



Idaho Miniature Horse Club

November 2019 Newsletter

Maria Redinger, President Heather Bunting, Vice President
Valerie Marshall, Secretary Donna Bernardelli, Treasurer
Robin Willeman, Jamey Robbins, and Lois Cant, Directors

Minutes of November 7th, 2019 at The Original Sunrise Café in Middleton, ID.

Maria brought the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Those in attendance: Valerie Marshall, Donna Bernardelli, Maria Redinger, Felicia Humpherys, Amy Humpherys, Jane Steele, Jamey Robbins, Tess Eastman, Lynne Wing, Lois Cant, Jennifer Waugh, Robin Willeman, Donna Gramarossa, Pam MacFarlane, Valerie and Michael Avalos, Christine and Elyse Dredge, and Kelli and Courtney Phillips.

October secretary minutes were reviewed, and it was brought up that the minutes should be amended for record purposes that the ballots for elections in 2020 were sent to Jane Steele before counting, and not to Kelli Phillips like originally decided. Felicia made a motion to accept the amendment and therefore the minutes after the amendment is made, Jamey seconded the motion. Motion passed by the club.

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance: \$4,520.27. Payments were \$907.00 in total; \$100 for change for the play day, \$221 for horse beanies, \$344 for the Halloween play day, \$232 for the silent auction, and \$10 for a membership. Outstanding checks are one in the amount of \$100.00 that is being held by the Birches as a cleaning deposit for the end of the year banquet in December and one more for the amount \$200.00 for Al Birt Arena. Expenses were \$800.00 in total; \$100 for change for the playday, \$200 for Birt Arena, and \$500 for horse beanies. Cash on-hand is still \$50.00 with the Secretary, which brings the ending balance to \$4,677.27. Felicia motioned to accept the treasurers report and Pam seconded. The motion passed by the club.

OLD BUSINESS

-Banquet committee- The club voted on what food they wanted catered through Dickey's BBQ. There will be some soft drinks, coffee, and hot chocolate available through the club, but you may also bring your own drink. Remember, there is no alcohol allowed! The costs are \$16 for non-members, \$5.50 for members because the club is paying half of the members fee. It has been brought up that there will be limited parking around the area, so if you can carpool please do! The address is 16390 N. Franklin Blvd. and we will be meeting in the main club house at 1 p.m.

-SWAG- At the past couple of meetings Kelli has passed around an order sheet for people to make orders for shirts and sweatshirts. If you would like to make an order you can email or call her.

-Eagle Harvest Festival- Once again, the club with their minis was a huge hit. The bookmarks that were made were also a great idea so there will be more of them next year, as well as pamphlets about the club and minis!

-FUN committee- The play day was great and everyone had fun! The committee is already thinking about changing some of the courses and possibly splitting levels between beginner and advanced for more possible fun!

-By-Law committee- The committee met and looked over the by-laws for the discussion of allowing those with ponies into the club. The club's name would not have to change and there is no mention of a height cap anywhere in the by-laws. It's only stated that the club is here to:

SECTION 102. GOALS.

A. To develop and promote the miniature horse

B. To develop and promote good fellowship among other people and associates.

C. To encourage breeding, training, and exhibition of good quality miniature horses.

D. To cooperate with all equine breed registries.

E. To preserve the Health and Welfare of the miniature horse.

It was discussed that the committee make up a sheet explaining more in detail what all of this would change and not change so that more people could understand it and there will be voting at the January meeting. The committee also discussed the fact that there was no description of what elected directors were supposed to do. They would like more duties lined out for them.

-Horse beanies- Pom Poms- If you have placed an order or would like to order, please contact Maria Redinger and make checks out to IDAMHC.

-Trunk or Treats- Everyone was spaced out this year, but the club was well represented! We had members at the Eagle Church, Canyon Springs Church, and Grace retirement home to name a few! Everyone had a blast!

NEW BUSINESS

-YEAR END POINTS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 15TH!!!! Please get them sent to Valerie Marshall.

-Awards Committee- The awards committee still needs to meet to discuss banquet awards and ideas. Any award ideas are welcome! Let Maria know about new things!

