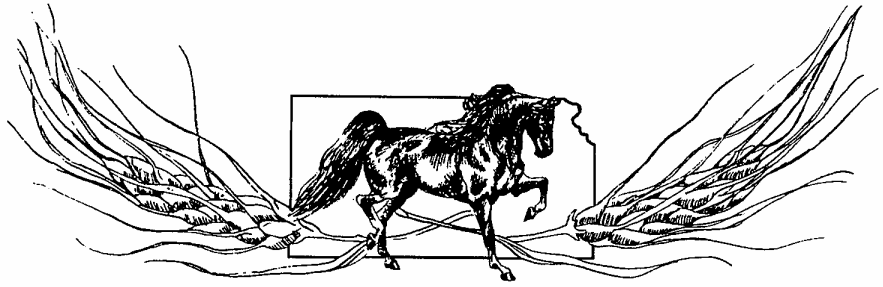


The WHEAT STATEMENT



December 2007

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Christmas Party & Meeting

You don't want to miss the WSMHA Christmas dinner and gift exchange this coming Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the home of Bill and Sharman Podlena, 5516 N 135th St W, Maize KS (316) 722-5318. Bring your favorite Christmas dish(s) and your own table service. Drinks will be provided.

Our potluck dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by our usual rousing Chinese gift exchange. To participate, bring the most clever and appropriate gift you can come up with without spending a chunk of change! Some of our members are creative but those of us who can't make much more than a mess try to spend in the neighborhood of \$10. Whatever.....if it is clever, it will be fun! The only order of business will be the election of the new officers, so bring your marked ballots (in this issue).



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Morgan Rider in the News

Gracing the front page of the Nov. 26 *Wichita Eagle* Local & State News was an article about Emily Buchanan's great wins at the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show. She capped her many accomplishments by winning the UPHA Senior Challenge Cup Equitation and the Senior Saddle Seat Equitation World Championship. Emily has trained with Cheryl Manahan at Wichita Riding Academy. It was nice to see equine coverage in the paper, and there was good publicity for the Morgan breed!

New Newsletter Editor

Bill Podlena has agreed to be the Wheat Statement Editor, starting with the February issue. Bill (modestly) describes himself as an "introverted engineer", so he earnestly solicits the help of the membership. A good newsletter is key to the vitality of the club. Let's everyone solicit news and send it to Bill in a timely fashion.

Dues Are Due

From Treasurer Joan Kennedy: The December meeting would be good time to turn in your completed membership form and dues payment to Treasurer Joan Kennedy. Your dues cover costs of our web site and newsletter and are important to the support of WSMHA. Early payment will enable us to get a head start on publishing a 2008 Membership Directory. Please be sure to note any horses for sale on your membership form. Wouldn't it be great to have all the information in and dues paid and ad copy available so the directory can be available for EquiFest in February? Very difficult to accomplish but if each member either brought or mailed their paperwork by December 8, it could be done. Mail to: Joan Kennedy, 12 Quail Valley, Garden Plain, KS 67050

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- December 8, 2007 **WHEAT STATE MORGAN HORSE ASSN REGULAR MEETING**
Bill & Sharman Podlena 5516 N 135th St W Maize, KS 67101
316-722-5318. 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 29—March 2, 2008 **EQUIFEST OF KANSAS**
Kansas Coliseum, Park City, KS
- May 8—11, 2008 **RED RIVER CLASSIC**
Ardmore, Oklahoma
Contact Georgie Green, Wndplace@aol.com
- June 12—15, 2008 **WHEAT STATE REGIONAL MORGAN HORSE SHOW**
Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, KS
Contact Paul Banzet, 2930 E 111th St Mulvane, KS 67110 316 777-9942
- July 3—5, 2008 **HERITAGE CLASSIC**
Henderson County Fairgrounds Athens, TX
Contact Peggy Hatfield, peggyhat@aol.com
- July 9—13, 2008 **CIRCLE J REGIONAL MORGAN HORSE SHOW**
Denver, CO
Contact Kelly McFaul, kellymcfa@aol.com
- July 31—Aug. 3, 2008 **TULSA SUMMER CLASSIC**
Tulsa State Fairgrounds
Contact Kelly McFaul, kellymcfa@aol.com
- October 4—11, 2008 **GRAND NATIONAL & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MORGAN HORSE SHOW**
Contact Peggy Hatfield, 2215 E. 93rd St. N. Valley Center, KS 67147
peggyhat@aol.com



2007 Wheat State Morgan Horse Association Officers

Cindy Mullen President
Bill Podlena 1st Vice-President
Ron Connell 2nd Vice-President
Ellen Berry Secretary
Joan Kennedy 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 for January, contact:

Peggy Hatfield
2215 E 93rd St N
Valley Center, KS 67147
316-755-1707
Fax 316-755-0395
Peggyhat@aol.com

no later than the 23rd of December

Meeting News

Wheat State Morgan Horse Association November 10, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The November meeting of the Wheat State Morgan Horse Association was called to order by Cindy Mullen following a potluck at the home of Jerry and Peggy Hatfield. Those in attendance included members: Bill and Sharman Podlena, Carolyn Fleming, Zandra McIntosh, Roger and Ellen Berry, Cindy Mullen, Jerry and Peggy Hatfield, and Joan Kennedy. Cindy asked for a motion to approve the August minutes. Peggy moved to approve the minutes and Bill seconded. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report was given by Joan. She reminded the club that half the profits from the show were designated for AMHI and, in compliance, she had written a check to AMHI for \$1262.00. Joan reported the Show Account balance, as of the August 15 statement, was \$14,656.69 with \$1422.00 in checks still outstanding. Resulting balance for the Show Account is \$13,234.69. Joan shared \$40 of this should be in the Club Account and she will straighten that out. The Club Account currently sits at \$691.47. Bill moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Peggy seconded. Motion passed.

