



IDAMHC NEWSLETTER

May 2016

Maria Redinger, President ----- Pam MacFarlane, Vice President
Felicia Humpherys, Secretary ----- Cheyenne Hackney, Treasure

President's Message/Announcement

Hello my mini friends! I hope everyone is enjoying the weather and having lots of fun with their minis and ponies. Congrats to all of those who are having beautiful babies, be sure to send pics a small story to Pam so she can share the great news in our newsletter. Show season has started! Congrats to those who have already received some great wins and Hi-Points, again snap a pic and share with Pam. I would like to wish those preparing to go to the Blackfoot, ID. AMHR show the best of luck! For most of you it will be your first time and to you I say have fun and don't forget to smile :)

A great announcement! For those who may not know, I gave birth to my first child on May 11th, 2016 at 2:01pm. Brock Charles Redinger came in weighing only 3lbs 14oz and 7 weeks early. I guess he decided he didn't want to miss out on any of the fun. He is now at St. Alphonsus NICU in Boise, ID. He is making great progress everyday and is just too darn cute. As of today 5/22/16 Brock weighs 4lbs 3.9oz and is off of everything except his feeding tube, which he shouldn't be on for much longer. We are very proud of him and can't wait for him to meet everyone and to come to his first show.

I will hopefully see you all at the June meeting. Remember life is too short and sometimes too crazy, so always smile and enjoy the little things.

Maria Redinger, President



From left: Brock on May 12; Brock with Daddy, Casey, on May 21; Brock with Mommy, Maria, on May 22; Brock on May 22

Thank you, Maria, for sharing Brock with us!

Minutes of April 7, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:39 by Maria Redinger. Meeting was held at the Sunrise Café in Middleton, ID.

Attendance: Members: Felicia Humpherys, Jane Steele, Cassie Edelman, Maria Redinger, Lois Cant, Pam MacFarlane, Lynne Wing, Lee Clark, Jamey Robbins, Donna Bernardelli. Cheyenne Hackney, and Heather Jaillett; Guests: Kelli Phillips, Sarah Phillips, Courtney Phillips, and Dylan Phillips

Jane motioned to accept the minutes as printed. Lois seconded the motion.

Cheyenne read the treasury report: Jane motioned to accept the treasury report as read. Lynne seconded the motion.

We had a bill from Kat for the amount of \$19.33 from the year end banquet and a bill from Jamie in the amount of \$125 for the Horse Expo. Lois motioned to pay the bills. Donna seconded the motion.

Old Business: Clinics for 2016

Driving Clinic: Will be on April 21st at Al Birt at 6:00 p.m. It will be \$15 per person with Linda Kay and Madison Holly running the clinic.

Showmanship/Measuring Clinic: Will be on April 28th at Al Birt arena at 6:30 p.m. It will be \$5 per person. We will have Mike Austin there to help with measuring miniatures, and Maria, Jamie and Donna will be doing the showmanship part of the clinic.

Show: It was discussed to remove the team driving and add the hunter hack classes to the show bill. Pam motioned to remove team driving from the show bill. Lee seconded the motion.

We discussed changing the location of some of the club meetings so that the 4-H club members from Mountain Home could attend some of the meetings. As we have not received any further communication from the 4-H club in regards to attending our meetings, we have decided to continue to have our meetings at the same location for now.

Lynn announced that she would be having a Princess Party with Angel of Wings on April 16th at the Saddle Up in Emmett, Idaho, for the girl that her mom had contacted the club due to her daughter having cancer.

Donna reported that the ISHSA Spring Double Point Award will be arriving on Saturday.

For the Western Idaho Fair High Point Award, Felicia will get in contact with Donna for assistance with placing the order for the award.

New Business: Year End Awards: It was decided that if you want any of the prior events to count you need to have your declarations turned in by April 28th to Maria or anyone on the awards committee.

