



November 2017 Idaho Miniature Horse Club Newsletter

Maria Redinger, President
Pam MacFarlane, Vice President
Felicia Humpherys, Secretary Lynne Wing, Treasurer
Lois Cant, Jane Steele, and Robin Willeman, Directors

MINUTES OF October 12th, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m by Maria Redinger. Meeting was held at the Sunrise Cafe in Middleton, ID.

Attendance: Felicia Humpherys, Amy Humpherys, Cassie Edelman, Jane Steele, Valerie Marshall, Jamie O'Leary, LeeAnn O'Leary, Sarah Phillips, Courtney Phillips, Niki Phillips, Lee Clark, Heather Jaillett, Jamey Robbins, Maria Redinger, Lynne Wing. Guest: Jessie Clausing

Amendment to Sept. minutes: Lynne clarified that the reimbursement to Lynne was for silent auction "cash", not for "expenses." Heather motioned to accept the amended minutes, and Jane seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report as of Oct. 12, 2017

Sept. ending balance: \$3171.17

Receivables (Deposits)

\$2000.50 from Horse entries for ISHSA Show 9/16/17

Total receivables: \$2000.50

Expenses (Payments)

\$ 100.00	To Lynne Wing	For: Auction cash reimbursement
\$ 90.94	To Pam MacFarlane	For: Fair Prizes (Halter and halter bag)
\$ 50.00	To Andrea Milhous	For: Show Announcer
\$ 200.00	To Al Birt Arena	For: Arena Rental
\$ 125.00	Anne Gahley	For: Judge #2 & Trail Objects
\$ 50.00	Kilah Thompson	For: Gate Person
\$ 175.00	Connie Evans	For: Main Judge
\$ 200.00	Anita Stephan	For: Show Secretary
\$ 50.00	Riata Riders 4-H Club	For: Concessions Donation
\$ 53.00	Riata Riders 4-H Club	For: Workers' Food /Drink Concessions
\$ 61.00	ISHSA	For: \$1 fee per horse entries

\$1154.94 Total Expenses

Bank Adjustment

\$ (.02) Reason: BOTC Bank changes in Sept. only allowed \$.01 interest.

October Report Ending Balance \$ 4016.71

Submitted for approval by Lynne Wing, Treasurer

Felicia motioned to accept the treasurer's report as read, and Heather seconded the motion. Kelli submitted two bills for silent auction materials; one for \$5.30 and one for \$17.78. Heather motioned to pay the bills, and Jamey seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

IDAMHC/ISHSA September Show Review: Thank you to everyone who came out to show and support the club and thank you to all who came out to help run the show smoothly. We discussed offering youth driving classes for all the miniature driving divisions.

Board of Directors Nominations: Please email Maria, Lois, or Pam for nominations. We currently have Maria for President, Jamie and Heather for Vice President, Lynne and Kelli for Treasure, Felicia and Val for Secretary, Robin, Kelli, Jane, Pam, and Lois for Directors.

Year-End Awards Point Submission Deadline: November 8th

NEW BUSINESS

Harvest Festival in Eagle: Will be on October 14th at 10 a.m. Park trailers at Creekside Church. Meet in the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. This is for in-hand horses who love to be petted; no driving horses.

Halloween Play Day: Awards are in, patterns almost done. Judge still in works. We will not be having Rose this year for the judge, but she is willing to do it next year. Reminder of the potluck and to check your email for assignments. We have posted the event on Facebook and have gotten a lot of interest. We will not have the coffee pot this year due to it missing a part and not working. Please remember to bring your own drinks.

Awards for the AMHA/AMHR/ASPC Show: Felicia suggested that we sponsor high point awards for the Western Idaho Summer Kick Off Show on June 1st-3rd, 2018, in Nampa, ID at the Idaho Horse Park. Discussion included IDAMHC sponsoring a High Point AMHR Youth B and an AMHA Amateur Level 1 High Point Award. Felicia will research ideas for the high point award and present those to the club at next meeting. It passed unanimously.

