

Morgan Trader

2026 New England Contender



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(EKL Shakedown CH x CBMF Random Hearts GCH)



"May the hard work put you where the good luck can find you."

Scottfield Stables wishes all of our friends a memory making week at the historic
New England Regional Morgan Horse Show

Morgan Trader

From the Editor

Spring has finally sprung and summer is on it's way here in New York after a *loooong* cold winter! Show season is well under way and hopefully some beautiful healthy foals are hitting the ground!

This issue is a recap of the Western New York Show...and what an amazing show it was! Great classes and hospitality kept the Show Plex hopping! Karen Homer-Brown handled the judging duties, Connor Roesink took care of us in the ring, Terry Young captured the winning photos and Nick Pelham was on the air-waves. Nikki Smith-Gorecki served double duty as secretary and manager, Annilee Bienias is the show's long-time chairperson and Holly Bedient took over the Youth Contest this year. This show is a well run machine because of the management, officials and volunteers and we can't thank you all enough for your continued support!

Updates for the New York Regional Show are included and it looks to be another fantastic show with some fun new things to look forward to including Opportunity classes, an Open Dressage Schooling Show and we will be partying Friday night after we "*Put the Babies to Bed!*" Be sure to visit our website www.newyorkmorgans.com for any updates about the Regional Show.

Remember we love to hear and read about our members enjoying their Morgans so please consider sending in your news! Whether you are expecting foals, hitting the show ring or the trails, riding or driving your Morgans...we want to know about it! Send your news and updates to riced4538@gmail.com

Trotting down centerline, through the in-gate or out on the trails...enjoy every minute spent with our beautiful horses.

Sincerely,
Danielle Rice
Morgan Trader Editor

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- NY Regional Show updates and information
- NY Regional Youth Contest information
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Western New York Morgan Show

Memorial Day Weekend in Western New York might have been chilly but the competition in the Show Plex at Erie County Fairgrounds in Hamburg, New York was hot! Our hearts were filled with warmth at seeing all our old friends and we welcomed some new faces to our show this year! The Youth Contest was a smashing success and hospitality, as always, was top notch.

These were certainly three days filled with competition and camaraderie.

Thank you to all our sponsors, show management, officials and volunteers, vendors and of course the trainers and exhibitors...without all of you this show would not be possible!

See you all next year!

May 28-30th, 2027





Western New York Morgan

2026





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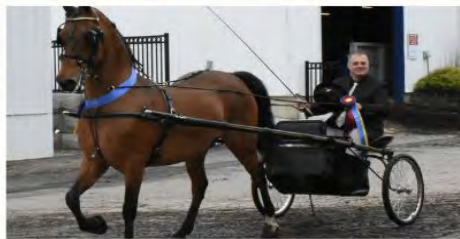


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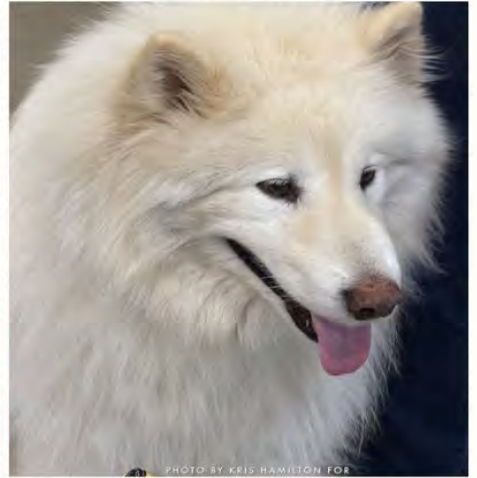
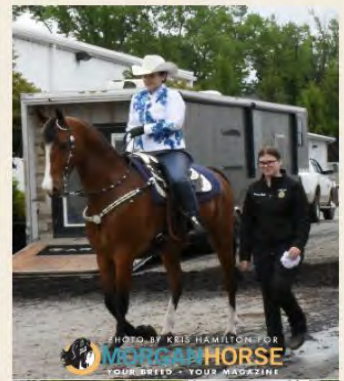


