



APRIL 2017 IDAMHC NEWSLETTER

Maria Redinger, President Pam MacFarlane, Vice President

Felicia Humpherys, Secretary Lynne Wing, Treasure

Directors: Jane Steele, Lois Cant, Robin Willeman

Minutes of March 15, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Maria Redinger. Meeting was held at the Sunrise Cafe in Middleton, ID.

Attendance: Kelli Phillips, Dylan Phillips, Courtney Phillips, Robin Willeman, Lee Clark, Maria Redinger, Pam MacFarlane, Lynne Wing, Felicia Humpherys, Amy Humpherys, Cassie Edelman, Jane Steele, Heather Jaillett, Valerie Marshall, Beatrice Jones, and Donna Bernardelli

Minutes: Kelli motioned to approve the minutes as published. Heather seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report submitted by Lynne:

January ending balance = \$3,692.50

Deposits = \$70; including Membership dues, \$60 + website ads, \$10

Debits = \$235; including \$50 to the Idaho Horse Council, \$60 ISHSA Show Fee, and \$125 ISHSA 2016 Driving Trophy Sponsorship

February ending balance = \$3,527.50

Lois motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Heather seconded the motion.

Introductions

Old Business

Western Idaho Fair:

We discussed what kind of awards we want to offer for the Miniatures at the fair and what categories the awards should be. Felicia motioned that we sponsor both a High Point and a Reserve High Point Miniature award. Pam and Val seconded the motion. We also discussed keeping an eye out for deals before deciding on what the awards will be.

Driving Clinic:

The clinic will be held on April 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Birt arena in Nampa. Felicia motioned to give Madison Holly a \$50 gift card for holding the clinic, and Pam will find out what kind of gift card is appropriate. Lee seconded the motion. Jamey volunteered to hold a Showmanship Clinic the same evening. Donna motioned that we charge \$25.00 for Driving Clinic participants. Heather seconded the motion. Donna motioned that we charge \$5.00 to audit the Driving Clinic. Motion was seconded by Lynne. Kelli motioned that we charge \$10 for the Showmanship Clinic, and Lynne seconded the motion. Two time slots for driving will be offered in order to keep the driving groups smaller, and Pam will contact members for time preferences.

Idaho Horse Expo, April 21-23:

ISHSA has agreed to split the cost of a booth again this year. Our portion of the booth is \$125. Felicia motioned to reimburse Jamey for the \$125 she paid for the booth, and Kelli seconded the motion. Jamey will schedule IDAMHC volunteers and horses for the three days. Kelli presented a Western handbag that she is donating for a raffle, and she provided a large container to collect tickets for the raffle.

Awards Declarations:

You'll need to turn in your Declaration forms to Maria or Valerie so that your points start counting toward awards. In the future, a short meeting will be held to go over how to fill out the forms.

September 16 IDAMHC/ISHSA Open Show:

Anita has agreed to be the show manager and secretary again. Kelli asked members to start looking for items for the silent auction. She offered free use of the Square as a way for buyers to pay for their items. There is a 2.5% charge for each purchase. Donna motioned to table this and Felicia seconded the motion. Donna will have Anita contact Maria for a status of the show.

New Business

Al Birt Arena is increasing their cleanup fee to \$100 to any clubs that do not clean up the grounds in accordance to the requirements of that facility.

ISHSA Shows:

The ISHSA rulebook states that when showing in an in-hand class such as Showmanship, Halter, and In-Hand Trail, the halter must have a throat latch attached to it.

Oregon Shows:

If you plan to attend shows in Oregon, be sure that you have a coggins within the past 6 months of the travel date and a health certificate within the past 30 days of the travel date.

Phantasy Phun Show to be held on June 17

Snake River Stampede Parade:

Kelli informed us that the date of this all-horse parade is July 15. It's held in downtown Nampa and starts at 10 a.m.

Pinto Club Show:

The Pinto Club and Paint Club are co-hosting a show in August, including Miniature Horse classes for Miniatures that are registered Pinto and whose owners are current members of the Pinto registry.

