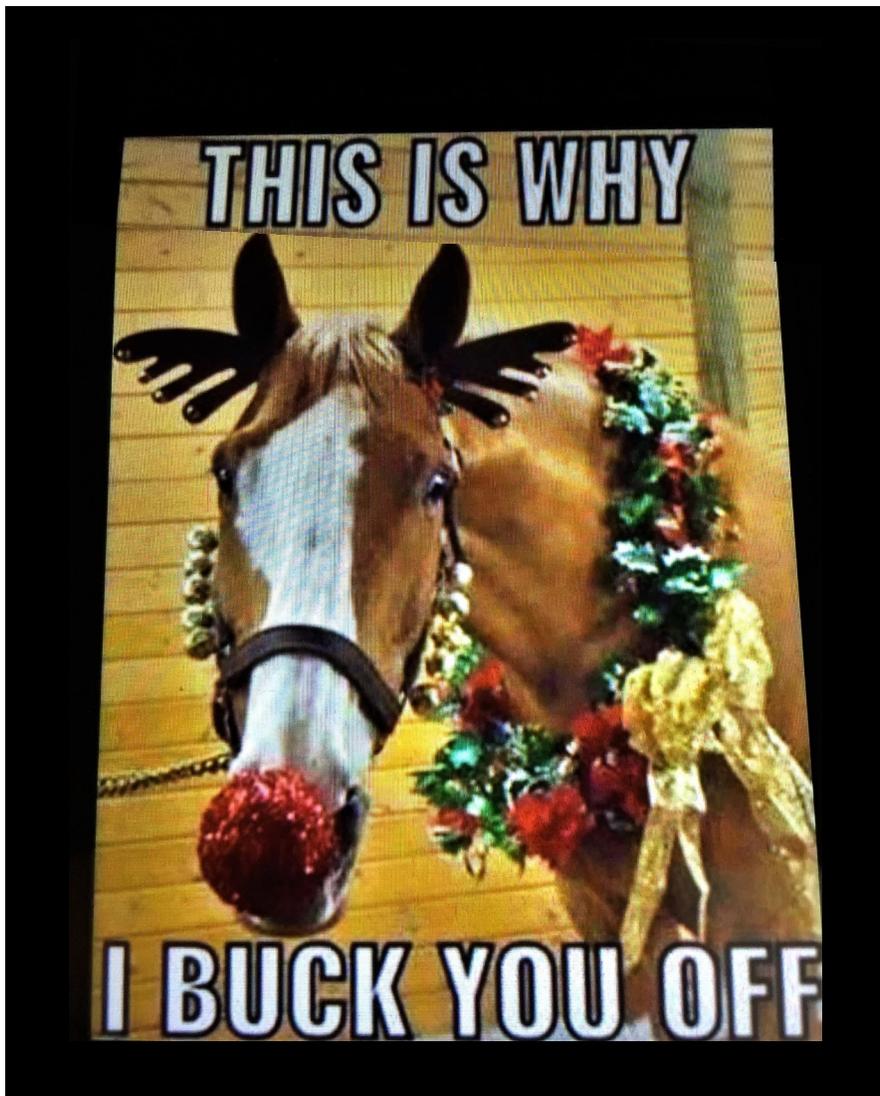
9. Clean up crew

In classes such as jumping or trail, set-up and tear-down can be quite the challenge. For these events to run smoothly, the assistance of volunteers is crucial. The more helpers present, the less time it takes. Also, helpers during the classes are essential. These helpers may reset a pole or jump after it has been hit, rake the dirt by the poles, etc. Even though these efforts may not seem over-the-top glamorous, they leave a lasting positive impression on the exhibitors, judges and spectators.

10. Be Welcoming to Others

Horse shows can be completely hectic, leaving some with no time to volunteer. But everyone can reach out to their equestrian community through kindness. Even something as simple as a smile can change someone's day or outlook on the horse show. If you see someone who laid out a gorgeous pattern, tell them. If you see someone struggling in a class, give them words of encouragement. After all, we horse show because it is fun! When it becomes a hassle and people become fearful of an intimidating environment, exhibitors quit doing what they love. The simplest way to volunteer in your association is to encourage and be kind to fellow horse lovers.

Volunteers are necessary to the longevity of horse shows. Even if you only have a half an hour to give, that precious time impacts multiple experiences for the better. Create a community event, work the check-in gate, lend a hand or just share a smile.



Courtesy of Horse Channel/Facebook

Rocky Mountain Paint Horse Association Membership Application 2018

The Rocky Mountain Paint Horse Association welcomes your membership. For additional information, call Cindy Weaver at (303)550-2954. Complete this form and mail it with your check payable to RMPHA to: RMPHA c/o **Cindy Weaver 28345 N. 84th St., Scottsdale, AZ 58266**. **Rules and requirements for eligibility for all Year-End Awards are on the following page.** Membership signatures are required on application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted, they will be returned.

