

Shelby Zarobinski- La Porte, Indiana

My name is Shelby Zarobinski and I would like your consideration for re-election on the Board of Directors of the Clydesdale Breeders of the USA. I was born and raised in Northern Indiana where my family and I breed and show our Clydesdales. I went to Purdue North Central to attain my Equine Management Certificate and finished my college career at Indiana University where I earned my Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In my academic adventures, I was actively involved in student governments, honors societies, and an active member in the 4-H community. I have been a member of the CBUSA for many years and served as the Clydesdale Queen in 2011. I am thankful for all of the amazing members who took the time to welcome and teach me many things over the years!

I am a first-generation Clydesdale breeder of Sandy Acres Clydesdales. I got my start in draft horses through the La Porte County Wagon Masters 4-H group borrowing horses from generous owners who took the time to teach me the ropes from the basic handling to learning you do not slap the lines and yell "Ya!" to start a team. Oops! One extremely generous act our 4-H group did was give away a colt through an essay contest. I tried for many years, and in 2006 at the age of 15, I was lucky enough to win the contest. Thanks to the wonderful Budweiser Clydesdale commercials, I was bound and determined to get a Clydesdale. I contacted many breeders across North America and finally decided on an orphan filly from the Goodell family in Iowa, KDJ's Miss Destiny. That unforgettable Clydesdale would be the start to making my dreams come true! I convinced my parents to chaperone me to shows around the Midwest and start showing. Through those adventures, I have been lucky enough to help many folks at shows and learn continuously while traveling across the US and Canada. I have been showing and supporting the shows continuously since 2007 whether it is 1 horse or taking a trailer full. Through the years, the farm has produced many horses who have found homes being police mounts, youth horses, and national/world champion horses. Today we have about 10 head on the farm and have offered tours during the summer to share our love of Clydesdales with the public. Over the years I have been lucky enough to mentor fellow 4-H kids and help them reach their goals in the draft horse world.

In my last 2 years on the board, I have held positions on the pedigree and prefix committee, the All-American and national futurity committees. There has been much progress on these committees with updating shows and getting more involvement from exhibitors and owners. There are more plans to re-evaluate shows to change qualifying levels. The national futurity is in the process of growing as we selected a permanent location for the show and hope the summer of 2021 allows us to show.

I enjoy devoting time to bettering the Clydesdale breed and will continue to serve if re-elected. I would like to continue to promote the breed to its greatest potential utilizing the versatility of the breed to our advantages. I hope to maintain the communication channel for the members to stay current on the happenings of the association as well as help grow our membership.

Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone (219-393-0655) or email (shelby.zarobinski@yahoo.com) with any questions. Thank you for your consideration!