

IDAMHC NEWSLETTER

June 2012

Paul Hyde, President Lee Clark-Lilley, Vice President Gwynne Shaw, Secretary/Treasurer

June General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at noon by President Paul Hyde during lunch break at the Summer Celebration Show, Birt Arena, Nampa.

In attendance were Paul and Polly Hyde, Gwynne Shaw, Teresa Semeling, Lois Cant, Bailey Cant (guest), Susan Marler, Mike and Chris Phariss, and Melissa Stoddard (guest).

Lois Cant made the motion to accept Minutes of the April 15th general meeting as published with no changes or corrections. Polly Hyde seconded, and the motion passed.

Gwynne Shaw read the Treasurer's Report:

\$3398.96 balance as of 04-15-12

\$174.32 total debits: \$120.00 Arena rental paid for 04-15 Clinic, & \$54.32 reimbursement to Gwynne for postage,

printing and food items

\$342.14 total credits: \$327.00 Proceeds from the 04-15 Clinic, \$15.00 Memberships, \$.14 Interest

\$3566.78 New Balance

Susan Marler made the motion to accept this report, Lois Cant seconded, motion passed.

Invoice was presented to pay Gary Purse for the club website domain name and hosting for 2012/13 in the amount of \$72.99. The club's liability insurance policy is coming up 06-27 and payment was approved for an amount up to \$500. Gwynne has requested the paperwork from our agent, but the renewal premium has not yet been confirmed. Motion to pay these bills was made by Susan Marler, seconded by Lois Cant, motion passed.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

09-15-12 during lunch break at our ISHSA show at Birt Arena

10-20-12 during lunch break at our Halloween Play Day, Birt Arena

12-?-12 during Year End Banquet

It was suggested we have the December event at the Middleton Trolley Station with the club providing the main course and members doing pot luck side dishes and desserts. Gwynne will check for available dates and further info will follow.

Anyone having information on dates of events/activities where miniature horses can participate, please contact Gwynne and Gary so details can be posted on the club website.

June 9 is the Old Fort Boise Days parade in Parma

June 23 Buckskin Club open show should have mini classes included. Confirmation will follow.

Aug. 9 may have an open driving show as part of the Payette Fair, but Suzy Marler has not yet received confirmation, so check back on our Events calendar for that.

Members are checking into doing a trail drive at Eagle Island or a cross-country driving event. Hydes have BLM trails nearby their ranch, so that is a possible location.

Members plan to attend the ISHSA show at Birt Arena on July 15, put on by the POA club. In addition to ISHSA approved mini classes, the POA club has agreed to let us set up Hunter and Obstacle Driving courses in one of the outdoor arenas. Show bill is available on our website.

Motion to adjourn was made by Susan Marler and seconded by Teresa Semeling. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.







Cleo's Ferry Museum and Nature Trail (off Hwy 45 near Melba) does not normally allow animals on the premises, but Lois and Don Cant got special permission for a mini trail drive there.

This property was one of the main stagecoach crossing sites on the Snake River, and the main building (made of adobe blocks) was a hotel when originally constructed in 1864. The ferry went out of business in 1921 when the bridge across the river was constructed. Dr. S.A. Swayne purchased the property in 1927 and subsequently had a store and many other stone buildings erected, including a chapel that can now be reserved for weddings. The Dr's wife Cleo came up with the idea for a nature trail, and it is a wide, paved path that is open year round, including Christmas light tours in early December.

The caretakers, Steve and Naomi Washburn, welcomed our group and took videos and pictures. We had 10 horses and 9 people participating: Lois Cant, Kelsi Tackitt, Lee Clark-Lilley, Arlea Alvarez, Susan and Richard Welch, Rene and Samantha Gunderson, and me. Rene walked the trail with Arlea and her horse, the rest of us drove, and Welchs each ponied a 2nd horse behind their cart.

