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MEPSA is an educational group for model horse enthusiasts, promoting the hobby of model horse mail-in photo showing.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information to showers who do not have internet access. It is mailed free of charge (courtesy of Marie Phillips). The newsletter is also available by email and on the website as a secondary source of information and updates for all members.

In Short (From the Editor) –

The end of the 2021-22 season is rapidly approaching, which means the Championship show you have been qualifying models for all season is right around the corner! See the end of the newsletter for the official entry form. In recent seasons we have spent thousands of dollars on shipping of Champ Show boxes full of prizes. This year will be a little different. We will of course have ribbons for every class and rosettes for 75 Grand Champions and Reserves. But because of high postal rates, coupled with low fund reserves, we hope to send out gift certificates in place of many of the large prizes. We have had no Donations Coordinator this season, so we have held fewer fund raisers. This year we are relying on MEPSA members to donate prizes or funds to buy prizes for the show. See more under “DONATIONS” below. We hope also that some of you will step up to join the board or a supporting committee next season. See “BOARD OF DIRECTORS” below for more info on how you can help. We are working out a method for holding elections, which are in July. We are a volunteer organization and rely on members to judge shows, donate their talents, and to collectively run the club. In addition to the satisfaction you get from being an active part of the MEPSA community, we also try to reward active participants. The greatest reward though is the friendships made as a result of being an active member of the club.

The Board of Directors –

Members of the current board have quite a history of service to MEPSA!

Marie Phillips, **17 years** on the board of directors! (Novice Coordinator)

Elizabeth Jones, 15 years (13 as President)

Jennifer Cole, 9 years as Website Coordinator (revamped old site, designing new site and also did “the book”)

Carissa Kirksey, 8 years as secretary!

Laurel Dedes (8 years of service, current judge coordinator, has also been Donations and Champ Show Coordinator)

Carolyn Bailey, 7 years (Treasurer)

Elena Lemm, 6 years as champ show coordinator (also did last year’s book)

Alyssa Bailey, 5 years (current VP, formerly judge coordinator)

Welcome Holly Goldman Craig – this seasons Champ book coordinator.

You can see how dedicated the current board members are! We enjoy working together and have become good friends. But we need more MEPSA members to step up. Some of our current board members will be stepping down. Check out the positions described below for a position that might suit you.

Secretary – The MEPSA board “meets” virtually, monthly. The secretary assists with the agenda and creates a record of discussions and decisions the board makes.

Champ Show Coordinator- This job is primarily in the summer. You receive the entries, verify them and send them to the Divisional Judges. Then you sort to owners, add prizes, and ship out the boxes.

Champ Book Coordinator – Edit and compile the results book, design the cover, ads, etc.

Judge Coordinator – Providing support for judges and keeping shows running smoothly.

Donations Coordinator – Running fundraisers (includes listing models for sale/auction) and soliciting donations.


Vice President – A back up to the President and an ear for the members. Your chance to start new programs! Board members of the last three seasons are eligible for the offices of **President** and **Treasurer**.

Go to the MEPSA website (<https://mepsa.club/forms-for-download/>) for a Board of Directors application to tell us a little about yourself.

The Tabulator committee (TabTeam) needs new members to help track qualified models! Mepsa3@att.net. There may be other committees formed that could also use your service.

To run for office:

1. Must be an active member for the current season, August 1st-July 31st, as defined in the MEPSA By-Laws section III subsection b:
 - a. Active members are the members of the MEPSA community that have fulfilled one of the following, in the current season.
 - i. Been a Board member or committee member working with the Board
 - ii. Shown in one or more MEPSA qualifying shows
 - iii. Donated to MEPSA
 - iv. Contributed an entry to a fundraising contest
 - v. Judge a MEPSA show
2. Application for a BOD position are located on the website. Completed applications must be submitted to the Secretary (sprucewoodfarmsstudio@gmail.com) by July 23rd.
3. Must be a member in good standing, no monies in arrears and have not received an ‘F’ grade as a judge. Applicants need to be involved in the model horse hobby and have internet access.
4. Applicants running for President or Treasurer must have served on the Board within the last three years and be 18 or older.
5. Election is held July 30th for one week and then the results will be tabulated and posted to the group.

