



March  
2018

## Officers:

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Cathy Lewis - 2019  
Sharron Kenney - 2019  
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Nick Morrill – 2020  
Riley Morse – 2020  
Barb Ward – 2020

## Jr Director:

Maine Barrel Racing  
Association

# Maine Barrel Express

Official Newsletter of the Maine Barrel Racing Association

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## Next Meeting

April 7th @ 10:00 AM  
Maine Trail Riders Clubhouse  
Lunts Hill Rd, Litchfield, ME

## Calendar of Events and Dates of Interest:

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** – MEBRA Awards Banquet

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** – General Membership Meeting

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** - Clinic - Chris Lombard “Connecting with Horses” Shamrock Stables and Arena

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Clinic - Dr. Bonney from ABC Vet. Dr. Bonney will be here showing participants how to listen for gut sounds, take pulse rate, heartbeat, temperature along with many more need to know facts when you call your vet when your horse is not feeling well. (no horses required)

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** - Clinic - Sherrye Johnson-Trafton “Tune Up Your Horse” Shamrock Stables and Arena

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Knox Arena – 10:00 AM Start

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Clinic - Nathan Peoples “Pole Bending” Clinic Shamrock Stables and Arena

**May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** – Clinic - Nathan Peoples “ Barrel Racing” Shamrock Stables and Arena

**June 1, 2, & 3** – Clinic - Kerry Kuhn “ Horsemanship I and II Along with “CORNHOLE CHAMPIONSHIPS” Shamrock Stables and Arena

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** – Andwemet Farm – 10:00 AM Start

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** – (Tentative) Windsor Fairgrounds with NBHA 01, 02, & 03

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## Do you know?

**What is the highest price paid for a thoroughbred race horse at public auction?**

\$4 million, \$8 million, \$16 million, or \$24 million

Answer will be in next month's newsletter.

# Secretaries Report

General Membership Meeting

Date: February 3, 2018

Called to order: 10:20 AM

**Secretaries Report:** Was read and accepted. Motion made by Mary Etta Cyr and seconded by Maryann  
Passed

### **Treasurers Report:**

Maryann reported the current balance in the checking but that the amount would fluctuate some as there were still some awards not yet paid for. No changes, ok for filing.

She also stated that she would be collecting the money for the upcoming banquet and would contact Governors with the final head count as needed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Missy re-read the motion on the table from the February meeting regarding the increase of the individual donation amount for members to be eligible for year end awards. The motion reads as follows:

**Motion was made by Sharron Kenney to increase the individual sponsorship amount to \$50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> member and \$25 for each additional family member.**

**PASSED**

### **Youth Helmets**

We had a brief discussion regarding our youth riders and if a rule change is necessary regarding the use of helmets.

Motion was made Mary Etta Cyr and seconded by Tanya Ronco to amend the rules to state that all riders 18 and under as of January 1 must wear a helmet.

**PASSED**

### **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show:**

Claire reported that she had been in contact with the Litchfield Fair Association about our interest in having our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show there in 2018. She learned that the Association has redone their rental use contracts and increased the rental fee to \$500 for 24 hours. She did say that they still plan to resurface the arena. It was asked if we could try to negotiate a better price before considering a different location, which Claire said she would do. Then it was suggest that rather than pay to rent the arena, that we should just amp up our plans for the show during the actual Fair. This suggestion lead to great discussion about a new banner to be hung all year at our other shows advertising, more sponsorship money for pay outs, etc. The committee of Barb Ward, Riley Morse and McKenzie will continue to work on the details of this event.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Claire stated that she had received correspondence from Kenny Churchill, a former bull rider, who is from NH. He is interested in holding a rodeo in Eping NH in September and wanted to know if MeBRA would be spread the word to our members. Tentative schedule has barrel racing Thursday and Friday night. As more information becomes available we will pass it along.

### **Nominations:**

The following Board of Directors we up for re-election and accepted the nomination to remain, Nick Morrill, Riley Morse and Barb Ward. Motions were made and seconded and the Secretary cast one ballet for each board member. Congratulations on your 2 year term which will expire in 2020.