-Nominations- The ballots were counted by three members that were not on the ballot. Your 2020 board of directors are: President, Maria Redinger, Vice President, Heather Bunting, Secretary, Valerie Marshall, Treasurer, Donna Bernardelli, one-year director, Jamey Robbins, two-year director, Robin Willeman. Jamey motioned to have the ballots destroyed and Lois seconded. Lynne volunteered to destroy said ballots, motion passed by the club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-November 30th Emmett Lighted Parade, horse staging starts at 4:30 pm and the theme is "Holiday Magic on Main Street"

-December 7th IDAMHC Year End Banquet at The Birches Apartment at 1 p.m. 16390 N. Franklin Blvd., Nampa, ID.

-December 14th Middleton Christmas Parade, horse staging at 4 pm and the theme is "A Christmas Carol"

Jennifer Waugh won the door prize!

Next meeting will be at the start of the banquet on December 7th at 1 pm at the Birches Apartments.

Jamey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., and Lynne seconded. Motion passed by club.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Marshall, Secretary



*Mark your calendars for the
Emmett Holiday Magic on Main Street lighted
parade.*

This will be our 3rd year participating in the Emmett Parade (last year it was a very small showing, so let's light up our

Mini's for this year).

Date: Saturday, November 30th **Time:** Parade starts at 6:00 p.m.

Parking: Blaser Park Parking Lot - Enter off Main Street onto Commerical Ave to enter parking area. **Staging:** Staging starts at 4:30 p.m. - Judging starts in Staging area

Check-In: 5:15 p.m. A member of the club will ensure we are checked-in.

Parade Entrance Route: 5:30 p.m. - Horse entries will be escorted to the City Park from Blaser Park **Parade Route:** Parade will travel Westward on Main Street.

Rules:

1. No stopping along the parade route
2. Candy can be tossed to the curb
3. Clean up after the horses

***Note:** If horse areas and parade route aren't cleaned up, they may not allow horses in the parade, in the future.

The parade route is short, the waiting is long (typical of most parades). So get those horses lit up and prance your way down Main Street!

Some of us use battery packs for their horses' lights, or you can purchase battery operated lights at dollar stores, Walmart, Albertsons, etc. Come Join The Fun to represent the Idaho Miniature Horse Club in Emmett!!

Thanks to all – Lynne

*Mark your calendars for the Middleton Chamber's Christmas parade,
A Christmas Carol on Saturday, December 14.*

The parade starts at 4:30 and ends by 5:30. Likely to have line-up by 3:30, but no details are yet on the Middleton Chamber web page. Parking and the parade end are at the same place, the Middleton Middle School, with an easy parade route. Hope to see many of you there!

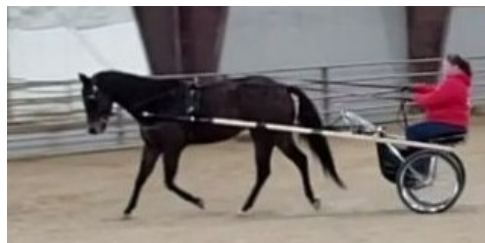
Megan Sibiga Driving Clinic

I took Royal. It was an excellent clinic. We focused on reducing his habit of speeding up when you have a light rein on him, so quite a bit of half halts. The second thing was keeping him from falling onto his inside shoulder, thus making him kind of lurch and have an uneven stride. Incrementally I am getting it!

Contributed by Robin Willeman

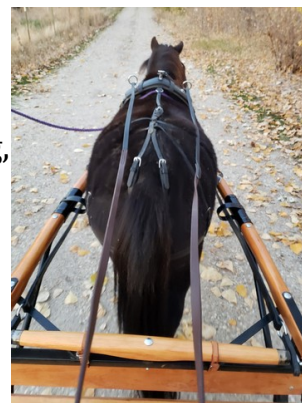
Donna and I both went to the Megan Sibiga clinic. Donna did ground driving with Splash and drove Gabby in her third time in cart. Gabby is a natural. I did ground driving with Handy and drove Shady in his new show cart and harness. He did great. It only took him a couple of circles to get used to the different shafts. Looking forward to Megan Sibiga again, hopefully in the spring.

Contributed by Jamey Robbins



I took Splash and Gabby to the Megan Sibiga Clinic. Splash is Gabby's half sister and is 3 years old. She is a goof and lacks the focus that her sister has. I ground drove her and worked on just staying in between the lines. She is very fussy with the bit so Megan and I discussed a plan to work her through it. We worked her on listening and not being afraid of the dark spots on the rail. By the end she was finally getting it. She is going to be fun to start to drive, but a little more challenging than her sister as she is a little more reactive to things.

