



# IDAMHC NEWSLETTER

## September 2012

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

### Minutes of IDAMHC General Meeting 09-15-12

Meeting was held at Birt Arena in Nampa during lunch break at ISHSA Show.

Called to order at 12:35pm by President, Paul Hyde.

In attendance were Paul and Polly Hyde, Lee Clerk Lilley, Lois Cant, Susan Marler, and Gwynne Shaw.

Gwynne Shaw read the Treasurer's Report:

\$3566.76 Balance as of 06-03-12

Debits: \$100.00 Judge Fee for June Show

120.00 Arena Rental for June Show

425.00 Post Insurance: annual Liability Policy

72.99 Gary Purse: Website hosting and domain name renewal

\$717.99

Credits: \$210.00 Proceeds from June Show

10.00 Membership

.42 Checking Interest June/July/Aug.

\$220.42

\$3069.21 New Balance

Gwynne asked for reimbursement in the amount of \$373.97 for:

Postage, printing for June Show/ ISHSA show/ Halloween show, food and supplies for June show & candy prizes for ISHSA show, petty cash for ISHSA show, judge cards for ISHSA & Halloween shows, and \$150 deposit on Middleton Trolley station for the year-end banquet. Note that the Trolley Station deposit is refundable and left over food supplies and candy will be used at Halloween.

Susan Marler made the motion to accept and Polly Hyde seconded. Passed.

Our next meeting and club event is the Hallowed Hauntings Play Day at Birt Arena on October 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a Pot Luck event. The Entry Form is available on our website. Susan Marler is taking the lead on this event, so entries and questions should be directed to her.

We will also have a meeting at the Year-end Banquet at the Trolley Station in Middleton the afternoon of December 2. Club will provide the main course with a Pot Luck on side dishes and desserts. Further details will follow.

Keep up-to-date on club activities and other events by checking the Events page on our website. Many of our members are involved various activities where you may be interested in participating.

Lois Cant suggested the club make a donation to ISHSA for prizes in mini classes at the ISHSA Double Point Show to be held in Caldwell Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. Lee Clark Lilley suggested an amount of \$75 since several different classes are involved. Lois seconded the motion and it passed.

Lois also made a motion to sponsor an ISHSA miniature horse Versatility Trophy. This is a large traveling trophy where the winner each year has a plaque added to the base. For the \$75 sponsorship, our club will also receive a free ad in the ISHSA newsletters. Susan Marler seconded, and the motion passed.

While some members of our club are also ISHSA individual members and eligible for these awards, they also serve as publicity for IDAMHC so that other mini owners in the area are aware of our presence and may wish to join our club.

At our next meeting October 20<sup>th</sup>, a slate of officers for 2013 must be presented, in accordance with our By Laws. Lee Clark Lilley is willing to retain her VP position. Gwynne Shaw is willing to retain the Secty/Treasurer position, and Susan Marler and Lois Cant are willing to continue serving on the Board as Directors. Paul Hyde has advised that he will serve on the Board as Past President, but personal circumstances do not allow for him to continue as President. If you are willing and able to serve next year, please contact one of the officers of the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

### **Personal Ponies Event at Caldwell Rodeo**

On the afternoon of Tuesday Aug.14, Susan Welch and her young neighbor Tawna Gurius went to the Canyon County Fairgrounds with 2 minis, at the invitation of Personal Ponies Ltd. For those of you not familiar with that organization, they provide small equine - at no charge - as therapy to children with mental or physical disabilities, or illnesses.

Tawna handled Susan's Jewel, while Susan had her little stallion, Chance - who proved himself a total gentleman with no studly behavior during the day.

There were 3 groups set up. First: kids were read to from books with the horses listening, too. Second: kids were allowed to pet, brush and walk the horses around on the grounds. And finally: kids were treated to cart rides.

Susan estimated that there were about 20 horses involved for a 4-5 hour period and it attracted "tons" of kids who all had a great time. It was great publicity, not only for the Personal Ponies organization, but also for our small equine, in general.

### **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.

## Mini Trail Drives



Shawnda Kasma has graciously allowed us to meet at her house just outside Parma and drive on her property and adjacent farm roads. We met out there on August 16<sup>th</sup> and again August 24<sup>th</sup>, at which time Dick Welch joined the regular group of ladies. We had 6 horses driving that day, with another 3 ponied behind carts for exercise. With the hot weather still holding on, these were scheduled for mornings so that we'd be done before it got too hot.

Of course, with no rain having fallen for so long, it was a bit dusty, but we persevered and just cleaned up horses/carts later. Lois Cant acted as "scout" at one point and declared one potential path a dead end so we all didn't have to make a U-turn. Shawnda also has an outdoor arena where we set up a cones course to practice. With horses and equipment put away, she invited the group to stay for lunch.

