



# IDAMHC NEWSLETTER

## October 2013

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

### Minutes of IDAMHC General Meeting September 21, 2013

Meeting was held at Birt Arena in Nampa ID during lunch break at the ISHSA Open Show put on by our club.

President Lois Cant called the meeting to order at 11:40 am.

In attendance were: Gwynne Shaw, Pam MacFarlane, Lois Cant, Susan Marler, Susan and Richard Welch, and guest, Pat Stocks. Cheyenne Hackney was at the show earlier, but was unable to stay for the meeting. Pete MacFarlane came to the show after the meeting had adjourned.

Gwynne Shaw read the Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance from 06-02-13: \$3118.60

Credits:

\$ 95.00 Show receipts from 06-02 Summer Celebration (less \$25, paid announcer in cash)

120.00 Receipts from Eagle Island Trek 05-12-13

5.00 Website Ad

.30 Interest (4 months)

\$ 220.30 Total Credits

Debits:

\$400.00 Annual premium for Liability Insurance to 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Insurance Services

100.00 Reimburse Gwynne for paying judge at 06-02 Show (oops – ran out of checks)

\$500.00 Total Debits

New Balance: \$2838.90

Gwynne Also presented bills for payment: \$73.00 to Gary Purse to reimburse him for our club's website domain name and hosting (June 2013-14), and \$47.65 to Gwynne to reimburse cost of candy used for prizes at this show. Pam made the motion to accept the report and pay the bills, Susan M. seconded, passed.

Susan Marler has completed the entry form for our Hallowed Hauntings show at Birt Arena on October 19. Forms were distributed to people there, posted on the board at the arena, and are now available on our website. Pat Stocks will announce and Susan will confirm with the judge this coming week.

Budgets were approved for coming events:

\$120 (same as previous years) for October costume prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> for both Adult and Youth Costume.

\$150 (down from last year) for our year end Awards Banquet, which will be held Dec. 1 in the meeting room of the Middleton Food Pantry where Gwynne volunteers.

\$400 (same as previous years) maximum for year end awards. Gwynne and Cheyenne are working on prizes and further information will follow.

Gwynne reported that our annual liability insurance policy was paid for and received, but there are a few corrections by endorsement still pending. She and our agent are following up on that.

Nominations were taken for 2014 officers and directors, and a slate of 2014 board members will be presented at the next general meeting to be held at the Hallowed Hauntings Playday on October 19.

Tentative dates were discussed for activities next year. It was agreed we should keep our April reservation at Birt Arena for another Spring Training Clinic, and in October for the Hallowed Hauntings Playday. We will drop our date at the arena in June because the summer non-sanctioned fun shows have been poorly attended. We will plan another type of summer activity in a location where arena rental/judge fee, etc. will not be involved and do something that may generate more interest. For now, we will keep our September date reserved at Birt Arena, but will discuss the possibility of dropping the ISHSA open show and changing the format to an open show comprised of games, instead: barrels, poles, fig. 8, obstacles, etc. This is open to further discussion. At the general meetings in October and December, members will be asked for their input, and there will be a meeting scheduled early in 2014 for the purpose of planning such activities.

Gwynne made the motion to adjourn at 12:10pm and it was seconded by Pam.

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## Minutes of IDAMHC General Meeting October 19, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Lois Cant during lunch break at our Hallowed Hauntings Playday at Birt Arena.

In attendance were: Lois Cant, Gwynne Shaw, Susan Marler, Pam & Pete MacFarlane, Chris Phariss and Susan & Richard Welch.

Minutes from our last meeting on 9-21-13 were published on the club's website. Pam made the motion to accept those minutes without correction or change. Motion was seconded by Susan Marler and passed.

Gwynne read the Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance from 09-21-13: \$2838.90

Debits:

\$ 150.00 Birt Arena rental for ISHSA show 09-21-13

400.00 to our 2 judges and show secretary

- Check to D. Bernardelli to announce was voided – she donated her services to our club

32.00 Franis Adona – vendor

35.00 ISHSA – fee of \$1/horse at show

73.00 Gary Purse - website hosting/domain

47.65 Gwynne Shaw – reimburse candy prizes for ISHSA show

\$737.65 total Debits

Credits:

\$876.00 Proceeds from ISHSA show

.07 Interest

\$876.07 total Credits

New Balance: \$2977.32

Susan Marler made the motion to accept that report. It was seconded by Pam MacFarlane and passed.

Pete offered to donate the bowls he got for soup brought to the Pot Luck lunch rather than being reimbursed. It was decided to delay voting on payment of 2014 association fees to AMHR, AMHA, ISHSA and ID Horse Council until our meeting in December.

Many of the items in our Silent Auction on this date were donated by Connie Graves (some of you will know her from the ISHSA shows). We wish to thank her for supporting our club in this manner, and it was decided that any items not purchased in the auction would be donated to the Idaho Youth Ranch.

Gwynne had received information on the ID Horse Council's annual meeting and passed that on to Lois in the event she chooses to attend.

