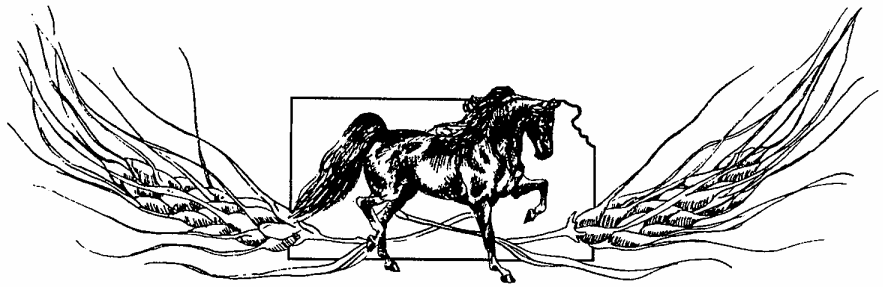


The WHEAT STATEMENT



March 2006

The Official Newsletter of the Wheat State Morgan Horse Association ♦ Published Monthly

Member News

Submitted by Roger & Ellen Berry

Wheat State member Karrie Brashear, Senior in Animal Science, was named first runner-up for the title of Miss Rodeo K-State Queen at the 50th Annual K-State Rodeo in Manhattan on Saturday, February 25.

Karrie competed against three other contestants in five areas: horsemanship, modeling, speech, interview and written test. Karrie won the speech portion, with a three-minute talk on famous rodeo announcer Hadley Barrett. She competed in the horsemanship/reining pattern phase on her Morgan mare Bellerina Gates (Fergie), where she was judged on how she controlled her horse, mounting and dismounting, and accuracy in riding the pattern. Karrie rode other horses in the flag run and Queen's run.

Karrie took the ten-page written test on rodeo rules and regulations and horses and tack. The personal interview included questions on her

life and activities, rodeo knowledge, and knowledge of current events and people in society. She modeled a western dress to music in the modeling division.

The contest, held in mid-February, was judged by a three-member panel of current and former Kansas and K-State Rodeo Queens. As first runner-up, Karrie will make several appearances at rodeos across Kansas this year.

CONGRATULATIONS KARRIE!

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 11, 2006 at the home of Bill & Sharmin Podlena.

Bill & Sharmin's address is 5516 N 135th St W and their phone number is 316-722-5318.

Covered dish supper and meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Website Updated

Be sure to check out new look of the website. It is still a work in progress, but look for it to be completed in the next couple of weeks. Newsletters are posted there, there will be a membership form also.

Closer to the show, you will find all relevant show information there, such as the premium book, entry blank, news, show results and more.

www.wheatstatemorgan.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- March 11, 2006 **Wheat State Morgan Horse Association Monthly Meeting**
Dinner 6:30 p.m. Home of Bill & Sharmin Podlena
- April 29-30, 2006 **FLINT OAK TRAIL RIDE**
Contact: Paul Banzet 316-777-9942
- June 8-11, 2006 **WHEAT STATE REGIONAL MORGAN HORSE SHOW**
Kansas Coliseum Wichita, KS Contact: Peggy Hatfield 316-755-0395
- June 29-July 1, 2006 **STARS & STRIPES BENEFIT HORSE SHOW**
Kansas Coliseum Wichita, KS Contact: Kelly McFaul 316-722-4013
- June 30-July 2, 2006 **HERITAGE CLASSIC**
Henderson County Fairgrounds Athens, TX Contact: Georgie Green 972-727-3663
- August 3-6, 2006 **TULSA SUMMER CLASSIC**
Expo Square Tulsa, OK Contact: Kelly McFaul 316-722-4013
- October 7-14, 2006 **GRAND NATIONAL & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MORGAN HORSE SHOW**
Oklahoma City, OK Contact: Peggy Hatfield 316-755-0395



2006 Wheat State Morgan Horse Association Officers

Cindy Mullen President
Joan Kennedy 1st Vice-President
Ron Connell 2nd Vice-President
Ellen Berry Secretary
Tim Mullen Treasurer

Board of Directors

Paul Banzet
Carolyn Fleming
Jerry Hatfield
Winona Myers
Cheryl Phillippi

Wheat State Morgan Horse Association monthly meetings are generally held the second Saturday of each month. Time and place are published in this newsletter.

The Wheat Statement is the official monthly newsletter of the Wheat State Morgan Horse Association. Classified ads are free to Wheat State members.

To submit news or place an ad, contact:

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no later than the 23rd of each month.

Meeting News

Wheat State Morgan Horse Association February 11, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The February meeting began with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jerry and Peggy Hatfield. Those in attendance included: Bill and Sharman Podlena, Ellen Haig, Stan and Kim Howard, Jerry and Peggy Hatfield, Tim and Cindy Mullen, Carolyn Fleming, Zandra McIntosh, Kelly McFaul, Roger and Ellen Berry, and Paul Banzet.

Cindy asked for a motion to approve the January minutes as published in the newsletter. Bill moved to approve the minutes and Ellen H. seconded. Motion passed.

Tim was asked to give the treasurer's report. He stated that as of January 17, 2006, the club's Checking Account had a balance of \$1,608.35 and the Show Account had a balance of \$10,298.60.

Tim gave a report from the Executive Meeting held earlier in the evening. This meeting's goal was to establish a workable club budget for 2006. Expenses included: Newsletters - \$317; Sponsorships - \$200; Dues - \$90; Club Functions - \$50; Directories - \$260. Tim stressed that paid memberships would be critical to cover these expenses.