For the Good of the Club

Member Spotlight:

Lynne had a questionnaire regarding information in the newsletter about our longest time member, Lee Clark. Heather won that prize. Lynne also asked a question about our newest member, Barb Miskell. Kelli knew the answer and won the prize.

Felicia mentioned that the Al Birt Arena is available for private practice, so a group of us might want to do this. The rate is \$60 for 4 hours during the week, or \$75 for 4 hours on weekends.

Door Prize: Lynne won.

Next meeting is on Wednesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Donna motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kelli seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Felicia Humpherys, Secretary



At the March meeting, Jamey mentioned the presence of Pigeon Fever in the valley, so here is reliable information about pigeon fever, including its cause, symptoms, prevention, and treatment, that may benefit you and your horses. This copyrighted article is published with permission from Raina Dey, PR Director, Oregon Veterinary Medical Association. --- Pam

Pigeon Fever

Caused by the hardy bacteria *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*, pigeon fever can be highly contagious if not properly managed. The disease is seasonal, with peak incidence in the dry/fall months, and the incidence fluctuates from year to year within a site.

Symptoms

It is characterized by intramuscular abscesses, primarily in the pectoral area and ventral part of the abdomen, which gives the horse a puffed-out appearance similar to that of a pigeon. The infection is confirmed with a bacterial culture and by symptoms. Other symptoms are lethargy, stiffness and lameness from the pain and swelling.

Horse should be checked daily; look closely at the underside and check for swelling. In some cases, the infection can spread to the horse's legs, causing a syndrome called ulcerative lymphangitis, which is more challenging to treat.

Ruminants, such as sheep, goats and cattle, can also become infected by this bacteria.



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How It Is Spread

The bacteria lives and multiplies in dry soil and manure. Hot, dry weather facilitates this bacterial growth. Horses contract the disease through an open wound or fly bite, with bacteria entering through these abrasions or wounds and, sometimes, mucous membranes.

In 2008, an Oregon veterinarian who was treating horses with pigeon fever contracted the bacteria. This case highlights the importance of wearing gloves while caring for infected horses and following disinfection protocols.

Prevention

Humans can also carry the bacteria on their boots, hands, and tools. Proper disinfection protocols should be utilized to limit the spread of the bacteria. Gloves should be worn when handling infected horses. Bedding, water buckets, and any other material that might come in contact with pus should be disinfected or disposed of and not shared with other horses.

The most aggressive prevention method to help limit the spread of the bacteria is to remove the top layer of soil in the area that is contaminated by wound drainage and replace it with clean soil or bedding. Bleach and other disinfectants do not work well on organic debris (dirt or manure), so pouring disinfectants on the ground is not effective. Bleach does work well on clean surfaces, like stall mats and scrubbed walls.

Fly control (sprays, sheets and repellents) can help to limit disease risk, as can meticulous manure clean-up.

[A vaccine has been developed by a Bend-area veterinarian](#) and is undergoing trials.

Treatment

Treatment involves lancing and draining the abscesses and, in some cases, antibiotics. An ultrasound can help to locate deep internal abscesses and find the best place to drain them. A horse is unlikely to be contagious if all abscesses have healed.

For more information on pigeon fever, please consult with [your veterinarian](#).