	<p>In hand – ready to ship.</p> <p>Unpainted resin \$85 ppd*. Paypal mepsa3@att.net. Include your name and address.</p> <p>This limited resin casting was sculpted by Carissa Kirksey and produced only for MEPSA to celebrate our 20th anniversary. I look forward to seeing how these models get finished! I'd love to feature some pictures in next year's champ show book.</p> <p>*international shipping extra</p>
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To vote:

1. All members, interested in voting, are required to contact the Board, (mepsa3@att.net) to register. *Include the Form below:*

Name _____

Email address (only one per person) _____

To vote, you must be a current active member, as defined in the MEPSA By-Laws section III sub-section b, **for the current season**, August 1st-July 31st.

- b. Active members are the members of the MEPSA community that have fulfilled one of the following, in the current season.
 - i. Been a Board member or committee member working with the Board
 - ii. Shown in one or more MEPSA qualifying shows
 - iii. Donated to MEPSA
 - iv. Contributed an entry to a fundraising contest
 - v. Judged a MEPSA show

Check all that apply (for 2021-22 season):

- ___ Board member
- ___ Committee member
- ___ judged a show
- ___ entered a show
- ___ donated to MEPSA
- ___ entered a fundraising contest

2. Once verified, you will receive a ballot, via email, on July 30th. You will have one week to return your ballot to mepsa3@att.net, before the election closes.

3. Results will be posted when all ballots are verified and counted.

Contest Results – We received 4 entries which were then compiled without the authors' names attached and submitted to our judge Jeanne Grunnert, a professional writer. The prize winning article was submitted by

Elizabeth Jones, one of our regular contributors. I hope you will enjoy reading the articles published in this year's Championship Book. As you read the results book I hope you get inspired to write an article to submit to next year's contest (January 2023).

The PAS (Breyer Proud Arabian Stallion) Remake Contest was won by Julie Brooks! We had a single entry to this year, which we will be selling to the highest bidder to support the purchase of prizes (gift certificates) for the Championship Show. Julie won a Platinum Daylily mini AR by Carissa Kirksey. (see below)

Watch the Facebook page for information about upcoming fundraising sale. Or contact mepsa3@att.net for further information.

MEPSA Qualifier Show schedule – Fourth Quarter (seasons end)

OPEN

May 2022

May 7, 2022 – OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Division A)

Photo limit 100 Mail your photos to:

Rhonda Chisholm

3066 Emerald Ln.

Magnolia, MS 39652

Littlepintos2016@gmail.com

May 14, 2022 – OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifier (Division B,C,D)

Photo limit 100 per division; 150 total

Mail your photos to:

Alyssa Bailey

336 Marquette St

Park Forest, IL 60466

Alyssa.bailey090611@gmail.com

May 21, 2022 – All Performance Regular Qualifier (Division E,F)

Photo limit 150 per division; 300 total

Mail your photos to:

Elena Lemm

37103 Robin George Trl

Magnolia, TX 77354

Ejlemm12@gmail.com

June 2022

June 18, 2022 – International Championship Show

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MAY 21, 2022 – Halter

Janet Bonney
36987 Carter Rd
New London, NC 28127
faline123@yahoo.com

You should always feel free to contact a board member if you have a question or concern that you need help with. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

2022 Championship – entry deadline June 18.

If this is your first MEPSA Championship, here is what to expect. Your entry this year will go to Carolyn Bailey, who will verify that each model is qualified for the Championship. She will then ship the separate divisions to their individual judges. After the divisions are judged, Judges ship the photos to the Championship Show Coordinator (Elena Lemm). She will send the results and photos of the champions to Holly Goldman, Champ Book Coordinator. Holly will finish compiling the RESULTS BOOK, and The book will go to the publisher. Meanwhile, the Champ Show Coordinator will be selecting prizes for each box, including ribbons for each class and rosettes for the Grand Champions and Reserves as well as prizes donated by entrants, and gift certificates purchased by MEPSA (club funds permitting). When the books arrive, those will be added and the boxes will be shipped. Here are some things to note:

- **THIS YEAR**, for the first time, we are allowing you the option of sending an SASE for ASAP return of your *photos only* rather than waiting for your Champ show box. OR you can wait for your photos to be returned with your BOX. Including an SASE is optional and does not change your entry fee.
- MEPSA subsidizes the cost of the results book. While you do have the option to opt out of the book, *you will want this book*: usually **over 100 pages of informative articles, complete results, and pictures. Most showers agree that the book is the highlight of the show.**
- This year, only monetary donations should go in your champ show entry. If you have prizes (see below) to donate, they should be sent separately to Elena Lemm. Donors get advertising space in the book!
- You may not get your photos back in time to enter the first shows of the next season
- **The entry form for the championship is included at the end of this newsletter!**

Mini Championship! Back for its Tenth Season!