Horse Expo: Confirmed that we will be sharing a booth with ISHSA. AMHR had sent us some nice handouts for the organization and two nice books on miniature horses. AMHA is suppose to be sending us some things, but have yet to receive them. Pam printed some pamphlets about the club and had them for us to look at. Jamie had a banner made for the club and donated it to the club so that way we would have a sign to hang in the booth that would fit with the ISHSA banner as well.

Jamie won the TVPHC Winter Schooling Series High Point Miniature award.

The Bomb-proofing Clinic that was put on by the Treasure Valley Whips was a great success. We discussed sending the Treasure Valley Whips club a thank you card for putting on such a great event.

We have received communication from Star in regards to their July 4th parade. No fee to enter; it starts in the Rock Bridge Subdivision and the theme is Patriotism.

Newsletter. Pam has asked members to submit information for the newsletter about their activities and does not necessarily have to be horse related.

Whimsical Cones: Discussed having it in May. Lois talked about contacting Eagle Island State Park in regards to reserving the area. Activities committee was going to discuss it and talk to Susan in regards to putting it on again.

Lee talked about having a door prize where one person wins the prize and would bring the next door prize to the following meeting. Lee brought the first door prize, and Jane won it.

Lois has had good interest in her carts but still has a Jerald show cart for sale.

It was discussed to have our next meeting on June 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Cafe in Middleton, Idaho.

Cheyenne motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jamey seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Felicia Humpherys, Secretary

April 21 IDAMHC Driving Clinic

Madison Holly graciously volunteered her time to lead our driving clinic on Thursday, April 21, at the Birt arena in Nampa. Participating drivers included Valerie Marshall, Felicia Humpherys, Jamey Robbins, Heather Jaillett, and Donna Bernardelli. Thank you to everyone who submitted comments about the clinic!



"Madison gave me good tips on better workouts and what she calls the "crossover exercise," which will help the horse to drive forward and be able to control their nose more. We mostly covered basics of driving, but the basics are what helps a lot in being able to continue and grow in different driving aspects. I got a few good compliments about Angel, and how she is doing so far in the cart, but Madison gave me good techniques to work on to make her better and more confident in driving!"

Valerie Marshall

"I absolutely loved the clinic and getting the time to spend with Madison and learning what I need to work on. I learned that when prepping for driving for the show season, it's more than just hooking up to the cart and driving. I got the ability to learn a lot of things I can do with basic things that everyone has laying around at the barn like lead ropes for working on headset while working on the ground. I am going to work on spending more time on the ground and out of the cart when I work on prepping for shows. I also got the ability to make sure that I was prepping for the correct pleasure driving class for the AMHR shows."

Felicia Humpherys



"I thought the clinic went very well. There were five drivers, which is not many but if you ask me that's perfect for a clinic. We were all able to get our questions answered and some great feedback from Madison. She was very professional and very knowledgeable. I came away with some great information on how to improve my driving."

Jamey Robbins



"I really enjoyed the driving clinic with Madison, and am truly thankful to Lois for lending Moe to me. I had never driven or tacked up a driving horse before that evening. To be honest, I was a little nervous. Madison met with me first, as I was the only beginner, and explained the tacking up process. I found there was definitely some crossover to riding horses, but a lot of new things as well. She was super helpful and answered all of my questions regarding the tack and proper adjustment. She had me ground drive Moe first and explained the proper amount of rein pressure and technique. While I practiced, she answered questions from the rest of the attendees. Once I felt confident, she assisted me in hooking up the cart.

Again she was a wealth of knowledge for all of my questions and was very easy to talk to. She then sent me out in the arena to get a feel for driving. While I did this, she discussed showing and driving with the other club members. She then had us do a "class". I participated in part of it, and then watched the others. At the end of the "class", she gave individualized suggestions and praise for each of the attendees and their horses. She finished the clinic with a discussion of some training techniques she uses on her horses. She also gave tips on show ring driving, particularly in the Blackfoot arena. Being a former competitor, any advice on an arena that you are unfamiliar with is gold. I was able to confidently tack my new horse, Dreamer, for our first drive because I had attended this clinic. I know that I will definitely be using her training tips in the future as we prepare to show.