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Events Calendar

Thurs., April 6	Driving Clinic with Madison Holly, in the evening at the Birt arena in Nampa. 6:30 session is full; one opening left at 8:00. Showmanship available at 6:45 and 8:15. Audit any time during the evening. \$25 for Driving, \$10 for Showmanship, \$5 to audit. Please clean up anything you bring onto the grounds: manure, feed, piles of hair, candy wrappers, clothing, etc.
April 8 & 9	ISHSA Spring Double Point Show at the Idaho Horse Park, Nampa Show Bill
Wed., April 12	Idaho Miniature Horse Club Meeting , Middleton Sunrise Cafe at 6:30 p.m.
April 13, 20, 27	SIPtHA's Spursday Buckle Series Schooling Shows Miniature Halter, Showmanship, and Driving at the Birt arena Show Bill
April 21, 22, 23	Idaho Horse Expo , Idaho Horse Park, Nampa, ID
April 29 & 30	Oregon Gold Open Horse Show , Powell Butte, OR Show Bill
May 12 & 13	1st Annual Rocky Mountain Shetland Pony Miniature Horse Club (RMSPMHC) Show , ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Miniature Horse & Pony Show, Box Elder County Fairgrounds, Tremonton, UT Show Bill
May 19, 20, & 21	National Area VIII Show , AMHR, Classic, Modern, ASPR; Moses Lake, WA; Tracey Slagle 308-624-0212; tracey_slagle@hotmail.com
June 23, 24, & 25	15th Annual Snake River Miniature Horse Club Blackfoot Show , Blackfoot, ID Show Bill
July 7, 8, & 9	Evergreen Spectacular , AMHR, Classic, Modern, ASPR; Spanaway, WA; Rinda Pullen 425-231-7464, horseshowmanager@hotmail.com
Aug. 10 & 11	Weber County Fair ASPC/AMHR Sanctioned Miniature Horse-Shetland Pony Show ; Ogden, UT Show Bill
Aug. 18, 19, & 20	Spokane Area Small Horse Association (SASH) , AMHR, Classic, Modern, ASPR; Spokane, WA; Karen Torosian 509-939-4564 ittybittyhorse@hotmail.com
Sat., Sept. 16	IDAMHC/ISHSA Open Show at the Birt Arena
Sat., Oct. 21	IDAMHC Halloween Hauntings at the Birt Arena

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Introducing: BEATRICE JONES

Beatrice is one of our new members, who is starting her adventure with Miniature Horses. She certainly isn't a novice when it comes to horses, as she has been around horses her whole life. She is eager to experience all the fun, expertise and events our club has to offer. The best part, it's a family experience!!



My name is Beatrice Jones, I'm 28 years old, and I have an amazing fiancé named Timothy Reed, who is 30 years old that God blessed me with. We have been together for a little over 5 years and we have two handsome little boys together. My oldest son is Kwan who is 8 years old. My youngest son is Noah and he is 3 years old.



As far as the horses go, I have been around horses my whole life and I got my first horse when I was 13 years old. I still to this day have her and she will be 16 years old in June 2017. She is a Quarter Horse Appaloosa cross and she is a Sorrel Mare. We have another horse named Spartan and she is a Quarter Horse Connemara cross and she is a dapple buckskin and will be 17 years old in June 2017.

Then we have our Miniature Horse named George and he will be 4 years old June 2017. I first got interested in miniature horses after I had my kids. But never purchased one up until March 2nd, 2016 and that's when I bought George. Ever since we got him and have trained him and seen how amazing they are my family just loves miniature horses just like we love our Big Horses. My family and I are excited to learn more about the miniature horse world and meet new people. We're also looking forward to driving our Miniature in parades and just for fun.

Just a side note: If you haven't introduced yourself to Beatrice, please do so at our next meeting or event. She is enthusiastic, inquisitive and willing to share ideas, something we all encourage within our club. Welcome Beatrice!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Introducing: **PAM MACFARLANE**

Pam is our next 'Oldie But Goodie' as she is the next person who has been with our club the longest. Pam is our Vice-President and a person who will always make sure she makes everyone feel welcomed within our club.



*My favorite, but don't tell the others,
Farmyard Frolic Prime Star
aka Primo, current age 19*



Primo, actually standing still



Mark RIP



*Primo's "twin" Farmyard Frolic Spot a Top
aka Topper (same sire and birth date),
current age 19*

About 65 years ago, my grandparents borrowed a horse for the grandkids to ride when we visited the farm in Fruitland, and I was smitten by the warm scent of his skin and breath and the calm nickers of that horse. Grandpa McGee also let me cut up his farm newspapers and magazines, filling a scrapbook, which I still have, with all breeds of horse pictures, from tobacco advertisements to articles about breeders and Kentucky Derby winners. So, at the age of 8, having accumulated the large sum of \$13 in my bank savings account, I was ready to purchase a horse. Every day I perused the Horses For Sale classifieds, until I spotted one that seemed perfect. When I presented the ad to my family, my older brother laughed hysterically when I read the horse's name. Being young and innocent, I mistakenly thought that Stud Fee was the horse's name and because the price was \$10, I could afford to buy him.