For many in the model horse hobby “Mini” is where it’s at! In 2013, MEPSA found sponsors (Marie Phillips was the biggest sponsor) to pay for extra ribbons and rosettes so that we could hold a special division just for the minis. We have also been including four qualifier specials just for minis each season. Of course, minis can also enter regular qualifiers throughout the year, and many do qualify against “the big guys” as well as in their respective make classes. The MEPSA championship is, and has always been, open to the smaller scales. But whether your mini qualifies in a regular qualifier or a mini special qualifier, **you can choose** to show in the regular divisions (A-F), or in the special championship just for minis (Divisions G-I).

The mini scale includes Breyer Stablemates and Paddock Pals, Stone Chips and Pebbles, most Collect A, Schleich, Hagen Renacker minis, and Artist Resins and customs of similar size (less than about 4” in length). The Mini Divisions have a full halter classlist just like the qualifier classlist, and an abbreviated performance class list, where some classes are combined. Original finish plastic and china/factory resin minis are combined in Division G. Artist resin and custom minis compete together in Division H. All finishes (OF, AR, CM) compete in performance together, in Division I.

The mini division winners receive ribbons and rosettes, just like winners in the regular divisions. It also has its own set of “mini” prizes. Halter Champions may receive Breyer SM sets or SR, CM or china minis. And

performance champions may receive mini tack or props. We encourage you to participate as a donor as well as a shower in the special “mini community”.

So, now you have a choice to make: On a case by case basis, will you show each entry in the mini division? or in the applicable regular division? they cannot enter both.

MEPSA donation news:

Remember our goal is to send out lighter packages this year. If we have Traditional scale models to hand out as prizes, they will be distributed no more than one per Champ Show box. Other light weight prizes could include stablemate sets, custom stablemates, classic scale models, tack, props, and gift certificates. We would love donations of that nature! Or You can contribute \$\$ via PayPal friends and family (mepsa3@att.net, and we will use your donation to help purchase gift certificates.

If you have models, tack, props, etc to donate, please send them to the Champ Show Coordinator,
Elena Lemm, 37103 Robin George Trail, Magnolia, TX 77354

Remember we want to keep the champ show boxes small and light this year. Gift certificates are preferred. If you are wondering what to donate, apply the golden rule “Donate to others what you would like to see in your own champ show box!”

Track your 2021-22 donations using the Donor record:

You receive ad space in the book based on how much you donated. The champ show coordinator needs to know the value of your donation(s). Form available at <http://mepsa1.tripod.com/forms.html>. Please Record each donation and the value. You can also record judge’s fees you donated back. Get credit for all you do for MEPSA! Value of contest entries should not be included as these have their own separate reward system. Submit your donation record at the end of the season (or with your championship entry). All donors receive ad space in the Championship book. Donations valued at \$25 or less gets you a quarter page ad; \$50 gets you half a page and \$100 – get a full page,. Become a patron level sponsor by donating \$150 or more and get your champ show book (a \$35 value) for free!

“Other Animal Fun Show Returns for 2022!

Tigers and Lions and Bears! Oh my! ... and dogs, and cats, farm animals and dinosaurs ...

Take your pictures now and get them printed and labelled. The show will be held, July 9, 2022. This year’s judge is:

Leitha McCullough
15 Pine Hill Road Ext
Richton, MS 39476

leitharhea@att.net Please no checks – use show coupons, Paypal or Cash only

And you can find the show list at:

<https://mepsa.club/2022/02/22/mepsa-other-animal-specialty-july-9-2022/>

Website and Technical News

Jennifer Cole continues to develop the new website while maintaining the old website as a front end. Jennifer has been uploading information on performance, which should be available soon. Stephanie Michel continues to serve the board on technical issues. We are ever so grateful that we have tech-savvy help on the board.

Submit your short model-horse-related announcement for publication in the quarterly newsletter

We often have a little extra room, and I will be happy to publish short announcements about your horse club or other news, as space allows. Also, I will happily accept short articles. Email ubersu@verizon.net or snail mail: Elizabeth Jones, 10241 Battlefield Drive, Manassas, VA 20110.



