

Massachusetts NBHA State of the State letter

By State Director Sandy Gosselin

Hi to all Massachusetts members old and new. I would like to start off by expressing my appreciation for all of those State Champion award winners who waited so graciously for their awards. If anyone has not received what they were supposed to get please contact me A.S.AP. It got very confusing and I apologize for that.

As the New Year starts we in Massachusetts will also be starting in a new direction. The state will become one whole district as it was back in 1996. Until such time that a qualified person is appointed the MA02 director we will then look at the boundary lines of the state and determine a new districting line. Due to the current economic times it is very difficult to maintain a large quality show so we will look to combine our sources and arenas for the up coming show season. I have informed the home office on this change of venue and they should be making the adjustments as each member renews their membership. Any questions regarding district shows and memberships should be directed to District Director Karen Miller. If you are aggrieved by the Directors decision then and only then should you contact me with regards to your issue. My job is organizing the State Championships not micro-manage the district director and her shows.

At this time I would entertain appointing a MA00 District director. This position would be for points only. This means that the 00 director would keep track of the points accumulated for anyone who wishes to become a MA00 district member. What this district means as far as a member is concerned is that a MA00 member would pick no less than 3 sanctioned shows prior to the show date in which to accumulate points for the end of the year qualifications for Georgia. They must get a change of district form from the MA01 district director and file for this *prior to running* in the MA00 district. There are no year end awards for these members but all appropriate fees apply. If anyone is interested in this position they can e-mail me with a letter of interest.

The state championships are scheduled for September 18-19, 2010. We are currently in discussion with CT01 on whether we will be combining the states. If this goes forward we will be asking the home office to double the wildcards. At this time a location has not been determined but it is my goal to keep the states in Massachusetts and of course to keep the cost down so that every one can attend. I am open to checking out any facility that may be able to support the states (preferably with an indoor). Please shoot me an e-mail. Not everyone's financial situation is the same but most of us are counting our pennies and if we can put the money back into the pockets of the riders it certainly would make all of us happier.

I would rather see the money that we raise go back to the riders rather than pay high rental, insurance and stall/tie fees. It is very important to look at the entire picture when planning for a large event like the state show. We certainly do not want to have to change our dates and times due to inclement weather. There is a lot of planning and organizing months before this event takes place that most do not even know of but believe me it is there. I am looking for a few energetic organized members who would like to be on a State Championships committee. The goal here is to get members involved with the planning and implementing of the State show. If anyone is interested please let me know via e-mail.

The NBHA has moved the World Championships to Perry Ga. for October 2010. Although this is a little farther than Augusta the facility seems to be able to offer more

than the past location. With over 2000 RV Hookups and the convenience of not having to travel to and from the coliseum this should be a great time for all. I hope everyone who can attend this world show. Try to go, as it is a great experience.

In closing I hope everyone is ready for the upcoming season and hope that you all have a great and prosperous show season. May the wings of Pegasus guide you and your horse through that clover leaf pattern. See you all at the Banquet!

Sandy