

# The Noble Express

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**SPRING**



**2026**



*They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

—Lamentations 3:23

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## UPCOMING DATES

APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup>  
MN HORSE EXPO

JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>  
NOBLE ALL BREED  
FUN SHOW

JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
NOBLE BOD MEETING

AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>  
NOBLE EXTREME  
OBSTACLE SHOW



# PRESIDENT'S *Viewpoint*

**Greetings!**

**What a gratifying time our March NOBLE program awards, royalty introductions and tabletop game day was with 32 people in attendance! We appreciate your smiles and how you value the awards. Our hope is that wearing the apparel will raise opportunities for dialog regarding what NOBLE is about.**



**With our April board meeting completed, the show committees continue to work on improving our shows and learning more each year about how to make our shows run more effectively.**

**Our Non-horse activity committee has some entertaining ideas for the summer. Thank you to the board and the committee members for working together so agreeably for a common goal.**

**The showbills for our June Fun Show and the August Obstacle show have been completed and are available in this issue, on our website & Facebook page and on WSCA On Deck. We offer Arabian specific classes with all breeds welcome! The high point awards at both shows are guaranteed to be something special!**

**Sponsorships are the financial backbone of our shows. We are open to business or personal sponsorships and are grateful for each one.**

**Congratulations to our members with 2026 foals!**

**Please visit our website for news, events, pictures or forms.**

**Happy trails,**

*Jean Liestman*  
**Noble President**



# Secretary's REPORT

## Noble Arabian Horse Association Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2026

Brekke Insurance Group, Litchfield, MN/Virtual

Board members present: Jean L., Jaime L., Darcie M., Brady L., Lily S., Audrey S., Marjorie S., & Missy B.  
Others present: Jeff L.

A potluck and fellowship was shared prior to the meeting.

**Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter by Jaime L. and second by Brady L.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jaime emailed the Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting. She reported the following:

### *LeSurer 4-H Horse Judging Team:*

- The replacement check was mailed, but has yet to post to our account.
- Confirmation was had that the check has been received and hopefully the transaction processed soon.

### *MEOA:*

- Jaime was paid \$75 for the judging clinic fee and gas. Due to the weather, travel was too unpredictable to attend, therefore, \$40.00 was paid back to the club for towards the gas money.

### *Program Awards:*

- The expenses have been paid for the 2025 Program awards.
- A donation of \$250 was received for the awards, which we are grateful for.

### *Shows:*

- Ribbons have been ordered and paid for. A donation of \$250.00 will be made towards the ribbons.
- The High point neck ribbons have been ordered and donated in full.
- High Point Awards are paid for and completed for the Obstacle show. The cost of the actual awards minus the customization were donated.
- Sponsorships received/deposited so far for both shows is: \$275.00.

### *Events:*

- The room rental for 4Bz was paid for the pizza party/game day.
- Enough money in donation was received to cover the cost of the pizza for our game day.
- The room rental deposit was mailed to the Opera House for the Christmas party.

### *Royalty:*

- Two hat crowns were ordered, one each for the Princess and Sweetheart.

### *General Club Expenses:*

- Taxes for 2025 have been completed, forms submitted, and the accountant has been paid for the tax prep fees.
- Zoom: Jean was reimbursed for zoom fees to cover 2026.
- Insurance: Our insurance agent has been contacted and the 2026 Noble event dates emailed to be included on our policy.

Brady made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report, and Darcie seconded this motion.

# Secretary's REPORT

## Noble Arabian Horse Association Meeting Minutes (continued)

### Committee Reports

*M.O.R.E & Promotional Programs:* There was a wonderful turn out for our awards presentation.

- The M.O.R.E. Program had 12 participants, who received embroidered vests for high point, embroidered baseball caps for the participants, and everyone received a custom puzzle.
- The Promotional Program had 5 participants. The high point winners received an embroidered jacket, while the participants received an embroidered baseball cap. All received a custom puzzle.