Heather Jaillet

April 28 IDAMHC Measuring/Showmanship Clinic



Before the Showmanship clinic, Mike Austin measured horses with a regulation measuring stick to help handlers know which classes to enter in AMHR/AMHA shows. Thanks to Mike for his patience and knowledge! Leading the Showmanship clinic were well-experienced club members Jamey Robbins, Donna Bernardelli, and Maria Redinger. Kathleen Austin also shared her vast Miniature Horse knowledge. We greatly appreciate having Mike and Kathleen at the clinic!



Idaho Horse Expo

Many thanks to Donna Bernardelli, who worked many hours setting up the booth that IDAMHC shared with ISHSA. Others volunteering time and energy during the 3-day event included Jamey, Felicia, Amy, Lois, Cassie, Jane, and Pam. Visitors to the booth had access to AMHA and AMHR pamphlets, a fantastic book supplied by AMHR, IDAMHC applications and brochures, fun photos of the Halloween play day and the Whimsical Cones day at Eagle Island, and professional photos of Madison Holly at AMHR Nationals and AMHA World Shows. Adults and children returned more than once to pet and ask questions about the horses in the stall, too.



ISHSA Spring Double Point Show

Impressive IDAMHC member participation at the first official ISHSA show this season! Here are a few photos of people you know.



4th of July Parade in Star

The Star 4th of July Parade Committee has requested that our Miniature Horses come be a part of their parade on the FOURTH of JULY! Lineup time is 9 a.m., at Rock Bridge Subdivision, and the parade starts at 10 a.m. Sign-up is required, but no entry fees are charged. The theme is Patriotism; entries will be judged, with cash awards to winners. Ideas for costuming, entering as a club or as individuals, and other concerns might be good discussion topics at the June meeting.

Treasure Valley Whips

A Drive in the Park is coming up June 4-5 at the Idaho Horse Park. If you are not competing this year please consider volunteering. It is a great way to see the competition and we will try to take good care of you too. Water, coffee, tea, snacks and lunch will be provided along with some special gifts.

Here's some information on the available positions. Saturday will go most of the day with an hour off for lunch but Sunday we should be done by around 1:00. Please let me know if you can help as soon as possible along with what you would prefer to do. List a couple of choices in case your first choice is already taken

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone wishing to learn more about this sport should volunteer – you get a front row seat. Instruction and guidance will be given and you will be fed and well cared for! Contact Amanda Horton a leoblair2001@yahoo.com or 208 761-2758.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY (various): Marathon course decoration; Initial cones course set-up (Thurs)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON (various – course walk at 5:00)

Wheel measurement, final set-up; Volunteer area set-up

SATURDAY 7:00 am – volunteers meet for assignments at volunteer area

Safety checks & wheel measurement

***Dressage** (8:00 am – 3:30 pm with breaks and one hour lunch)

2 scribes, 1 gate person, 1 warm-up arena person

***Cones** (8:00 am – 4:00 pm with breaks)

1 scribe, 2 timers, 5 (teams of 2) cone setters

Gate – Lee, cone steward, 1-2 Score runner(s)

SUNDAY 6:45 am – volunteers meet for assignments at volunteer area

***Marathon** (8:00 am – 2:00 pm)

1 Safety check, 1 Start of B timer, 1 End of B timer, 1 Vet scribe

5-6 sets of obstacle staff: (5-6 teams of 3: timer, observer, and helper)

1-2 score runner(s)

****All volunteers will be given a lunch, water and snacks during the day.****

Thanks, Amanda, for inviting us to participate as volunteers. And we'll be cheering the Miniature Horses participating in this fun event!

Thank you for all the photos and articles you've contributed in this issue: Valerie, Heather, Jamey, Felicia, Lois, Jane, Maria, and Pete. Let me know if you aren't getting credit, and please know that your contributions are highly valued! If you'd send photos and information about your new foals, the June newsletter will spotlight them. Also, please send any news about other fun stuff and shows. Also, if your contact information is incorrect in the newsletter or on the website, please let me know so I can correct it.

Sincerely,

Pam, Newsletter Editor

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