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New York Regional Horse Show News

65 years of history & quality competition

September 16-19, 2026

New York State Fairgrounds
Syracuse, NY

Entries close September 1st, 2026

SHOW MANAGER: Tuffy Owens | **SHOW SECRETARY:** Dayne Maple

JUDGES:

Mr. Michael Murphy & Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, Kohler, WI

Mrs. Sarah Gove, Hampton Falls, NH: NYSSA Sweepstakes Call Judge, Futurity In Hand

Ms. Robin Brueckmann, Summerfield, NC: Dressage, Western Dressage, Sport Horse In Hand,
Dressage Rail Classes

Pop up parties, FREE stake classes for members of the NYSMHS, added Open Opportunity Division, Academy & much MORE!

FEATURING THE NEW YORK SIRE AUCTION SWEEPSTAKES!

Purses for Weanlings, 4yo Saddle Seat & 4yo Hunt/Western!

Download the prize list here:

<https://www.newyorkmorgans.com/storage/2026/04/2026-NYM-Prize-List.pdf>



SEPT.16-19TH, 2026

NEW AT NEW YORK MORGAN REGIONAL IN 2026!



Join us for the 1st
Annual
*"Put the Babies to
Bed" Party!*
Friday Evening
after the last class in the
Coliseum
Food, Beverages & Live
Music!

We are pleased to announce the addition of an
Open Opportunity Division
offering a qualifier and championship in Hunter Pleasure,
Western Pleasure, English Pleasure and Pleasure Driving
Also new for 2026:
Open Schooling Dressage Show on Saturday, Sept. 19th!



NYS Fairgrounds
Syracuse, NY



www.newyorkmorgans.com



2026 YOUTH CONTEST ENTRY FORM

This year, we will proudly be offering the following divisions:

Leadline (ages 3-7)
Walk/Trot (ages 12 and under)
Junior (ages 13 and under)
Senior (ages 14-21)

Name _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip code _____
Age and Division _____
Phone Number _____ AMHA # _____
Email _____

Entries are due by September 1, 2026

Please note, the Leadline division is open to all breeds.
Walk/Trot, Junior, and Senior contestants must complete their pattern on a Morgan.

Please mail or email your entry to: Holly Bedient
2673 Guyanoga Rd.
Penn Yan, NY 14527
315-521-1055
rieslingridgestables@yahoo.com

***At this time, we are planning to operate our contest in-person. If the need arises for a virtual option, we will communicate that decision as soon as possible.**



NY STALLION SERVICE AUCTION SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY FORM

(Incomplete forms will not be accepted)

NAME OF HORSE: _____

AMHA REGISTRATION # _____ RAF IS ACCEPTABLE FOR WEANLING CLASS

SIRE: _____

DAM: _____

CLASS: *(Circle One)*

CLASS #134: 2026 NY SSA **WEANLINGS**

CLASS #135: 2026 NY SSA 4-Year-Old **HUNTER or WESTERN PLEASURE** - Divisions will show separately on the rail and then show together for the strip judging. *(Circle your division.)*

CLASS #141: 2026 NY SSA 4-Year-Old **PARK SADDLE or ENGLISH PLEASURE or CLASSIC PLEASURE SADDLE** *(Circle your division.)*

OWNED BY: _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS: _____

SHOWN BY: _____

OWNER'S SS# OR EIN# _____ **NO PRIZE MONEY WITHOUT SS# OR EIN#**

OWNER/AGENT SIGNATURE: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE SHOW SECRETARY BY 5PM WEDNESDAY SEPT. 16, 2026

NY SSA ELIGIBLE GET

Any get of the following list of stallions, sold at the 2021 auction, born in the year 2022, will be eligible for the **FOUR-YEAR OLD** Sweepstakes classes held at the 2026 NY Morgan Regional Horse Show.

