

MAINE BARREL EXPRESS

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Haley Emmons – 2023

Sharon Kenney – 2023

Melissa Bourgoin – 2024

Betsy Brennan – 2024

Sarah Cote -2024

Jamie Leeman – Ex-officio

JUNIOR DIRECTOR

Hailey Ronco – 2023

AWARDS BANQUET



The 2021 awards banquet was held on February 19th at the West Gardiner Rod and Gun Club.

Thank you to all who helped by bringing food for the potluck and setting up and breaking down the tables.

A special thanks to MaKayla for leading up the awards committee and choosing such great awards!

Congrats to all the winners (*see the full list on the last page*). Best of luck to everyone for the 2022 season!

***MaKayla Leeman and AF Cruzen SonofOlena are the
2021 1D Open Barrels & 1D Open Poles Champions!***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 9th | Membership Meeting | 11:30 AM | Margaritas in Augusta

May 7th | Barrel Clinic 3:00-5:00 PM | Apple Hill, Levant

May 8th | Fun Show (*non-pointed*) | Apple Hill | MaryEtta Cyr & Tanya Ronco (M)

May 22nd | Andwemet Farm, Brunswick | 10:00 AM | Brandie Rhoda (M)

June 4th | Larrabee Field, Knox | 10:00 AM | *Co-Sanctioned with ME01*

June 10-12th | Pull Turn & Burn (*pointed on 11th*) | Windsor Fair Arena

June 25-26th | Halee Lyn Cummings Memorial Barrel Race | Sidney

July 9-10th | Apple Hill, Levant | 10:00 AM | MaryEtta Cyr & Tanya Ronco (M)

July 24th | Pittston Fair | 10:00 AM | Jamie Leeman (M)

August 7th | Nick Morrill Memorial Show (*non-pointed*) | 10:00 AM | Apple Hill

September 5th | Windsor Fair | 9:00 AM | Jamie Leeman (M)

September 10th | Litchfield Fair | 3:00 PM | Kyle Smith (M)

September 18th | Farmington Fair | 10:00 AM | Riley Morse (M)

2022 EQUIPMENT MANAGERS

Barrel Covers: Jamie Leeman

PA System: Dave Ward

Poles: Riley Morse

iPad/Music: Dave Ward

Barrels: need volunteer

Flags: Angela Miller & Family

Timer: Rick Cyr

Spare Timer: Jamie Leeman

Display board/ Club Banner:

Jamie Leeman

Secretary's Box, Laptop, &

Printer: Riley Morse



*In loving memory of Nick Morrill
photo by Tina Penley*

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO THE NEW OFFICERS!

We are starting the season with some new faces at the head table! Brandie Rhoda is our President, Tanya Ronco is our Vice President, Riley Morse is our Secretary. We are still looking for a volunteer to take on the job of Treasurer. **If you are interested please reach out to a club officer for more information on what this job entails. We hope to fill this position at the April meeting.**

So many thanks to Jamie Leeman, Melissa Bourgoin, and Maryann White for your years of service and dedication to MeBRA as officers! We look forward to seeing what you do with all of your free time! The rest of you, please bear with us as we figure this out! 😊

The next general membership meeting will be held on April 9th at 11:30 AM at Margarita's Restaurant, 390 Western Ave, Augusta, ME 04330.

2022 Membership Renewals are due! Remember that you must make a \$50 donation or get a minimum of \$50 in sponsorships to be eligible for year-end awards.

2022 SHOW BOOK DEADLINE IS APRIL 9th:

2022 Sponsorships (forms, money, and print ad detail) and 2021 Champions photos* are all due by the April 9th meeting so they can be included in the 2022 show book.

*(*Must own photo rights, no photographer's marks)*

For Questions About:

General Club Information: Brandie Rhoda – 555-1212 or brandie.rhoda@gmail.com

Membership & Sponsorships: Riley Morse - 841-4016 or youngmorse@gmail.com

Shows: Individual show manager (as listed on calendar)

Points: MaKayla Leeman – makayla.leeman@gmail.com

Editors Note: If you have photos, for sale items, brags, or other mentions for the newsletter, please submit to: Riley at youngmorse@gmail.com.

The deadline for the next issue is **April 15th**

If you have not done so already, like us on Facebook and visit our website <http://www.mainebarrelracing.com>!

SECRETARIES REPORT

MeBRA Membership Meeting February 6th, 2022

BOD members in attendance: Mary Etta Cyr, Tanya Ronco, Hailey Ronco, Riley Morse, and Barb Ward.