#### **Officers:**

Jamie Leeman accepted the nomination for President for a 2 year term, expiring in 2020. Motion was made by Mary Etta Cyr and Seconded by Elletta Beale to close the nominations. Secretary cast one ballet for Jamie Leeman for president. PASSED

Pam Nichols accepted the nomination for Vice President for a 2 year term, expiring in 2020. Motion was made by Mary Etta Cyr and Seconded by Elletta Beale to close the nominations. Secretary cast one ballet for Pam Nichols for Vice President – PASSED

Melissa Bourgoin accepted the nomination for Secretary for a 2 year term expiring in 2020. Motion was made by Mary Etta Cyr and Seconded by Elletta Beale to close the nominations. Maryann White cast one ballet for Melissa Bourgoin for Secretary. PASSED

Maryann White accepted the nomination for Treasurer for a 2 year term expiring in 2020. Motion was made by Jamie Leeman and Seconded by Cathy Lewis to close the nominations. Secretary cast one ballet for Maryann White for Treasurer. PASSED

Due to the shifting of officers, 3 BOD positions became vacant and needed to be filled for a 1 year term. The following members accepted a nomination to the Board for a 1 year term: Sharron Kenney, Sylvia Morrill and Tanya Ronco. Motion was made by Mary Etta Cyr and seconded by Cathy Lewis to close the nominations. Secretary cast one ballet for the above. PASSED

Final nomination is for the Jr. BOD. Pam stated that she was unable to reach McKenzie to see if she was interested in remaining on the board. It was discussed that there were other Jr's which might like and opportunity. Melissa will reach out to Val Fullerton and McKenzie Small to see if either would be interested in filling the seat. This vote is being tabled to the April Meeting.

**Banquet Committee:**

Maryann reminded everyone that she is collecting reservations and checks for the banquet. The deadline to reserve your seat is February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Raffles: Members present were reminded to bring an item to donate to the raffle table.

**Booklets:**

Missy is to remind Jodi of the rule change for abused and sick horses to be added to the booklet in addition to the rule change regarding youth helmets.

Deadline for Sponsorships is the April meeting. Also members who won divisions in 2017 are asked to submit a picture of yourself to her for the books. Jodi's email is: [merryhillacres@hotmail.com](mailto:merryhillacres@hotmail.com)

**Points:**

Jamie discussed concerns brought to her attention regarding the record keeping within the booth at the shows and the confusion created regarding non members and members and points.

2 suggestions were discussed: All participants must be members or should a non member place, when the points are done the non members are not removed and points are not reassigned.

It was agreed by those present that requiring participants to be members would be discouraging new participants who want to "try it out" to join us. It also seemed unfair that points would not be reassigned after pulling non members out. To try to help with the issue, it was suggested that all workers get together prior to show season to learn the computer, and the registration process as well as everyone must review and know the rules regarding member vs non member numbers. Also either Jamie or Melissa will bring a updated membership list to each show for the booth to use to verify membership.

Also the secretaries booth is going to try to encourage all participants to join if the rider thinks they may make more than 3 shows as it is cheaper to pay the membership fee vs the non member fee at each show.

**Awards:**

Jamie pointed out that members who receive awards for our pole bending classes either end up with a generic award or one with a barrel racer on it because MeBRA does not have a pole bending logo. To get one through her embroiderer it will cost \$85. Melissa advised that the place that she uses for awards and apparel has a pole bender for embroidery already and that any awards needed in the future could be done through him.

Jamie also asked "what do we do if there is a tie for a saddle"? Currently MeBRA sets aside \$700 for the trophy saddle for 1D Barrels. One option is to take the \$700 plus the money we would spend on the award for the Reserve Champion, split it 50/50 and give the option to each winner. If they still want the saddle, then they need to pay the difference. It was pointed out that the award of a saddle is assumed and that nowhere in writing does it actually say that the 1D Champion is to receive a saddle. Therefore it was suggested that we adding wording to our newsletter / booklet that it is our "intentions" to provide a saddle to the 1D Champion but this may have to be adjusted in the event of a tie.

**Class Fees:**

Last year it was agreed that we would increase the cost of registration for open barrels. Half of the registration fee is kept to go towards the cost of the saddle, however some people felt that if the fee went up, then so shouldn't the payout. Therefore there was a lot of questions as to why the payouts were not higher.

Pam mentioned that it would be nice to be able to always have the saddle sponsor, and then more money could be paid out in Open Barrels.

Open Barrels registration fee is \$13. Kyle made a motion that of the \$13, MeBRA keeps \$3 for awards and \$10 goes to payouts. Seconded by Pam

**PASSED**

It was asked if there was a further need to amend the fees for the remaining classes and over the year there were several that complained that it cost more to show. Despite the complaints it did not seem to reduce the number of participants and therefore it was felt that there was no need to change class fees or payouts for 2018.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Pam presented the club with 2 new flag holders which were made by her husband Shawn. Motion was made by Kyle Smith and seconded by Tanya Ronco to pay \$20 each for the holders.

