



IDAMHC NEWSLETTER

April 2014

Lois Cant, President Cheyenne Hackney, Vice President Gwynne Shaw, Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes of IDAMHC General Meeting April 12, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Lois Cant during lunch break at our Spring Training Clinic at Birt Arena in Nampa.

In attendance were Lois Cant, Gwynne Shaw, Maria Redinger, Susan Welch, Kat Hunt, new member Kim MacKinnon, and guest Rose Williams.

Rose had just completed a presentation about the driving dressage trial to be given at A Drive In the Park, sponsored by Treasure Valley Whips, at Idaho Center June 6-7, 2014. A similar trial will be done at Birt Arena on April 26, 2014 for those who may wish to observe.

Lois welcomed new members, Kat Hunt (who joined at our meeting in March) and Kim MacKinnon (who joined at this event.) We are all excited to have these nice ladies as part of our club.

Maria made the motion to accept Minutes of the March 2nd meeting, as published on the website and in our last Newsletter. That was seconded by Kat and passed.

Gwynne presented the Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance 03-02-14: \$2506.04

Debits:

\$150.00 Today's arena Rental

Credits:

\$50.00 Memberships

.04 Interest

\$54.00 Total Credits

New Balance: \$2406.08

Note: There was some problem with our check to AMHA for 2014 club recognition. Voided check #897 and re-issued check #802 for same \$25.00.

Kat made the motion to accept that report. It was seconded by Maria and passed.

Old Business

Susan Welch will be competing in the Mrs. Senior Idaho pageant at the Nampa Civic Center May 3rd and showing her video of training miniature horses.

Gwynne will contact Eagle Island to determine a good date for our picnic gathering out there in June. We will likely use the picnic area adjacent to the Trail Head Parking Lot, and set up under the “first come” rule in the Park. Remember, you can get an annual Parks Pass for only \$10 when you renew your Idaho license plate.

The trail driving gang is planning more weekday trips out to Eagle Island, so contact Susan Welch if you are interesting in getting in on the fun. They may also set up a cones course for those who want to practice that for participation in some of the Treasure Valley Whips activities.

A 2nd judge has been secured for our club’s ISHSA open show Sept. 20 and the show bill has been submitted for approval. Once that has been done, it will be posted on our website. It was decided to do another Silent Auction at this event to raise funds for the club. If you have any items from your spring cleaning spree that could help us, please set them aside or pass them on to one of the Board members. It was also suggested that, if we were able to acquire a “big ticket” item, we could sell raffle tickets at events throughout the show season and have a drawing in the Fall. We just need to have something appropriate donated, and are open to suggestions.

New Business

The Idaho Buckskin club is doing an ISHSA open show at Birt Arena May 3. Rose reminded us that the driving show will be at the Fair in Boise the 3rd weekend in August. Entries are generally due by Aug. 1st and ore details will follow.

Gwynne made the motion and Maria seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:45.

West Nile Virus Shots

Since 1999 when the WNV established itself in the eastern U.S., it has spread across the entire country. This mosquito-transmitted disease occurs when a mosquito bites an infected bird, then bites another bird, mammal or human. It doesn’t help that birds can travel over long distances in a short amount of time.

Once bitten, your horse may take only 5-15 days for symptoms to show up:

- Muzzle Tremors: the muzzle will twitch for hours and sometimes for days.
- Muscle Twitching: the horse looks like he is trying to get flies off his body.
- Depression is common. Anxieties and sweating may occur.
- Head pressing, aimless wandering or circling,
- Facial Paralysis on one or both sides of face.
- Vertigo-Balance problems: leaning on a wall to stand up, or stumbling.
- Tongue Paralysis: the horse doesn’t seem to be able to pull its own tongue back in.
- Weak. Stiff walking. Tired.
- Impaired vision
- Convulsions
- Collapse: in advanced cases – either front or rear – or all four legs.

