

President's Message

By Joan Olson

Winter 2024

Fellow Curly Members,



I am feeling the cold this morning!! Woke up to 20 degrees here in Reno, Nevada.

It amazes me how a horse can stand it outside at night in that deep freeze. If they have adequate time to grow a winter coat there is no worry. Just make sure that they have enough drinkable water to stay hydrated. A horse will not consume enough snow to meet its water requirement.

Blankets can provide a barrier to the cold and snow. The outer surface should be a durable material like canvas fabric and check the blanket regularly for any damage so the horse cannot get caught up in it. If your horse has been living outside through the fall and into the winter months with no problem then it should be okay without blanketing. Also make sure they have enough forage to provide inner heat to maintain its body temperature.

Our Curlies are never blanketed, their thick coats keep them warm. It does take some time for them to dry out after a workout session, we usually let them loaf in the barn till then and out they go.

It will soon be the end of 2024, time to start thinking about the new 2025 breeding season. I hope that everyone who can breed exceptional Curlies will and raise those foals to be the next ambassadors of this awesome breed.

Good Luck to all our Curly Members and Best Wishes for the upcoming New Year!!

Your ABC President,

Joan Olson

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Season's Greetings from Canada

By Sonja Oakes



Dear Curly Enthusiasts,

As I review how the past year has gone for us, I am astounded at how quickly it has passed. We have gone from unseasonally warm t-shirt weather to persistent rain to minus 10 and snow all in the space of 2 weeks.

The Curlies are in their element though, growing their beautiful curls and enjoying the cold. Even our senior field, where the youngest gelding is 24, has shown bursts of energy, galloping around and playing like youngsters.

We have fielded a lot of calls and emails from people looking for Curlies. There is a strong market right now, even with winter approaching, especially for well broke horses. We have also noticed that more people are willing to look at buying younger Curlies and having them finished to their specifications as there are few well finished Curlies available, at least in this area. We have referred a number of people to other breeders as well. Let's hope that this trend continues in the foreseeable future.



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I have also reflected on a lifetime spent with our Curlies, the miles we travelled to see and buy them, the hours we spend with them everyday, the holidays we didn't take because the farm doesn't take a break, the middle of the night emergencies, the sleepless nights waiting for a foal, the training, doctoring, handling, hay baling, watering, riding, shows, events, parades...the list go on and on. There were some times when I wondered why?

And then I go outside, see the woolly horses and smile...they really are good for the soul. There is something undeniably grounding about having a chore routine and a work routine on a farm. It is the animals that give a farm it's soul and the Curlies are indeed the soul of our farm.

For years, we have welcomed people who regularly visit the farm for their weekly dose of horses. They come from all walks of life and many of them are searching for respite and peace from the daily grind of life. I have heard many times that they can feel the stress of their daily lives ebb away as they come up our driveway. The Curlies are always there to greet them, waiting for attention. They are unequivocally the best listeners, never talk back, never judge and are accepting to many people who do not find that within their life circles. Our reward is finding acceptance within the herd and knowing that others in our community find it here as well.

As 2024 comes to a close and the new year is unfurling, we hope that you find your joy in your horses, in your families and in your lives. For all of the stress we have, there is always more joy!

Wishing everyone a Peaceful and Restful Holiday Season,

Merry Christmas,

Sonja Oakes









43rd Annual North Texas Irish Festival

By Angie Gaines

We will be attending the 43rd Annual North Texas Irish Festival with our wonderful O'Sparky, February 28 thru March 2, 2025.

More updates can be found at https://www.ntif.org/schedule/

This photo is of Breeann Willich and O'Sparky. O'Sparky, registered name; Black Rock's Golden Firefly has Irish Breeds and was gathered by BLM near the Black Rock Mountains of NV. His lines are Irish/Connemara and his ancestors were used a Pit Ponies to gathered the minerals and ore from the pit under the mountainsides by the Irish miners.



