

IDAMHC NEWSLETTER

February 2013

Lois Cant, President Lee Clark-Lilley, Vice President Gwynne Shaw, Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes of IDAMHC General Meeting 01-09-13

Meeting was called to order 7:15pm at the Sunrise Café in Middleton. In attendance were Lois Cant, Lee Clark-Lilley, Gwynne Shaw and Pam & Pete MacFarlane.

The sign in sheet was circulated.

Lee made a motion to accept the Minutes of our 12-3-12 General Meeting as published in the December Newsletter with no corrections. Seconded by Pam. Motion passed.

Gwynne submitted the Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance12-03-12: \$3788.28

Debits: \$608.80 expenses reimbursed to Gwynne

Credits: \$ 5.00 Website Ad 90.00 Membership fees 150.00 refund of damage deposit for Trolley Station (Banquet) <u>.09</u> Interest \$245.99 total credits

New Balance: \$3424.57

Gwynne had expenses for postage to be reimbursed in the amount of \$15.04, and the club needs to pay 2013 dues to AMHA \$25, AMHR \$25, ISHSA \$50, and ID Horse Council \$60. Pam made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay these bills. It was seconded by Pete and the motion passed.

Gwynne has completed the annual filing with the ID Secretary of State. Pam, Lois and Gwynne will meet the 1st week in February to complete the annual audit of our books, as required by our By-laws.

IDAMHC will hold it's Spring Training Clinic at the Birt Arena in Nampa on April 14 starting at 10:00am. Rose Williams of the Treasure Valley Whips will lend her expertise to address driving for people of varying driving experience: starting from scratch to fine tuning. We will break around Noon for a General Meeting/Pot Luck lunch. Afternoon will be devoted to obstacle work: both in-hand and driving. We will have obstacles similar to those that will be at the Trek event at Eagle Island in May so people can practice. This will be an informal training day. If any members have particular concerns with their horses, Rose and our club members (with many years of showing experience) will be on hand to help. Once the Clinic is over, anyone there is welcome to use the indoor arena for practice. Cost is \$10/per horse or team. Gwynne is working with John and Mary Munson of the Whips to organize our first Trek at Eagle Island to be held on May 12, starting at 9:00am. Poster, Rules, and Entry Form will be available on our club website in the next few days. Note in the Rules that the "big horse" and "little horse" people will trade off judging each other, so please plan to be there for the whole day. Cost for this event is also \$10 for pre-entry (plus \$5 park fee if you do not have a Parks Pass.) A light lunch and refreshments will be provided as well as ribbons for 1-6 places in each horse size category. If you are not driving a horse, we would appreciate your coming out to help make this event go off smoothly.

June 3 will be our Summer Celebration Show at Birt Arena. It will follow the same format at last year and have a carded judge, for those of you keeping points for year-end awards. Further information on this event will follow.

Our informal Trail Driving at various locations will resume any time the weather decides to cooperate.

We would always like to have more people attending our events. If anyone has a friend or neighbor who would like to "play", let us know and we can try to match them up with a horse they can work with.

Pam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, which was seconded by Lee.

It's winter in Idaho, And the gentle breezes blow, 40 miles per hour at 25 below!

Oh how I love Idaho!

When the snow's up to your butt, You take a breath of winter air And your nose is frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful, You may think that I'm a fool. But I could never leave Idaho, 'Cause I'm frozen to the stool!

Shared with us by Lee Clark-Lilley



Madison Holly: A Show Season To Remember - 2012

Her new stallion:

Rivenburgh's Jeremiah Johnson", won all Grands and Supremes under all 5 judges he showed under and Reserve Regional Champion Junior Stallion at the AMHA Regional Show.

AMHA Regional Show:

She was awarded High Point Youth Multiple Horse, winning many Grands and Reserves.

AMHR National Horse Show (Tulsa Oklahoma):

<u>6 x National Champion</u>: Youth Roadster, Versatility, Showmanship, Halter Obstacle, Hunter, and Halter Gelding Over

<u>6 x Reserve National Champion</u>: Western Country Pleasure Driving, Halter Obstacle, Hunter, Jumper, Halter Gelding Under, and Open Hunter

<u>9 x Top Five</u>

<u>3 x Top Ten</u>

Also: High Point Youth Single Horse, Reserve High Point Youth Multiple Horse, and Reserve High Point Youth Team

Madison had a wonderful show season in 2012. She met and made so many friends and had a ton of fun!

