**MPHA Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 24th, 2022**

Menifee Co. Health Dept. @ 7:00 pm

Meeting call to order : 7:01 p.m

MPHA Board Members present: Robin Little-Basil, Rebekkah Layne, Bobbie Patterson, Daren Patterson (Database Chairman), Becky Beal, Cora Brewington, Megan Cantrell, and Taylor Chism.

Introduce Special Guest : Katie Kaufman, PhD, PAS

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We will be discussing a possible “joint project” between MSU and Mountain Pleasure for breeding/reproductive services in the future. Possible ideas would be 1. training stallions to mount a dummy mare 2. Collection of semen for cooled transport 3. Standing stallion at their repro barn for the public 4. Ultrasounds for mares for breeding cycles/pregnancy??

Discussion Points

-Introduction of board members and Dr. Kaufman what programs are offered at Morehead State University. Discussed the breeding program at MSU and how the implementation has transpired over the course since she has been at the university.

-Discussed the background of the MPHA/Old Saddler Breed to have a better understanding of the unique needs of our breed in terms of reproduction.

-Discussed surrogacy options for carrying the offspring and collection of eggs.

-Discussed cool shipment of semen and how that would work through the university.

-Discussed the different information on the website and what can be access through that resource.

1. \*Update\* Work on/publish the “Trooper” children’s story book (Haley and Bobbie are working on it now!!)

-Looked at the different progression pictures from the book. Talked about proposed release date for the book.

1. Renewal of Federal Trademark Registrations (voted on via email 8/1/22)
2. We now have a new database program -Breedmates! Our new Database Chairman…Darren Patterson, has been diligently working on getting our old database and new Breedmates program combined for a more accurate and user friendly program for everyone! Darren has also “rewritten” the current database to allow for additional searches and it’s FABULOUS! Bobbie & Darren have also been working hard on updating and correcting incorrect data, so if you find any issues, please email to me and I’ll get them to Bobbie for correction! We are all SUPER excited for this new program!

-Discussed the progress of Breedmates and how the searching process has been updated/simplified.

1. Upcoming Events:

August 27th - MPHA Arena Obstacle Challenge – TBA

Sept.10-11th Ky Horse Park – Parade of Breeds Demo

Sept. 24th MPHA Arena Obstacle Challenge – TBA

Oct. 13-16th \*Campout – Elkins Creek, Pedro, Ohio

Oct. 22nd MPHA Arena Obstacle Challenge – TBA

Nov. 3-6th \*Campout – TBA

Dec. 11th MPHA/Drill Team Christmas Party – TBA (3-5pm)

Moved to adjourn: Rebekkah Second to adjourn Taylor

(adjourn – next board meeting Oct. 18th @7:00pm)