2021 Auction Sires (2022 4YOs showing in 2026)

Ancan Kaboom | Aquarian New Moon | Astronomicallee | Bazinga | Brigantine | Caffeinated | CBMF Crown Prince GCH | CBMF Over The Moon | CBMF Urban Legend | Cherrydale Casanova | Cool Whip | DBA Street Talk | Dragonsmeade Sea Dragon | ECP Anchor Man | Equinox Heir Of Courage | Futurity French Command | HVK Man About Town | InGate's Eye Of The Tiger | King-E Otto B | LPS True Believer | Man In Black GCH | Merriehill After Hours GCH | Privilege | Regal Charade | Rowenda Boogie On Down | TFM Skywalker | The Optimist | The Thrill Of It All LBR | Titanium | Town Assets | Ultras Special Agent | UVM Unchallenged | UVM Willoughby | Mare #1: AW Interstellar/Amber Edwards | Mare #2: SSLLC Perfect Timing/Amber Edwards

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Any get of the following list of stallions, sold at the 2025 auction, born in the year 2026, will be eligible for the **WEANLING** Sweepstakes class at the 2026 NY Regional Morgan Horse Show.

2025 Auction Sires (2026 foals showing in 2026 & 2030)

Akira Derringer | Aquarian New Moon | Astronomicallee | Bluesman | Caffeinated | CBMF Crown Prince GCH | CBMF Over The Moon | Cherrydale Casanova | Clayhill's Creed | CRD Bugatti | DBA Street Talk | Dragonsmeade Eltanin | Dressed Up | ECP Anchor Man | EKL Shakedown CH | Equinox Benn Answered | Equinox Heir Of Courage | Equinox Heiromsmith | Equinox Rock Star | Fire Run Fahrenheit | HVK Man About Town | Indian Creek Icebreaker | Kinzu's All Or Nothing | Leonardo's Cry CH | LPS Fire Power | Man In Black GCH | MEA I'm A Survivor | MEM Intoxicated | MLF Dynamic | NS Fame and Fortune | PCS Golden Scepter | Queens Sebastian | Roberto Cavalli | RWF Dralion | Sand Ridge Pazazz | SSLLC Extreme Waze | Summitry | Super Man | The Latest Trend | The Missing Link | The Optimist GCH | Townsend Mark The Date | UVM Unchallenged | Whitemud Goodtime Charlie | WRR Astro Boy | Name Your Mare #1 | Name Your Mare #2

New for 2026 at the Regional Show...



New York State Morgan Horse Society Fall Open Dressage Schooling Show

Saturday, September 19th, 2026

Opening Date: August 1st, 2026 Closing Date: September 1st, 2026

Location: NYS Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209 in the 4-H Ring

Dressage Coordinator: Lizzie Allers, allerse13@gmail.com, 315-527-1137

Judge: Robin Brueckmann, Summerfield, NC – “S” Dressage; “R” Western Dressage

Class List:

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|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Intro Level Test A | 10. Second Level Test 1 |
| 2. Intro Level Test B | 11. Second Level Test 2 |
| 3. Intro Level Test C | 12. Second Level Test 3 |
| 4. Training Level Test 1 | 13. Third Level & Above (specify level & test on entry) |
| 5. Training Level Test 2 | 14. WDAA Test of Choice #1 (specify level & test on entry) |
| 6. Training Level Test 3 | 15. WDAA Test of Choice #2 (specify level & test on entry) |
| 7. First Level Test 1 | |
| 8. First Level Test 2 | |
| 9. First Level Test 3 | |

**Visit www.newyorkmorgans.com for the Prize List, Entry Form
and additional information for the Open Schooling Show!**



Futurity Corner

It's time to nominate your 2026 foals!

