

February 4, 2019

Hello Members and Friends,

### **Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting was held Sat., January 5, 2019, at Chatters Restaurant and Bar in Monticello. 13 members and one guest attended (including Board members). Marv Meyer entertained us with a slide show of the guided tour he and Jan did in Ireland with Dan Casey's group this past fall. Marv also read us a couple original poems, and Jan added humorous comments from the sidelines. Thank you, Marv and Jan.

Although Dan Casey was unable to attend the meeting, he has informed me that if anyone is interested in taking an Ireland tour with his group, he will be glad to accommodate you! Dan does plan to attend the Crow-Hassan camping event in May so you can discuss with him then or contact me for his contact info.

### **Elections**

Chuck Hauser and Sharon Gallagher were both re-elected to their Board positions, Treasurer and Director at Large, respectively.

### **Membership Renewals**

**MAPFHA membership** switched to the calendar year cycle starting in January, so annual renewals are due (send to Chuck according to the attached form).

**PFHA** also now follows the calendar year, and they are offering a new **Recreational Rider membership** level for a reduced cost from full membership. Although the PFHA website nor renewal form don't yet indicate the new level and fee, an 11/12/18 email from the Rec. Rider Committee Chair states:

*The PFHA Board of Directors have finally approved a price for the Recreational Rider membership. It was unanimously approved to be **\$35 RR Membership fee.***

*This membership allows you access to the PFHA website Members section. It allows you to participate in all the Recreational Rider programs. It DOES NOT include the magazine subscription, any breeding rights or the ability to show in a sanctioned PFHA show.*

*Please share this with your members and Paso owners.*

*Thank you*

*Judi Bradbury*

I've emailed the PFHA officers and committee asking them to update the forms or inform us how to indicate this new membership level on our renewals. Stay tuned. I want to renew at this level, too, and will notify you when or how we can do this.

You may, of course, still choose to be a **full** PFHA member. PFHA membership is separate from MAPFHA membership but required for MAPFHA Board Member positions. PFHA recently emailed renewal notices or you can renew through the website.

<https://www.pfha.org/index.php/member-login/join-pfha/>

### **Expo 2019**

MAPFHA will participate again at the MN Horse Expo the last weekend in April 2019 at the MN State Fairgrounds in St. Paul. Currently five members and their Paso Finos will perform: Tracy Porter and

Shirley May from WI, Jan Meyer, Erica Woyctke and Lynda Zimmerman. Our events will be held Fri., Sat. and Sunday, and we hope you will come out to watch and support our favorite breed, the Paso Finos!

### **Crow-Hassan Season Kick-off**

The MAPFHA will again host the Trail Season Kick-off at Crow-Hassan Regional Park, Rogers, MN, on **Mother's Day weekend, May 10-11**, and pay for camping Friday and Saturday nights (FREE camping). Daily trail passes can be purchased at the trailhead kiosk (\$6) or seasonal passes purchased in advance through the website (\$35). Guests will be welcome for a nominal fee; **potluck Sat. night**. Trails are usually in great shape there, and it's often early enough to beat the bugs. There is a shelter available for our potluck if it rains, but we've been able to hold the potluck outdoors by the campfire the past 3-4 years. Please join us for camping and/or riding for the weekend, the day or just come for the potluck if you can. We have reserved the **Blue Stem Campground** from 3 p.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Sunday; members do not have to pay for camping, just a park trail pass.

This event is open to all members, and the membership indicated a willingness to continue supporting the event. For 2020, however, we will look at alternate weekends or timeframes since Mother's Day weekend is often overly busy.

### **Fall Camping/Riding Event**

Jim and Susan Bartels extended another invitation to our group to camp and trail ride at their farm near Rochester this fall. Dates the members agreed upon are **Thurs. through Sunday, Sept. 26-29**. As with last fall, we will plan a potluck at least for Saturday night, but we may also share other meals in their cozy pole barn. ☺ Camping is primitive, but electricity is available for camper plug in; a small cabin is also available on a first-come, first-served basis. Four stalls, two round pens and limited pasture are available; bring your own hay. There are no camping fees; however, we do ask everyone to make a donation to compensate the Bartels for their hospitality and expenses.

Last Labor Day weekend, several of us had a great time socializing and riding the hills, woods and fields, and crossing the creeks multiple times. Jim and Susan Bartels are warm, welcoming hosts, and their trails are always in great shape thanks to Jim's efforts. It was a relaxing weekend with good friends, good food, great riding and a few fun games, too.

Stay warm and safe through this crazy winter, and we hope to see you at Crow-Hassan in May!

*Lynda Zimmerman, President*

On behalf of your Mid America PFHA Board of Directors:  
Chuck Hauser, Treasurer and Membership Coordinator  
Janice Meyer, Secretary  
Sharon Gallagher, Director at Large