



NBarH Newsletter

October Edition

Dates to Remember:

November 2nd – Monthly Meeting
- Voting on officers, rule changes
and classlists for 2024
December 7th – Monthly Meeting

Boy the year has flown by. Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in attending the November meeting. This is perhaps the most important meeting of the year. Not only are officers of the club voted in, ensuring the continuation of the club and show season; rule changes, classlists, and policy changes are discussed and voted on.

November's meeting sets the stage for a successful show season in 2024.

If you had questions or input about anything that happened during the year this is the chance to make your voice heard.



2023 Banquet is in the Books!
Thank you all for joining us at the American Legion October 15th
It was wonderful to see everyone dressed to party and receive awards We had so many sponsored awards this year! It was great to see club members honoring each other with personalized and thoughtful gifts.

If you have questions about sponsoring an award for the 2024 show season, please reach out to one of the VP's of the competition you are thinking about. They can get you a form and all the information.



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By Law Changes:

At the November meeting we will discuss a few changes to the club by-laws.

We would like to reduce the number of board members from 5 to 3. We have a smaller group of people interested in becoming a board member and feel 3 with one of those spots as Chairmen of the board will suffice.

Other changes will be to clarify the language around what is considered a "family" membership. With the many forms of family units now we would like to be as inclusive as possible while still maintaining the spirit of adults and the children they care for.

Some rewording of the officers positions will be needed as there is nothing to account for the maintenance of social media for the club or inclusion of a kitchen manager position as an officer

Ideas? Bring them to the November meeting!



Apple Picking Season

This time of year people like to visit the horses and bring the bounty of their apple picking to give as treats. If this happens at your barn there are a few things to think about.

- Some horses should not have extra treats because of medical conditions. If this is your horse, think about making a sign warning visitors who may be there when you are not.
- Know where the fruits are coming from. Have they been sprayed with pesticides etc? Most horses will eat them anyway and possibly get sick.
- Fingers or fruits? My gelding is very excited for treats and sometimes gets a nubble of finger instead. A great way for visitors to feed treats is just to put them in a feedpan and then they can enjoy the horse eating the apples at a safe distance. I have also seen people spear the apple with a popsicle stick to present it like a candied apple, keeping their fingers tucked into their hand.

Hope this helps keep horses and humans a little safer this season!



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OPEN BOARD and OFFICER POSITIONS for 2024

October 5th is the meeting where we nominate positions for next year. Please plan to attend if you would like to be nominated as we would like to have you officially accept the nomination and ask any questions before the voting in November.

Requirements:

- Must be a current member in good standing and over 18 years old
- Ability to attend the monthly meeting (1st Thursday at 7pm, Show Grounds)
- Some positions may benefit from other special skills. If you feel you would be a fit please let us know!

Known Open Positions:

The following positions have given notice that they will be open for 2024

President

Treasurer

At Least 2 Board Members

These positions are critical for the continuation of the club. Other positions may be open and we encourage all interested members to come to the October meeting and we can discuss opportunities. Please see the duty descriptions to the right for more information or see the website : nbarh.com under More to see the Club Bylaws

President: overall running of the club.

Appoints commissions to gather information about issues or events that may affect the club.

Vice President Show Jumping Series

Vice President-Pleasure Show:

Vice President-Miniature Horse Show:

Vice President -Gymkhana:

responsible for running the show series, organizing entries, managing class list and rules regarding the divisions offered, responding to questions, hiring judges and reporting information and financials at the club meetings.

This position is empowered to make decisions in accordance with club rules at their respective competition. The decisions may be brought before the board at a meeting to discuss later.

Membership Coordinator: Responsible for maintaining the membership list, tracking the volunteer hours throughout the year and publishing the member list to each of the show managers

Treasurer: Responsible for keeping the financial records for the club. Submits a Treasury report at each monthly meeting. Pays the bills and proactively budgets for essential services are due.

Recording Secretary: Takes the minutes of club meetings and publishes minutes to the board. Also publishes the newsletter to the members

Corresponding Secretary: Maintains our web and social media presence. Updates and produces content as needed



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October Meeting Notes:

The finishing touches were put on the Year End Banquet plans. Most of the meeting concerned this.

Trophy and ribbon orders/delivery were confirmed

Nominations were considered for the November meeting. Sadly many spots were still open. Bylaw and General changes were discussed.

Beach Rides!

It's that time of year when many brave riders take their horses and ride on the beach. It can be wonderful to saunter along with the sand and waves. Please check the regulations of the beach you are going to see about parking concerns and cleaning up after your animals. A quick Google search or call to the town office may provide this information

Things to bring :

- Drinking and rinse water for your horse's legs. Horses shouldn't drink salt water and be prepared for sand and salt to encase your horses legs and belly
- Ground Person to help – not essential but a good idea for at least the first ride. Remember you will be surrounded by people who are not as horse savvy as people on trail rides and little help may come from strangers.
- Camera – to get those beautiful or silly pictures
- Spare equipment and first aid as you would on a regular off property trail ride
- Some people leave a sign in their window with a description on themselves and horse with an emergency contact number. Sometimes the unexpected happens and this will help people get help for you if something should go wrong.

Things to plan for:

- Know the times and dates horses are allowed on the beach. Also plan that these times may also allow unleashed dogs to run on the beach. Check the tide chart so you have the most amount of beach to navigate
- Parking for a horse trailer. Most parking lots are set up for cars and not a lot of wiggle room
- How good does your horse load in the trailer with distractions? There will be vehicles, bicycles and people walking with dogs in very tight quarters.
- Tack and Clothing suited for seaspray. Your show tack or expensive riding clothes may not hold up as well to salt and sand.