For the Good of the Club

Anita Stephan: Anita had a massive heart attack and is at St. Luke's in Boise, ID, in a drug induced coma.

Door Prize: Val won.

Next Meeting: November 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Felicia motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Jamey seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Felicia Humpherys, Secretary

Following pages include:

- 1. two member Spotlights and Eagle Harvest Festival review, thanks to Lynne**
- 2. fun with Pixie, thanks to Lee**
- 3. important date reminders**
- 4. Halloween play day/Anita Stephan benefit reviews.**

Thank you to everyone who contributed!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Introducing: ROBIN WILLEMAN

Meet one of our club Directors – Robin Willemann, also known as the ‘Show Mom,’ has been with our club since 2014. However, her love of horses goes way back in time. Robin is one of those individuals who is always ready to give a helping hand. Several of her horses are shown by other members of our club and they sure rack up the wins. Read on to learn more about this funny, perky, and lovely lady.

ROBIN AND HER POTATO CHIP ADDICTION

For as long as I can remember I have been enamored of the equine persuasion.....horses of many colors, breeds, sizes, disciplines, etc. In lieu of the novels I am known to pen, I thought to share the condensed version of how I came to own a long line of special critters of the potato chip variety.

When I was eleven, unbeknownst to me and my mother, we discovered that Mom did indeed have a father and I a grandfather that we didn't know existed. He came into our lives and in true grandfatherly fashion he commenced to spoil his only granddaughter. Without the knowledge of Mom, he purchased a wily, mischievous, and at times, rotten little bay Hackney pony named Billy. For the first couple of years of owning Billy, he was stabled quite a distance from where I lived and I didn't get the chance to enjoy him like I would have wanted to. Sadly, my grandfather unexpectedly died from a massive heart attack and suddenly my parents found out that I was the proud owner of a horse. Did I mention that I grew up in the heart of Los Angeles and there were, few and far between, places to stable horses. Fortunately for me, right across the street from the machine shop I grew up in, was a tiny lot that had had cows in it. It did not take long to begin hounding the owner to let me keep my horse there. After much haranguing, begging, and pleading, I was allowed to bring Billy to the precipice of my total and subsequent addiction..... horses!

I lived on that horse. I explored the greater Los Angeles area from a very personal vantage point.....the back of a horse. I gave urban kids with no exposure to horses' rides that made me happy in the sharing. I also have a nice scare on my forehead where Billy decided to bolt and then drop his head so that I landed on a nice sharp rock that split my head open and made the local boys envious of the wicked stitches that were a badge of honor and solidified my spot in the boy gang! I also carry a limp from the pin in my ankle that was a result of Mr. Bill falling on me when I was seventeen. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of him as I hobble my way through life.

Sadly again, Billy's insatiable appetite for goodies wound up being his downfall.....he happily munched his way through a bag of Snarol (snail poison) pellets and ultimately perished after an all day vigil at the vet's.



Just a side note: When it comes to 'being there' for her club members, just ask Maria Redinger or Valerie Marshall. They will tell you, she is 'Priceless'. Whether it's being a 'show mom', owning some outstanding littles, rescuing horses, or just having the best sense-of-humor ever, we can all say Robin is someone who is very special. Thanks, Robin, for being part of the Idaho Miniature Horse Club and making everything so much fun!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Introducing: Lynne Wing

Meet the club's Treasurer: Lynne Wing has been a member of the Idaho Miniature Horse club since 2012. She was raised in the city, so her experience with horses isn't quite as extensive as some of our other members, but her love for horses started the day she was born.

FOR THE LOVE OF HORSES

I was born in the city, but my heart was always in the country. I had two grandparents who lived on farms in Michigan, that's where my memories of the smell of fresh hay, running in the fields, gathering eggs, and riding horses came into play. I begged for a horse of my own on every birthday, every Christmas, and the days in between. My grandparents didn't own any horses, but the neighbors did, and that's where you would usually find me....riding with the neighbors.

Through the years, my husband and I owned several 'big' horses but as my body aged and hitting the hard ground off a horse didn't do my bones any justice, it was time to hang up the saddles.