Weather was perfect, other visitors enjoyed watching us, and kids got to pet the little horses. We made several trips on the trail and around the buildings for at least an hour of driving time.

The trail is loaded with things to see: rock gardens, a grotto, tons of statues, bird houses, various artifacts, and inspirational signs. Groups of peafowl wander among the buildings. Many of us drivers made the initial trip at a slow pace to take it all in, and later picked up a trot to give horses a little more exercise. There were many gravel side paths designed for pedestrian traffic and leading to additional secluded garden areas.

Thanks to the Cants and the Washburns for making this unique experience possible. The grounds are open at 8:00 am daily, and you can contact Steve & Naomi at 495-2312 regarding group tours and reservations.

Gwynne Shaw



Summer Celebration Show

June 3, 2012 Birt Arena, Nampa

We had excellent weather for this event. Unfortunately, several people we had expected to be there were unable to attend because of injury, medical reasons, family funeral, or conflict of schedule on events. We ended up with 14 horses being shown by 11 exhibitors. Many family members and friends were there to help and lend moral support.

Dixie Christensen was our judge, and Donna Bernadelli announced. Theresa Semeling worked the gate, and Polly Hyde was our steward. Obstacles were provided by Suzy Marler, the Hydes, and me. Arlea Alvarez brought some of her jumps, and I apologize for putting her to that extra work when we ended up not using them.

We had horses ranging from the very experienced to the totally new in the show ring – and the same could be said for the exhibitors! The most popular classes were Liberty and the games like in-hand pole bending and driving barrels.

We had a pony join us for a couple of the driving classes, and it was nice to see some new faces.

Tables were set up for our noon lunch break/general meeting. Everyone had been communicating by email and phone, so Paul zipped us through the meeting in record time, leaving more time to chat (and eat.)

Finishing by around 3:00 pm, everybody had at least a portion of their Sunday to relax.

The show ended up as about a \$10 net loss, but was well worth giving our members a place to have fun spending time with their horses and fellow mini enthusiasts.

Our next event to focus on will be the POA ISHSA show (also at Birt Arena) on July 14. There will be mini classes for halter, showmanship and pleasure/roadster/disciplined rail driving in addition to open classes like leadline, trail and reinsmanship that we can enter. In addition, the POA club will allow us to do Obstacle Driving and Hunter in one of the outdoor arenas (these are non-ISHSA sanctioned classes.) Show bill is available of our club's website from the Events page.

For those who missed our June show, we hope to see you at the ISHSA show in July. Gwynne

Events

June 16	Ten Mile Riding Club Open Show, Eagle ID (Mini halter, showmanship, trail, lead line)				
June 16	Western Intermountain Classic Horse Show, Tremonton UT				
June 17	Halter & Performance Clinic, Tremonton UT				
June 30	Intermountain Miniature Horse Club AMHA Show, Twin Falls (Contact Vicki Stephens or Debbie Emery)				
July 14	POA ISHSA Open Show, Birt Arena (mini halter, showmanship, leadline, trail, reinsmanship, pleasure				
	driving, disciplined rail, trail, roadster driving)				
July 28	Desert Wind ISHSA Show, Birt Arena				
Aug, 4	Intermountain Summer Jubilee & Way Out West Pinto Show, Price UT				
Aug. 21	Pleasure Driving at Western Idaho Fair, Boise (entries close 08-02)				
Aug. 22	Obstacle Driving at Western Idaho Fair				
Aug. 25	Halter Classes at Western Idaho Fair				
Sept. 8	Buckskin ISHSA Show, Birt Arena				
Sept.12-14	TVW Clay Maier Long Reins/Driving Clinic & Friesian Spectacular, Birt Arena, Nampa				
Sept.15 *	IDAMHC ISHSA Open Show, Birt Arena (show bill will be posted when available)				
Sept. 22	IQHYA ISHSA Show, Birt Arena				
Sept. 29	Mini Classes at ISHSA Double Point Show, Canyon Co. Fairgrounds, Nampa				
Oct.20	IDAMHC HALLOWEEN HAUNTINGS Play Day, Birt Arena				
Oct. 13-14	Renaissance Faire, Emmett ID (Contact Lee Clark Lilley)				
Oct. 27-28	TVW Pleasure Driving Show, Birt Arena				

*NOTE: There will be a <u>Silent Auction</u> at the September ISHSA Open Show to benefit our year end awards program, so if

See our website for events scheduled later in the year. More details will be added as they become available.