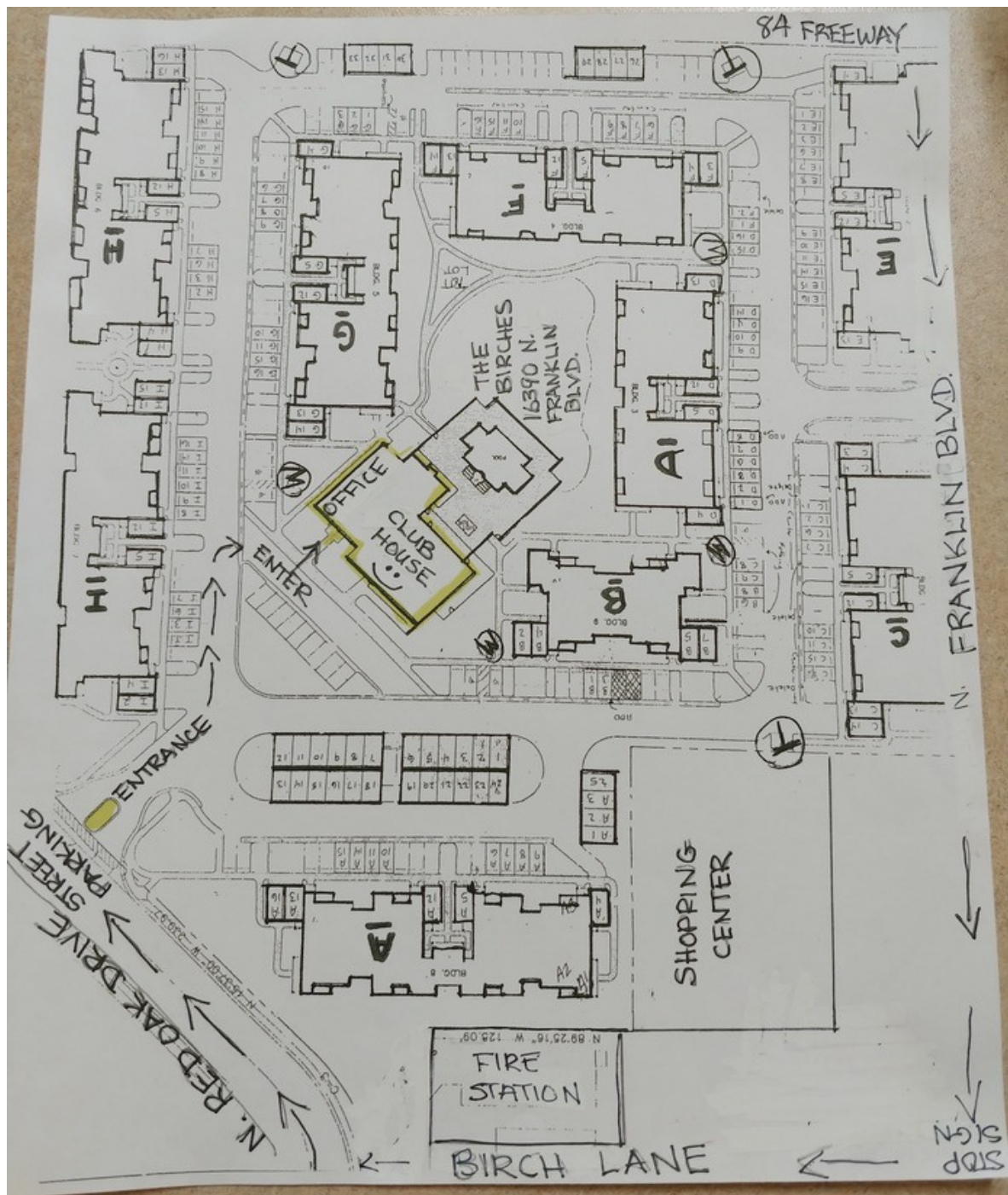
Gabby was a rock star as usual. Jamey and I had done some work with her 4 days before the clinic. She did her first solo drive (just down the lane and back) with Joey and Jamey as moral support on the day before the clinic. Even with the terrible wind, dogs barking, and leaves flying she did well. When we got to the clinic, Megan and I visited about where she was at in her cart training. I ground drove her, got her thinking and moving lightly in the bridle. She was quiet, so we attached the cart to her. No Joey for moral support this time. She did great. We worked on circles, figure 8's, walk, trot, moving forward, and then coming back to me. I learned some better cues for her so that she stays working straight and she learns to balance with the cart. We talked about what to do if something were to scare her. She said that at that point she would have to go back to her beginning training. When we were ground driving we worked on whoa a lot, but found out if you tell her she's a good girl, she stops. Megan said she was good girl broke. Now I just need to work on her gaining more strength as we start driving longer distances. Megan felt that we had started her well and she will be a solid driving horse for a very long time.



