

AMHA is joined as a plaintiff or a defendant, it will not change the character of the suit as an action on behalf of the AMHA.

Two additional items are worth discussing. First, there was some talk at the convention about retaliation against those people who have had the courage to stand up and question the practices of the current board of directors. Some people wanted to countersue the signers of the complaint or kick them out of the organization. This is exactly the kind of behavior that our complaint hopes to stop.


As dues-paying members of AMHA each of us is entitled to know how AMHA's money is being spent, and how the organization is being managed. Indeed, for those of us registering horses, the integrity of the Registry is of paramount importance. For too long, the Registry and the AMHA itself have been used as tools by those in power to threaten and coerce the rest of us. Membership in AMHA and access to the Registry should not be used as a weapon to silence dissent. When they are used in this way, it is the Morgan breed itself that suffers. We intend to continue to expose these abuses of power until they cease.

Lastly, while certain board members have indicated a desire to sue those of us who signed the complaint, the New York Not-For-Profit Corporations Law specifically prohibits countersuits against members in derivative actions. In addition, New York Law prohibits arbitrary removal of members from a not-for-profit corporation. When they conflict, New York law trumps the bylaws.

Let me be clear. While I am disappointed in the way that the AMHA's board of directors has conducted the AMHA's affairs, this lawsuit is not about personal vendettas. All I ask is that the AMHA board of directors comply with the laws that govern the organization and treat each and every member and Morgan owner equally and fairly, regardless of status, power, financial advantages or social connections. I don't think that is too much to ask.

If you would like further information, or would like to help us in this cause, please feel free to contact me at the address listed below.

Sincerely,



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