On Aug. 31, we decided to go back to Eagle Island State Park. Unfortunately, most everyone had to work or was sick, etc. and it ended up being just Susan Welch and me, with her friend Rosie coming along for as a passenger for a while. Susan had set up a cones course in the open field just inside the park entrance, so we worked that at a walk and then a trot, and also set off on some of the trails, which were great. To my surprise, my wimpy horse seemed fine with having a large number of cattle moving along the fence line with us. Later, a park employee advised us that they had been evacuated from one of the fire areas. Again... we had beautiful weather and had the place pretty much to ourselves.

As we said before, we've done these drives mid-week because those of us who wanted to do it, could. If some of you working folks would like to join in, we can always flip to a weekend – especially when shows and other activities are pretty much done for the year. We're open to suggestions for different locations to drive, plus doing some cones/obstacle work. Just contact me or Susan Welch if you want to play.

Gwynne Shaw

## 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.

## INTRODUCING AN EXCITING ALTERNATIVE TO THE TRADITIONAL HORSE DRIVING CLUBS

**Trot-On-Carriage Driving Association** is a new and different kind of driving "club". We have NO MEMBERS, NO DUES, NO MONTHLY MEETINGS and NO OFFICERS.

WHAT WE DO HAVE: Mentors, with over 70 years of driving experience, willing to guide you thru the process of teaching your equine to drive. This includes trail driving, picnic and overnight driving, fun driving events and any type of show driving competition you may want to pursue.

YOUR COMMITMENT AND GOALS: To bring innovative ideas, great potluck food, equal opportunity volunteering, a positive attitude, love of driving and a desire to improve your level of driving expertise.

For more information:

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Facebook: Trot-On-Carriage Driving Association

### Renaissance Faires



Our VP, Lee Clarke-Lilley has shared some photos from earlier Faires. Not only did the horses get into costume like their human friends, they doubled as draft animals to get her equipment from the horse trailer to the proper location to set up. There is another such event coming up October 13<sup>th</sup> in Emmett with lots of activities and entertainment. Contact Lee if you are interested in participating or just coming out to help.

we welcome all to make plans to attend the  
second annual



# Idaho Renaissance Faire

OCTOBER 13 & 14th 2012, Gem Island Complex

**Emmett, Idaho**

Live Entertainment featuring Guess When, The Fool Squad,  
The Fleet Street Klezmer Band, Beltane and many more!

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## **IDAMHC Sponsored ISHSA Show Sept. 15**

Our main fund-raising event is this show, held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. in September at Al Birt Arena in Nampa.

Compared with many of the other ISHSA shows this year, we had great participation: a few less horses than last year, but far more class entries.

Our thanks go to those who donated items to our Silent Auction, which netted \$70 toward our year-end awards. (Further funding will be voted on at the next meeting in October.) Lee Clark-Lilley handled the auction for us.

Lois Cant was instrumental in getting the show bill completed and approved by ISHSA.

Shawnda Kasma volunteered as Steward to our main Judge, Dixie Christensen. Polly Hyde served as Steward to our Reining/Trail judge, Sue Crane. President Paul Hyde chose not to show at this event, so provided invaluable help in getting mini hunter and obstacle driving courses set up. We owe him and Susan Marler our thanks for the use of their equipment to complete these courses. Anne & Mel Gahley met with me the day before the show to set up the Trail courses, using their equipment.

With the expertise of our Show Secretary Anita Stephan, and our Announcer Donna Bernardelli, the show moved along smoothly and was finished by 5:30pm. Exhibitors seemed very pleased with the show, as well as with the ribbons provided and goodies for the class winners.

A more detailed report will be provided at our next general meeting, but our net profit for this event was \$981 – bringing our treasury even with where we were at this time last year.

## Assisted Living Visits

Lee Clark-Lilley works as a Volunteer Animal Therapy Assistant and deserves the title “Queen of the Assisted Living Visits” – doing as many as 3 different stops in one week (I think many of us wish we had her energy!)



The little appy horse in these pictures is Patch, so named because he wears a patch over the eye that had to be removed due to an injury when he was only a few days old. He is doing great and getting to be an old hand at these therapy outings.



Lee with Jackpot and friend, Dena (we can't see their poodle skirts!)

## Events

- Sept. 29 Mini Classes at ISHSA Double Point Show, Canyon Co. Fairgrounds, Nampa
  - Sept. 30 Whimsical Cones Play Day 10:00am, Pot Luck & wrapped gist (\$% or under), Shawnda Kasma's place, Parma, Contact Susan Welch 887-6838
  - Oct. 13 Renaissance Faire, Emmett – see above
  - Oct.20 **IDAMHC HALLOWEEN HAUNTINGS Play Day**, Birt Arena, Pot Luck, General Meeting, Entry form available on our website or contact Susan Marler
  - Oct. 13-14 Renaissance Faire, Emmett ID (Contact Lee Clark Lilley)
  - Oct. 27-28 TVW Pleasure Driving Show, Birt Arena
  - Dec. 2 IDAMHC Year End Awards Banquet, 1-3pm, Trolley Station, Middleton
- See our website for other events. More details will be added as they become available.

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**Getting your costumes ready for our Hallowed Hauntings event on October 20<sup>th</sup>?**

**See you there!**