Members in attendance:

Brandie Rhoda, Sarah Cote, Midori Emerson, Haley Ronco, Tanya Ronco, Mary Etta Cyr, Cathy Lewis, Teresa Hough, Mandy Lewis, Barb Ward, Betsy Brennan, Jamie Leeman, Makayla Leeman, Haley Emmons, Riley Morse

Jamie opened the meeting with the treasurer's report. Maryann reported the balance is \$5497.66. It was noted that not all awards have been paid for yet, but MaKayla and Riley will be under budget (\$4500) for the spending on awards.

A motion was made by MaryEtta Cyr to accept the secretary's report from the November meeting. It was seconded by Cathy Lewis and motion was passed.

The discussion turned to detail about membership and sponsorships. It was noted that the membership forms will need to be updated to reflect the change in secretary. Riley will update the forms and send them to Carolyn to post on the website. The deadline for sponsorship money is April 1st so that there is time to put the book together before the May shows. Request was made to extend the deadline to the April meeting so people can bring forms and checks in person.

A reminder that a donation of \$50 or a sponsor of \$50 are needed to qualify for year-end awards. The barrel wrap sponsorships are \$150. They are currently held by Harry Lewis, Miss Bourgoin, and Jeff Tilton. Cathy confirmed that Harry will continue sponsoring.

Banquet: We are sharing the venue and potluck with Maine NBHA 01 and Jamie said that Maine NBHA state would also like to join us to distribute awards. NBHA 01 would like to do a silent auction and Carolyn would like to do a 50/50. Jamie said it would be okay if the 50/50 was split with MeBRA. We will still do a door prize giveaway and encourage people to bring items for the table.

Regarding the potluck, Riley made google form to track RSVPs and food items. Jamie recommended a small committee to make sure we have enough hot dish/main course foods. Cathy suggested sandwich/cold cuts. Need to confirm what kitchen has for facilities (oven, microwave, etc.). Riley will confirm with Missy about who will be getting there to open, set up tables. We should send a reminder email in the next week about the potluck and update the Facebook event.

The election for new officers was held. Three of the four positions are being filled this year for two-year terms. There was one nominee for each position. No further nominations were made from the floor. President, Secretary and Treasurer were elected by VP Tanya Ronco casting one vote. Mary Etta Cyr cast one vote for Tanya Ronco to be re-elected to VP.

The new officers for 2022 - 2024 are:

President - Brandie Rhoda

Vice President - Tanya Ronco

Secretary - Riley Morse

Barb Ward – Treasurer*

There were three open board of director seats to fill. Missy Bourgoin, Sarah Cote, and Betsy Brennan were nominated and voted in for 2-year terms expiring in 2024. (*After the meeting Barb Ward stepped down as Treasurer and Nora Freeman stepped down as director with one year remaining on her term. **Both positions will need to be filled at the April meeting**).

The 2022 Show Book: Chelsea Eastman who did last year's book does not have time to do it this year. She still offered to print the books. She will be sending the files to Jamie and Riley volunteered to put the book together. MaKayla Leeman will continue to track points for the season.

Show Date Updates (*unconfirmed):

- **May 7th - 8th** - Apple Hill, Levant - clinic on the 7th from 3:00 - 5:00, fun show on the 8th at 10:00 [non pointed] Tanya Ronco/Mary Etta Cyr, Managers
- **May 22nd** - Andwemet Farm, Brunswick 10:00 AM, Brandie Rhoda, Manager
- **June 4th** - Larrabee Field, Knox - 10:00 AM co-sanction with NBHA 01 ***need manager**
- **June 10-12** - Pull Turn and Burn Windsor Fairgrounds, Windsor (pointed) ***need manager**
- **July 9th - 10th** - Apple Hill, 10:00 AM both days, Tanya Ronco and Mary Etta Cyr, Managers
- **July 24th** - Pittston Fair - 10:00 AM - Jamie Leeman, Manager
 - NBHA 01 director Tanya Condon will provide tractor/drag. Jamie recommended that the club pay for fuel. The arena needs to be worked prior to the show. There is a neighbor with a daughter who rides with us who may be available to help with the prep work. He needs to be contacted (unsure of name).
- **August 7th** - because of the Nick Morrill memorial on the 6th in Litchfield and memorial fundraiser show on the 7th at Apple Hill, we are not scheduling a show this weekend.
- **August 13th or 14th***
 - It was decided that the Topsham arena is too expensive (\$400+ with drag & bathroom). Haley or Jamie will check on cost and availability of other arenas and **we will vote on this in April.**
- **September 5th** - Windsor Fair 9:00 AM - Jamie Leeman, Manager
- **September 10th** - Litchfield Fair 3:00 PM - Kyle Smith, Manager
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Windsor Fair - Because this show already takes a long time to run, and we are co-sanctioning with NBHA 03 again, we discussed having only Open Poles and not divisional Pole classes. **We will discuss at the April meeting** and decide if we want to do something like a side pot or carry forward to point for divisional classes.