In 2007, I saw a lady at a POA open show with her Miniature horse....that lady was Lee Clark of Hollowtree Miniature Horses. I went home and started researching Miniature Horses, I was slowly getting hooked. However, it wasn't until 2012 I took the plunge and purchased two miniature horses from Lee's daughter, Shere Clark. It would be a bitter-sweet ownership, as that same year I was diagnosed with cancer and wasn't able to properly take care of the horses while having Chemo treatment and sadly had to sell them.

Fast forward to 2014: I stayed in touch with Lee and Shere, each year going over to their place to see their new babies. I always say, "You don't pick the horse, the horse picks you". Truer words have never been spoken, at least in my case. The first horse that picked me was Shere's 'China Doll', she was a 2013 model and I kept telling Shere, I really wanted to own China Doll. In 2014, another of Shere's horses picked me, that was Foxy Boy. I couldn't hold off any longer and talked Shere into letting me own China and Foxy, along with Foxy's pasture mate, Striker, one of Lee's colts.



China Doll (Sassy) 2013



Foxy Boy 2014



Striker 2014

Thus I started my little herd with Ashley joining the group in 2015.



Ashley 2015

Then the question was, what direction do I want to go with my horses? Did I want to show them, did I want to train them to drive? The decision seemed to have been made for me, I wanted to share my horses with people and children. I wanted to have 'Therapy Horses', Foxy sure fit the bill as did Sassy(aka China Doll), they LOVED kids and people, they were always super calm and nothing seemed to phase them. So the work began on getting an organization put together called 'Mini Angel Wings'.

AND – here we are today. Our mission has turned to helping children and their families struggling with cancer. It isn't always easy, especially when we know we are taking our horses to an event where the child is terminal. But just for that one moment in time, we have brought joy and love with us. I was asked once – "Why aren't you showing your horses at Horse Shows"? My reply – "I'm not into the ribbons or awards, I'm into the SMILES". Therefore, I'm walking proof – there are so many things you can do with a Mini and the Idaho Miniature Horse Club isn't just about the shows, it's about the love we have for our horses, the experience we receive being around the 'experts' and the fun people who encourage us at every turn, no matter what direction we want to take with these magical horses.



In Memory of two of the 'Mini Angel Wings "ANGELS"'



Serenity Norris, who earned her angel wings in 2016



Alanna Schiffhauer, who earned her angel wings in 2017

Pixie, the Appaloosa Petite Filly
submitted by Lee Clark

Pixie and I have been asked to come to many places since the Fair. We have visited 3 assisted living facilities and have 2 more scheduled, plus we plan to go with Lynne to Eagle.

I think Pixie knows she is cute, and she jumps right into the trailer. I am going to try to find a store that sells doll shoes to find a pair her size. Her Build-A-Bear shoes are way too big for her and she was a little scared of the slick floor in one place.

We also appeared at the Tractor store with Patches; that day, Patches tried to eat my hot dog that was in a paper container. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw it disappearing and grabbed it just in time!



Pixie and her dam



Pixie dressed in pink

Just a reminder

November 8 Year-End Awards points are due.