### *Royalty:*

- A formal crowning took place at our Game Day/Pizza Party.
- Hat crowns were ordered for the Princess and Sweetheart.
- Roses, leopard shirts and matching jewelry were donated.
- The Royalty plans to attend the MN Horse Expo on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### *Noble June Fun Show:*

- Awards have been ordered/paid for both for individual classes and the high point awards.
- Sponsorships are coming in, but we need to push to continue to gather class and show sponsorships.
- Volunteers are still needed. We do have some key spots filled, such as ring steward, gate person(s), office staff, and an announcer.
- Uncle Mark's Food Truck will be available.
- Jean will take care of reserving the mini biff.
- Darcie will assist with overseeing the silent auction. Donations are welcome any time.
- Jeff will work on the Google document form for pre-entries. Hard copy entries are also accepted and can be found on the website.

### *Noble August Extreme Obstacle Show:*

- Awards have been ordered/paid for both for individual classes and the high point awards.
- Sponsorships are coming in, but we need to push to continue to gather class and show sponsorships.
- Volunteers are still needed for a scribe, pattern reset, gate person, and parking.
- Although Uncle Mark's Food Truck, won't be there, they will still provide food.
- Jean will take care of reserving the mini biff.
- Darcie will assist with overseeing the silent auction. Donations are welcome any time.
- Forms can be found on the Noble website.

### Non-Horse Show Events:

- The Drive-In had few in attendance last year, but this could be offered again.
- An Escape Room in Annandale called Expanse is a possibility.

a. \$25/person for 1 hour

b. Max 4 people per room/8 rooms

c. Attached to Billy D's Crooked Tavern for those who are interested in "fellowship".

This could take place in July, which is in between our shows.

- Scheduling seems too difficult for attending a Haunted Trail/House this year.
- Audrey will be creating a member survey to be sent out via email. This survey will ask for feedback about events.

### October 3<sup>rd</sup> Trail Ride/Hike:

- This is scheduled for the Darwin-Dassel Park.
- It was discussed and decided that this would be combined with a Halloween/Harvest event. Those who choose maybe dress themselves/horses in costumes and a game or two will be provided for those to enjoy prior to or after the trail ride, or who stay back at camp during the ride/hike.

# Secretary's REPORT

## Noble Arabian Horse Association Meeting Minutes (continued)

### Committee Reports (continued):

#### Christmas Party:

- The deposit was mailed to the Opera House.
- This is a Wild West Themed party.
- There will be a potluck.
- A gift exchange, photo ops, and games will be part of the festivities.

### New Business

#### Membership Update: Jean L. reported on the current memberships.

- A few individuals have discussed joining or rejoining.

*Expo:* The Noble Royalty will be attending the MN Horse Expo on Saturday- April 25<sup>th</sup>. Promotional materials will be brought with to perhaps be put on the booth as beings we are a Region 10 club.

*Newsletter Mailings:* Jean L. suggested that we offer a hard copy mailing to those members who don't have access to view our newsletter online. This will be included in the member survey.

### Old Business

*MN Horse Council, Arabians Unplugged, & WCSA:* The Noble shows are listed with all three of these organizations/clubs.

- The Fat Bald Cowboy podcast has members and with those funds from membership and an additional sponsor, a donation of \$500 was voted on by the "herd" members to be given to the Arabians Unplugged Group.

*Region 10 Report:* There was not much to report on since our last Noble board meeting.

*Sound System:* Marjorie made the motion to have Jaime purchase a new sound system with Noble reimbursing her. Audrey seconded this motion.

#### Clinics:

- Virtual Pedigree Research Seminar with Jim Robbins was further discussed. Jim would prefer this to take on a Sunday afternoon. Possibly in November of 2026 or January/February 2027.
- Dave Genadek offers video seminars on a saddle fit for a reasonable cost. This is something that as a club we could look at offering in the future.
- Conformation: Form to Function Part II was further discussed about holding this in 2027.

*Overnight Trail Ride:* Brady offered up the idea of Noble holding an overnight trail ride, possibly at Sibley State Park for sometime in 2026.

*July Meeting Location:* This meeting will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> both at Brekke Insurance Group and virtually.

Jaime made the motion with Brady seconding the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:41.

