

March 2020



# Newsletter

## HAFLINGER HORSE BITS



Rylee TOF (Anthony x Rivella TOF) and her colt Amadeo of Genesis by Alfa of Genesis. Amadeo is now owned by Michelle Wassinger of Colorado. Photo: Genesis Farm.

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## *Haflinger Horse Bits Newsletter Needs Your Help!*

Please help make our Registry newsletter Haflinger Horse Bits useful and fun to read by submitting news about your Haflingers. Notable events featuring Haflinger horses are always of interest to our members, and we appreciate your sending news, reports, and upcoming event notifications to [newsletter@haflingerhorse.com](mailto:newsletter@haflingerhorse.com)

Sale ads are not currently offered in Haflinger Horse Bits. Photos and artwork are welcome but don't always reproduce well in our newsletter format. Submitted information is not guaranteed to appear, but we'll try to share your good news as time and space permit. Items may be edited for clarity or brevity if needed.

Thanks for helping us spread the word about Registered American Haflingers!

## *Points and Awards Participants!*

Don't forget to enter your 2020 hours and points for the Golden Path and Ambassador Awards programs. Enrollment is free with your AHR membership, so sign up today at [www.haflingerhorse.com/points](http://www.haflingerhorse.com/points)

Thanks to everyone who participated in 2019—awards will be mailed in May!



## *Attention Show Secretaries and Open Show Haflinger Exhibitors!*

American Haflinger Registry has free high score championship ribbons available for registered Haflingers competing in rated (non AHR) and open shows.

There must be at least three registered Haflingers shown in the division/show for the award to be presented. All shows and divisions are eligible.

Show secretary must make a request at least 14 days before the event to: [promotion@haflingerhorse.com](mailto:promotion@haflingerhorse.com). Secretary must submit photo and name of winner after the show.

We also have similar ribbons available for use with registered Haflinger horses presented at breed exhibitions, horse expos, etc. Please inquire.



## *Haflinger World Show 2020*

Want to see almost 700 Haflingers at once, from twenty different countries? Love to travel? Ready for adventure? Then check out the Haflinger World Show in Austria May 21-24.

This huge event, held only once every five years, promises to be bigger and better than ever with a full slate of events and presentations over the four days of the extravaganza.

Breeders from around the world will bring their finest Haflingers to Fohlenhof Ebbs in the scenic Austrian Alps for shows, evaluations, and all things Haflinger. Shop the trade fair, watch the evening variety shows, admire the

foals... and maybe even bring one home as the ultimate souvenir!

If you're a serious fan of Haflingers, you won't want to miss this event... and you'll have to wait until 2025 for the next chance to experience this world-famous equestrian gathering.

For information about the World Haflinger Show 2020, please visit [www.haflinger-tirol.com](http://www.haflinger-tirol.com).

Although the American Haflinger Registry is not sending a formal contingent, several members will be attending. Join the private Facebook group "World Haflinger Show Austria" to meet fellow travelers from the US and beyond, share travel plans, and prepare to have a wonderful time at this not-to-be-missed event!

## *DigitalHorses Webinar*

Curious about our new software? Join our online software webinar to see how fast and easy many transactions can be completed with our new system.

**Join us on Wednesday, March 11th at 8:00 pm EST.**

While at your computer, call 605-472-5341 then enter access code 289469# to join the webinar.

# Bits & Pieces

## *Inspection Site Announcement!*

2020 Inspection & Classification will be held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Haflinger Association Show on **Friday, July 3**, at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds in Centreville, Michigan. Judges will be Dave Ayers, Grace Greenlee and Larry Smith. Additional details and application are posted at [www.haflingerhorse.com](http://www.haflingerhorse.com)—application deadline is June 10, 2020.

Questions? Please email [classification@haflingerhorse.com](mailto:classification@haflingerhorse.com) or call Kathie Hanson (218) 666-5924 or Erwin Slabaugh (440) 487-7940.



## *Haflinger Expo Support*

Going to an expo or horse fair with your Haflingers this year? AHR will have banners, brochures, display ribbons, and sponsorship grants available to help you tell the world about your beautiful Haflingers. We still have three \$100 grants available for AHR clubs to help with presentation costs, as well as other support materials. Please email [promotion@haflingerhorse.com](mailto:promotion@haflingerhorse.com) with your plans... we can help!