If you have never attended one of her clinics it is well worth the time and money. She is very good at pointing out things that you didn't even know that you were doing.

Contributed by Donna Bernardelli

Year-End Awards Banquet, December 7



December 7, at 1 p.m. is the Awards Banquet at The Birches Clubhouse in Nampa, near the intersection of Franklin Blvd. and Birch Lane, 16390 Franklin Blvd. From Birch Lane, turn on Red Oak Dr. General parking is on Red Oak Dr. The clubhouse parking is very limited, so perhaps plan to drop off passengers and park on N. Red Oak Dr. Carpooling is a good idea, too. A short meeting will be held before the meal and awards. Food includes pulled pork and chicken, with baked potato casserole, macaroni and cheese, a fruit and vegetable platter, and more. Prices to be paid at the door, before the banquet, include \$16 for non-members and \$5.50 for members, with the club paying the difference for members.

My Favorite Fall Visitor

In October, my granddaughter, Courtney, visited Kuna (from Phoenix) during her Fall break. We carved pumpkins, visited a corn maze, played with Barbies, practiced our art skills, read books, made bookmarks, and played with the horses, of course.

Courtney, now 8, has enjoyed the horses since she was about 2, petting and feeding them, and asking many questions. Two years ago, Courtney even insisted on picking up manure by herself, much appreciated by me, but hadn't had much chance to handle the horses, because most of her visits have been at Christmas or her Spring break, when the weather hasn't been conducive to be outside for any length of time. This time, however, the weather was cool but sunny, so after a trip to D & B to find boots appropriate for warmth as well as manure, we spent much of two days outside with the horses.

Teaching Courtney to lead, walk, trot, back, and whoa, a few seasoned miniature horses was pretty easy because she was so eager to learn. After showing much confidence with those skills, Courtney felt ready to try some jumping, so here are some of the photos that captured her experience.



Idol, Grammy Pammy, and Courtney



Successful jump with Idol



Primo with Courtney



Topper with Courtney



We also had a chance to drive Idol and talk about how minimal the hand movement has to be to communicate to the horse. Courtney and I both grinned until our faces hurt when she had soooo much fun, and we're looking forward to her next visit and adventures with the horses!

Contributed by Pam MacFarlane with photos by Pete

It's official.....Meet Comanche, the newest member of Mini Angel Wings. A huge thank you to Maria Redinger (The Idaho Miniature Horse Clubs President) for allowing me to purchase him. We both know he was always meant to be a Mini Angel Wing. Nothing phases this sweet little guy, Maria has trained him well, he has been shown and has been around tons of kids, as Maria is also a 4H leader. He will be trained for therapy work this winter, learning about medical equipment, being inside a house and everything else it takes to be a great therapy horse. He will slowly be introduced to the herd in the next couple of weeks. So EXCITING!!!



from Lynne Wing's Nov. 1 post on Facebook

Announcements



Congratulations, Heather and Jim Bunting!



Loving Hands Equine Massage

Did you know that IDAMHC member Brenda Paladini has earned her Equine Massage Certificate through Western Montana School of Massage? Brenda has gained experience and is now offering massage service for Miniature Horses and regular size horses in the area.

The purpose of equine massage is to increase circulation, and to alleviate sore muscles, stress, and tension; of course, equine massage should never replace veterinary care or training, and Brenda strongly suggests that you inform your vet about massage being performed on your horse.

Prices are \$60.00 for a Miniature horse and \$75.00 for a regular size horse.

To make an appointment for equine massage with Brenda, who lives in Kuna, ID, please call her at 406-599-2738 or email at bpaladini12@gmail.com.

The Western Idaho Summer Kickoff

May 29-31

AMHA, AMHR, ASPC

Newsletter: Please keep sharing photos and articles.

To submit info to the newsletter or website and newsletter advertising, contact Pam MacFarlane at 922-1685 or email pete_macfarlane@hotmail.com. Your contributions are welcome!

Classified ads are on the club website www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com. And let Pam know if you'd like to list items for sale.

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 sent to Donna Bernardelli, Treasurer, and those under \$200 are free. Please notify Pam if you have sold items that are listed.

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