In cases of WNV, 33% will die, 50% will fully recover and 17% will have problem recoveries - relapse or incomplete recovery. Once a horse has contracted the disease, there is no specific medicine but your vet can provide therapy that

may save its life: treating any fever, IV for fluids or feeding, slinging to keep it on its feet, and head/leg protection. Recovery may start in as little as 3-5 days, but full recovery can take as long as 6 months.

Vaccines initially require 2 doses and the horse is not fully protected for 4-6 weeks after the 2nd dose. Boosters are recommended at least annually. The vaccines are not very expensive when you consider the risk.

In addition, protect your horses the same as your other “family” by taking measures to eliminate any standing water where mosquitoes can breed, keep horses inside at dusk/dawn when mosquitoes are most prevalent, use repellents, screens, flysheets, bug zappers...

Let's keep our little equine friends safe!

From Kayla and Kolden Hiatt:



“Lightening” is a 9 year old black and white pinto registered miniature horse. We have owned Lightening for 7 months. We originally bought him for Kayla’s quarter horse Sissy. They were in the same pen but then they got aggressive with one another and we put Lightening in a separate pen. Since then, Kayla has been jumping Lightening and running him around the pasture. He is a little skittish, but very social, and he has improved majorly since we have owned him. He is now a part of our family, and we love him to pieces!

Foxfires Lightening Jack

Hello, my name is Kayla Hiatt. I am eleven years old and I live in Idaho Falls, Idaho. I am the proud owner of my palomino quarter horse, Miss Loveable Sissy “Sissy” and Foxfires Lightening Jack “Lightening”. I have been involved with horses for almost two years and I love being around them. They are so fun to ride and play with, and one of the most magnificent animals in the world. I would like to jump Lightening in an event or even just for fun. He is very talented and I just love being around him and Sissy.

Hi, my name is Kolden Hiatt I am seven years old and I have liked horses for a month or so. I have two horses as well: Ali, my bay thoroughbred and I share Lightening with my sister, Kayla. I don’t know a lot about horses, but I love riding and playing with them.

EVENTS

May 3, 2014	Mrs. Sr. Idaho, Nampa Civic Center 1:00pm (donation at door) Susan Welch will show miniature horse video as her Talent portion
May 3, 2014	Buckskin ISHSA Open Show, Birt Arena, Nampa – showbill: see www.ishsa.info (Showbills – Who Dun It Buckle Series)
Jun 7, 2014	POA Open Show at Birt Arena, Nampa
Jun 7-8, 2014	A Drive in the Park, Treasure Valley Whips, Idaho Center, ADS Sanctioned, contact Amanda 761-2758
Jun 8, 2014	Murphy Outpost Days Parade, Murphy ID
Jun 20, 2014 Note: Friday!	IDAMHC Picnic & Playday 11:00am Trailhead Parking Lot & picnic area, pot luck lunch, General Meeting. \$5 Park Entry unless you have a Parks Pass.
Jun 20-21, 2014	Snake River Club's Annual AMHR Show, Fairgrounds, Blackfoot ID, Contact Kathy Merrell: tinyacres@ida.net
Jun 21, 2014	10 Mile Riding Club ISHSA Open Show – no driving – see www.ishsa.info for showbill
Jun 28, 2014	Mountain Trail Challenge, Wilder ID, in-hand obstacles, contact Cheyenne 740-4160 or ckhackney@live.com
Jul 12, 2014	POA ISHSA Show at Birt Arena, Nampa
Jul 12, 2014	Snake River Stampede Parade, Nampa 585-9888 for info
Aug 30, 2014	Wagon Days Parade, Ketchum ID
Sep 13, 2014	Buckskin ISHSA Open Show at Birt Arena, Nampa
Sep 20, 2014	IDAMHC ISHSA Show, Birt Arena, Nampa Show bill to follow
Sep 27-28, 2014	ISHSA Double Point Show
Oct 11-12, 2014	Renaissance Faire in Emmett. Contact Lee Clark if you want to participate or help.
Oct 18, 2014	IDAMHC HALLOWED HAUNTINGS PLAYDAY at Birt Arena, Nampa. Entry form and class list to follow

AMHA Announces New Stock Type Division

It was apparent that a large number of performance horses were not being shown in halter. To increase the number of participants, help AMHA shows overall, and get more people interested in showing, AMHA has initiated a Stock Type Division. It will be brought to a vote at the annual meeting, and classes should be rated and pointed for the 2015 show season. A select number of halter classes for this new division will be offered at the 2014 AMHA World Show in September. For more information, go to the AMHA website.



