



IDAMHC NEWSLETTER

December 2011

Susan Marler, Vice President Shawnda Kasma, Secretary Gwynne Shaw, Treasurer

Halloween Hauntings Play Day at the Birt Arena in Nampa on October 15th

Mother Nature gave us a lovely Fall day with lots of sunshine and 70 degree weather, whereas the next day was cold and rainy.

We had 15 horses exhibited by 18 people and a total of 167 class entries. No over 38" or long eared equine graced us with their presence this year so we had just a couple classes with no entries, but everyone there seemed to be having a good time. Both the exhibitors and their horses ranged from "seasoned" to brand new. Mike Austin judged the classes, and also offered suggestions to exhibitors on how they might improve to move up in the placings - it's helpful to know what the judge is looking for!

As always, Suzy Marler put together some great obstacle courses with all the seasonal pumpkins, ghosts, headstones, etc. you would expect at Halloween, and also put together some specialty spooky trophies for the winners of Adult and Youth Costume classes. There were 3 entries in Adult and 6 entries in Youth - all of them reflecting a lot of imagination - and a lot of patience on the part of the horses. First, Second and Third in each of the costume classes received cash prizes. All class winners could pick candy from the Treats bag, and all exhibitors could take home the appropriate ribbons after being placed, if they chose to.

The games that Suzy put together, both in-hand and driving, were really popular and we had a lot of late entries in those when people saw how much fun they were. However, some found that they required more skill and coordination than they had first thought! Clean up detail was certainly a whole lot easier with just the minis there than it was the previous month at the ISHSA open show (just another of the great things about minis.)

We had quite a few new faces there, and we hope those people will want to continue coming to our events. The Gundersons were kind enough to share their pictures and there are more in the slide show on the club web site www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com.

Our thanks go to Suzy Marler and to all the rest of you who contributed to make this a successful event.



Madison Holly



Congratulations go to Madison for having a great year showing her minis! She only showed in 3 shows other than Nationals (Spanaway WA, Caldwell ID, and Reno NV) and yet brought home:

8 Driving Stakes Championships

Winner of Judge's Choice Award

Supreme Halter Horse

AMHA Regionals: 6 Championships (driving and halter), High Point Y.O.T.E., and Melody was Grand Champion Roadster Horse of the Western Region

AMHR Nationals: 2 National Championships, 16 Top Fives, 12 Top Tens, and National Reserve High Point Youth 13-17

She posed for us at the Year End Banquet with her jacket from the AMHR Nationals.

November Meeting Minutes

IDAMHC General Meeting November 08, 2011

Meeting at the Sunrise Cafe in Middleton was called to order 7:15pm by VP Susan Marler. In attendance: Paul & Polly Hyde, Susan Marler, Cheryl Holly, Lois Cant, Chris & Mike Phariss, Arlea Alvarez, Rene Gunderson, Shawnda Kasma and Gwynne Shaw.

Shawnda read Minutes from 09-13-11 meeting (motion to accept by Lois, seconded by Gwynne, passed.) Gwynne read Minutes from 10-11-11 meeting (motion to accept by Lois, seconded by Chris, passed.)

Gwynne made Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance 10-11-11: \$3853.37

Credits: \$348.00 proceeds from Halloween Hauntings 10-15-11, and \$30.00 membership renewals

Debits:

\$172.00 Gwynne Shaw: \$100 cash prizes for costume classes & \$72 website domain/hosting

21.60 Arlea Alvarez: printing/mailling election ballots

64.08 Susan Marler: candy for prizes at Sept. ISHSA & Oct. Halloween events

120.00 Birt Arena: rental for Halloween

24.00 Jeff Peters: concession tab for Halloween

50.00 Mike Austin: judge fee for Halloween (\$25 for announcer taken from petty cash)

29.89 Fee for check printing (last order: Nov 2008)

\$481.57

New Balance: \$3749.70

(motion to accept made by Shawnda, seconded by Mike, passed)

AMHA and AMHR club recognition renewals @ \$25 each due Jan 1 (motion to pay made by Shawnda, seconded by Gwynne, passed)

In the interest of saving time, Paul Hyde made a motion to 1) post Minutes on the website so they can be read ahead of time and just amended or corrected before accepting them at the next meeting - rather than reading them aloud - and 2) payments for \$25 or less that are necessary in the course of running the club can be approved by the Board rather than voted on by the membership at general meetings (motion to accept by Mike, seconded by Shawnda, passed.)