We received a new membership today from Janice Engle of Caldwell and hope to see more of her in the future.

As required by our Bylaws, a slate of candidates for our Board of Directors in 2014 was presented:

Lois Cant, President

Cheyenne Hackney, Vice President

Gwynne Shaw, Secretary/Treasurer

Susan Marler, Director (her current directorship expires this year)

Susan Welch, Director

Pam MacFarlane has another year left in her term as Director

Ballots will be sent out by the Secretary.

Susan Welch announced that she will participate in the 2014 Mrs. Senior Idaho Pageant, using her horse tricks training as her talent. She will be presenting a video, since there are no live animals allowed at the event. She asked for a club sponsorship of \$25. In addition to promoting miniature horses in the video, our club will be listed in the event program. Pam MacFarlane made the motion to approve that sponsorship, it was seconded by Gwynne and passed. Payment will be made at a later date.

Our 2013 Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday Dec. 1 from 1:00-3:00pm in the meeting room at the Middleton Food Pantry where Gwynne volunteers. We will be using the facility in exchange for a \$25 donation to the Pantry. This will be a Pot Luck event with the main course and beverages provided by the club. We will again do a holiday gift exchange (with gifts limited to a \$10 value.)

Per the discussion at the Sept. meeting, we released our reservation date at Birt Arena for next June. We will try a different venue – possibly Eagle Island State Park or at a private farm – for a fun day with horse activities combined with a picnic. During the cold winter months, let's come up with some good ideas.

We retained the reservation dates for our Spring Clinic in April, and the October Halloween Playday. At this point, we also have the Sept. date when we've held our ISHSA open show. However, we need to determine if the 4-judge Quarterhorse/Paint show in Pocatello (that drew away so many of our exhibitors this year) will be repeated on that weekend next year and – if so – whether there would be enough support from the local "big horse" people to do an open gaming show, instead.

Gwynne made the motion to adjourn at 1:20 and it was seconded by Pam MacFarlane.

### **Ketchum Parade August 31st**

Lois Cant reported that she and Don made the 3 hour drive to Ketchum for the parade on August 31<sup>st</sup>. It had been "iffy" because of all the fires around there about that time, but it had cleared up a bit - just in the nick of time.

There were 7 or 8 minis (more than in past years) and lots of big horses, including nice buggies and wagons. Randy Roberts from our area was up there with a 10 mini mule hitch.

The Cants took advantage of the great food offered there while waiting to receive their awards. Don drove Mo and got 4<sup>th</sup> in the Two Wheeled Cart Division. Lois drove Blu, who pranced all the way, and got First Place!

## Trail Drive 09-13-13

We ignored superstitions about Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, and I met with Susan and Dick Welch for a trail drive on BLM land of Emmett Rd. between Middleton and Emmett. FINALLY, we were having some weather that wasn't too hot, since this place has not a tree in sight for shade. In spite of seeing some dried cow pies as evidence that those critters were out there somewhere, we were pleasantly surprised to find virtually no flies (unlike what I've been dealing with at home this year). PLUS there was not a goat head in sight – amazing. The dirt roads seemingly go on forever out there. There were lots of varmint holes, but only a few actually in the road. Ruts had to be negotiated in places, but that is all a part of the trail experience.

Once you get farther away from the highway, the hills can get pretty steep. The Welch horses took it in stride but my goofball horse “not so much.”

Dick drove a team (of mares) and it was my first experience in watching them get hitched. For those who haven't done it countless times, a single hitch has a boggling amount of parts and straps – the team hitch is still more complicated. Dick did a great job of driving them out there. Susan drove her stallion out into the hills, then switched with the “new” driving horse she'd been ponying behind for the drive back to the parking area.

I hadn't done this since last spring, so it was high time I got back out again – thanks to Susan for her encouragement. The Welch's have been hard at it all summer, often out at Eagle Island.

If any of you want to play, please contact me or Susan. Suggestions for new locations are always welcome and times may change to afternoons as daytime temperatures get cooler.



Submitted by Gwynne Shaw

## IDAMHC Year End Awards

For members who nominated for Year End Awards, points must reach Gwynne by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Use forms provided on the website (under Forms) – or - you may also submit by email as long as you provide all info requested on the forms: dates, name of event, classes entered, placings, etc., depending on the award rules.

Any questions? Contact Gwynne at 585-3748 or email@gwynne-gary.com

### Members:

You are cordially invited to attend the

## IDAMHC Year End Awards Banquet

Sunday, December 1, 2013

1:00-3:00pm



This is a **Pot Luck** event, with beverages and main course provided by the Club.

There will be a **Gift Exchange**. Gifts do not need to be horse-related. Please have them wrapped so it is a “surprise” and keep the value at \$10 or less.

Location: Meeting room at Middleton Food Pantry. From Main Street (Hwy 44) turn N. at Dewey (Trolley Station on corner.) Go 1 block and turn right at 1<sup>st</sup> Street (Silver Wings Rental on corner.) The building is just past the small house at the corner, on the N. side of the street. A sign will be posted.