Futurity Nominations are due Sept. 8th, 2026 by 5pm
After that nomination fees **DOUBLE!**

We have new NYSMHS Futurity leadership and they're looking for your foal nominations!

We're so pleased to welcome Meghan, Emma & Madeline von Ballmoos as our new leadership team for the New York Morgan Horse Society Breeders Futurity!

THANK YOU for your volunteerism in this important space for our breed here in New York.

All of our Futurity online and printable forms have now been updated and are ready for you to utilize to submit your nominations for 2026. Don't wait! Nominations are due no later than 5PM the Tuesday before the start of the NY Regional Show. *Visit the **NYSMHS Breeders Futurity** page to access the forms.*

And don't forget, you **MUST** be a current member of NYSMHS to participate in the Futurity. So if you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2026, time to get at it!





NYMHS Futurity

Weanling Nomination Form

(please print & mail or fill out online)

Name: _____ Farm Name: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of Foal: _____ Year foaled: _____
Sex: _____ Color: _____ AMHA Reg# _____

Name of Sire: _____ AMHA Reg.# _____

*Nominated by the SSA: YES _____ NO _____

Name of Dam: _____ AMHA Reg.# _____

Fees Paid: ____ Foal ____ Sire ____ Dam @\$35 each

Total for the Weanling Year: \$105. Total if paid thru 3YO Year: \$210

*If the sire is already nominated or paid by the SSA, no fees due, subtract \$35

Fees enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to the NYSMHS Futurity, payable in US funds

Fees paid after 5:00PM the Tues. before the start of the NY Morgan Show will be accepted at double the entry fee. In order to show, the horse must be entered in the appropriate class at the New York Morgan Show. See the prize list for more information.

*** Futurity Horse owners **MUST** be a member of the NYSMHS!

Mail to: Emma Von Ballmoos
184 Westview Rd.
Manchester Center, VT 05255
emmavb.0501@gmail.com

NEW YORK STATE
MORGAN HORSE SOCIETY
FUTURITY
RENOMINATION FORM
For 1,2, & 3 Year Olds
PLEASE PRINT OR FILL OUT ONLINE



Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Horse's Name: _____ AMHA Reg. # _____ Fee: \$35
Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Sire: _____ AMHA Reg. # _____
Dam: _____ AMHA Reg. # _____

Horse's Name: _____ AMHA Reg. # _____ Fee: \$35
Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Sire: _____ AMHA Reg. # _____
Dam: _____ AMHA Reg. # _____

Horse's Name: _____ AMHA Reg. # _____ Fee: \$35
Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Sire: _____ AMHA Reg. # _____
Dam: _____ AMHA Reg. # _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to: New York State Morgan Horse Society (NYSMHS) Futurity,
payable in US funds.

Fees must be paid by 5PM Tuesday before the start of the NY Morgan Show. Late
entries accepted at double entry fee until Dec. 31. Owner must be a current member
of the NYSMHS.

Yearlings, 2-year-olds, and 3-year-olds must be renominated each year, but not necessarily
shown, in order to be eligible for the Futurity Alumni classes.

In order to show, horses must be entered in the appropriate Futurity class at the
NY Morgan Horse Show (see prize list).

Mail to: Emma von Ballmoos, 184 Westview Rd., Manchester Center, VT 05255

Be sure to renew your membership!

It's that time of year when every club and organization is asking for your renewal and the NYSMHS is one of those groups. All 2025 members will receive an email notifying them membership expires January 1, 2026 with an option to renew online. You can also renew with the paper membership form and mail to me with a check or credit card. (If you renew by paper form please ignore the email notifying you of membership expiration on January 1st.) Be sure to keep your 2026 card handy so you know you have renewed.

Special note: I will be stepping down as membership chair after distribution of the 2026 Directory is complete. A replacement Membership Chairperson is needed and I am willing to assist the new chairperson for the remainder of the 2026 year.