*Jaime Lieberman*  
**Secretary Pro-Tem**



# M.O.R.E

MOMENTS OF RECOGNITION & ENJOYMENT

*Program*

## PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

***Jaime Liestman***

Champion Arabian Category

Champion Open Category

***Steve Simenson***

Reserve Champion Arabian Category

Reserve Champion Open Category

## AMATEUR DIVISION

***Audrey Schleper***

Champion Arabian Category

***Gretchen Schleper***

Reserve Champion Arabian Category

***Brady Larson***

Champion General Category

Participant Arabian Category

***Jeanne Ann Woolcott***

Reserve Champion General Category

Participant Arabian Category

***Darcie Michaelis***

Participant Arabian Category

***Dianne Sobania***

Participant General Category

## YOUTH DIVISION

***Westin Sonsalla***

Champion Arabian Category

Participant General Category

***Lily Schlangen***

Reserve Champion Arabian Category

Reserve Champion General Category

***Ella Schrupp***

Champion General Category

Participant Arabian Category



**Jaime Liestman**



**Steve Simenson**



**Audrey Schleper**



**Gretchen Schleper**



**Brady Larson**



**Jeanne Ann Woolcott**



**Westin Sonsalla**



**Lily Schlangen**



**Ella Schrupp**



**Dianne Sobania & Darcie Michaelis**



**M.O.R.E. Group**



**The Schleper Gals**



**High Point Vests**



**Custom Puzzles**



# *Promotional* **PROGRAM**

***Marjorie Schleper***  
Champion Adult

***Kandelle Olson***  
Reserve Champion Adult

***Ella Malesheski***  
Champion Youth

***Lily Schlangen***  
Reserve Champion Youth

***Westin Sonsalla***  
Participant Youth



**Majorie Schleper**



**Kandelle Olson**



**Ella Malesheski**



**Lily Schlangen**



**Westin Sonsalla**



**High Point Jackets**



**Caps**



**Promotional Group**



**Awards Display**

# GAMES



AND

# PIZZA



# FOAL

## Announcements

### **RF THE OPTIMIST**

Foaled: February 26, 2026

Half - Arabian Colt

Bay Tobiano Pinto

Sire: RF Samaritan

Dam: RF Gamaara

Owned By: Reflection Farm



### **RF MARTY SUPREME**

Foaled: April 8, 2026

Arabian Type Colt

Bay Tobiano Pinto

Sire: RF Samaritan

Dam: Spots Afyre

Owned By: Reflection Farm

*Congratulations to our members  
on their exciting new arrivals!*



# NOBLE ALL BREED FUN SHOW

Saturday - June 13, 2026 /9:00 AM  
Location: Reflection Farm - Litchfield, MN  
Judge: Ruby Kennedy

Participating Show

**OFFICE FEE: \$10.00/Person ~ ENTRY FEE: \$5.00/Class OR \$40.00/Flat Fee show all day per person**

Contact: Jean Liestman - 320-434-0686/reflectionfarm@msn.com  
Jaime Liestman - 320-434-0273/jimmyjuneL@hotmail.com

### BREAK

1. Simplified Obstacle Ground Driving
2. Open Driving - Class will be placed as one
  - a. 54" & Under
  - b. Over 54"
3. Open 2 Years & Under Halter, All Sexes
4. Arabian Halter, All Ages/Sexes
5. Half Arabian Halter, All Ages/Sexes
6. Pleasure Type Halter, All Ages/Sexes
7. Stock Type Halter, All Ages/Sexes
8. Pony Halter Over 38"-54", All Ages/Sexes
9. Miniature Horse Halter 38" & Under, All Ages/Sexes
10. Youth 18 & Under, Halter, All Ages/Sexes
11. Open Horse Color
12. Pony Color Over 38"-54", All Ages/Sexes
13. Miniature Horse Color 38" & Under, All Ages/Sexes
14. Most Classic Arabian Head
15. Most Classic Arabian, Halter
16. Most Classic Part-Arabian, Halter
17. Halter Showmanship, 18 & Under
18. Halter Showmanship, 19 & Over
19. Groundwork/Lunge line Pattern
20. Arabian/Half-Arabian Liberty (2 min)
21. Horse Liberty (2 min)
22. Pony Liberty Over 38"-54", All Ages/Sexes (2 min)
23. Miniature Horse Liberty 38" & Under, All Ages/Sexes (1.5 min)

