



# EASTERN DRAFT HORSE ASSOCIATION

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## *Substitute 2020 FALL MEETING*

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!**

Due to the impact from the COVID-19 Pandemic, as you all know, last year's Annual Meeting was like many other events postponed. We had truly hoped that it would have been possible to have a live and in-person meeting by now. However, with such a risk posed to our Members, due to the current number of cases in many of our towns and communities, it just does not seem possible to do an in-person meeting without posing such a risk to our Members.

We have all had to travel down unknown paths and encounter unknown situations the last 10 months, which has ultimately affected many businesses, organization, and associations. Each business, organization and/or association has had to make many difficult decisions, and to figure out the best way to proceed while completing their necessary business, with the hope that their decisions prove to have the best possible outcome for their business, organization and/or association.

With that being said, we have decided to move forward at this time, and focus on the new year, but before we can focus on the new year, we need to wrap up our 2020 Annual Meeting. We have decided to do this via the mail. This seems to be most logical and safest way to do it. I believe it has been set up in a way that you might like this method a little better perhaps. We would love to hear your feedback.

Let's get started!

Enclosed in this packet, you will find an **Absentee Ballot**. We ask that you please fill this out and return it no later than:

**JANUARY 29, 2021**

For your convenience, we have included a self-addressed, prepaid envelope for the return of your ballot. What that means is, once you have filled it out completely, including your signature and date, put it in the envelope provided, and put it back in your mailbox or drop it off at the Post Office. If your ballot is not returned by the date listed above, it unfortunately will not be counted as a valid ballot. We need to put a deadline for the ballots so that we can tally them and get the results calculated by a set date.

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## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- With no 2020 Round-Up having taken place, there are no results or financial reports to compare from the previous year. If, however, anyone wants a copy of the 2019 Round-Up Reports, those are always available to you, by contacting Jenn Roy. While there were no results or reports to compare from 2019, the same goes for anything that may have happened, or came about, or was brought up for issues to discuss regarding the annual Round-Up.
  - Just a few things to mention, we did purchase the blankets for the 2020 Round-Up. The blankets take the most time to order and receive so we wanted to be sure we had them in the case we were able to have our Round-Up. The other concern we had was due to COVID-19, there could have been possible delays in shipping. We did not have embroidered so they will be able to be used for the 2021 Round-Up. Memberships were steady during 2020, but clearly not what they would have been if we would have had our Round-Up. We are still reporting a profit for 2020! This is mainly in part that we made the right decision, despite how hard it was, that we didn't risk having our Round-Up. That could have proven to be a huge loss to the EDHA, especially in attendance, which is a huge part of our Round-Up Income.
  - Sadly, we have lost a total of 12 Members this year. The EDHA wishes to relay their condolences to the families of these Members.
  - The EDHA website still, continues to have all kinds of important information on it. There are results, the current merchandise that is being offered, membership information and membership perks, current sponsors, and information on becoming a sponsor, upcoming meeting information, our Rules, obituaries, pictures of fellow horsepullers, upcoming events, and so much more. So please be sure to check the website [www.easterndrafthorse.com](http://www.easterndrafthorse.com).
  - The EDHA Facebook page is also another resource for you to check out. It has the most recent and up to date information. Updates and/or cancellations to events that we are made aware of is posted as soon as we receive it, recent obituaries, or sometimes just something that someone has shared with us that you might find interested. Also, with that being said, if there is something that you want on the EDHA website, the EDHA Facebook page, or in the DoubleTree, please feel free to contact one of the EDHA Officers or Board of Directors. If we do not know about it, then we cannot share it. Many of our Members are spread-out, so unfortunately, we do not all see the same newspapers or have the same contact information, so please feel free to tell us about your news!
  - 2021 Spring Meeting. While it is unknown at this time what we will have for limitations this Spring, we want to know what you prefer after going through this packet. There will be a section to fill out at the end of this packet for you to indicate your preferences.
  - 2021 Memberships. For the first time in many years, the annual Membership Fee has gone up effective January 1, 2021. The new Membership fee is \$20.00. You can still pay for your Membership online on the website or you can mail in a check to: EDHA, c/o Jenn Roy, 738 East Side River Road, Milan, NH 03588. While this decision was yet another difficult decision to make, please understand it has been many years since there was a raise in the Membership Dues.
  - Voting of Officers and Directors for 2021. As mentioned above, many of us have encountered unknow territories this past year. Some of us are still struggling to re-arrange and sort out our "new" lives. Some of us have made changes to our schedules that no longer allow us to be as active or involved as they used to be and is now asking to step down to give someone else the opportunity to fill their position that may have more time. Some of us have more time now than before because we are all home more now. Whatever the reason may be for someone to leave their position on the Board of Directors or Officers position, it is never easy to see that person go. So much goes on behind the scenes to make our annual Round-Up possible, that anyone who has been on the Board or is an Officer knows just how important that person is and how much of an asset that person becomes to the EDHA. It is a tough decision to replace someone, and is always hard to replace someone leaving, but unfortunately, we must. Please know your service to the EDHA has been deeply appreciated, and we THANK YOU!
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**VOTING OF 2021 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**ABSENTEE BALLOT**

**2021 OFFICER(S) UP FOR ELECTION/RE-ELECTION**

**Instructions:** Please write the name of the person you are voting for clearly. Whether it be the candidate running or someone that you wish to write in for the position, you need to write each name as clear as possible to have your vote counted. If we cannot read it, we cannot count it.