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Historical Curly Articles from Western Horseman

This time, we are featuring an picture of a Peter Damele Curly Horse called "Curly". Enjoy!



• This picture was sent in as an entry in *The Western Horseman* photo contest in 1947 by Peter Damele of Eureka, Nevada. The information on the back of the photo stated that this horse is named Curly and, at the time the picture was taken, was a 7-year-old Bashkir — a "horse that is naturally curly all over" — and owned by Peter Damele on his Dry Creek Ranch at Austin, Nevada.

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Convention Meeting summary for Zoom Meeting (09/28/2024)

Present at Zoom Meeting:

Tiffany Beechinor Sue Davis Krista Harvey Donna Laroux Melinda Martino Diane Mitchell Joan Olson Caren Schumann Shawn Tucker

Quick recap

The meeting involved discussions on various topics, including personal updates, technical issues, and business matters. The team also discussed the financial status and budget for the year 2023 and 2024, with a focus on fundraising challenges and the need for more proactive support. Other topics included website and merchandise issues, the possibility of using Cafe Press for merchandise sales, and concerns about the identification of horses with specific genetic traits. The team also discussed the concept of registering horses in their registry, particularly those with unclear heritage, and the need to engage younger people due to declining interest in horse riding.

Next steps

- · Diane to send out email with Venmo and PayPal links for CHA donations
- · Melinda and Caren to work on proposal for rules regarding the Curly Coat Book
- . Sue to send Melinda information on the horse she feels can't be registered

Shawn to look into Cafe Press options for merchandise and report back, especially for the options in Europe

- · Caren to follow up with Kelly about Facebook page access issues
- · Joan to continue scanning old registration paperwork into the database
- · Melinda to cancel open DNA test order for Sue's horse Luminosity
- · Board members to consider ways to attract younger members to the organization
- · Melinda to schedule next meeting via email
- · Tiffany to prepare meeting minutes (if still available)

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Summary

Personal Updates

The group approved the 2023 minutes and discussed membership reports, focusing on the number of breeder and adult members. Diane's status as a life member was also discussed, with Melinda explaining the challenges of tracking them in the system. The conversation ended with Melinda suggesting the addition of a fundraising item under old business in the agenda.

Financial Reports and Budget Discussion

The meeting involved a discussion about the financial status and budget for the year 2023 and 2024. Melinda presented the financial reports for both years, highlighting the differences in salaries and expenses. She also mentioned the purchase of a printer and a computer in the previous year. The team discussed the budget for the current year, with Melinda noting that they are currently at about \$2,000 to the good. The team also discussed the 100-mile contest, with Tiffany being the only participant who came close to completing it. The team then accepted the financial report for the year 2023.

Fundraising Challenges and Support Strategies

Diane reported a balance of \$1,586 after providing \$753 in assistance and receiving \$557 in donations. She expressed disappointment at the lack of donations and mentioned a fundraiser and efforts to renew a logo contract. The team discussed fundraising challenges, with Melinda suggesting sharing Diane's Venmo for donations, which Diane agreed to. They agreed on the importance of raising November funds and the need for more proactive support, while Melinda expressed concern about requests for additional assistance after initial help.

Website and Merchandise Issues Discussion

The team discussed various issues related to their website and merchandise. Caren reported that everything was fine with the website. Diane raised an issue about needing to sign in to access the website, which Caren attributed to a possible firewall issue. Melinda brought up the topic of merchandise, mentioning that they still have red T-shirts, hats, and sweatshirts available. However, she expressed concerns about sizing issues and the need to decide what to do with the current stock. Shawn and Joan mentioned that they had used a site called Cafe Press in the past, but there were issues with internet connectivity due to a storm. The team also discussed the possibility of changing the picture on their T-shirts.

Cafe Press Merchandise Sales Discussion

Melinda, Shawn, Caren, Joan, and Diane discussed the possibility of using Cafe Press for merchandise sales. They agreed that the products would be sold through Cafe Press's store, with a link provided on their own website. The pricing and profit-sharing details were to be

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clarified by Shawn. The team also considered the possibility of shipping to European locations. Shawn agreed to look into these details and share the information with the team.