24. Open Novelty Costume
25. Walk/Trot Bareback
26. Leadline, 10 & Under
27. Walk Trot/Jog Pleasure, Open
28. Walt Trot/Jog Equitation/Horsemanship, Open
29. Arabian & Half Arabian English Pleasure, All English Seats\*\*
30. Pleasure, Open
31. Equitation/Horsemanship, Open
32. Arabian & Half Arabian, Western Pleasure \*\*
33. Discipline Rail, Open
34. Ranch Rail, Open
35. Ride-A-Buck (with saddle), Open
36. Egg & Spoon, Open

### BREAK

37. Walk Trot/Jog Trail, Open
38. Trail, Open
39. Obstacle Driving, Open
40. In-Hand Trail, Open
41. In-Hand Jumping, Open

- **Classes can be English, Western or a combination of training equipment, unless specified.**
- **Classes with \*\* require appropriate tack for that class (no training equipment).**
- **Unless noted, performance classes are canter/lope classes.**
- **Arabian specific classes follow Arabians Unplugged rules (professionals are exhibition only).**
- **Open classes are open to all exhibitors and breeds.**
- **Exhibitor needs to supply music for all Liberty classes.**
- **Negative Coggins required.**

Show is held weather permitting  
Make up show date: September 12th

## HIGH POINT AWARDS

- Overall Grand Champion Horse
- Overall Reserve Champion Horse
- Overall Grand Champion Small Equine
- Overall Reserve Champion Small Equine
- Grand Champion Senior Exhibitor
- Reserve Champion Senior Exhibitor
- Grand Champion Junior Exhibitor
- Reserve Champion Junior Exhibitor

# HAVE A BLAST EXTREME OBSTACLE SHOW



## ALL BREEDS WELCOME

**Saturday - August 22, 2026**

**Location: Reflection Farm - Litchfield, MN**

**Judge: Jaime Liestman**

*8:30-9:00 Riding/In-Hand Practice*

*9:00-9:30 Driving/Ground Driving Practice*

**10:00 Competition Start Time**

**Show is held weather permitting**

**Make up show date: September 12th**



1. Open Horse Driving, 8 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
2. Open Pony (Over 38"-54") Driving, 8 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
3. Open Miniature (38" & Under) Driving, 8 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
4. Open Horse Ground Driving, 8 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
5. Open Pony (Over 38"-54") Ground Driving, 8 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
6. Open Miniature (38" & Under) Ground Driving, 8 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit

### BREAK

7. Adult, 10 Obstacles
8. Adult, 10 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
9. Adult, Arabian/Half-Arabian, 10 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
10. Youth, 8 Obstacles
11. Youth, 8 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
12. Youth, Arabian/Half-Arabian, 8 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
13. Adult Showcase, 10 Obstacles, 3-minute time limit
14. Youth Showcase, 8 Obstacles, 3-minute time limit
15. Open Freestyle, 10 Obstacles, 3-minute time limit

### BREAK

16. Adult, In-Hand, 8 Obstacles, 5 minute time limit
17. Youth, In-Hand, 8 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
18. Open, Arabian/Half-Arabian In-Hand, 8 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
19. Open, Pony (Over 38"-54") In-Hand, 8 Obstacles, 5-minute time limit
20. Open, Miniature (38" & Under) In-Hand, 8 Obstacles, 5- minute time limit

**Contact:**  
**Jean Liestman**  
**320-434-0686**  
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**Participating Show**

### ENTRY FEES:

-  **Exhibitor: Practice FREE**
-  **Non-Exhibitor: Practice \$25.00 (No office fee)**
-  **Office Fee: \$5.00 per person**
-  **Class Fee: \$10.00 per horse/handler/rider combo**

- **Classes can be English, Western or a combination of training equipment, unless specified.**
- **Adult Classes are 19 & Over.**
- **Youth Classes are 18 & Under.**
- **Arabian specific classes follow Arabians Unplugged rules (professionals are exhibition only).**
- **Open classes are open to any age exhibitor.**
- **Exhibitor needs to supply music for the Freestyle class.**
- **Negative Coggins required.**

