

## **GLHA Winter 2011 Newsletter**

Happy New Year to all our members! Sure do hope everyone had wonderful holidays and are enjoying their winter.

One item I would like to start with is to let those who may not have heard that as of December 1, 2010, Fran Reygaert resigned as our President. Thank you Fran for all of the work and time you gave to GLHA as our President and thank you Phil Six for assuming the position as President thru our annual meeting this year. Thanks also to Ted Corey for serving as Secretary.

Some important dates coming up for everyone....first of all is our Annual Luncheon and Meeting.

The date is **Saturday, February 12, 2011.**

Time: 11:30 AM - Noon Potluck buffet, 1:00 PM Meeting

Potluck buffet - bring a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided.

Location: Alaiedon Township Hall

2021 W. Holt Rd

Mason, Mi 48854

Just a reminder that GLHA dues must be paid before the meeting in order for you to vote. There will be election of officers as well as a proposed by-law change, which is contained in this newsletter. Dues are \$25 and it would be greatly appreciated if you would fill out a membership application with all your information on it so that member information for everyone can be updated. An application is attached to this newsletter.

I would like to extend a "Thank you" to Matt Ladd and Bob McCrory for serving on the board these past two years as both of their positions are up for election. The following members have agreed to run for board positions:

**Matt Ladd:** I am again stepping forward to run for a position on the GLHA board. It is a very pivotal time in our existence and I am up to the challenge of getting us through these difficult times. I have been involved with GLHA activities since I can remember. Along with my wife and kids I am active in showing and promoting the Haflinger at several shows a year. I have served on the board for several years now and look forward to the opportunity to continue that service.

**Brent Leininger:** I presently live in Waldron Mi with my wife Holly and our three daughters, Katherine, Stephanie and Mackenzie. At present we own 9 Haflingers who spend their days out on pasture eating hay or grass and have been getting quite fat. I have been around Haflinger horses my entire lifetime and have helped out in GLHA functions as long as I can remember. I know our organization has been through difficult times recently with changes in our activities for fundraising and promotion of the Haflinger but I look forward to and believe a brighter day is ahead for GLHA. I hope that my business experience and relationships will help me if elected to the GLHA board as we work to promote the Haflinger. The last three years we haven't been as active in the Haflinger promotion and showing but are looking forward to getting back to this in the near future.

**Mark Kukal:** Mark has been in the Haflinger business for many years. He is a farrier and knows the Haflinger breed from the bottom up!!

Just because your name doesn't appear here doesn't mean you can't run! Write in candidates are very welcome at the meeting!

A by-law change will be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting. The changes to each article are highlighted below. The by-laws now state that the President and Vice President are elected by the membership. Under this change, three directors would be elected each year and the board of directors will then elect the officers.

### ARTICLE III

The officers shall consist of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. **The president and vice president shall be elected by the Board of Directors to serve a one year term.** They shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.

### ARTICLE IV

**Directors shall be elected by secret ballot. Three directors will be elected each year by the members.** Only paid-up members shall receive a ballot. The voted ballots shall be mailed or handed to the election committee on or before the annual meeting. The ballots shall include those candidates running for office plus a write-in space. The ballots will be tabulated at the annual meeting.

### ARTICLE VI

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the same day and immediately following the aforesaid election of members hereof **and shall include the election of president and vice president.**

**Next up is the Michigan Horse Council Stallion Expo at the MSU Pavillion. The dates are March 11, 12, 13, 2011. GLHA has a booth there once again this year. Bob McCrory and Sue Morisse have offered to take Sue's Haflinger "Ben" again this year. He was quite a hit last year and a great promoter for the Haflinger. More information will be available at the meeting. Volunteers will be needed to help staff the booth – please sign up at the meeting to help out.**

**Mark your calendars !!! The GLHA Haflinger Show is July 8 & 9, 2011 (Friday and Saturday) at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason, Michigan.**

**As of this writing I have not heard of any foals being born yet....congrats if you have had a foal and please share at the meeting if you have. I know a lot of us do enjoy hearing about our members new herd additions.**

**Hope to see everyone at the membership meeting next month. It is always a nice time seeing everyone and the dish to pass luncheon also provides the tastiest food ! GLHA members have some of the best cooks!**

**Happy Haffie Trails!**

**Lisa LaRoe**



# GLHA Membership Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check those that apply:**

- I/We currently own Haflingers
- I/We are looking to purchase a Haflinger
- I/We would like more information on this breed

**Please check your interests:**

- Driving Haflingers
- Showing
- Showing 4-H
- Western Saddle Riding
- English Saddle Riding
- Dressage
- Personal Pleasure Use
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00 Membership Fee

Please make check payable to GLHA and mail along with application to:  
Teri Ashcroft, GLHA Treasurer  
2333 W. Reid Road  
Flint, MI 48507

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