**PASSED**

### **Novice / Green**

After a brief discussion regarding the need to keep this class on the list it was agreed that we would once again eliminate it from our class list. As always it can be reevaluated and added as needed.

Motion was made by Kyle Smith and Seconded by Elletta Beal to eliminate Novice Green from our class list.

**PASSED**

Motion was made by Mary Etta Cyr and seconded by Barb Ward to add a senior barrels class to the class list. Limit to participants 50 and over, using a 3D format with 1 second split. Class fee is \$10, club keeps \$3, \$7 to payouts. Awards will be presented to Champion and Reserve Champion in each division only.

**PASSED**

### **Show Workers:**

Jamie would like to see a set group of individuals ready to handle the booth and arena prior to the start of the season. Members are asked to put our feelers for volunteers willing to help in the following areas: Sec. booth and ring crew.

Maryann, Jodi and Chris have already said they will learn the computer if they don't know already and will commit to a few shows each. Claire said Buddy would be Ring Master for Windsor and Litchfield and Mary Etta said her husband Rick would also help in the arena.

Responsibility of the show manager:

1. Line up and verify workers for the booth
2. Confirm that all necessary equipment will arrive at the show grounds
3. Handle all headaches that occur the day of the show
4. See that the show begins on time, even if that means turning people away
5. Makes the final decision to cancel or postpone due to rain (notification of cancellation to members will be done via facebook or e-mail)

It was agreed that the booth will close registration 30 minutes prior to the start of the show. Late arrivals will be allowed to register for classes 3 through 9 but will be added to the bottom of the list.

Pam Nichols offered to be the show manager for ALL the shows in 2018.  
Kyle Smith motioned that we accept Pams offer, seconded by Tanya Ronco.

**PASSED**

**Show Dates:**

Maximum of 9 shows for 2018 The following show dates were voted in.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Knox Arena – 10:00 AM Start

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Tentatively voted in was a combined show at the Windsor Fairground at the end of June to include, NBHA districts 1, 2 and 3 as well as the draft horses and oxen. They are considering a \$6 gate fee plus registration. Organizers are suggesting each club donate \$200 for expenses as well as 2 volunteers to help out in various areas. They are considering a pig roast and band. Deadline for registration will be June 1. As more information becomes available it will be passed along.

Claire also mentioned that McKenie wants to again manage the benefit show for the Wounded Heros. The show will be at the Litchfield Fairgrounds and tentative dates are either June 2<sup>nd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be a non pointed show.

Motion was made by Melissa and seconded by Kyle that we again donate \$150 to the benefit.

**PASSED**

At this time there are 7 shows voted in. Once confirmation is received on the combined show and dates for the state show, additional dates may be added to our calendar.

**Remarks for the Good of the Order**

The old MeBRA banner is missing. Members are asked to keep their eyes open for it.

Next meeting is set for April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Location will be the Maine Trail Riders Clubhouse located off Lunts Hill Rd, Litchfield.

Motion to adjourn made by Nick Morrill, seconded by Melissa Bourgoin

**PASSED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Missy

Recording Secretary

# SHOWTIME

## Show Information:

The show season is just beginning to gear up, dates for the 2018 show season are beginning to come together and are posted in the Secretaries minutes as well as under dates of interest on the 1<sup>st</sup> page. As the shows get closer I will use this area to provide important information about the shows such as directions, landowner rules, etc.

## Awards Banquet:

The banquet will again be held at the Governors in Waterville. The date is March 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 11:00 AM. There will be a buffet lunch followed by the awards and social time. Cost per meal is \$21, \$5 at the door to attend for the awards only. Jamie and Nichole have been very busy working on awards and always I am sure they will be great. Please try to bring a donation item for the door prize table. Mark your calendars, this is sure to be a great time !

## Questions about:

**Membership & Sponsors:** Melissa Bourgoin at (207)576-2721 or [gamblingforcash@yahoo.com](mailto:gamblingforcash@yahoo.com)

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**Points:** Jodi Merry at (207)787-1240 [merryhillacres@hotmail.com](mailto:merryhillacres@hotmail.com)

## Equipment:

**Barrel Covers and Barrels: ?**

**Spare Timer:** Chris Perry

**Poles:** Riley Morse

**iPad/Music:** Chris & Steph Perry

**Secretary's Box, Laptops and printer:** Chris & Steph Perry

**PA System:** Chris & Steph Perry

**Display board/ Club Banner:** Jamie Leeman

**Flags:** Sylvia Morrill

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**Editors Note:** The deadline for submissions for the next issue is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Photos and tips are welcome. Send to: Missy at [gamblingforcash@yahoo.com](mailto:gamblingforcash@yahoo.com)

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