



IDAMHC NEWSLETTER

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

Minutes of IDAMHC General Meeting June 2, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 11:20 by President Lois Cant during a break in the Summer Celebration Show at Birt Arena, Nampa.

In attendance were: Lois Cant, Gwynne Shaw, Pam & Pete MacFarlane, Susan Marler, Susan & Richard Welch, Cheryl Holly and guest, Patricia Stocks.

Gwynne Shaw made a motion to accept the Minutes of the April meeting, as published on our website and in the May Newsletter. Motion was seconded by Susan Marler and passed.

Gwynne Shaw read the Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance from 04-14-13: \$3092.14

Credits:

\$ 80. Membership fees

130.00 Proceeds from 04-14-13 Clinic

.17 Interest Mar/Apr

\$210.17 Total credits

Debits:

\$150.00 Today's rental of Birt Arena

33.71 Reimbursement to G. Shaw(printing, postage, supplies)

\$183.71 Total debits

New Balance: \$3118.60

She also asked for reimbursement in the amount of \$33.71 for printing, postage, and food expense from the Driving Trek and today's show. Pam MacFarlane made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay expenses. Motion was seconded by Susan Marler and passed.

As had been discussed earlier, our new insurance agent reported that American Bankers, our club's current carrier for liability insurance, is still the best-priced company for the size of our club and the amount of activities we do. We received a quote of \$400 annual premium. Gwynne Shaw made a motion to pay that premium for the 6-27-13 renewal. Motion was seconded by Susan Marler and passed.

The Driving Trek was not included in planned events for insurance coverage next year. A similar event may be organized by John and Mary Munson at their new property NE of Middleton. They are also talking about an endurance drive in the area after show season is over this fall.

Gwynne and Lois reported that they have both judges contracted for the ISHSA show September 21 and will be finalizing the class list shortly for ISHSA approval. Unfortunately, the food vendor used for the past several years is out of business, so we need to find someone new and have several leads.

Gwynne advised that the Middleton Trolley Station, where we've had our December awards banquet the past several years, is being renovated and residents of Middleton (like our President, Lois) will be eligible for ½ price rentals. Also, the Middleton Food Pantry has leased a building and plans to have a meeting room available for rental. Further details on expense and dates will follow.

Susan Marler reported that she will be doing an all-new class list for our Halloween show in October. The format will be all games plus the costume classes, and games will be new and/or more challenging than in past years.

Gwynne made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Susan Marler. Meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwynne Shaw, Secty/Treas.

June 2 Summer Celebration Show

We were fortunate enough to snag John Lindley as our judge for this event, as Dixie Christensen had to withdraw for health reasons.

What did we ever do without the MacFarlanes to help us out with their photo skills? Pictures from this event were posted on our club website as a slide show by Gary shortly after the show day.

For whatever reasons, this event was poorly attended and we did not even come close to covering costs. If we choose to retain this show date at Birt Arena for next year, we need to let them know pretty soon. Please give us your input about doing this same type of show – or changing the format – or ??? An alternative might be some other get-together at Eagle Island State Park or a private arena where we would not incur the same rental, judging, announcing expenses.

To all of you who attended this show and pitched in to help – a big THANK YOU!

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.

Madison Holly



Congratulations are due Madison Holly for being named High Point Youth for the 2nd year in a row at the July 19-21 AMHA Western Regional show in Eugene, OR. This was accomplished even with some of the new horses that she has been working with. Complete results can be viewed on the AMHA website.

Note: This photo is from the 2012 show, as the new pictures are not yet available.

Practicing Water Hazards

Eagle Island State Park has been flood irrigating certain areas, inadvertently creating some awesome places to practice driving through water, such as might be found in a Combined Driving Event competition. Photo was taken by Susan Welch of her hubby Dick driving down what is normally a dry trail.



Don & Lois Cant Snake River Stampede Parade



Don drove Moe, and Lois drove Blu in this parade in Nampa on July 13th. They received FIRST PLACE for Miniatures with carts (ribbon can be seen on Lois' cart) and later received a cash award.

According to Lois: The day of the Snake River Stampede Parade was a perfect temperature for a parade. Moe and Blu were both excited to be out with the big horses for the first time this year, and especially the big hitches with all the noise...but settled into their regular routine before long. Blu even walked up to a handicapped little boy in a chair, and let him pet him on the nose. He was a big hit

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.