Genetic Traits, Certificate Design, and Database Tracking

Melinda raised concerns about the identification of horses with specific genetic traits on their certificates and in the database. She suggested advertising these traits to breeders and questioned whether there could be a way to identify these horses specifically. Shawn sought clarification on the registration form. The team decided to change the color of the registration seal to a more neutral shade such as beige or off-white, to improve its appearance. They also discussed the possibility of tracking genetic information in the database, but decided to revisit this issue later.

Curly-Coated Horse Code Book and Breeding Rules

Melinda expressed concerns about the Curly Code Book horses and identifying those with unknown heritage. The team debated rules for breeding curly-coated horses with other breeds, with Joan suggesting consistent rules across breeds. They discussed aligning registration rules for Curly Coat and Mustang breeds, with Melinda arguing for equal treatment since both are registered. The classification of horses based on heritage and DNA was also discussed, with Caren clarifying the difference between outcross and mustang/curly sections. The team agreed to further discuss potential rule changes.

Horse Registry Proposal and ABC Background Discussion

Melinda, Joan, Sonja, and Caren discussed the concept of registering horses in their registry, particularly those with unclear heritage. They agreed to create a written proposal to present to the board for discussion. The team also discussed the registration of horses with ABC backgrounds, with Melinda proposing registration provided they are identified as unregistered. The horses are being added to the database, and their pedigree will show their ABC background. The team also discussed the database's effectiveness in tracing horse lineages from the DNA data, with Caren suggesting encouraging participants to provide parental DNA if available.

Addressing Facebook Page Control and Engagement

Caren gave control of the Facebook page to Kelly in 2017, who used her personal account, raising concerns about liability. The team agreed to explore rectifying the situation and removing Kelly's administrator access. They also discussed the need to engage younger people due to declining interest in horse riding related to economic and lifestyle changes.

Horse Updates, Growth, and Officer Candidates

Sonja shared updates about a horse called Oakesmuir Magnolia and two horses adopted by a polo family. Melinda reported growth in District 7 with new members and a breeder, and a horse

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sold for combined training. The team discussed their current horses, the upcoming board meeting, and potential officer candidates. DMS mentioned winning her first belt buckle.

Aging Horses, Breeding, and Al Discussion

The team shared their personal experiences with their aging horses, discussing issues such as ocular cancer and the challenges of caring for them. They also discussed the increasing interest in artificial insemination for breeding horses and the potential for setting up an AI station on one of their farms.

Discussing Storm Damage and Donation Efforts

The team discussed the significant damage and loss of life caused by a recent storm in Florida's Panhandle and the Carolinas. They talked about the need for donations, with Diane agreeing to send out a list of contacts. Joan and Melinda discussed an issue with a registered DNA test for a horse, with Melinda agreeing to verify and cancel any duplicate entry. They also talked about horses with multiple DNA tests and registrations.

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4357 FLORALAKE NIGHT WIND Congratulations Florence Marin!



+ CURLY COAT BOOK +

CB 39 PAITERHOFS POKEMON Congratulations Sabine Kwasniczka!





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Today's FAQ

WHY SHOULD I REGISTER MY HORSE AT ABCR?

Register your Curly Horse at ABCR include the following advantages:

- Identification of your Curly Horse by DNA and description/pictures documented in the ABCR database and in the pedigree certificate you receive
- Recording of your Curly Horse's bloodlines, approved by DNA in the Full and Blood Percentage Book which is important for breeder's programs
- By making the data of your horse available to the large database driven collection of registered Curly Horses (containing more than 5,600 entries of Curly Horses worldwide) you support further research on the unique traits of the Curly Horse

For Horse Transfers, please use the back of the horses pedigree.

Please help us to keep the books updated! THANK YOU!.



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