Thank you,
Donna Fox
1974 Murdock Road
Lyndonville, NY 14098
585-332-6100
demorgan@lakeplains.net

New York State Morgan Horse Society, Inc. Membership Form (Please Print Carefully)

Individual \$30 : ☐

Family \$45 : ☐

Youth \$20 : ☐

(One (1) adult vote per family, adult
*designated when submitting form below.)

(Individuals not yet 22 years old, Youth
members who have attained 18 years of
age on or before Jan.1 of a given year
have a single vote.)

Life \$300 : ☐

Entity \$45 : ☐

(Must be at least 18 years of age)

Any business comes with one (1) vote cast by individual *designated by Entity when
submitting form below.

Membership dues must accompany this form. Make Checks payable to NYSMHS and mail to:
Donna Fox, 1974 Murdock Rd., Lyndonville, NY 14098 (demorgan@lakeplains.net)

Or Charge to Account #: _____

Name on Charge Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code #: _____

Billing address if different from below:

Name of Member*:
(* = Designated voter if applicable –
with Family/Entity submissions)

Name(s) and age of Youth Member(s):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

County:

Phone:

Email address:

URL address for your farm if you have one: www. _____

Areas that you have interest in :

(TP = Trail/Pleasure, D = Dressage, C = Carriage, R= Reining, HJ= Hunter/Jumper, SW = Shows, WD=Western Dressage, E=Eventing)

Check here to receive a paper copy of "The Trader". Please included \$40.00 for printing and postage

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Check Here if you do not wish to be included in our NYSMHS Directory of members

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Would you be interested in volunteering? If so, check any of the below areas which you have interest in:

Shows: Western NY Show ☐ NY Morgan Show ☐

Committees:

Futurity

High Score Program

Membership

Newsletter

Sport Horse

Stallion Service Auction

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Note: Your membership allows you to list up to 8 registered Morgans (owned by you) in our rolling electronic directory.

Meeting Minutes

NYSMHS Board of Directors Meeting

Location: ZOOM Meeting **Date:** Thursday, February 19th, 2026 **Time:** 7:30 PM

Officers and Directors in Attendance in person: Jenn Peek, Annette Bakic, Gina Handy, Beth Grella, Kate Kirsch, Donna Fox, Danielle Rice, Patti Waring, Nancy Herrick, Lindsey Berry, Anna Kufs, Daisy Beisler

Officers and Directors not in Attendance: Whitney Roberts, Pat Ross, Alexa Rahman

Meeting called to order at 7:35PM by Jenn Peek

Secretary's Report ~ Annette Bakic Patti Waring made motion to accept December NYSMHS BOD Meeting minutes. Kate Kirsch 2nd Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report ~ Beth Grella Has been collecting checks from the SSA. Credit card fees have amounted to \$221.00 with Stripe, \$3,396.78 with Square, or approximately 3% of dollar amount on CC. SSA will reimburse the 3% fees collected to the Club. Discussion on CC fees. Western NY Show already charges 3% CC fee. Club will waive CC fees on Memberships paid with CC so as not to discourage membership. *Note to membership: all financial documents are available to members of NYSMHS. Please contact your Director or any member of the Executive Board with your request.*

Donna Fox made motion to accept Treasurer's Report, Gina Handy 2nd. Motion passed.

Membership ~ Donna Fox Currently 134 members. Some board members need to update membership. Directory: still need to sell back inside cover. 165.00 for inside back cover, 135.00 for full-page advertisement, 70.00 for half page.

Futurity ~ Jenn to meet with Meghan and Emma VonBallmoos for smooth transition to new Chair.

Trader ~ Danielle Rice Will forward PDF of Trader to Patti Waring for printing, Donna to email the mailing list of those requesting printed copies to Patti.

Western District Show ~ Kate Kirsch Program has been tweaked to draw in some new groups. Will post Program on website and in Email Blast. Annilee Bienias remains Show Chair. Melissa Moore judging.

