



The New Mexico Breeders Report

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Dear Members,

I wanted to take the opportunity to address the ballot measures that we will be voting on at the annual meeting, specifically the potential for a by-law change concerning “new” thoroughbred mares. The board has been wrestling with the declining numbers of thoroughbreds in New Mexico for the past few years.

Beginning in 2017 the membership voted to allow broodmares to be bred in NM, leave the state, and return to foal. This idea was considered pretty controversial at the time. While somewhat helpful to the bottom line for the Association, the impact has been minimal as far as increasing numbers of thoroughbred foals.

At last year’s annual meeting, in response to a board member’s suggestion, we had a breakout discussion where the idea of allowing “new” mares in foal to out of state stallions, come to NM, foal, and be bred back to a NM stallion. The foal sired by the out of state stallion would be eligible to be a NM foal providing the above was followed. This mirrors the ballot measure that the membership will be voting on.

We also had a follow-on discussion about this at the “town hall” gathering at Ruidoso last summer.

During the discussion, which was very well attended, the prevailing concern was that the so-called “big guys” would buy expensive mares in foal to expensive stallions and dominate the races at the expense of the small breeders.

In my opinion, this is not a realistic concern. It doesn’t make sense economically to do such a thing. What I would anticipate, and frankly hope for, is an infusion of new, higher quality broodmares in foal to modestly priced stallions. As an example, at the 2018 Keeneland November mixed sale, the last two books of horses sold for an average of approximately \$5,000.00. This puts the acquisition of new bloodstock within reach of most breeders.

If approved, this would provide a boost to our overall numbers, which is desperately needed. The New Mexico bred sale for the last several years has been on the decline as far as overall numbers for thoroughbreds and as importantly, quality.

A catalog with more attractive individuals should attract more buyers overall which would be of benefit to everyone with a horse to sell due to increased traffic. There should also be more out of state interest in the sale as well.

Perhaps most importantly, the racetracks are cutting race dates and the reason they give is the decline of numbers of thoroughbred horses. Despite the best efforts of the Horsemen and the NMHBA, the racetracks got their way at the most recent race dates meetings at the Commission.

Finally, please remember that if passed, this rule sunsets in three years. The membership will decide whether to renew or not.

If we are not proactive in addressing these issues, we put our industry at risk. As the old saying goes, "if you're standing still, you're falling behind".

Our neighbors in Texas recently got some much-needed relief with a significant increase in their purses. I think we would be naïve to ignore this.

I'll briefly address the ballot measure that if passed, allows for mail in ballots.

Simply put, the board feels that mail in ballots are a more democratic way to have the members vote without having to attend the meeting in person or find someone to carry their proxy. It simplifies the process and should make it easier for the membership to have their votes count.

Members would still be able to submit names by mail for nominations to the board of trustees. The bottom line on both ballot measures remains; it is up to you, the members to decide.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Sincerely,
Tom Goncharoff
President

AMENDED

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Ramada Plaza Hotel
2020 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque

CHECK IN

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

- 1) Address from President
- 2) Call meeting to order & determination of quorum
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** summarized
- 4) **Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**
- 5) Determine date & location of 2021 Annual Meeting
- 6) Read By-Laws regarding nominations & Trustee Ballot
- 7) Entertain nominations for new Trustees from the floor
- 8) Comments from nominees
- 9) Read proxies into the record
- 10) Read the special item ballots
- 11) Speaker Lowell Neumayer of the Ruidoso Horse Sale Company
- 12) **Public comment from members (5-minute limit)**

10:00 a.m.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

- 1) Voting for Trustees
- 2) Vote to eliminate requirement of membership due 15 days prior to voting
- 3) Vote for eliminating proxies & allowing mail in ballots
- 4) Vote for Thoroughbred pregnant broodmare import program

Round Table Discussions

- 1) New Mexico Million
- 2) Tips on taking care of your mare and foal at birth

5 minutes to rotate in between

Drawing for a free breeding to (QH) Jet Black Patriot or (TB) Kentucky Wildcat
(Farm fees will still apply – no live foal guarantee)

Announcement of ballot results & adjourn

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING (505) 262-0224 BY JANUARY 24, 2020

2020 Annual meeting & banquet reminder

This coming year the NMHBA Annual meeting will be held at a new location. Please join us Thursday, January 30th at the **Ramada Plaza located at 2020 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107**. Check in time for active members will be 9:00am and lunch will be provided.