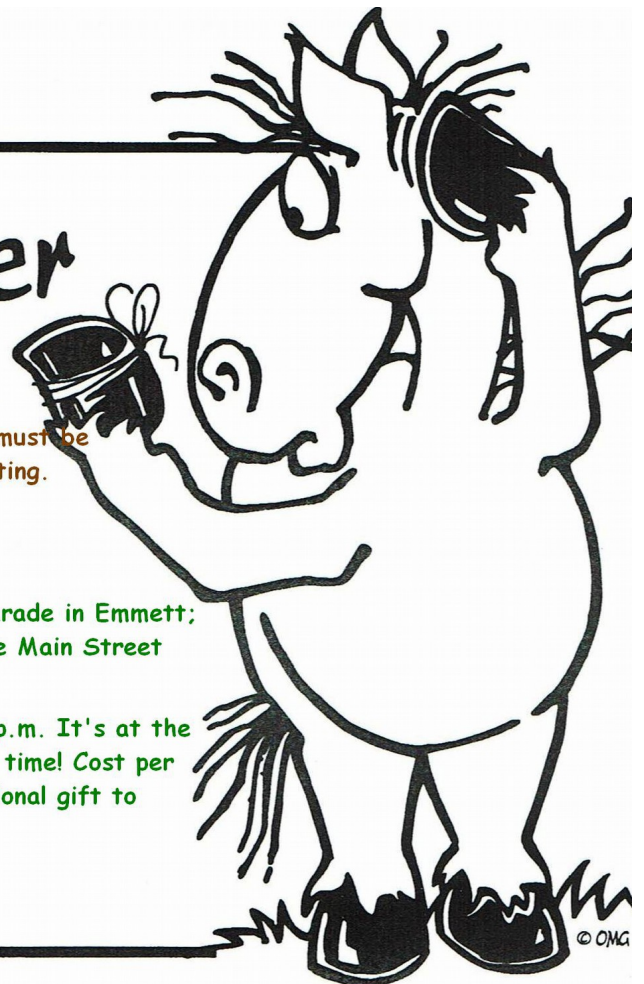
November 16 General meeting and election results; please mail ballots to Felicia in the prestamped envelope. Ballots must be received before the meeting and will be tallied at the meeting.

November 23 Thanksgiving

November 25 Holiday Magic on Main Street Night Light Parade in Emmett; suggested time for decorating and lights is 4:30 p.m. in the Main Street parking lot.

December 2 Awards Banquet/Christmas Party starts at 1 p.m. It's at the Golden Dragon in Caldwell. Bring a friend and have a great time! Cost per member is \$5, and for nonmembers it's \$10. Bring an optional gift to exchange; limit of \$15!

December 9 Middleton Christmas Parade
It's Whoville time!



CITY OF EAGLE – HARVEST FESTIVAL



Submitted by Lynne Wing

The day started out 'REALLY' cold, but like the great troopers the mini club members are, they came to the event....prepared with hot coffee and warm coats. The day turned out to be a beautiful fall day and a special thanks to the members who took the time to come represent our club and show off their super mini's! This event was a first 'Meet & Greet Event' for several of the Minis.



Jamey Robbins' new colt, Oakley, enjoying the children



Beatrice Jones, with her handsome boy, George



Kelli Phillips with petite Miss Millie



Lee Clark with her itty bitty filly, Pixie, and Tim with Lynne Wing's Foxy Boy



Lois Cant and friendly Mo



Jamey Robbins with Oakley, and Donna Bernardelli with event pro, Joey



Courtney Phillips with her pretty filly, Pokie

Participating in this community event were Lee Clark, Lois Cant, Robin Willeman, Donna Bernardelli, Jamey Robbins, Beatrice Jones, Lynne Wing, Kelli Phillips, and Courtney Phillips.



Robin Willeman with her DARLING mini donkey, Sammy

Anita Stephan Benefit

Many thanks to everyone in the community who contributed time, physical labor, space, silent auction items, and superior organizational skills to help with this benefit for Anita Stephan's bereaved family!

Spearheading this effort were Donna, Jamey, Lynne, and Maria. Donna and Jamey really helped getting the word out about the changes we made to include big horses. Donna and Jamey definitely had connections with Donna Staack to find out details for Anita's bank account fund. They also helped with announcing, stewarding, and keeping everything running! They also helped Kelli with all the silent auction stuff and were involved in pretty much everything!!

Information above was volunteered by Valerie Marshall.