NY Regional Show ~ Jenn reporting for Beth ~ there will be (8) open classes with (4) Qualifiers and (4) Championships. Planning to add Open Dressage on Saturday. Information for dressage TD and Steward forwarded to Beth. Robin Brueckmann has been invited to judge. Show prize list should be complete in March.

Sporthorse ~ Gina Handy Planning on sponsoring High Point Morgan for (3) shows in 2026. Hector, Genesee Valley and Barneveld. Ribbons have been ordered.

Stallion Service Auction ~ Event was successful and very exciting. Good turnout with approximately 40 attendees despite the weather. On-Line bidding worked well, auction worked well and facility was excellent. 60 stallions @ \$71,000.00 in bids, the highest dollar amount recorded for SSA.

High Point ~ Awards dinner in conjunction with SSA was successful. High Point suspended for 2026, volunteer(s) needed to take over the program in 2027. More participation needed, revamp program.

By Laws ~ discuss at March meeting

Boot Camp ~ all clubs participating (New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut) won award from AMHA, to be presented at AMHA convention. NYSMHS providing notebooks and pens with club logo for 2026 Boot Camp swag bags. NYSMHS is included on the Northeast Morgan Horse website NEMorganHorse.com

Committee update ~ Membership, Nominations, and High Point standing committees are in need of chairs.

March BOD meeting to be held March 19th at 7:30.

Motion to adjourn made by Gina Handy. Joanne Smail 2nd Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted by Annette Bakic

NYSMHS Recording Secretary

NYSMHS Board of Directors Meeting

Location: ZOOM Meeting **Date:** Thursday, March 19, 2026 **Time:** 7:30 PM

Officers and Directors in Attendance in person: Jenn Peek, Annette Bakic, Gina Handy, Beth Grella, Kate Kirsch, Danielle Rice, Patti Waring, Nancy Herrick, Anna Kufs

Officers and Directors not in Attendance: Donna Fox, Whitney Roberts, Pat Ross, Alexa Rahman, Lindsey Berry, Daisy Beisler

Meeting called to order at 7:35PM by Jenn Peek

Secretary's Report ~ Annette Bakic Kate Kirsch made motion to accept February NYSMHS BOD Meeting minutes. Nan Herrick 2nd Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report ~ Beth Grella Paid for all ribbons for Regional and WD Show. Paid for advertisement in Saddle Horse Report. Purchased 300.00 subscription for Docusign. Discussion about transparency and publication of Treasurer's Report. *Note to membership: all financial records are available to members of NYSMHS. Please contact your Director or any member of the Executive Board with your request.* Kate Kirsch made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Gina Handy 2nd Motion passed.

Membership ~ 47 2025 members have not yet renewed memberships in NYSMHS.

Futurity ~ Meghan and Emma VonBallmoos to arrange meeting with Jenn to review all Futurity documents.

Trader ~ Danielle Rice Will publish Spring edition after Western District Show. Will do another before the Regional, and one afterwards. Donna Fox found reasonable pricing for print editions for NE Show, Mass Morgan, other shows, NYS Regional. Will forward PDF of Trader to Patti Waring for printing, Donna to email the mailing list of those requesting printed copies to Patti.

Western District Show ~ Kate Kirsch Exhibitor Party will have Mexican theme. All planning on track. Plan email blast for WD Show. Kate to speak with Annilee.

NY Regional Show ~ Beth ~ Duane Maple will be new show secretary, Pam Turner scaling back. Dennis Rumsey will provide music. New "Put the Babies to Bed" Friday night exhibitor party. Have steward for dressage. Need approval from USEF for 3rd judge. Separate advertisement in Saddle Horse Report to highlight Opportunity Classes.

Spothorse ~ Gina Handy Open Dressage on Saturday at Regional. NYSMHS sponsoring Working Equitation Clinic at Nash Hill Equestrian Center, Michelle Lackey clinician. Email Blast and Facebook posting for clinic.