Gwynne asked for funding for 2011 year end awards in the amount of \$400 max.(as in past years) to cover engraved plates on trophies plus cash awards to winners in each category, and permission to use left over trophies in inventory from past shows (motion to accept Rene, seconded Suzy, passed.)

Shawnda and Rene opened ballots brought in by Arlea. 17 ballots, no write-ins, all confirming the slate of: Pres. Paul Hyde, VP Lee Clark-Lilley, Secty/Treas. Gwynne Shaw, Directors Susan Marler and Chris Phariss (Lois Cant has 1 year left on her Director position.) Shawnda will destroy ballots after the meeting.

Gwynne advised Kathy Martin will no longer be doing the Newsletter and she and Gary will do it unless/until someone else takes it on.

The Banquet will be Dec. 4, 2:00 at Shawnda's house with the club paying her for the main course and others bringing pot luck dishes. There will be a \$10 gift exchange for those wishing to participate.

Next general meeting will be January 10, 2012 7:00pm Sunrise Cafe, Middleton.

Lois will contact Melinda Birt to confirm arena reservations for next year's events and dates will be posted on the website with details added as they become available.

Motion to adjourn made by Gwynne, seconded by Arlea.

Lee Clark-Lilley at the Emmett Renaissance Faire, September 2011



In this first Faire, Lee drove CJ, her daughter Shere drove Sumo and one of her 4H girls, Alisha, drove Jackpot. There were lots of vendors in tents, and even portable buildings were brought on site. The Organizers are already working to make next year's event bigger and better.

Year End Banquet

Our club's Year End Banquet was held Dec. 4 at the home of out-going secretary, Shawnda Kasma. Our many thanks go to her for opening her home and preparing the turkeys and "fixins". For the uninitiated, the deep fried turkeys were a new experience - and certainly tasty! Other members brought yummy pot luck items, and it's probably safe to say that we all consumed more than our fair share of calories. You have to try a little of everything, right?

With our members, plus a few friends and family, we had 21 people - so it was a nice turnout on a cold and windy day. At least there was no snow this year! Shawnda had holiday decor already out, including a small lighted tree to put presents underneath. Gifts were exchanged, and those included some really nice items. Everyone seemed pleased with what they received.

Winners of Year End Awards were announced:

Minis Just for Fun (traveling trophy): Lee Clark-Lilley & Hollow Tree Chief Joseph (C.J.)

All Around Adult: Karen Drake & Westwind BTU Crown Prince Git R Dun (Dunner)

All Around Youth: Madison Holly & Buttonwillows Rocky Jasmine (Jasmine)

Best Show Horse: Westwind BTU Crown Prince Git R Dun (Dunner - owned by Karen Drake)

Winners received a trophy and \$75 cash prize.

We appreciate the efforts of the above members who also competed in other categories and/or with other horses, as well as Lois & Don Cant, and Cheyenne Hackney. Hopefully, more of our members will choose to participate in the 2012 awards programs. If you are out there having fun with your horses anyway, why not? Any suggestions to improve the awards program are always welcome and should be directed to Gwynne. Rules and forms are on the website.



It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

2012 memberships will be due next month. Many of our members have submitted their application forms and dues already. If you have not yet done so, please take a few minutes to get this accomplished. Go to "Forms" on the website to print out either the Family/Adult or Youth application. They can be mailed to Gwynne (address is on the form) or brought to the next meeting.

Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to share your miniature horse adventures with your fellow club members - whether it is in the show ring, a parade, or community event - please write up a short article with any available photos and get them to Gwynne and Gary. They will be accepted either in hard copy or via e-mail.

EVENTS

Please join us at the next general meeting to be held **January 10, 2012** at the Sunrise Cafe in Middleton at 7:00pm.

Check the website www.idahominiaturehorses.com for the complete event calendar. There are already some dates posted for club activities in 2012 and further details will be added as they become available. The schedule of ISHSA shows with mini classes will be added (likely in February) when those dates are confirmed. If you know of an event where minis can participate, please provide that information to Gwynne and Gary so they can be added to the calendar.

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What are you feeding your horses?

Members have suggested that we share this information with other members: type and brand of feed, types of hay/pellets/pasture, supplements, wormers. This can include any problems you have encountered in the past with other feeds or feeding methods (call, mail, or e-mail to Gwynne.) Data will be presented in a later Newsletter, and there will likely be a wide variety! This may provide new options for keeping our little horses happy and healthy.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!