## *Important!*

### *New AHR Office Information*

Effective December 15, 2019

American Haflinger Registry  
PO Box 124, Fredericktown, OH 43019  
Phone 330-784-0000

General AHR Office E-mail  
[secretary@haflingerhorse.com](mailto:secretary@haflingerhorse.com)

Physical Delivery Address:  
American Haflinger Registry  
16402 Village Parkway,  
Fredericktown, OH 43019

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm EST

#### Newsletter Delivery

In an effort to share AHR news and information more frequently and cost-effectively, default delivery for Haflinger Horse Bits newsletters will be via email starting in 2020.

Using email for our newsletters saves members money and allows us to produce longer, more colorful, more frequent, and more informative communications. It costs AHR over two dollars to print and mail a newsletter, but just pennies to email the same information to you.

If you do not have an email address associated with your membership or renewal, you will be mailed a paper copy of Horse Bits to the postal address on file. If you use email but for some reason want a paper newsletter, please email [newsletter@haflingerhorse.com](mailto:newsletter@haflingerhorse.com) with your request.

# Ohio Haflinger Horse Association



Ohio Haflinger Association's beautiful presentation at Equine Affaire

Greetings from the Ohio Haflinger Association! 2019 was year filled with fun, golden horses and innovation for the OHA. With so much success and fellowship behind us, we are naturally keeping the momentum going in 2020 with some very exciting plans!

The OHA will once again be supporting the outstanding youth of the Ohio State Junior Fair by awarding the High Point Haflinger in 2020. Our 2019 winner, Jenna Klingenberger with her wonderful Haflinger Status Quo of Excellence, were awarded a prize pack worth \$500! She showed the true versatility of the breed by Winning her Draft Showmanship class, then coming back to compete

against the stock horses in the Ranch Riding classes. She also competes in Classical and Western Dressage, English Pleasure and jumps. Not only is Status Quo of Excellence an AHR Registered horse, but he was bred by an OHA member. We can't wait to see who will win this coveted award in 2020!

April 2nd through the 5th will mark the return of Equine Affaire to Ohio. With it, as always, many OHA members will be shining a spotlight on our wonderful Haflingers! In everything from clinics, to Fantasia, demonstrations to Time to Ride- Wait- Due to the amazing efforts of our members, it has been renamed "Ride a Haflinger"! This entire event

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will be filled with Haflingers and showcasing their versatility.

Speaking of showcases for the breed that our members support, we can't forget Horse Progress Days, July 3rd and 4th in Mt. Hope, Ohio. Several of our members will be taking teams of Haflingers out to demonstrate the many ways that Haflingers can add horsepower to your agricultural pursuits. Participation is invitation only, so it is an honor to see our members so well represented in this event. There are several membership gatherings through the year that are free to our members.

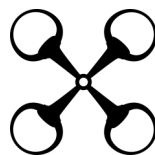
## Here are the dates to save:

- Newly added this year will be a Clinic and Camping event at the Knox County Horsepark on May 29th and 30th. Camping trail riding and obstacle course training is all on the schedule.
- The Ice Cream Social will be held July 18th and is a wonderful day of socialization and delicious treats!
- Fun Days will be August 8th and features riding and driving fun, a delicious meal and some friendly competition!
- The Fall Festival date is not yet set, but is sure to be a great day of games and all the tasty things that evoke Ohio in the Fall.

Finally, I want to touch on the overwhelming generosity of our membership. Not only does our Annual Banquet always get outstanding attendance, amazing support for our Youth Program (which pays out HUGE awards to its participants), live auction goods and pledges to sponsor the Ohio State Fair Open Haflinger Show, but they voted this year to increase and diversify our sponsorships and advertising! We will now be sponsoring the Buckeye Haflinger Show, the Central Haflinger Show, the AHR National Showcase, as well as individual sponsorships as they come available. We will also be advertising our members' great accomplishments in national publications and online equine sources.

We are always looking for more Haflinger enthusiasts to join in our good time! If any of these activities and missions appeal to you, please consider this your personal invitation to join the Ohio Haflinger Association. Find our website at [ohiohaflinger.com](http://ohiohaflinger.com) and follow us on facebook for more information.

*Respectfully submitted by Tara Williamson,  
Ohio Haflinger Association President*



# Meetings & Minutes

## **AHR Board of Directors Meeting December 10, 2019**

All members except Suzi Vlietstra were present.