All are in favor of continuing peewee classes for 2022 - they are the future of the club, and the fans love to watch them.

A few concerns were raised about show etiquette. It was noted that we state in the bylaws that no tank tops, spaghetti straps or crop tops are to be worn in the warmup arena especially at fair shows, need to remind members. There was also a concern raised about minors being at shows with no designated adult on the premises. **Both will be discussed in April.**

Show crew - **for the April meeting** we need to have a list of people available for secretary's booth and ring crew and get confirmation for show dates if possible. It would be helpful to have more people trained on the computer.

Missy was going to investigate slinky covers for the barrels and **will give an update at the April meeting.**

The next meeting is scheduled for **April 9th at Margaritas restaurant in Augusta at 11:30 AM.** If anyone has ideas for another meeting location in the Augusta/Gardiner area, please bring ideas!

Respectfully submitted,

Riley Morse
Recording Secretary

2021 AWARD WINNERS

OPEN BARRELS		OPEN POLES	
1D CHAMPION	MAKAYLA LEEMAN/AF CRUZEN SONOFOLENA	1D CHAMPION	MAKAYLA LEEMAN/AF CRUZEN SONOFOLENA
1D RESERVE	HANNAH BAKER/PC FRENCH SOLEIL	1D RESERVE	SHARON KENNEY/PC FRENCH SOLEIL
2D CHAMPION	MIDORI EMERSON/TURBO	2D CHAMPION	HAILEY RONCO/FRENCHMANS LIZZIE
2D RESERVE	MIDORI EMERSON/JINX	2D RESERVE	SHARON KENNEY/PC FRENCH SOLEIL
3D CHAMPION	HAILEY RONCO/FRENCHMANS LIZZIE	3D CHAMPION	PAULA MILLER/RAIN
3D RESERVE (TIE)	AMELIA RHODA/WILLOW	3D RESERVE	MIDORI EMERSON/TURBO
3D RESERVE (TIE)	MIDORI EMERSON/TURBO	4D CHAMPION	JESSICA PAQUETTE/MISS DARKSATIN
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4D RESERVE	CAMERON GROSS/DOPE N DIAMONDS	4D RESERVE (TIE)	BETSY BRENNAN/PLAUDITS ROYAL MICA
BARRELS 19 AND UP		POLES 19 AND UP	
1D CHAMPION	MAKAYLA LEEMAN/AF CRUZEN SONOFOLENA	1D CHAMPION	MAKAYLA LEEMAN/AF CRUZEN SONOFOLENA
1D RESERVE	SHARON KENNEY/PC FRENCH SOLEIL	1D RESERVE	SHARON KENNEY/PC FRENCH SOLEIL
2D CHAMPION	SARAH COTE/JINX	2D CHAMPION	PAULA MILLER/RAIN
2D RESERVE (TIE)	MARY ANDERSON/PATRICKS TURN	2D RESERVE	SHARON KENNEY/PC FRENCH SOLEIL
2D RESERVE (TIE)	SUSANNAH MILLER/MISS DOLLY	3D CHAMPION	PAULA MILLER/RAIN
3D CHAMPION	BETSY BRENNAN/PLAUDITS ROYAL MICA	3D RESERVE	CAMERON GROSS/DOPE N DIAMONDS
3D RESERVE	JESSICA PAQUETTE/MISS DARKSATIN	POLES 18 AND UNDER	
BARRELS 18 AND UNDER		1D CHAMPION	MIDORI EMERSON/TURBO
1D CHAMPION	HANNAH BAKER/PC FRENCH SOLEIL	1D RESERVE	AMELIA RHODA/WILLOW
1D RESERVE	MIDORI EMERSON/JINX	2D CHAMPION	HAILEY RONCO/FRENCHMANS LIZZIE
2D CHAMPION	AMELIA RHODA/WILLOW	3D CHAMPION	AURORA ROSS/MISS OPEN SESAME
2D RESERVE	HAILEY RONCO/FRENCHMANS LIZZIE	VERSATILITY	
3D CHAMPION	AURORA ROSS/MISS OPEN SESAME	1D CHAMPION	HANNAH BAKER/PC FRENCH SOLEIL



1D RESERVE (TIE)	AMELIA RHODA/WILLOW
1D RESERVE (TIE)	MIDORI EMERSON/JINX
2D CHAMPION	JESSICA PAQUETTE/MISS DARKSATIN
2D RESERVE	MIDORI EMERSON/JINX
3D CHAMPION	CATHY LEWIS/SADIES MINNIE PANTS
3D RESERVE	AMANDA LEWIS/SNARLYS LITTLE DOC