



# IDAMHC NEWSLETTER

## October 2012

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

### Minutes of IDAMHC General Meeting 10-20-12

This meeting was held during the lunch break at our Hallowed Hauntings Playday at Al Birt Arena, Nampa. Meeting was called to order at 2:20pm by Director Lois Cant, who agreed to preside in the absence of President Paul Hyde and Vice President Lee Clark-Lilley. In attendance were: Gwynne Shaw, Gary Purse, Chris Phariss, Lois Cant, Susan Marler and Pam MacFarlane... plus guests Mollie Carman, Devin Tackeitt and Oskur Gudjorson.

Lois thanked everyone for being at our event that day, and particularly Susan Marler for taking the lead in putting on this event and supplying all the necessary equipment as well as gathering people to do all the tasks needed to make this a success.

Pam MacFarlane made the motion to accept Minutes of the 09-15-12 meeting as posted in the last Newsletter and online. It was seconded by Susan Marler. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was made by Gwynne Shaw:

Beginning Balance as of 09-15-12: \$3069.21

Debits:

\$425.00 Employees at ISHSA show(judges, announcer, secretary)

18.00 Gahley's for Trail equipment and set up (deducted Silent Auction items from amount due them)

40.75 Food Vendor

120.00 Birt Arena rental for Sept. 15 (\$30 owed – see below)

54.00 ISHSA \$1 per horse fee collected

150.00 ISHSA donation for mini awards at their fall Dbl. Point Show & Year End awards

373.97 to Gwynne for reimbursement of expenses (receipts presented at 09-15 meeting)

180.00 Birt Arena rental Oct. 20 (incl \$30 from Sept.)

50.00 Judge Oct. 20

225.00 to Gwynne for reimbursement (costume class prizes, petty cash, announcer fee)

\$1636.72 Total debits

Credits:

\$1874.50 ISHSA proceeds and return of \$100 petty cash to account

70.00 Silent Auction proceeds

.19 Interest

\$1944.69 Total credits

New Balance: \$3377.18

Susan Marler made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay any outstanding bills, and it was seconded by Pam MacFarlane. Motion passed.

Lois Cant had submitted the donations (above) to ISHSA with \$75 going toward Mini events at their Fall Double Point Show in Caldwell, and \$75 to sponsor their Miniature Horse Year End Versatility Award. Gwynne presented the Thank You card received from Mike and Kathleen Austin on behalf of ISHSA.

Lois presented Gwynne with a gift card in appreciation of her work in putting on our club sponsored ISHSA show in September, which is our main annual money-maker to support other activities.

Gwynne gave a report on the 9-15 ISHSA show. We had 54 horses shown vs. 58 last year, but they were entered in 45 more classes. Fewer exhibitors chose to take ribbons. We also used only local judges, so eliminated travel expense. End result was a net profit of \$981 (about \$340 more than last year).

Gwynne made a motion to add Directors Lois Cant and Susan Marler as authorized check signers on the club checking account to assure we can have the required 2 signatures at all events. Chris Phariss seconded the motion and it passed.

Gwynne made a motion to fund up to \$400 for this year's Year End Awards, as had been discussed at meetings earlier this year and in accordance with funding for the past several years. This was seconded by Pam and passed. Gwynne will send out point submission reminders to those who have done nominations for this year, and will be working with Cheyenne Hackney on purchase of awards. They will be presented at the Banquet on December 2.

Gwynne presented a proposal for the club to purchase the main course, beverages, condiments and supplies for the Year End Banquet and made a motion for funding of up to \$200. This was seconded by Pam and passed. We will have this Banquet at 1:00pm at the Trolley Station in Middleton. There will be a choice of sliced roast beef or sliced roast chicken, along with potatoes, rolls, and assorted beverages. Side dishes and desserts will be Pot Luck. We will continue the traditional gift exchange (value limited to \$10) so everyone who brings a gift will draw a number to receive one. You may bring a single gift per family or more, if you desire.

Lois Cant has information on some holiday parades, and those will be posted on our website/Newsletter.

We have 2 dates reserved in 2013 at Al Birt Arena:

We have the second Sunday in April as been our Clinic day. We need to decide whether to do as we did last year and have club members/local people putting on the different segments (halter, jumping, showmanship, driving), or whether to bring in a clinician from out of the area to concentrate on driving, as we have done in past years. Please bring your thoughts on this to the next meeting (Banquet) in December so it can be voted on.