Minutes of November 13, 2019 provided electronically to the Board of Directors. Missy moved to accept the minutes as presented. Kyle seconded. Vote: unanimous

Minutes of November 22, 2019 provided electronically to the Board of Directors. Dave moved to accept the minutes as presented. Joey seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Financial statement for the previous month provided electronically to the Board of Directors. Kyle moved to accept the financial report as presented. Missy seconded. Vote: unanimous

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Futurity**

*Chair: Erwin Slabaugh* - Proposed directives to the committee were adopted.

### **Inspection & Classification**

*Chair: Erwin Slabaugh* - Seeking 2020 sites. Proposed directives to the committee were adopted.

### **International**

*Chair: Chuck Hendershot* - No report

### **Judges**

*Chair: John Dunkle* - Proposed directives to the committee were adopted.

### **Membership**

*Chair: Joey Lysinger* - Joey proposed a scholarship idea from AHR for 2020 seniors. Two \$500 awards would be given after particulars are created by the commit-

tee. Missy moved to allocate \$1,000 for continuing education. Dave seconded. Discussion included that the committee will present criteria at a future meeting.

**Grievance Policy review:** The Board of Directors encourages members of the American Haflinger Registry to communicate questions or concerns to the Regional Director and/or the posted Committee chair for review and resolution. Issues may be presented to the Board of Directors as necessary.

Effective February 1, 2020, formal grievances can be filed as follows: Grievance is shared in writing to the Board via US mail to the AHR office within 15 days of the incident. Grievance fee of \$50, payable to AHR (personal check or money order), which will be refunded if the grievance is upheld

Grievance must include: name, date, location, time, and AHR members involved; the signature of the AHR member filing the grievance; a detailed accounting of the grievance; all relevant documentation; and contact information for witness(es) and supporting materials. Grievance should include a desired result/outcome

Additional grievance information: Grievance will be treated as confidential by all parties until resolution. Grievances aired in public via social media in a manner that is harmful to the American Haflinger Registry or

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cause unrest among the membership will not be considered

Members breaching confidentiality are subject to action under the Personal Code of Conduct

AHR Board of Directors will acknowledge properly-filed grievances within 15 days of receipt

AHR Board of Directors will investigate all properly-filed grievances and render a decision within 45 days of receipt

AHR Board of Directors may request additional information from the concerned party or other witnesses as necessary.

A one-time 30-day extension may be employed by the AHR Board of Directors if additional time is needed to investigate the grievance

Should a protest be directed at any current AHR Board of Director, that director will be recused from investigating and deciding on the resolution of the grievance

Decisions by the AHR Board of Directors will be final

## **Personal Code of Conduct review:**

Effective February 1, 2020, based on Article IV Section 1 items 2 & 4 of the Bylaws, American Haflinger Registry members will be held to the same standards as previously approved by the membership for the Board of Directors. The Personal Conduct Code expects that members will:

Follow registry decisions

Work with the registry in ways to promote a positive representation of the Haflinger breed

Publicly reflect the diversity of the breed, a positive image of the registry, and be welcoming to all Haflinger enthusiasts

Members who violate this Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary actions including penalties up to suspension or revocation of membership privileges.

Proposed directives to the committee were adopted.

## **National Showcase**

*Chair: Kyle Love* - Kyle shared that he's working the class list in cooperation with the HBC, HCC, and hitch series. Looking into equipment (i.e., jumps, dressage ring, etc.). Several member volunteers have stepped up. Judges are being sought. Sponsorships are being sought as well. Much more is being discussed by the committee.

## **Personnel & Office**

*Chair: Missy Shanahan* - The email tree from board title or committee @haflinger-horse.com has been updated to reflect the new appointments. Hopeful that by month's end, 90% of paperwork will be handled through DigitalHorse. Monday, December 16's webinar is for the Board to become more familiar with the system. January 20's webinar is a first opportunity for members to learn to use the system.

## **Pedigree**

*Chair: Kathie Hanson* - No report

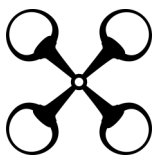
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## Promotions

**Chair:** Suzi Vlietstra - Proposed directives to the committee were adopted. Previous years Board minutes have been removed from the website until a members only option is available. Changes to the Board and Committee chairs have been reflected on the website.

**Old Business:** Missy moved to accept the “Duties, Responsibilities, and Expectations” for Futurity, Classification, Judges, Membership, and Promotions committees. Kathie seconded. Carried unanimously. [These outline committee tasks and procedures for reporting back to the Board.] Joey moved to accept the committee chairs as listed above. Glenn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:** None



## AHR Board of Directors Meeting January 8, 2020

Dave Ayers excused with notice. All other members present.