**2021 OFFICERS**

**President:** Dean Larpenner has decided to step down.  
*Nominated Candidate(s): Lou Cadorette*

**Vice-President:** Bob Allen has agreed to remain as Vice-President for 2021.

**Secretary:** Stephanie Larpenner has decided to remain as Secretary for 2021

**Assistant Secretary:** Jenn Hewett has decided to remain as Assistant-Secretary for 2021

**Treasurer:** Jenn Roy has decided to remain as Treasurer for 2021

**Assistant Treasurer:** Pamela Larpenner has decided to remain as Assistant-Treasurer for 2021

**VOTE #1:** If you vote for the nominated candidate, Lou Cadorette, please check here and initial besides it:

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

If you do not vote for the nominated candidate, and instead want to nominate someone else, please write that person name here and initial beside it.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

**VOTE #2:** If you **want** to Vote for the Officers that are willing to remain in their positions for 2021  
*(Bob Allen, Stephanie Larpenner, Jenn Hewett, Jenn Roy, Pamela Larpenner)*  
Please check here and initial beside it: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials

**VOTE #3:** If you **do not want** to Vote for the Officers that are listed above in their designated Offices for 2021, and instead have someone else that you wish to Vote for, please indicate that/those individual(s) and the position(s) that you are Voting them for below, and initial besides it:

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Office: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Board of Directors:** Joe Perkins is stepping down for 2021  
*(This will be a one (1) year term to be filled)*

Pat McLachlin is stepping down for 2021  
*(This will be a one (1) year term to be filled)*

Skip Smart, has not been nominated for re-election in 2021  
*(This will be a full three (3) year term to be filled)*

Rick (Slim) Sharp is stepping down for 2021.  
*(This will be a two (2) year term to be filled)*

**Nominated Candidates for the Board of Director(s) are:**

- Patty Cragin (1 Year term only)
- Becca Johnson
- Doug Trow
- Bonni Bolduc McPherson
- Tommy Kierstead

**VOTE #4:** Please vote for two (2) candidates and/or two (2) individuals that you want to serve on the Board of Directors for a one (1) year term and initial beside it.

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**VOTE #5:** Please vote for one (1) candidate or individual that you want to serve on the Board of Directors for a two (2) year term and initial beside it.

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**VOTE #6:** Please vote for one (1) candidate or individual that you want to serve on the Board of Directors for a full term (3 Years) and initial beside it.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

**RULE CHANGE(S)**

There are no Rules Changes to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

However, if you have a Rule Change that you want to propose and be considered at the Spring Meeting, please write your Rule change here:

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*(If more space is needed, please write on the back of this page)*

X \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(You must sign and date any suggested Rule Change for it to be considered. Please write it as you want it to be presented to the Members)*

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Results: Once the results have been totaled and verified, another mailing will go out with the results. It will also be posted on the website and Facebook page.

Spring Meeting: Now that you have seen what a meeting is like being done through the mail, do you want the 2021 Spring Meeting to be done the same way? The Spring Meeting will be the one that we vote on the classes for the 2021 Round-Up.

2021 Round-Up: Assuming we will be able to have our 2021 Round-Up, what would you like to see or not see at this years' Round-Up:

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Other: If you have anything else to be brought up to the Officers, Board of Directors or to the Members that you want to share, please share that information here:

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**Before we go... In order, for your Vote to be counted and considered, please be sure you complete the following section:**

Name of person submitting Ballot: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(1 Ballot per Person Please)*

Address of person submitting Ballot: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

2020 Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: To Vote you must be a paid 2020 Member. If you lost your Membership Card, but know that your dues have been paid, please submit your Vote, and we can look up and verify your Membership.**

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The EDHA appreciates your understanding, cooperation, and understanding during this difficult time. We hope that 2021 will bring us all the possibility of being together again. In the meantime, take care and our best wishes.

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**DOUBLETREE -**

If you have any information that you would like included in the Doubletree, please contact us one of us:

Jenn Roy (603) 730-7766 Email: [kellyroypullinghorses738@gmail.com](mailto:kellyroypullinghorses738@gmail.com)  
Pam Larpenter (603) 731-6400

We would be more than happy to share your event or pull!

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**MEMBERSHIP -**

To renew your Membership for 2020 or to become a new Member, please make your \$20.00 check payable to: ***Eastern Draft Horse Association.***

Checks can be mailed to:

Eastern Draft Horse Association  
c/o Jenn Roy  
738 East Side River Road  
Milan, NH 03588

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**BLANKET SPONSORSHIPS -**

If you are interested in sponsoring a set of Blankets for this years' Round-Up  
Please contact: Stephanie Larpenter at (603) 731-2392 or at [stephanie.larpenter@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.larpenter@gmail.com)

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**SPONSORSHIPS –**

**The Eastern Draft Horse Association would not be possible without our sponsors year after year.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**