2021-2022 MEPSA CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW (JUNE 18, 2022) ENTRY FORM:

Instructions: Please enclose this form with your entry. Only models that qualified, placed 1st-3rd (or 1st-6th in classes with 100 or more entries) in a MEPSA qualifying show of the current season (Aug 2021 - May 2022) may be entered in the Championship Show. Limit one photo per model per class except for performance classes where multiple entries are specified. In those classes, all entries that qualified may enter, no limits as long as they are of different disciplines. **Disciplines must be marked on photos.** Place photos for each division in separate baggies, **(IN HALTER DIVISIONS: alphabetize by horse's name (not first-class order), and IN PERFORMANCE DIVISIONS: order by class number, then alphabetize, within each class).** Write your name and the number of photos on the outside of the baggie. Make sure your class numbers are correct. Make sure your NAME (not your stable name) and address is on each photo. Please be sure to have your 5-letter code on EACH photo (i.e., ELLEM=Elena Lemm). Please include a list of the qualified models' names (in alphabetical order). Novice entrants please enter the Novice Division. **Minis may be entered in either the special Mini Divisions or the Open divisions, but not both.** Mini division entries should be sorted by qualifier div (A-F), in individual baggies, for verification. **You may include an SASE, for return of your photos, right after judging is complete.**
****Headstudy entries will compete in the appropriate Performance division, regardless of whether they qualified in Halter or Performance (Div. A/B/E will compete in Div. E, Div. C/D/F will compete in Div. F) ****

****Send any non-monetary donations to:
Elena Lemm 37103 Robin George Trl., Magnolia, TX 77354 Ejlemm12@gmail.com
Please use donation form available online.**

Special Mini Division Instructions

The halter sections of the Mini Division will have the same class numbers and classes as the normal Open Division. They will be combined into OF Plastic/China (Division G) and AR/CM (Division H). The Mini Division Performance will be combined OF/CM (Division I) and have the following modified classlist (multiple entries for a single horse are permitted in all classes that have multiple entries or were combined from the original classlist (i.e., roping/cutting, hunter/jumper, costume/parade):

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| 1. Western Pleasure | 7. Other Western Games |
| 2. Western Bareback | 8. Other Western Performance |
| 3. Western Trail (arena/natural) | Western Performance Grand Champion/Reserve |
| 4. Roping/Cutting | 9. Huntseat Pleasure |
| 5. Other Stock Work | 10. English Bareback |
| 6. Barrels/Poles | 11. Saddleseat/Park/Sidesaddle |

12. English Trail (arena/natural)
13. Hunter/Jumper
14. Dressage
15. English Games
16. Other English Performance
English Performance Grand Champion/Reserve

17. Harness
18. Costume/Parade
19. Showmanship
20. Liberty
21. Other Performance
Other Performance Grand Champion/Reserve

Entry Form

Send your photos, entry fee and this entry form to:
Carolyn Bailey 4N742 Honey Hill Cir., Wayne, IL 60184

Email: mepsa3@att.net

Entrant info

Name: _____ 5-letter code: _____ **SASE included Y/N**

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Entry info

Number of entries per division:

Open

Div A: _____ Div B: _____ Div C: _____ Div D: _____

Div E: _____ Div F: _____ Div G: _____ Div H: _____ Div I: _____

Novice: _____ Total number of photos entered: _____

Do you want your photos shipped to an address other than the entrant address? If so, what address?

Do you want your prizes shipped to an address other than the entrant address? If so, what address?

Please indicate if you wish to receive the following:

Ribbons Y/N Rosettes Y/N

By tradition, MEPSA publishes copies of some of the entered photos (such as champions) in the MEPSA Championship results book. Please indicate if you do NOT want your photos published. _____

Entry Fees

_____ Championship Show Entry Fee: Based on number of photos entered (\$3.00 per 50 photos).
Includes ribbons, rosettes, awards, and a flat shipping fee* (\$12.00).
0-50= \$15 51-100= \$18 101-150= \$21 151-200= \$24 201-250= \$27 251-300= \$30
301-350= \$33 351-400= \$36 401-450= \$39 451-500= \$42, etc.
\$15.00 Results Book: A copy of the Results book with articles, ads and full color photos of the winners.
Please do not add \$15.00 if you are a Board member, a Patron Donor (>\$150 in donations) or do not wish to receive a copy of the results book.

_____ Optional Monetary Donation: Entitles you to an ad in the results book. This would include any sponsorships. **Please use donation/sponsorship form available online.**

_____ Total: Please make checks payable to Carolyn Bailey or Paypal, using the Friends and Family option, to mepsa3@att.net

*International entrants may be required to pay additional shipping costs.