Many years later, shortly after we married, Pete and I designed and built a home on two acres in a great Eagle subdivision, where we started accumulating antique engines and rusty iron-wheeled tractors. Since both our daughters had grown up and moved on in their own lives, I decided that I needed some live horsepower on the property. One year at the Western Idaho Fair, I met Lee and Shere Clark at a booth with their Miniature Horses, followed by several trips to their Emmett property to socialize with them and their critters. I purchased one horse from each of them, starting 17 years of being able to touch, smell, groom, lead, drive, clip, and converse with horses. Of course, our combined horsepower (both the hooved and the rusty varieties) outgrew the covenants of the pristine Eagle subdivision, so we moved to 40 acres at the edge of Kuna. Many thanks to the Austins, Lee and Shere Clark, Susan Marler, patient and humane professional Miniature Horse trainer and judge Portia Kalinka, and everyone in the Idaho Miniature Horse Club who helped me achieve my childhood dream, beginning at the age of 50!

Just a side note: Between taking pictures (thanks Pete), working behind the registration desk, creating our newsletter, maintaining our website, helping people with their horses plus her VP duties...I think it's crystal clear, Pam goes 'Above & Beyond' for all of us. Thanks Pam for all you do for everyone!



***Driving Clinic with AMHR/AMHA Amateur Madison Holly
on Thursday, April 6, at the Birt Arena, Nampa***

Four drivers have spoken for the 6:30 time already, so it is full. Three drivers have spoken for the 8:00 time, so there's one spot left. Remember, the Driving fee is \$25.

If you'd like to audit any length of the driving, the fee is \$5.00. And if you've signed up for a Showmanship Refresher, two sessions are available; one at 6:45, and one at 8:15, working around the driving schedule. Showmanship is \$10.

Thank you all for being so supportive of this clinic! Please be sure that you've signed the 2017 liability waiver for the Birt Arena before participating in the clinic.



Another great opportunity!

Driving Clinic Information shared by Lee Clark from an email to her

We are trying to have an Olaf Larsson clinic at Kanoe Godby's farm in Sisters, OR on June 30-July 2. I need to sell 30 lessons at \$125 each to cover his costs. This does not cover his airfare, so I hope to get an ADS grant to help with this. I have been lucky enough to have taken many lessons with him, and know him to be a super clinician who is great with any level driver and horse or pony to bring them up to the next level. He has extensive training and teaching experience, and his English is excellent, so there is no language barrier at all. I would suggest that anyone wanting to come should reserve a motel room asap as rooms in Sisters in the summer can be scarce. I cannot reserve a lesson spot for anyone without a check. Please spread this around so we can go on with the plans for this chance of working with one of the world's best clinicians.

Please don't hesitate to email me at fourfleas@aol.com or any questions you might have and tell everyone you know about this really fun weekend.

Muffy Seaton

About Olaf Larsson

Swedish born, Olaf grew up showing in jumping, dressage and venting before turning to driving and winning the Swedish National Championships in 1994 and 1995 with a single. He worked for renowned four in hand driver, Tomas Erikson before coming to the States to show horses for Hilltop Farm in MD and then manage Chester Weber's facility in Ocala where he was an integral part of the team at nine World Championships.

Currently, Olaf continues his work as a freelance trainer and clinician and is wonderful with all levels of drivers and horses/ponies. He has done many Developing Driver clinics as well as Para clinics for the USEF and the Disabled Drivers. He is a very talented clinician with excellent English and insight into working with people and horses to get them to the next level.

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