



Idaho Miniature Horse Club

July 2020 Newsletter

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

Minutes of July 10th, 2020 at Middleton Place Park in Middleton, ID.

Maria brought the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Those in attendance: Valerie Marshall, Donna Bernardelli, Jamey Robbins, Pete and Pam MacFarlane, Felicia Humpherys, Jennifer Smith, Maria Redinger, Lisa George, Lynne Wing, Donna Gramarossa, and Heather Bunting via phone!

March secretary minutes were reviewed, as we have not been able to safely have a meeting since then. Jamey motioned to accept the minutes as they were published, and Felicia seconded it. Motion passed by the club.

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance: \$3,858.43. Payments were \$80.00 in memberships, and \$17.00 for a Christmas horse beanie. Expenses were \$25.00 for AMHA membership, \$25.00 for AMHR/ASPC membership, \$150.00 for Maria Redinger and her 4-H club Mini Hoofbeats (to help with expenses that pertained to competitions), \$24.52 for the VSC committee, and \$475.00 for the club's insurance through American Reliable. Outstanding checks: Check number 2073 was not used. Cash on-hand is still \$50.00 with the Secretary, which brings the ending balance to \$3,305.91. Felicia made a motion to accept the report, and Lynne seconded. Motion passed by the club.

OLD BUSINESS

- Horse Expo Committee: Since 2020 was cancelled, the booth fee will be carried over to 2021.
- Club horse Christmas hats: Maria still has some extras for \$17.00 if you are interested!
- 4th of July Parade in Star has been postponed to August 22nd for now.

NEW BUSINESS

-Audit Committee: The audit committee has not been able to meet this year as Covid19 made it difficult to make plans for a meeting. It was discussed they could possibly meet after the banquet towards the end of this year. Jamey also made a motion to do a two-year audit (2020/2021) and Pam seconded the motion. Motion passed by the club.

-Reminder! For your points to start counting for year-end awards you must send in declarations to Valerie.

-Newsletter: Please do not be shy and send Pam MacFarlane any news, information, announcements, and pictures you would like to share with the club.

-Club's September Show: It was discussed that because of Covid19 things were changing day-by-day and members wanted to see how many people would show up at the Phantasy Phun horse show. The show bill needs some changes done to match ISHSA's new class list and depending on how many entries we could have in mustang/pony/gaited/ranch classes if they were worth having in the show bill or not. And if we do add all those categories, would we need to think about having High Points for all those categories. Anything to do with the usual silent auction we have at the show is on hold as it is difficult to decide if it is safe enough to hold. Heather motioned to postpone the decision making about whether to have the silent auction at the show. Jamey seconded the motion and the motion passed by the club. Heather made a motion that if the Treasure Valley area does go back into Stage 2 and we cannot hold an open show the club should have a playday. Donna suggested the club could have a club show amongst ourselves, so Heather amended her motion to add that as well. Donna seconded the motion and the amendment. Motion passed by the club.

-ISHSA: Felicia brought up that ISHSA was re-evaluating how many shows/classes were needed for someone to qualify for their year-end high points. In-hand classes would still be five shows, and driving would be brought down to four shows. If there is anymore information in the future it will be brought to your attention.

4-H NEWS

The Mini Hoofbeats have had many virtual competitions this year. So far Amy, LeeAnn, and Evelyn have competed in Oral Horse Presentations at state level and they are waiting for results. Amy and LeeAnn still have some state level competitions they are waiting to compete in.

UPCOMING EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

- July 31st-August 2nd IPHC 4 judge show at Nampa Ford Idaho Horse Park
- September 5th TVPHC Open horse show at Birt Arena (ISHSA sanctioned)
- September 6th IjPHC Open horse show at Birt Arena (ISHSA sanctioned)
- September 12th Who Dun It Open horse show at Birt Arena (NOT ISHSA sanctioned)
- September 19th IDMHC Open horse show at Birt Arena (ISHSA sanctioned)
- September 25th-27th ISHSA Fall Double Point at High Desert Station

Door prize was won by Lynne!

Next meeting will be August 13th and the location is TBA.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Marshall, Secretary



4-H News

The leader of **Mini Hoofbeats**, **Maria Redinger**, has announced that 4-H members will be able to show their 2020 projects at the Idaho Expo Western Idaho Fairgrounds in Boise, on Saturday, August 22, beginning at 9 a.m. Good luck to all who have worked so diligently in spite of the virus that inhibits normal summer group meetings and activities. However, 4-H youth have had the opportunity to participate virtually in some events, which have offered welcome practice.

Christine Dredge's family has joined the new 4-H club, **Boots and Bullseyes**. Christine shared, "I held practices at my house on Wednesdays and at WRC on Fridays. We, of course, practiced usual showmanship, in-hand trail, jumper, hunter, and gymkhana classes and were able to add beyond that this year with doing things around my barn." The club members "got to clean a stall, feed horses, catch horses and release, play with carts, learn about wound care, move horses from one pasture to the next, learn about pasture care and watering. It was a super fun, albeit short, 4-H summer. The kids had a blast! They are super excited for 4-H Fair and crossing fingers we still have it and it won't be cancelled! We have some super fun things planned for next year and would lve to invite more out to some of the activities we are planning on!



Dump Chicken

submitted by Donna Bernardelli and Jamey Robbins

Not a horse story, but Jamey and I have chickens. We hand raised them in the house, so they are very friendly chickens. For the last few weeks, we have been trimming trees, mowing fox tail, and loading the utility trailer to haul it all off to the Emmett Jack Ass Gulch landfill.