Cindy reported on the recent Executive Committee meeting which had addressed the pros and cons regarding a 2008 Wheat State Morgan Horse Show. Many topics were discussed including: Hutchinson's continued efforts to make their venue exhibitor friendly with more stalls and wash bays; Wichita's convenient location but concerns about expenses. In breaking down costs, it was determined the Coliseum would more than likely cost no less than \$13,000 with the State Fairgrounds costing half of that. Insurance costs would be the same. Added expenses would be the hiring of a show secretary and, in the case of Hutchinson, possibly after hours Fairgrounds employees. Paul Banzet agreed to be show manager with Bill Podlena assisting as needed. Winona Myers took on the job of heading up the Silent Auction. Discussion was held concerning moving Dressage to Wednesday. This move would not affect costs. It would give more arena time for pre-show exercising to performance horses. Simplifying the Center Ring for easier set-up and tear-down was also discussed. Result of the Executive Committee meeting was Cheryl Phillippi made the motion that Hutchinson would be the most viable location for the 2008 Wheat State Morgan Horse Show and Carolyn Fleming seconded. The motion passed. The 2008 show date is June 12 – 15, possibly extended to June 11 for Dressage. Cindy welcomes any individuals who want specific jobs connected with the show and encourages them to contact members of the Show Committee.

Cindy shared she had received notice of a change in rules regarding shows. Regional shows are no longer limited to Morgans. Shows may wish to open up specific classes (for instance: Driving, Dressage, or Reining) to other breeds. It would be up to individual shows to decide whether the possible financial benefits would outweigh the potential hassles.

Carolyn proposed that the letter soliciting sponsorships and advertising for the 2008 Wheat State Morgan Horse Show be sent out in January or February. She pointed out that most business budgets are set early so the show might benefit from early notification. Carolyn also asked whether the carts / gators that are used at the show are donated or rented. She'd be willing to check out options in the Hutchinson area if the Show Committee would like her to.

Cindy called for a slate of officers to be published this month for December voting by members. A nominating committee consisting of Bill Podlena, Ellen Berry, and Joan Kennedy was appointed.

Peggy asked the club if they wished to donate a \$100 sponsorship to the Grand National again this year. Bill moved to send the \$100 sponsorship, Carolyn seconded. Motion passed.

Cindy encouraged club members to feel free to propose any club activities or programs they would find interesting or fun. The annual Christmas party / meeting will be December 8, 2007 at the home of Bill and Sharman Podlena. The club can look forward to a potluck and vigorous gift exchange.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting, Carolyn seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Berry

FREE!! Men's size L, raglan sleeve, zip front grey windbreaker jacket bearing the 1997 Grand National Morgan Horse Show Silver Celebration logo.
FREE!! Men's size L, raglan sleeve zip front, navy blue windbreaker jacket bearing the Grand National Morgan Horse Show logo. No lead in this jacket! It is "Made in USA of 65% polyester, 35% cotton. How cool is that?
Free to the first "bidder." Pay mailing costs only. *Contact Joan Kennedy at 316-531-2678.*

2008 WHEAT STATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Website _____

Services (lessons, training, etc.) _____

MEMBERSHIP RATES

- FAMILY (two votes) \$30
- INDIVIDUAL (one vote) \$15
- YOUTH (16 & under, no vote) \$ 5

_____ Horse listings @ 50¢ ea. \$ _____

Directory Advertising _____ @ \$35 \$ _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Check here if you wish to receive this letter via e-mail instead of snail mail.
 (Newsletter will be in pdf format, you need Adobe Reader to open the file. This is a free download from Adobe.com)



Include your check payable to Wheat State Morgan Horse Association in the appropriate amount and mail to:

**Joan Kennedy
 12 Quail Valley.
 Garden Plain, KS 67050**

Directory/website advertising—full page, camera ready only—\$35 each.

Include your Registered Morgans in our directory/website—50¢ each

Attach sheet for additional horses. Note horses for sale with * and standing at stud with X.

Name _____ Yr. Of Birth _____ Color _____ Sex _____

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Wheat State Morgan Horse Association

2008 Officers

PRESIDENT

(Write-In Candidates)

Paul Banzet

SECRETARY

Ellen Berry

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Cindy Mullen

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Ron Connell

TREASURER

Joan Kennedy

DIRECTORS

Bill Podlana

Carolyn Fleming

Jerry Hatfield

Winona Myers

Cheryl Phillippi

Signature _____

Please mail to: Cindy Mullen
6718 N 135th St W
Colwich, KS 67030

or bring to December meeting