Stallion Service Auction ~ Jenn working on selection of judge. Will forward information to Danielle.

High Point ~ Sue Hyman would like to revamp program for this year.

By Laws ~ Judy Manchester Vassie Will recommend reducing number of District Directors from three to two per District.

Boot Camp ~ March 20th NYSMHS won Promotional Award for Boot Camp. Jenn suggested posting all Boot Camp news on NEMorgan and NYSMHS websites.

April BOD meeting to be held April 16th at 7:30.

Motion to adjourn made by Kate Kirsch. Gina Handy 2nd Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

Respectfully submitted by Annette Bakic

NYSMHS Recording Secretary

NYSMHS Board of Directors Meeting

Location: ZOOM Meeting Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 Time: 7:30 PM

Officers and Directors in Attendance in person: Jenn Peek, Annette Bakic, Gina Handy, Donna Fox, Kate Kirsch, Danielle Rice, Lindsey Berry, Alexa Rahman, Anna Kufs, Daisy Beisler

Officers and Directors not in Attendance: Beth Grella, Whitney Roberts, Patty Waring, Pat Ross, Nancy Herrick.

Meeting called to order at 7:35PM by Jenn Peek

Secretary's Report ~ Annette Bakic Kate Kirsch made motion to accept February NYSMHS BOD Meeting minutes. Donna Fox 2nd Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report ~ Beth Grella Will have report for May meeting.

Membership ~ Donna Fox Slow membership, current count 174, membership 25 less than this time last year but should pick up with show season. Discussed upcoming Membership Directory. Received advertising for the 2 inside covers. Directory to go to printer next week.

Futurity ~ Jenn met with Meghan and Emma VonBallmoos to review all Futurity documents.

Trader ~ Danielle Rice Completed first 2026 edition of Trader.

Western District Show ~ Kate Kirsch Will be announcing new judge for the show. Last minute cancellation by Melissa Moore due to illness.

NY Regional Show ~All contracts out and signed. SSA judge will be Sarah Gove.

Sporthorse ~ Gina Handy Will arrange committee meeting. Have High Point Morgan prizes for the three shows we selected. NYSMHS sponsored Working Equitation Clinic at Nash Hill Equestrian Center, Michelle Lackey clinician. Lisa will submit article for Trader.

Stallion Service Auction ~ Jenn Sarah Gove to judge.

High Point ~ Sue Hyman and 2 others on High Point team. Will submit budget for 2026. Want to keep all rules the same as in prior years for 2026. 32 Divisions. Will solicit sponsorships, but requesting that club fund 2970.00 for 2026 program. Revamp program for 2027. Discussion followed. Kate moved that club will provide budget of 2500.00 for the 2026 High Point awards, which will include Awards event held in conjunction with the 2027 SSA Auction. Gina 2nd. Motion carried. Leave current High Point program details in the 2026 Directory.

By Laws ~ Judy Manchester Vassie Planning on email blast with updates.

Committee Chairs: Donna Fox has agreed to remain as Membership Chair. Need Nominating Committee Chair.

May BOD meeting to be held May 28th at 7:30.

Motion to adjourn made by Kate Kirsch. Donna Fox 2nd Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted by Annette Bakic

NYSMHS Recording Secretary

In Memoriam

Elaine Carol Ward (Stanton) Obituary

It is with the deepest sorrow to inform everyone that our beloved Elaine C. Ward left this world on June 5, 2026, at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, OH where she passed away peacefully and without pain. It is comforting to know that she did it on her own terms and did not suffer. She had grown weary and tired of the issues that came with her condition.

Elaine was born in Syracuse, NY on December 13, 1956, and spent her first 18 years on her parents' Morgan horse farm in Lafayette, NY, where she learned to ride at an early age. She left home at 18 and went to California and worked on a Morgan horse farm there as well. However, she was noticed by Thoroughbred jockey Ray York and eventually hired by trainer Chuck Tailferro as an exercise rider. Her proudest moments however were working for trainers D. Wayne Lukas and Bob Baffert for several years. She became well known in the Thoroughbred world and earned the respect of all.