Please note that this year we will **NOT** be having our awards banquet the same evening. The NMHBA Awards Banquet will be held during Zia Festival weekend in Ruidoso, New Mexico. More details to follow .



Just a friendly reminder to those that participated in the Export Broodmare program. Foaling season has started and you must bring your mare back to foal out in New Mexico. No exceptions will be made. If your mare foals anywhere other than New Mexico. Don't forget when you bring your pregnant mare back to the state you must submit the return form to the breeders office prior to foaling. You may find the form directly below or we always have every form at the bottom of the page.

[Return Form](#)



2020 Stallion EVA boosters were due January 14th. If you have not gotten us your EVA booster form, please call the office at 505-262-0224 and ask for Paulette so that we may get it sorted out before your stud is marked inactive.

La Senora Stakes



Two Stepper, a homebred Attila's Storm filly owned by R.D. Hubbard and Paul Blanchard, opened her sophomore campaign with

a 1 1/4-length victory in Saturday's 6-furlong, \$100,000 La Senora Stakes (R) for state-bred 3-year-old fillies at Sunland Park. Roimes Chirinos rode the bay filly for trainer Todd Fincher. (PHOTOS: Coady Photography)



Lou Wooten/ Sydney Valentini Handicap

Cat Daddys
Lil Girl earned
her second



graded stakes victory in Saturday's \$100,000 Lou Wooten/Sydney Valentini Handicap (RG1) for state-bred Quarter Horse fillies and mares. Mauro Salcedo rode the 4-year-old daughter of Big Daddy Cartel for owners Jimmy Negrete and Jimmy Vasquez and trainer Cynthia Gonzalez. PHOTOS: Coady Photography

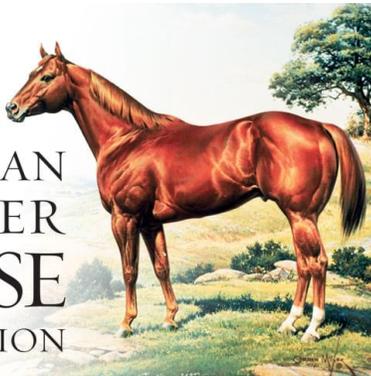


In memory of Amanda Greer and Betty Gail Rader Thompson



The NMHBA would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Amanda Greer and Betty Rader. Both women will be dearly missed by the NM Racing community.

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Starting with Quarter Horse foals born in 2019, the breeder of record will be whoever owned the mare at the time of **conception**. QH foals born prior to 2019 the breeder of record will still be owner of the mare at time of foaling.

Thoroughbreds remain the same, owner at time of foaling.

This is 20 year old New Mexico bred *Values Of The Hunt* (By Devon Lane out of Set Values). Won 8 races, \$209,848. He



was bred by Terry & Nan Lane, owned by Bobby McQueen and Ted Rushing and given to Wade & Carol Ford after a race ending injury. Today he gets ridden for pleasure and is well taken care of.

Courtesy of Bobby McQueen

Additional forms & Documents

[Membership Form](#)

[Click for Broodmare Registration Form](#)

[New Mexico Bred](#)

[Click for Stallion Registration Form](#)

[NM Bred w/ Embryo Transfer \(QH Only\)](#)

[EVA Booster](#)

[EVA Certification Initial](#)

[Export Broodmare Form](#)

[Export Broodmare Return Form](#)

[Form for a mare to leave to a sale](#)

[NMHBA By-Laws](#)



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