2020 budget was adopted as a guideline for Board use only as we undergo many changes.

### Standing Committee Reports

**Futurity** - No report

**Inspection & Classification** - Sites are being sought for 2020 inspections.

**International** - We have been coordinating some research on the Westfalen Verband organization and inspection process. World Dues for 2020 total 700 euros will be paid to maintain our active status with the WHBSF.

**Judges** - No Report

**Membership** - Committee is putting together scholarship opportunities for youth.

**National Showcase** - A class list is being created maintaining core classes for HBC, HCC, and hitch series.

**Personnel & Office** - Paperwork is being processed in the new office. Still fielding many questions as the transition progresses.

**Pedigree** - The committee has worked on pedigree/registration questions. Also helped several people with paperwork questions, transfers, ownership etc.

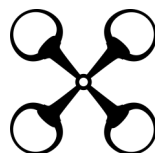
**Points & Awards, Promotions, & Website & Publications** - *Haflinger High Score Open Show Program* sent out 23 ribbons in 2019. Need to order more ribbons (with new logo) then promote the program for 2020. We still have ‘Registered Haflinger’ ribbons similar to high score ribbons for use at expos and fairs. *Golden Path and Ambassador Programs* results are coming in for 2019 and must be received by 1/31/2020. *Youth Program* will be moved to the membership committee for further development. 2020 *Calendars* were sent to every member as of the end of 2019. Social media response was positive. Goal to build the 2021 calendar earlier.

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New Logo Launch was announced on Facebook. Positive response and requests for sportswear: T's, hats, etc. Investigation is underway. Stickers- several orders have been mailed out- people seem to like the logo in any form. Facebook Page has been updated with a Horse of the Month feature from Calendar Photos. First Horse of the Month feature was posted 1/1/20; best response in the last 6 months. Good feature that may help get more calendar entries. New contact information, header info, logo updated on Facebook page. Discussion: changing photos as necessary to keep fresh. *Haflinger Horse Bits Newsletter*: 550 28-page newsletters mailed, including a handful of international. Response on social media was positive.

**Old Business:** Committee reports need to be submitted one week prior to the Board meeting to ensure distribution and review time so meetings are more streamlined.

**New Business:** Frozen semen Discussion: Need to establish rules of ownership of frozen semen if stallion is sold and straws are maintained by previous owner. Pedigree committee will begin the process. Horse Illustrated is featuring the Haflinger in its March issue this year. Several full-page color ads and a number of farm summary ads are included based on info from HI contact.



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|                             | <p><b>INDIANA HAFLINGER HORSE &amp; DRAFT PONY SALE</b><br/>April 3rd &amp; 4th, 2020<br/>The Premier Haflinger Auction in North America!</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Saturday April 4th, 2020</b><br/><b>Stallion Services:</b> 8:30 a.m.<br/><b>Auction:</b> 9:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Consignment Deadline January 30, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Send consignment forms to:</b><br/>Glenn Yoder<br/>10269 West 650 North<br/>Etna Green, IN 46524<br/><b>574-646-3225</b></p>   | <p><b>2019 Sale Average:</b><br/>\$3,058<br/><b>Top 20 Average:</b><br/>\$5,310</p>  |
|                            | <p>Consignment forms will be available on the IHHA website, and by mailing a request to Glenn Yoder at the address above.</p> <p><a href="http://www.indianahaflingers.com">www.indianahaflingers.com</a></p> <p></p> <p><b>601 E. Lake St.</b><br/><b>PO Box 279</b><br/><b>Topeka, IN 46571</b><br/>AC31600016<br/><b>P:</b> 260-593-2522<br/><b>F:</b> 260-593-2258<br/><b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:info@topekalinestock.com">info@topekalinestock.com</a></p> |  |

# Save the Dates!



The 2020 American Haflinger Registry  
*National Showcase and Futurity*

is scheduled for September 4-6 at the beautiful  
Michiana Events Center ("MEC Center") in Shipshewana, Indiana.

Enjoy Hitch, Sport Horse and a Full Line of Halter Classes on the Labor Day Holiday  
Weekend. This will be a fun filled, jam-packed weekend you don't want to miss!

More details coming soon - please check your Haflinger Horse Bits Newsletter, or the American  
Haflinger Registry Facebook page or [www.haflingerhorse.com](http://www.haflingerhorse.com) for updates as available.