Madison is very excited for the upcoming show season. At 16 years of age she has been approached by people in the Miniature Horse industry who have asked her to train some of their horses. She has been honored by the offers. Keeping up with her own show string takes many hours of hard work and dedication as many of you who have mini's well know. She has brought in a few outside horses that she feels won't conflict with her own show string and is very excited to work with them (as well as help build her " college fund"). As far away as Massachusetts and as close as Oregon, they are arriving.:) It should be a fun and exciting year!



Club Donations to Idaho State Horse Show Association

Lois Cant reports that we have received a Certificate of Appreciation from ISHSA for our donations, which were approved by membership at the Sept. 2012 General Meeting. Funds were used to purchase awards for mini classes at the ISHSA Double Point show in Caldwell Sept. 29. (Note that some of these awards were received by members of our IDAMHC.)

We also received a very nice letter from Erin Root who received the Tana Woodburn Memorial traveling trophy. This award was established to honor a girl from this area who was very active in the horse world and passed away at a young age. We will have more background information on this later that we will share with you.

2013 Awards Program Nominations

March 25 is the deadline for IDAMHC Awards Nominations if you are renewing a horse/handler that participated in the program in 2012. By meeting this deadline, you can pick up any points earned after the November 1, 2012 closing date (Xmas activities, community service events, etc.)

For horses that will be new to the program, you can submit nominations at any time. Points will count from the date they are received by Gwynne Shaw (or the postmark date).

So... maybe you can use one of these cold and blustery days to get that paperwork done! If there are any questions, call Gwynne at 585-3748 or email at email@gwynne-gary.com

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.

Website Update

Gary Purse has changed the Member List on our club site to encrypt email addresses using a Plugin for Wordpress. The Plugin automatically encodes every e-mail address on all pages to prevent spam.

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

April 14, 2013	IDAMHC Clinic Day and General Meeting, Birt Arena, Nampa*
April 13-14, 2013	ISHSA Double Point Show, Idaho Center, Nampa (all mini classes Apr. 13)
May 12, 2013	IDAMHC Driving Trek, Eagle Island State Park, Eagle ID*
June 2, 2013	IDAMHC Summer Celebration Show, Birt Arena, Nampa
Sept. 21, 2013	IDAMHC ISHSA Show, Birt Arena, Nampa
Oct. 19, 2013	IDAMHC Hallowed Hauntings Playday, Birt Arena, Nampa
*See our website www.idahomniaturehorseclub.com for more details.	



Look at the rider's face: we have all probably felt like that at some point in competition. OMG!

Shared by Lee Clark-Lilley



From Our Member, Maria Redinger

I first got into miniature horses when I and my siblings were taken in by my Aunt and Uncle as our acting foster parents when my mom could not take care of us. My Aunt and Uncle at the time had a little stud named Dusty and a little mare named Rosie. Our first year there, we got to see our first mini foal be born. I was into horses already. I rode with my best friend all the time and we barrel raced together a lot, so the mini horse was different hahaha! I didn't even know they existed. I, of course, fell in love. That year we got a black and white mare and we named her Misty. We went to a miniature horse show in Walla Walla, WA, and I said "I wanna do that!!! " I watched from halter all the way to liberty and wanted to do every single bit of it. There at the show we met the couple who would become our 4-H leaders: Bob and Sharon Vance - who I now call my grandparents. They had a mini farm "Carousel Farm of Miniature Horses" and they had a little 4-H group, a lot of minis, and a lot of experience. We started showing at local shows and fairs. We also did parades, visited nursing homes, schools, churches and did birthday parties. To see the smiles on people young and old was so awarding for me and the little horse.

The Vances surprised me for Christmas of 2005 with the papers in my name to my very own mini horse that they had rescued earlier that year. That is the horse I still have today: Little Branch Ricky Rocket - or, as I call him, Ricky my old man :) I have owned him now going on 7 years and we have been an awesome show team. Ricky will be 17 this July. I decided to retire him 2 years ago when I got my mare to show instead. This last year, I went to my first Idaho State show and took Ricky out just to see what he could still do and have some good old time fun, and to my surprise he still got a lot of "go" in him. I plan to show Ricky this year and have a lot of fun with the new mini friends of Idaho :) This picture is the most recent of us together at the Idaho State show.





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