



**EASTERN MICHIGAN HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**



DATE: February 9, 2026 | TIME: 6:00PM  
 LOCATION: Goodells Park Community Center | Goodells, MI

<b>BOARD ATTENDANCE:</b>					
<b>Role:</b>	<b>Name:</b>		<b>Role:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	
President	Emily Surfus	Present	Pleasure Delegate	Ranae Perry	
Vice President	Whitney Thomas	Present	Pleasure Delegate	Emily Dort	Present
Treasurer	Shyann Wehrwein	Present	Speed Delegate	Josh Campbell	Present
Secretary	Annette Reeves	Present	Speed Delegate	Mechell Hyslop	
Point Secretary	Anna Gierszewski	Present			

Call to order at 6:04 pm  
 Second by: Whitney Thomas

**1. Old Business**

- a. Bank Account Balances:
- b. Choice One \$ 13,575.69 as of 01/28/26
- c. PNC \$ 1324.44 as of 01/28/26
- d. Website - update to date - will continue to add information as needed

**2. Board Positions:**

- a. Speed delegate position is open
  - i. Filled before the season begins
  - ii. Nominations being accepted
- b. Will need all positions to be filled after 2026 Season

**3. 2026 Schedule**

- a. Finalized for Grounds and Judges - listed on website
- b. Email will be sent out concerning the Armada show to rules to trailer in/out , stalls, arrival, cleanup, ground rules etc.

**4. Food Vendors**

- a. Tropical Smoothie
  - i. Every show day
- b. Maria's Tacos
  - i. June 13 - Only day not available

**5. Sponsors**

- a. Secured Sponsors
  - i. Diamond Sponsors
    - 1. SJB Show Horses -Arcardia Equestrian Center - Sliding S Ranch
- b. Weekend Sponsors
  - i. Need 8 total weekend sponsors
    - 1. President/VP need 1, each other board member needs 1 weekend sponsor
  - ii. Reach out to previous weekend highpoint sponsors before soliciting with new potential sponsors



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- c. Reach out to other community business for Level Sponsorships
- d. Sponsors must all be completed by March 15, 2026

**6. 5 Highpoints**

- a. Gymkhana: Grand - Reserve
  - i. Includes all classes - not including sweepstakes
    - 1. Motion to keep as written Emily Surfus
    - 2. Second by Whitney Thomas
    - 3. Voted: Pass
- b. Western
  - i. Halter - Jr/Sr Pleasure Horse - Age Group Classes, Western Horsemanship - Western Pleasure
- c. English
  - i. Halter - Jr/Sr Pleasure Horse - Age Group Classes, English Equitation - English Pleasure
    - 1. Motion to include SMS, regardless of seat shown, will count for both English/Western Highpoint - Ashley Soule-Neeley
    - 2. Second - Emily Surfus
    - 3. Vote: Pass
- d. Walk/Trot
  - i. Age Group Classes: SMS - English Equitation - English Pleasure - Western Horsemanship - Western Pleasure
    - 1. Motions to add English and Western Halter for W/T high point - Emily Surfus
    - 2. Second - Emily Dort
    - 3. Vote: Pass

**7. Sweepstakes – Pleasure vs Equitation/Horsemanship**

- a. Motion to table until annual membership meeting at banquet - Ashley Soule-Neeley
- b. Second - Emily Surfus
- c. Vote: Pass

**8. Add non-stock classes - SMS - English Equitation/Pleasure - Western Horsemanship/Pleasure**

- a. Motion to table until annual membership meeting at banquet - Ashley Soule-Neeley
- b. Second - Emily Surfus
- c. Vote: Pass

**9. Lunge Line**

- a. Kayla Turner-Boden initiated discussion on cost vs benefit
  - i. Only 1 qualified contestant for year end award
  - ii. Class entries brought into association approximately \$128.00
  - iii. Class Costs - Ribbons: \$156.80 - Year End Award: \$100 - Top 5 Award: \$55 - Year End Payout: \$27 | **Total: \$338.80**
    - 1. Motions to remove lunge line from show bill - Ashley Soule-Neeley
      - a. Related to cost to association and keeping number of Sunday classes to 50
    - 2. Second - Whitney Thomas
    - 3. Vote: Pass

**10. Youth Board**

- a. Motion to table until annual membership meeting at banquet - Ashley Soule-Neeley
- b. Second - Emily Surfus
- c. Vote: Pass



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**11. Ranch Classes**

- a. Walk Trot Ranch Sweepstakes Open
  - i. Will be an addendum to Ranch Class Rules
    - 1. 3b remove major penalty Amend to say if you lope you are disqualified
    - 2. Remove #7
    - 3. Conditionally for class: class can be a pattern or rail class at board discretion based on time and entries.
      - a. Motion to accept Walk Trot Ranch Sweepstakes Open - Emily Surfus
      - b. Second - Whitney Thomas
      - c. Vote: Pass
- b. The Two Rein Bosalito
  - i. remove 6c v#1
    - 1. Motion to accept The Two Rein Bosalito - Annette Reeves
    - 2. Second - Emily Dort
    - 3. Vote: Pass

**12. New Business - Suggestions - Questions – Concerns**

- a. Kayla Boden: change verbiage for walk trot sweepstakes open to read open to any seat
  - i. Clarification, Walk/Trot Sweepstakes was indicated on registration for W/T riders only, now indicated on Show Bill
- b. Discussion on moving class 32 to before lunch
  - i. Ease of tack changes and to keep show moving
    - 1. Motion to move class 32 before lunch - Annette Reeves
    - 2. Second - Ashley Soule-Neely
    - 3. Vote: Pass

**13. Adjournment**

- a. Motion for meeting to be adjourned by Emily Surfus at 7:20 pm
- b. Second by: Emily Dort

**Member Attendance:**

Morgan Glotfelty  
Ashley Soule-Neeley  
Kayla Turner-Boden  
Cyrena Urbin  
Chris Vogt