We want to acknowledge so many contributors to this fundraiser:

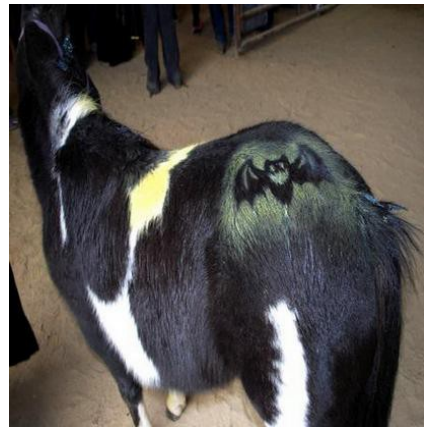
- *Wade Kirksey and Linda Mims were the great judges all day.
- *Kelli Phillips for the help with planning, running around, and running the office.
- *Lynne Wing for all her help.
- *Maria and Valerie for help with planning, patterns, and keeping everything moving along all day.
- *Lynne Performance Horses for bringing her barn out to play with us and being such great sports.
- *Donna Staack, Saddle Up, for coming and supporting the show and donating the horse bucket raffle.
- *Maggie Weekes for donating all the liquor and food and doing all the shopping.
- *Mustang Mania for donating the blanket for the freestyle.
- *Matt and Stacie Zimmerman for the great gift card and bottle of wine to add to the raffle basket and the youth raffle basket.
- *Idaho Equine Hospital, Dixie Christensen, for donating the gift certificate and Kelli for the champagne that went with it.
- *Al and Melinda Birt for donating their wonderful facility and many silent auction items.
- *Chase Farms, Earlynn Chase, for the breeding to her stallion.
- *Meg's Barnhouse, Megan Dulin, for the wonderful fudge that we used for awards. She also brought boxes of fudge to sell.

Sorry, I didn't get the names of everyone that brought silent auction items.
Hopefully I didn't leave anyone off.

Submitted by Donna B.

Hallowed Hauntings







The Halloween Haunting Play Day & Anita Stephan Fundraiser

WOW, this was the first time I participated as a worker-bee versus a costume DIVA at our show. Although, I must admit, my tail was dragging at the end of the day, the new people I met, the hugs and laughter, the good food at our potluck and all the fun, children and horses was well worth it.

The outpouring of love for Anita was on high display, all the donations for the Raffle Baskets, all the fabulous items for the Silent Auction, the participants donating their time and the gorgeous horses; Al & Melinda Birt, truly fabulous people!

Loved the patterns for the in-hand class, I even think Foxy and I could have gone through that without being disqualified, but I came horseless this year. The Rat Race, the Water Glass Run, all the games.... so much fun to watch! However, as you all know the costume portion of our event is always my favorite...

nobody disappointed and I am still laughing and loving all the creative costumes.

Photos and comments submitted by Lynne Wing

HOLIDAY MAGIC MAIN STREET NIGHT LIGHT PARADE IN EMMETT

NOVEMBER 25

Entry Form Deadline: November 17th (Maria is taking care of this.)

1. Check in: 5:15 p.m (Main St. Parking Lot)
2. Parade Start Time: 6:00pm
3. Entry Fee: None
4. Horse Entries: Park in Main Street Beverage Parking Lot - 212 W Main Street.
5. Horses: Will be escorted from Parking Lot area to the City Park at 5:30 p.m.
6. Judging: Will take place in the staging areas.
7. Requirements:
 - All entries require lights**
 - No stopping along the parade route**
 - Clean up after horses**
 - If handing out candy, it must be tossed at the curb.
8. Parade Route: Will travel Westward on Main Street beginning at Johns St.
9. Awards: Will be handed out at Pioneer Park Lighting ceremony following the parade.
10. Award Prize: \$100 Chamber Bucks



"WELCOME TO WHOVILLE" MIDDLETON CHRISTMAS PARADE

DEC. 9

Please view the Middleton Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for more information.

Please see the Events calendar on the website www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com for meeting dates and current show bills. Keep sharing event information and corrections, photos, and articles about your experiences.

Advertising on Website: Items for sale (horses or other) can be added to the club website, including photos. Items valued at \$200 or more cost \$5 (payable to IDAMHC) and those under \$200 are free.

Contact Pam MacFarlane at 208-922-1685 or email at pete_macfarlane@hotmail.com to contribute an article, to update event or member information, or to place an advertisement in the newsletter and on the website.

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