We had the trailer pretty full, so we put a tarp on it and then a bungee netting over that and then continued to load the truck with more branches. The next day, with everything loaded we headed for the landfill and decided to take the dogs for a ride with us. Now we have two dogs that prefer to spend their time at our neighbor's house because they give them cookies, so while we finishing tying everything down, off they went. We finished up, loaded the one dog that did stay home and headed down the driveway, down the lane and stopped and picked up the freeloaders from the neighbors. Got everyone loaded and headed off.

We drove down Hwy 44, thru Star and out Hwy 16 to our final destination. We weren't alone in this endeavor and had to wait in line to get on the scale at the landfill. The lady that takes the weight had to grab something so I turned the noisy truck off and we waited just a couple of minutes for her to return. Then we drove the rest of the way up and backed the truck into where we could finally unload the truck and trailer.

I bet you are wondering where this is leading. As Jamey stepped out of the truck and started to remove the bungee netting, she sees something grey go running by. Jamey yells "wasn't that Gretta"? Gretta is an Ameraucana chicken. Yep, we had somehow brought one of our chickens



with us to the landfill. Now, our chickens are rather friendly, but I don't think she was really thrilled at being taken for a ride and she really didn't want to get caught. The guy next to us sure got a laugh, then said, "dinner!" We gave everyone a good laugh trying to catch a very uncooperative chicken.

We finally get her caught; now what do we do with her. Can't just stick her in the truck since the windows are down because it is too warm to leave the dogs in the truck with them up, we don't want chicken poop all over, and one of the dogs might eat her. I have small plastic container that I keep extra hitches in. We emptied it, stuffed her inside, which she barely fits, and finished unloading everything.

On the way home, we roll up the windows, crank the AC and Jamey takes the lid off the container and holds her the rest of the way home. As soon as we get home, Jamey tosses her out of the truck, she makes a mad dash to the hen house and promptly lays an egg.

Now, whenever we make a trip to the landfill, we do a head count of not just the dogs, but the chickens before we pull out of the driveway.



Not the 2020 we had planned.....

submitted by Lynne Wing

In March, I found the perfect owner (Lisa George) for my mini Ashley, now known as Winnie. Most of you know, I use my mini's for therapy work, and Winnie had become a Pasture Pet. Winnie is now getting pampered and loved on and is learning how to drive. Way to go, Lisa!!!



Ron and Lisa George with Winnie

I know the frustration everyone felt not being able to show horses this year and Mini Angel Wings went through the same frustrations. The events for children suffering from cancer were cancelled, Assisted Living homes and hospice were shut down – all of our major events.

We were able to get in 3 visits to Assisted Living places the beginning of June. Lisa, being the great sport she is, agreed to take Winnie with us (Winnie was our therapy horse in-training). ThunderPants, Winnie, Lisa and I had a day filled with smiles, laughter and bringing joy to so many patients.



Keep smiling.....keep having hope and always remember our love of all things Mini's.

Driving Clinic with Linda Kay Jones

submitted by Jamey Robbins and Donna Bernardelli



On June 6th and 7th, Maria and Bandit, Donna and Gabby, along with Jamey and Oakley, participated in a clinic with Linda Kaye Jones. We did groundwork focusing on skills needed for future driving, like flexibility, bit acceptance, balance, whip aides, etc. We also worked on individual problems with our horses. Everyone learned a lot from Linda and had a lot of fun. In order to progress to being in cart and perfecting our skills, we've been taking evening lessons with her twice a month.



Phantasy Phun Show

submitted by Felicia Humpherys



Journey and I, at his very first show,
took 1st in Halter Stallion Miniature/Pony 40" and under,
and 1st in In-Hand Trail Miniature/Pony 40" and Under 3 and Under



Amy and Elsa won High Point Driving at the Phantasy Phun Show.

Message from the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Board of Directors, June 29, 2020

Dear ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Family,

After much consideration, data analysis and thoughtful discussion, the ASPC Board of Directors has determined that the 2020 AMHR National Show will take place September 10-19, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Please continue to check shetlandminiature.com for additional information, changes, rules and regulations for the AMHR National Show. Thank you for your patience while we work through this difficult time and thank you for being part of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR family.

We wish all of our members health and safety during this time, and look forward to the future.

Any questions or concerns, please contact the Director of Operations or any member of the Board of Directors.

2020 Board of Directors Director of Operations, June 29, 2020

Enormous appreciation goes to all of you who contributed meeting minutes, articles, photos, and information about events:

Christine Dredge
Valerie Marshall
Donna Bernardelli
Maria Redinger
Lynne Wing
Felicia Humpherys
Jamey Robbins



For the next newsletter, please send me a list of **three grooming tools** that you feel are essential, **three barn implements** that are important, and, if you've also had big horses at some time, **two things that are different with Miniatures/ponies**, or if you've never had big horses, how about **four things you've learned from having a Miniature Horse or pony**. I'll share these in the newsletter, anonymously.

If you have information or an article, with or without photos, that you'd like to share in the next newsletter, please do send it to me, Pam MacFarlane, at pete_macfarlane@hotmail.com.

Classified ads are on the club website www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com. Also, let me know if you'd like to list items for sale or if you have sold anything that you listed.

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.

Pam MacFarlane, newsletter publisher

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.

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