We also have the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June where we did a non-sanctioned show this year with a carded ISHSA judge. We need to decide what to do on that date in 2013, also.

We will check with the arena so see if the Saturday before is available on these dates so that we could possibly expand to a 2-day event, if we wish.

An Executive Board was presented for 2013 in accordance with our bylaws:

President: Lois Cant

Vice President: Lee Clark-Lilley

Secty/Treas.: Gwynne Shaw

Directors Susan Marler and Chris Phariss still have a year remaining in those positions

Director: Pam MacFarlane

(President Paul Hyde has advised he will not be serving on the Board as past-president)

Ballots will be sent to all current members as required by our Bylaws and write in votes will be accepted. Results will be counted by a committee of Board members and results presented at the December meeting at the Banquet.

Susan Marler made the motion to adjourn at 2:45pm and it was seconded by Chris Phariss.

Again – our next General Meeting will be held at the Banquet in Middleton on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Secty/Treas. Gwynne Shaw

## **Year End Awards**

Members who have nominated for Year End Awards must get points to Gwynne no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>. Points are for the period of Nov, 1, 2011 through Nov. 1, 2012.

Use the forms available on the club website Forms page, or you can submit by email if all necessary information is provided, like on the forms.

If you have any questions, contact Gwynne at [GandG@minifarmer.com](mailto:GandG@minifarmer.com) or 585-3748.

Winners will be announced and awards presented at the Banquet on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Banquet on December 2**

Be certain to have December 2 on your social calendar. Our Idaho Miniature Horse Club's Year End Banquet will take place at the Trolley Station in Middleton, 1:00-3:00pm. For those who have not been there before, it's the grey building on the N. side of Hwy 44 next to the park at the intersection with Middleton Road. You can use the parking lot right on Hwy 44, or turn N. on Dewey for a very short block and park on the street leading to the library. There is a flag pole and storey board right on that corner.

In addition to presenting awards to the winners in each category (Just for Fun, Best Show Horse, All Around Youth and All Around Adult), everyone there will be eligible in the drawing to be held for a special prize.

The club will provide meats, potatoes, rolls, condiments and beverages. Side dishes and desserts will be Pot Luck.

As in past years, there will be an exchange of gifts. Please limit value to \$10 or less. You will draw a numbered ticket to receive a gift for each one you bring, so you are welcome to do more than 1 if you'd like.

Please come and socialize with your fellow mini owners, enjoy the food and gifts, and congratulate everyone on another great year of miniature horse showing and activities.

We will have a brief General Meeting to get started on planning for the coming year.

## **Poker Run, Eagle Island State Park, Oct. 7**

The Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club put on its 6th annual Poker Run at Eagle Island to benefit the ID Humane Society Rescue Ranch.

Although it was a bit nippy early in the morning (as it should be this time of year), it was a nice day and the turnout was phenomenal. The number of poker hands was 193 – about twice the number of last year. Plus, there were kids riding that did not draw cards, and even a gentleman in a 4-wheeled power wheelchair rode the course. Trailers about filled the allotted parking area – I counted at least 75 of them.

Items filled many tables, both for a high bid auction and for raffle items where tickets were drawn for each specific item. This charitable event was supported with donations from individuals, farms, vets, feed stores and many businesses not directly equine-related (tire stores, vineyards, even a helicopter service.)

Both our club's Susans (Marler and Welch) drove the course in their mini carts. Other participants rode on everything from ponies and fjords to 16+ hand humongous horses and mules. Training levels ranged from barely broke to bomb proof. Everyone seemed to have a good time with their equines and the other riders. The club provided a barbeque after the ride.

Susan Marler brought out equipment to set up an obstacle course for riders to use at will, although she said one of the scariest things seemed to be the little horse cart sitting off to the side.

The park had recently mowed, and the parking area and trails appeared to be in excellent condition.

Shawnda Kasma reports that the Gaited Horse Club was able to make a donation of \$1500 to the Rescue Ranch as well as another \$500 to fight inhumane practices in the world of horse shows.

If their club chooses to put on another such Poker Run next year, we would urge more of our mini owners to participate. Not only is it for a good cause, but it's a great trail driving opportunity.

Several of our members have been taking advantage of Eagle Island to do trail drives and cones courses this year. Lee Clark-Lilley was also out there participating in a Renaissance Faire this summer. While admission is normally \$5, please note that you can purchase a yearly pass to State Parks when you renew your vehicle registration for only \$10, so that's a great deal if you are thinking of doing some of these activities.