Lee Clark Lilley CDE at Inavale, Oregon

Lee made the trip with her horse Jackpot (JP) to Inavale in July to participate in the Combined Driving Event held there each year. With the trip taking 10 or more hours on the road each way, it was a major trip.

Miniature Horses had 19 drivers in this event, the largest breed group. They also out-did all the others when it came to the mandatory vet checks. The vet told Lee that JP was in excellent condition, so all the practice sessions they had done at Eagle Island State Park this year were obviously beneficial.

Lee said they had kind of a rough start: Like the Driving Trek we did here in May, the course had to be done within a specific time frame, and they lost points by going too fast. Then, in Dressage, they were supposed to do a slow walk and a fast walk, but Lee was afraid to push JP to go faster for fear he'd break to a trot – so then they lost points for being too slow!

By the time the Cones Course came around, they got their timing right and only knocked two balls off the top of cones, out of the 20 pairs on the course. The course was so tight that there was only 1 inch clearance on each side of the wheels.

They also got the timing right in the 3 mile Marathon, and JP did a great job negotiating the 5 hazards. Lee said that memorizing the course was pretty mind-boggling, but in the end, they placed in the Top Ten out of 62.

Great job, Lee!



Equine Pregnancy Termination

Unfortunately for horse owners, there is not a “morning after” pill available for horses (like there is for humans or canines.) If you have ever kept a stallion and found him out of his enclosure and in with mares that you did not wish him to breed, then you remember that awful feeling. A mare may have intentionally been left open to be in the show ring, or destined for breeding with a different stallion, or have a health issue that would make pregnancy dangerous – or - you already just have too many horses (I’m sure many can identify with that!) Immediately check all your fences and gates and stalls to make sure that stinker won’t get out again.

Once the panic has subsided and you can think rationally, it’s time to call your veterinarian. Your mare must have been cycling with a viable follicle in order to become pregnant. Your vet can do an exam and ultrasound after about 14 days to determine if she is pregnant. In the first 5 to 7 days after ovulation, terminating the pregnancy is essentially impossible, anyway, as the embryo has not yet entered the uterus. In the period of day 5-35, a single intramuscular dose of prostaglandin (brand names Lutalyse, Prostin) is effective. These drugs are only available by veterinary prescription, although you can administer them yourself, if you’re up to that. Women of childbearing age or persons with respiratory problems must use extreme caution when handling these drugs. (If you have used Regumate to keep a mare OUT of heat until a desired breeding date, these are the same drugs used to bring her IN to heat.) The mare should cycle normally and can be re-bred to another stallion, if that was the plan.

After day 35, endometrial cups have formed but repeated doses should still get the job done up until day 70. However, estrus cycles may be irregular and you may not be able to re-breed until the following year. The longer you wait, the more difficult the process will become.

From day 160-310, neither prostaglandins nor corticosteroids will induce abortion and Oxytocyn does not become effective until after day 310. You will likely not have to deal with this unless there are really extenuating circumstances.

Be aware that there are risks and side effects involved. Any horse having issues with its vascular system, gastrointestinal tract, respiratory system or reproductive tract should not be administered these drugs. Often, after the injection is given, a horse will sweat profusely and evidence a temperature elevation.

Here is the editorial portion of this article: Unless you have a stallion of outstanding quality and intend to continue breeding him, castration should be a consideration.

EVENTS

NOTE: Workers are still needed for the Sept. 21 ISHSA show..This is our main fund raiser for the year! Please contact Gwynne or Lois.

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 show bill.

Any events you think members might be interested in attending? Contact Gwynne or Gary and we’ll post the info here and on the website.

From Our Member, Maria Redinger

We (Casey and I) have bought our first home in Middleton. We are very excited to have a place to call our own and share it with all our animals. We finally brought our minis home. I have two: my gelding Ricky who just turned 17 this July, and my mare Feather who is now 10. We also have our Corgi Einstein and our two cats, Trixie and Tanzinite. We look forward to being more involved with the club now that we have our roots settled and hope to make it to a show in September. If not, I'll come out next year.



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