### HIGH POINT AWARDS

**CHAMPION SENIOR**  
**RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR**  
**CHAMPION YOUTH**  
**RESERVE CHAMPION YOUTH**



# CONSIDER BEING A SPONSOR

**JUNE 13, 2026**  
**NOBLE ALL BREED  
FUN SHOW**

**AUGUST 22, 2026**  
**NOBLE ALL BREED  
EXTREME OBSTACLE SHOW**



## NOBLE ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION of MINNESOTA

### Class Sponsorship Form

The Noble Arabian Horse Association of Minnesota appreciates your support of our show. By being a sponsor, you will receive the following:  
Your name/business name will be announced during the show. As well as displayed on a flyer at the show, listed in our official newsletter, on our website and on social media. Show Sponsors will have a banner displayed of their business/product, if provided by them.  
Class Sponsor fee: \$25 OR Show Sponsor fee: \$100 or more

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Class(es) Name and number
#1 NAME: _____
_____
_____
_____
_____

Classes sponsored X \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Show Sponsor X \$100 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the type of class you would like to sponsor:  
Halter \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_ Western \_\_\_\_\_ Miscellaneous \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to: Noble Arabian Horse Association of MN (NOBLE)  
Mail to: Jaime Liestman - 61650 320th St. Litchfield, MN 55355

*You can be a sponsor  
at one or both shows!*

*Class Sponsor: \$25  
Show Sponsor: \$100*

Your name/business name will be announced at the show, listed on a flyer displayed at the show, listed in the Noble Express Newsletter, on the Noble website, and on social media.

In addition, Show Sponsors can provide a banner or sign to be displayed at the show!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Class(es) Name and number

#:	NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_ Classes sponsored X \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Show Sponsor X \$100 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOBLE  
ARABIAN  
HORSE ASSOCIATION of MINNESOTA

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# FEATURED MEMBER

## Joe Diminick

**NOBLE would like to introduce our oldest member, Joe Diminick. At 92, his love for the Arabian horse is still intense. He loves to "talk horses" and be around horse people.**

**His knowledge of the Arabian horse breed and the Welsh pony breed is extensive.**

**His first Arabian was EL HIJAZ, a 1966 young grey stallion (later gelded) who was bred by Bazy Tankersley from Al Marah Arabians. Joe purchased him from Charles Prange of Tuckwimensing Farm in Pennsylvania, who stood \*SILVER VANITY at stud after importation from the United Kingdom. EL HIJAZ was sired by \*COUNT DORSAZ , also imported from England.**

**NOBLE president, Jean Liestman, first met Joe in 2000 when he bred his registered Welsh mare to Reflection Farm's Arabian stallion, TALI SAHIB. Theirs has been a lasting friendship. Joe makes frequent trips from Waconia to Litchfield to get his horse fix and is a wonderful supporter of the NOBLE club.**

**Thank you, Joe!**



# MEMBER SURVEY

## Noble Non-Horse Show Activity Survey

Please complete this short survey to help us plan non-horse show activities that are the most appealing to our members!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The Noble Express (our newsletter) has info about all of our events. Would you like to receive a hard copy of that newsletter? (It is published online on our website, on our Facebook page, and is emailed out as well).

- Yes
- No

What time of year would be best for you to attend a non-horse show Noble event?\*

- Summer
- Fall
- Winter

What type of event would you be the most interested in attending?\*

- Drive-in movie
- Escape room
- Tour (Arabian breeding and/or training facility or other)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

A link to this questionnarie will be emailed to Noble members. If you choose to send your answers via mail or email, that is acceptable.

Mail to: Jean Liestman - 61650 320<sup>th</sup> St. Litchfield, MN 55355

Email: noblearabianmn@gmail.com

MARK YOUR

# Calendar

**June 13, 2026**

Noble All Breed Fun Show at Reflection Farm, Litchfield, MN

**August 22, 2026**

Noble Have A Blast All Breed Obstacle Show at  
Reflection Farm, Litchfield, MN

**October 3, 2026**

Noble Trail Ride at Reflection Farm, Litchfield, MN

**December 5, 2026**

Noble Wild West Themed Christmas Party & General  
Membership Meeting @ The Litchfield Opera House

***Watch the Noble Website and FB page for additional events!***