Name: _____ E Mail: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City/State: _____ Zip: _____
 Business/Ranch Name: _____
 Officers: _____

Exhibitor Names: List names of individuals after the RMPHA division(s) in which members plan to compete. For Amateur and Youth please provide the exhibitor's date of birth and include a copy of the APHA registration papers for horse(s) to be shown.

Youth: _____	APHA#: _____	DOB: _____
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Amateur: _____	APHA#: _____	DOB: _____
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Open: _____	APHA#: _____	Exhibitor # _____
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Associate Membership @ \$10.00 each year	\$ _____
Individual Membership @\$30.00 each year	\$ _____
Family Membership @ \$40.00 each year	\$ _____
Business/Ranch Membership @50.00 each year	\$ _____
Sponsor an RMPHA Class (class name) _____	

Donation to RMPHA Youth Development Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Donation to the RMPHA Amateur or Youth Awards Program	\$ _____
(circle one) Amateur Youth	

If you would like your newsletter mailed to you, there is a \$20 charge for postage \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

I agree to abide by the RMPHA membership requirements, RMPHA show rules, and the RMPHA bylaws and to accept all decisions of the RMPHA Board of Directors.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Youth: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

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Rocky Mountain Paint Horse Association Year End Hi-Point Awards Eligibility Requirements

In order to qualify for RMPHA points for RMPHA year-end awards, ***exhibitors and all horse owners who are listed in the registration papers must be paid-up members of RMPHA at the time the points are sought.*** If a horse is sold, the new owner must be a paid-up member of RMPHA to continue accumulating points for club year-end awards. Points will not be retroactive to shows prior to the time the member joined RMPHA. Exception: If a non-member who accrued points in any RMPHA division (youth/amateur/open) wishes to become a member of RMPHA, the points may be approved retroactively, and a membership will be accepted with the payment of \$500.00 plus the appropriate membership fees.

Amateur and Novice Amateur Rules for Year-End Award Eligibility

1. Amateur Rookie award: In addition to all other year-end eligibility requirements, the Rookie cannot have shown in any equine association/organization in open, amateur, novice amateur or youth classes at any time prior to the year of the award. The Rookie must declare in writing to the amateur chairperson that this is their first year of showing a horse in a breed association/organization to be eligible to accrue any points. This declaration and a paid-up membership with RMPHA are required before any points will count toward this award; this is not retroactive. You must show in at least six approved RMPHA shows in either the novice amateur or amateur classes to qualify.
2. Points will be counted from all amateur and novice amateur classes and will be accumulated using the RMPHA points system from 100 percent of the shows for that calendar year.

Youth Rules for Year End Eligibility

1. Youth Rookie award: The Rookie Award is to encourage new youth members to participate in youth events at RMPHA shows. In addition to all other year-end eligibility requirements, the Rookie cannot have shown in any nationally recognized equine association/organization in open or youth classes at any time prior to the year of the award. The Rookie must declare in writing to the youth advisor that this is their first year of showing a horse in a breed association/organization to be eligible to accrue any points. This declaration and a paid-up membership with RMPHA are required before any points will count toward this award; this is not retroactive.
2. Points will be counted from all youth classes on family-owned horses and will be accumulated using the RMjPHA points system from 100 percent of the shows for that calendar year.

Associate Membership

This membership is for a non-voting member who does not have a horse being shown in any RMPHA-approved show but wishes to receive information on the club and support RMPHA.

Check out our Facebook page!

To access, “Like” the page or follow this link:

Rocky Mountain Paint Horse Association:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rocky-Mountain-Paint-Horse-Association/169981163050317>

RMPHA Facebook Page Coordinator: Mel Hanlon



Ad Size	Cost/month	# months desired	Month(s) to be run	Amount
Front/Back Cover	\$20.00/month			\$ _____
Full-Page	\$15.00/month			\$ _____
Half-Page	\$10.00/month			\$ _____
Quarter-Page	\$5.00/month			\$ _____
Business Card Size	\$5.00/3 months			\$ _____
Classified	\$1.00/ad/6 months			\$ _____
			TOTAL PAID	\$ _____

Choose the size of your ad, and fill in the amount of months you would like the ad to run including the specific months you desire the ad to be published. Sub-total each row in the space provided, and include a total at the bottom of the grid.

RMPHA’s permit for Bulk Mailing does not allow advertising that does not pertain directly to the Paint Horse Industry.

Classified ads are limited to 5 lines. Original pictures can be scanned and returned if requested. Mail ad copy, this form, and check payable to RMPHA before the 15th of each month preceding publication to:

Sue Willard, 13250 CR 154 Kiowa, CO 80117

Ads must be horse-related.

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Have you moved? Please fill out just the Address information at the bottom of this form & mail it to the address so we can update your record.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS , SPONSORSHIP, & SUPPORT!

RMPHA 2017 Officers and Board Members

Officers

All of these remain the same for 2018!

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Remember, RMPHA Club Liaisons for the 2017 show year are contacts club members may use to ask questions or make suggestions to take to the board meetings. Any comments are welcome!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!