Our nation's birthday is rapidly approaching, and communities will be having lots of parades in which minis can participate. If you decide to decorate and parade, and can juggle a camera at the same time, please send a picture to share with members in the next Newsletter issue.

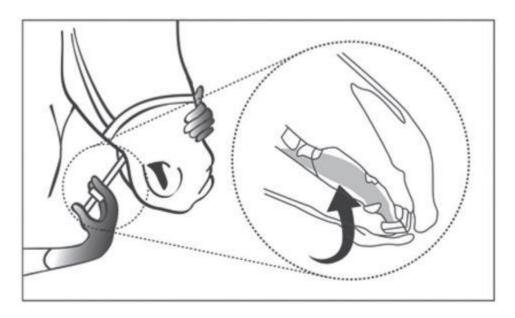
Remember that the noise of fireworks can upset horses, so keep them confined and safe if night time celebrations are taking place nearby. Have a safe and happy holiday!

DORMOSEDAN GEL – Equine Sedative

This product is a convenient solution when horses need a mild sedative in stressful procedures like clipping, hoof care, trailer loading, sheath cleaning, etc. It provides no analgesia, so should not be used for painful procedures.

Dormosedan Gel is available by prescription only, and should be given according to your veterinarian's instructions. Horses with certain medical conditions should not be given this drug. Dosage is based on weight, and the anticipated stress level for each animal. Many times, it is a matter of trial and error to determine the exact dosage needed. Dormosedan is not as effective in the gel form as it is in IV form. For dental workups, it is normally given IV, with a mini horse dose being about 0.50cc or less at a cost of \$25-35. The gel comes in syringes of 1ml (designed for a 1200 lb. horse) with .25ml increments for about \$22. The product can be capped and stored between doses so that the 1ml could theoretically be used for 3 mini horse doses.

The gel must be placed beneath the tongue of the horse and is not meant to be swallowed. Always wear impermeable gloves when administering this product, and for 2 hours afterward if performing tasks requiring contact with the horse's mouth. See illustration:



It may help to insert your thumb in the inter-dental space and below the tongue to be sure the gel is going in the right area and staying there until it is absorbed.

Keep the horse in an area that is quiet and protected from extreme temperatures. The drug should take effect in about 40 minutes. Typically, the head will lower and front feet are planted in a firm stance. You may notice slight swaying, sweating, salivation or muscle tremors. It may take 3-4 hours for the animal to fully recover from this sedation, and food/water should be withheld until recovery is complete. If sedation is inadequate, contact your vet: never repeat the dose.

Obviously, Dormosedan Gel is a drug that must be handled with care. However, when the horse and owner need help getting through necessary procedures, it is - by far - preferable to IV or IM injection of a sedative. If the horse has "issues" with certain body parts like ears, feet, or face, then even ordinary grooming procedures can bring on panic in some. Even with our pint-sized horses, they or the handlers (or both) can end up with injuries if the animal is pushed too far. Keep in mind that this is a tool to help you manage the horse with some anxieties. The gel form of this sedative may not work on some horses, and severe problems may warrant administration of the IV form of this drug under veterinary supervision.

Dormosedan Gel is manufactured by Orion Corp. and distributed by Pfizer, Inc.

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.

Advertising on Website

Items for sale (horses or other) can be added to the club website, including a photo. Items valued at \$200 or more cost \$5 (payable to IDAMHC) and those under \$200 are free. Contact Gwynne or Gary.

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