On a personal note, I learned about disc golf by watching people playing through while at my station handing out cards. Who knew? - Gwynne Shaw

## Renaissance Faire



Lee Clark Lilley participated again this year in the 2-day Emmett Renaissance Faire October 13 and 14. The Faire featured jousting, sword fights, a petting zoo, food booths, and various vendors. Of course, there were many wonderful costumes. Lee's daughter Shere and also Samantha Gunderson were on hand to help with games and provide cart rides.

## Halloween Hauntings Playday, October 20, 2012



Health issues, work, or date conflicts kept some people from making it to this event, but we had 116 class entries with 15 horses being shown by 12 exhibitors.

Our sincere thanks go to Susan Marler for taking the lead in putting on this event, including getting all the equipment and stuff necessary for the various courses and games. As usual, the Halloween décor for the In Hand and Driving Obstacle courses was outstanding.

Shawnda ran the gate and Susan's friend Pat announced. Our Director, Chris Phariss took care of the entry desk, and Mike Austin was our judge. Many people pitched in to set up and break down equipment. While "the girls" (Rene and Sam) were showing, Greg Gunderson helped to run Liberty tapes, used the stop watch for timed events, etc. We appreciate everyone's help in putting on this Playday.

There was a short meeting during our lunch – which was Pot Luck (see Minutes). That was followed by the highlight of the day: the Adult and Youth Costume classes, with cash awards for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place:

Adult

1<sup>st</sup> Arlea Alvarez & Sharpie  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gwynne Shaw & Gary Purse  
with Spitfire and Dark  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sergio Alvarez & Mimi

Youth

Samantha Gunderson & Victory  
Omar Gudjonsson & Gula  
Olja Gudjonsson & Bella

All other classes offered ribbons and a grab bag of snacks and misc. Halloween items.

Neighbors, family members and other friends stopped by during the day to cheer us on – and watch us be foolish.

New to our events, 2 sons and a daughter of a family that recently moved here from Iceland participated in our Youth classes in addition to Samantha Gunderson and Devin Tackett (who showed with Lois Cant.)

If you were unable to make it this year, be sure to watch our Events page for next year's Playday.



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

Additional pictures from this event will be posted on our website [www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com](http://www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com) as a slideshow.

### **A Story of Inspiration for All Equine Lovers**

30 years ago, Dusty Morain, an avid horsewomen, was involved in an auto accident which changed her life forever, but not her passion for horses. Although dealing with physical therapy and emotionally coming to terms with her new reality of being confined to a wheelchair, she fought to get horses back into her life again.

Personal Ponies entered the scene and supplied her with Classy, a beautiful 9 yr. old chestnut Miniature mare, and inspired Dusty to drive her horse on trails. She could then go where her legs used to take her. Susan Marler of Parma trained Classy to drive, as well as designing and building a cart for Dusty's special needs.

I will never forget the first day I saw Dusty get from her wheelchair to her cart (not an easy feat)! I realized then what an incredibly unique individual Dusty is and wondered if I could accomplish what she did with such courage and grace.

For 2 years, my husband and I drove with Dusty and got to know her well. She has become a dear and valued friend. Sadly, Dusty's health does not allow her to drive anymore. Classy now fulfills another important role in Dusty's life: that of beloved companion and friend.

The moral of this story is that no matter what adversity comes along, we should pursue our dreams. Hopefully, we are all thankful for each day with our equine friends. Let's focus on love and kindness and "Pay it forward" each day because we never know when we will be tested!

A Friend

### **Party Time!** From Lee Clark-Lilley



We did a birthday party for 4 little kids who all have birthdays within a week & all their friends. It was a western theme so the moms made them chaps that had a Sheriff's badge for a buckle. I thought they were very clever. I just have to include a picture of Sheres horse. You get the idea how he felt about the whole thing. Think there were about 25 kids but it went just fine & they all had a great time.

### **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.

## Events

- Oct. 27-28 TVW Pleasure Driving Show, Birt Arena  
Dec. 1 Ontario Christmas Parade, 1pm  
Dec. 2 IDAMHC Year End Awards Banquet, 1-3pm, Trolley Station, Middleton  
Dec. 8 Middleton Christmas Parade, 4:30pm

See our website for more details.

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