Maria Redinger (in her new Roadster outfit!) driving Ricky.

April ISHSA Double Point Show at the Idaho Center.

Photo courtesy of Kat Hunt

Dwarfism in Miniature Horses

The University of Kentucky
Gluck Equine Research Center
Department of Veterinary Science

Established in 1986, the Animal Genetic Testing & Research Laboratory in Lexington KY offers genetic testing services to horse owners and breed registries, including identification of genetic markers for inheritable problems. Dwarfism is a genetic disorder that is most common in American Miniature Horses (it also occurs much more rarely in European miniature horses and Friesians). Some estimates suggest that over 50% of American Miniature Horses are carriers.

Four gene mutations associated with dwarfism have been found in Miniature Horses. At least one of these mutations is lethal in combination with any of the others, causing early pregnancy loss. The presence of two mutations in any combination will lead to early abortion, or in live foals with a wide range of physical ailments associated with dwarfism. These include breathing problems, malformed mouths, premature arthritis, and abnormal growth resulting in the horse being unsound. The severity of the disorder can range from mild (horse functions normally but has poor conformation in comparison with the breed standard) to severely malformed with a short lifespan. Since dwarfism is recessive, the appearance of a dwarf foal means BOTH parents are carriers.

Horses carrying only one of the mutations are normal in appearance, exhibiting the desired stature and proportions of the Miniature Horse.

DNA testing is done using hair samples, and a full panel test is \$150. Submission forms and sample collection instructions are available on their website at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/gluck/agtrl.asp>

Photos are included on their website but not reproduced here – they are heartbreaking.

(This information regarding the availability of genetic testing was submitted by Pam MacFarlane.)



Proposed Bylaws Amendment

(re-print from previous Newsletter)

Gwynne Shaw (Secretary/Treasurer) is proposing a Bylaws amendment to be voted on at our April 13th meeting.

Reason: For the last several years, there has been no contention for Executive Board positions and no write-in candidates on ballots received. Mailing of ballots costs the club \$25 or more, and we have had only about 50% of ballots returned (in spite of providing postage-paid return envelopes.) We are a small club that often struggles to fill all the Board positions required by our Bylaws. This amendment reflects the election procedure that we've been following in practice for several years and eliminates the cost and bother of mailing ballots when they are not needed.

Refer to current Bylaws Section 305. 2. Voting, and Section 804. 1. Nominating Committee. Bylaws can be found on our website www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com if you do not keep a hard copy.

Currently, if the only position to be filled is a Director, and that person is unopposed in the slate of officers presented in October, the President shall accept that slate and declare that the nominee is duly elected prior to the conclusion of the November meeting.

It is proposed that, if the slate of officers presented at the October General Membership meeting consists wholly of Board Members who are unopposed, and there are no other candidates declared to the Secretary by November 4th, the slate of officers presented in October shall stand as duly elected, and the provision for mailing of written ballots in Section 305.2. shall be waived.

This will allow two weeks after our October meeting (held during the Hallowed Hauntings Playday mid-October) for any member to declare opposition to a Board member proposed on the slate of officers presented at that meeting. In that case, written ballots must be mailed to all qualified members.

Vote was delayed because of poor attendance at April meeting and will be brought for a vote at the next general meeting.

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.

April 13 Spring Training Clinic

Hopefully, everyone who attended the Training Clinic at Birt Arena had a good time and found the practice helpful. We certainly appreciated the indoor arena, since it was beyond being just “breezy” outside.

We did not have enough participation to offset the arena rental fee, so it has been suggested that we think about discontinuing this event or flipping to another date later in the year when weather is perhaps too cool to be outdoors. Your input would be appreciated.



Member List

Welcome to our newest members, Kim MacKinnon and her mother Mandy!

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