During 1984, she purchased a parcel of land in Victor, MT. Over a few years she would leave Southern California occasionally and camp out on the land and started clearing it for a house and head back to California. In addition, she freelanced clipping horses and was in great demand. The extra income paid for the new house. She eventually left California for good in the early 90's for a life in the Bitterroot Valley.

She took jobs there bartending, cleaning commercial properties, and exercising horses for some of the locals. She cherished life there with her friends, Victor (the giant 30lb cat) that she rescued in California and her dog Eoin. However, on May 5, 2001 (Kentucky Derby Day) her life changed forever. While exercising a horse in Hamilton, MT, the horse was spooked by a paper plate, and Elaine severed her spinal cord making her a paraplegic. But as usual, Elaine made the best of things with a great attitude and a smile. She used to say, "Well at least I can't feel my knees. They were getting so bad!"

She bought a hand cycle and began riding the roads around Hamilton and Victor with her loyal dogs and regularly cycled 10-20 miles a day a few times a week.

After tiring of the long winters in Montana, she decided to move to Kentucky. Her and her partner purchased property there and had her house built.

In February of 2021, she had a major operation to remove 30 blood clots in her lungs and almost did not survive. Upon returning home after 1 ½ months, she started working immediately on the garden etc...

Over the next few years, her health began to decline and eventually she had enough.

Most people have a couple of great friends. But everyone of Elaine's many, many friends are all great friends! And she was a great friend to all of them.

She was preceded in death by her father Richard Stanton of Lafayette, NY. She is survived by her mother Ellen Stanton, brother Don Stanton, sisters Cindy and Lori Stanton all from Lafayette, NY.

Also survived by ex-husband Harry Ward of Laverne, CA, partner Keith Steighner of Sadieville, KY, dogs David and Ben. In addition, cats Keiren, Finn, Mimi, Jimmy Bean, Adam and Lisbeth. She would like that.

She was such a positive force in all our lives. And even though we will miss her badly, we will carry a piece of her in our hearts forever. May she rest in peace!



Classifieds



For Sale:

Dale Chavez Work Saddle
Excellent Condition \$1500
Contact: Robin Pelham
607-329-6358



For sale: Gorgeous cob-sized presentation vehicle for pleasure or CDE. Black with turquoise pinstripes and brass trim. Detachable dickie seat included. Very smooth and comfortable ride. Excellent condition and ready to show. Buyer arranges pickup or shipping. Located near Scotia, NY.



For sale:

*Serafin cart, showable, brown w/ blue pin stripes w/ harness - \$600
Text:6072373049
m.e.mulligan@stoneleightmorgans.com



For Sale:

HDR Synergy Plus CC Saddle
Wool Flocked, Adj. Gullet System, Like New \$950
Contact: Danielle Rice
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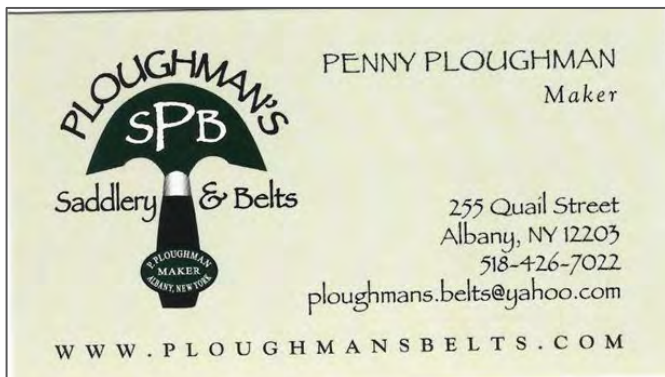


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