As a result of entertaining possible expenses in the upcoming year, the fate of the club website was discussed. Kelly shared that she would be changing hosts which would cost \$38. She also shared that, as a total update of the site is in order, she would ask approximately \$200 in compensation. Most agreed the website is valuable to the club. Stan moved we accept the treasurer's report and update the web page, Carolyn seconded. Motion passed.

Cindy reported the club is covered by insurance for EquiFest. She asked if the club was comfortable continuing with Blue Bridle insurance. This year's premium would run \$450 - \$500. This is an increase from last year as there was no show last year. The company wondered if the club would like to add Terrorist coverage but no interest was shown by club members.

Winona Myers sent a communication in which she shared the cost of the display ordered from AMHA for EquiFest would total \$86.00. Winona stated she would be picking up the cost for enlarging photos. Members were encouraged to participate in working the booth at EquiFest and should contact Winona or Ron Connell to sign up for specific times.

Members were reminded to make their reservations for the Flint Oak weekend April 29, 30. Paul would appreciate a call by the third week of April if a reservation is desired. Discussion occurred surrounding the April/May club meetings as many club members will be gathering for the April weekend at Flint Oak and conflicts were anticipated for the second Saturday of May. Bill moved we dispense with the April meeting and hold the club's May meeting on May 6, Kelly seconded. Motion passed.

Paul gave a brief show report. He stated that Fern Bittner had agreed to be steward but the job of barn manager was still open. Lora Connell will be doing ribbons while Peggy Hatfield was in charge of trophies. Paul and Katie Studebaker would be sending out letters to solicit sponsorships. Cindy reported she had the caterers lined up and Ellen B. shared she could always use more Silent Auction items. Paul reported that acquiring blocks of hotel rooms continued to be a challenge. Kelly stated that Cheryl Manahan might have a connection to get rooms at the Marriott for officials. Cheryl needed to know how many rooms were needed. Peggy agreed to contact her. Ellen H. thought she could persuade Sweet Adelines to perform the anthem for at least one night.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11 at the home of Bill and Sharmin Podlena. Ellen H. won the night's door prize of Valentine M&M's. Bill moved the meeting adjourn and Peggy seconded; the club thanked Jerry and Peggy for hosting and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted- Ellen Berry

SHI Announces first-ever Charity Trail Ride in Kansas, June 23-25, 2006!

COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS – Horse Theft didn't ride out with the Old West. Today, it's a growing business. But there's a new Sheriff in town, and she's not alone! She has thousands of deputies and they are all hot on the trail of these horse thieves.

Debi Metcalfe, founder of Stolen Horse International, Inc. and her NetPosse Volunteers invite you to ride on behalf of SHI/NetPosse in Kansas, June 23-25, 2006. No, we aren't actually pursuing the "bad guys", but the proceeds from this first-ever SHI Charity Trail Ride will fund the efforts of NetPosse.

Paid participants will also have the option of having their horses Microchipped for FREE by Kansas State University – College of Veterinary Medicine and/or freeze branded for a nominal fee by expert brander, Debora Godbey.

Another exciting part of this fundraiser is a Foal Raffle! Debora Godbey has generously donated an AQHA dun yearling colt!

More Information: [www.netposse.com/
kansasbenefittrailridepressrelease.htm](http://www.netposse.com/kansasbenefittrailridepressrelease.htm)

Web site: www.netposse.com/SHI_Trail_Ride.htm

Help make this event a huge success! Pass this to your friends, list groups, etc and ask them to do the same. Ride is limited to 200 participants.

For more information on Stolen Horse International and its programs, visit the website at www.netposse.com.

Stolen Horse International is a Section 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

Contributions to it are tax-deductible as charitable gifts

Equifest Report

Submitted by Winona Myers

Wheat State Club members did a great job of enthusiastically working our breed booth. We had the opportunity to meet with several Morgan owners who are not members and encouraged them to join. The pictures of our club members and local horses displayed on the table and the pictures from AMHA displayed on the backdrop gave visitors a good idea of Morgan versatility.

Carolyn Fleming added some much needed trees and garland which are not shown in the picture unfortunately. Thanks Carolyn! Rod took an afternoon off to set it all up so all I had to do was supervise. Thanks Rod!

Ron Connell did the scheduling of workers - Thanks Ron and everyone who helped!



Memories

WSMHA history note -- Our club has such a rich history. Winona Myers has graciously agreed to write a paragraph or two about some great memories. I invite anyone who has a memory they would like to share to either send it to Winona or me so we can include it.

As we get ready for the Morgan show in June I was remembering how different it used to be when we had it in Salina. Guys from the club had to go up several days ahead and set up all of the stalls!! Paul Howard, Leo Lindner, Rod Myers, and others not only had to put them up but also take them down. Members would travel to Salina weeks before the show to sell advertising for our program. Paul O'Connor made arrangements for us to use a tractor from the local farm supply store where he worked and a club member had to pick it up and drive it back to the show grounds and then work the arena and of course drive it back after the show. The secretary's office was a fold up table placed in the arena in front of the bleachers - very accessible and a great seat for watching the show. Of course there were no computers, air conditioning or cell phones. I think if you ask any members who worked at the show or showed they will tell you that we had a great time - of course we were much younger then. - Winona Myers