Any questions? Contact Gwynne at 585-3748 (or cell 249-0121 on day of event) - or - email@ Gwynne-gary.com

### 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.

## Madison Holly at 2013 AMHA World Show

Our own Madison Holly had another highly successful show in October.

In OPEN classes:

7<sup>th</sup> in 3 yr. old Classic Pleasure Driving with Commando

And in YOUTH classes:

4<sup>th</sup> in Single Pleas. Driving 13 & Over with Melody

7<sup>th</sup> in 13 & Over – Junior Mares with Heartstring

8<sup>th</sup> in AOTE Mares with Jasmine

7<sup>th</sup> in 13 & Over – Sr. Mares with Jasmine

Res. Champion in YOTE Roadster with Melody

7<sup>th</sup> in Showmanship 13-18 with Nickers

Res. Champion in Country Pleasure Driving 13 & Over with Jasmine

Champion in 13 & over with Sr. Gelding with Caliente

8<sup>th</sup> in AOTE Classic Pleas. Driving with Commando

Hunter 13-18 (huge class of 53):

Champion with Nickers

3<sup>rd</sup> with Jasmine

8<sup>th</sup> with Melody

Res. Champion in Roadster 13-18 with Melody

Champion in AOTE Single Pl. Driving with Melody

Res. Champion in YOTE Country Pleas. Driving with Jasmine

4<sup>th</sup> in Versatility with Jasmine

Champion in YOTE Halter Geldings with Commando

5<sup>th</sup> in 13 & Over – Jr. Geldings with Elvis

Res. Champion in 13 -18 Classic Pl. Driving with Caliente

Madison was High Point Multiple Horse Youth as well as being on the Reserve Champion Youth Team. And just top it all off, she was the recipient of the 2013 Alvadar & Pine Ridge Farm Future of the Industry Award as high point overall youth.

## Lee Clark & Jackpot - Western Theme Birthday Party October 5<sup>th</sup>



## Renaissance Faire in Emmett, ID on October 12-13, 2013

Lee Clark and her daughter Shere made a repeat appearance at this year's Renaissance Faire, offering cart rides to kids. They also had a Nigerian Dwarf goat, a puppy, and 2 foals for petting – as well as 2 adult horses for petting and grooming. Not that some of the boys didn't take up a brush to make those two pretty, but little girls seemingly can't see long mane/tail hair without feeling the need to braid it. Our club member, Lynne Wing, was there to help oversee the activities, as well as Kathy-the-mail-carrier (sorry – didn't get her last name.)

Al and Phyllis Ellert (former IDAMHC members) brought a large horse-drawn carriage, there were horses competing in jousting, and several other horses and riders in medieval attire periodically made a procession through the grounds. So – lots of representation from equine of all sizes.

In addition to vendors selling food, clothing, jewelry, etc., the main tent contained displays of art, clothing, furniture, armor and implements representing this period in history. There was entertainment for everyone: humorous skits, music, swordplay and chess games. Especially for the ladies: burly muscled men in kilts tossing around a variety of heavy objects. For the gentlemen: scantily clad belly dancers.

All exhibitors and even a good portion of spectators were in appropriate costumes, so there was a lot of color and glitz. If you have an opportunity to go next year, don't miss it!



## Hallowed Hauntings Playday October 19<sup>th</sup>



Have you checked out the [slide shows](#) of ISHSA and Halloween events on the website: [idahominiaturehorseclub.com](http://idahominiaturehorseclub.com)? Photos were provided by Pete and Pam MacFarlane.

### Club Activities and Events

Our ISHSA show in September had a net profit of only \$220.41 (compared with over \$900 last year) because we lost a majority of Quarter horse and Pinto exhibitors to a show in Pocatello. Our Hallowed Hauntings Playday was loads of fun, but had ended up with about a \$10 loss after expenses.

What sort of activities are you interested in doing so that we can have better attendance at our events? Please be thinking about this and bring your ideas to the Banquet (or forward them to any of the Board members.)



## The Trials and Tribulations of Driving a Pair

By Susan Welch

We ordered a pairs harness, but when it arrived I had no idea how to harness a pair. I must thank everyone who helped me learn to use this harness correctly. The reins were the biggest challenge, but I finally “got” it!

Then came the problem of the 2-wheeled cart. We spent \$300 on the first go-around to modify the cart with a pole. It was a disaster, so we tried someone else for another \$300. It was still not correct: there was too much weight on the pole (30 lbs.!) and the balance wasn't right. I was about to give up when I thought to move the wheels forward. Eureka! It worked and there is now only 3 lbs. of weight on the pole.

We were all set to go: ground work with the horses had been done, the harness was perfect, and the cart was working well. Hook up and Drive!

Oops – not so fast. One of the horses was lame (Onyx) and we had to lay her off for three months.

This whole process took over a year to accomplish and I truly thought it might never happen. However, it was worth it. Dick is having a blast driving “the girls” and I am looking forward to driving my pair – hopefully with a lot fewer problems.



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