



Idaho Miniature Horse Club

August 2020 Newsletter

President: Maria Redinger

Vice President: Heather Bunting

Secretary: Valerie Marshall

Treasurer: Donna Bernardelli

Directors: Robin Willeman and Jamey Robbins

Minutes of August 13th, 2020 at Middleton Place Park in Middleton, ID.

Maria brought the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Those in attendance: Maria Redinger, Brock Redinger, Felicia Humpherys, Jane Steele, Valerie Avalos, Heather Bunting, Donna Bernardelli, Jamey Robbins, Pam MacFarlane, and Lynne Wing. Guests: Janet Fries

July secretary minutes were reviewed. Pam motioned to accept the minutes as they were published, and Felicia seconded it. Motion passed by the club.

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance: \$3,255.91. Payments were \$30.00 in memberships, and \$37.00 for Christmas horse beanies. Expenses were \$.00. Outstanding checks: Check number 2073 was not used. Cash on-hand is still \$50.00 with the Secretary, which brings the ending balance to \$3,372.91. Felicia made a motion to accept the report, and Heather seconded. Motion passed by the club.

OLD BUSINESS

- July 4th parade in Star was postponed to August 22nd, and then got cancelled until next year.
- Show Committee- The club's show will be "No show clothes" approved! The silent auction is a go! Please donate any item or make a basket! There will be Hi-Point awards, Mustang classes, and Pony classes! If you can show, please come! There will be mini-specific classes, and we need the numbers! Also, all help is needed for the show to run smoothly. We will need help to maintain the auction, gates (inside and outside), and to help set up and tear down obstacle courses!!!

NEW BUSINESS

- REMINDER: If you have not filled out any declarations for year end awards, you need to do so before you show! Points do not count unless Valerie Marshall has a declaration. Online shows do count, so keep track of your placings!
- DRIVING DRILL TEAM: Heather Bunting has decided to try and put together a driving drill team! She would want at least six drivers who have the skills and commitment to be able to learn a routine. If you would like more information, please contact Heather.
- Hallowed Hauntings Playday: Coming up on October 17th is the club's annual Hallowed Hauntings! Any new ideas or fun things to do are greatly appreciated! Costume class is always a great competition!
- Megan Sibiga clinic: This is a great clinic for drivers who are experienced or new! More information to follow!

MINI HOOFBEATS

- Maria and her 4-H kids are gearing up for a restricted fair this year and their accomplishments will be announced soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 5th TVPHC Open Horse Show at Al Birt Arena
- September 6th IjPHC Open Horse Show at Al Birt Arena
- September 12th Who Dun It Open Horse Show (Non ISHSA) at Al Birt Arena
- September 19th IDAMHC Open Horse Show at Al Birt Arena
- September 25th-27th ISHSA Fall Double Point at High Desert Station

Jane won the door prize!

Next meeting will be September 10th, 2020. Location TBA

Respectfully submitted by your Secretary, Valerie Marshall

*(Notes were taken by Maria Redinger as Valerie was absent from the meeting.)

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Annual ISHSA Open Show and Silent Auction

September 19th, 2020 at Al Birt Arena, Nampa, ID



Come get your year-end ISHSA points!

Minis – come do fun classes that are not normally offered!

Topics to Consider

While You're Trying to Stay Cool....

Points Declaration Forms for IDAMHC Year-End Awards

Have you submitted your forms to earn points and end of the year awards? If so, thank you so much!! If not, please see the Forms button on the home page of the website www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com. Valerie Marshall will gladly accept your declaration forms immediately. Points will count once you've submitted that form, and with the possibility of real shows looming in the near future, this may seem more real.



Starting A Driving Drill Team

Have you ever thought of using your driving skills in a friendly group, learning how to perform as a drill team? Heather Bunting is offering to facilitate the group and would like volunteers who work well with others, commit to regular practice times, laugh a lot, and have fun! Please contact Heather Bunting soon: 208-369-0931 or Heatherbunting1026@ gmail.com. Many youtube.com videos of miniature horse drill teams are available to view, both beginning teams and well-seasoned teams. Some of them are: Double L Minis, and Double L Equestrian Mini Driving Drill Team; Magic Minis California State Fair 2012; Arizona Mini Mystique (several videos); Mini Madness Miniature Horse Drill Team; Mini Mayhem; BCMHC Drill Team. Go, team!



IDAMHC/ISHSA Open Show at the Birt Arena

Idaho Miniature Horse Club's open show is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19. The show committee has been planning the show bill, Hi Point prizes, judges, patterns, and food (of course). Volunteers are needed for various jobs during the show, especially after you've shown your little horses, so please speak up if you can help. Running a show smoothly takes a village!! We will again have a silent auction with themed baskets of items donated by you, and stand-alone items are welcome, also. Please let Maria know what you're donating, before Sept. 19, so she can get the bid sheets ready ahead of time, and she'll have an idea of how many tables to set up inside.



Halloween Play Day, Oct. 17, at the Birt Arena

If you have ideas for Halloween play day games, please share them with members of the activities/show committee. Games should be safe enough for groups of any age to lead a horse through.

AND..... have you started planning your costume for this event? This competition is always the highlight of the day, with youth and adult divisions.



Thoughts from Members about Minis' and Ponies' Needs and Personalities

Grooming supplies/tools

3 grooming supplies I absolutely need/love/use would be a slicker (technically a dog brush), rubber bands (for braids all day), and show sheen spray to make the horse soft, slick, and shiny on their bodies, manes, and tails.

Soft brush with long bristles; good mane and tail brush; HandsOn gloves

Soft brush, hairbrush with plastic tipped steel teeth, and a fine, soft handled steel brush with very fine teeth.

Detangle spray, hoof pick, rubber bands

One bottle of wine, rain coat, lots of treats

Hoof pick, bag full of assorted brushes, electric vac/blower

Barn implements

3 barn implements that I couldn't do without would have to be a pitchfork, 10 gallon storage bins for the multiple grains and supplements to be stored in, and the halter rack.

Barn Implements: 4 wheel dump wheelbarrow; wave fork; hay string cutter (we use a linoleum knife)

Three barn implements: shovel, small rake, and a manure picker upper with closely place plastic tynes (to pick up manure out of bedding).

Rake, shovel, wheelbarrow, fly zapper!

Pooper scooper, harrow, and large mice-proof containers

Busy Snacker hay bag (half a flake fits well and takes 2.5 hours to eat), expanded metal wagon to pull hay from the shed to the feed trailer, stall mats wherever I have to walk in muddy weather plus in the stalls

Differences between big and little horses

The biggest difference is how much the littles want to be where I am. My big horses were super friendly and wanted to be near and see what I was doing, but the littles just seem to be happiest (well except Sadie) when they are being messed with.

They are harder to feed than the big horses (especially when you leave town); you cuss when you have to go out and feed them and the weather is less than ideal, but once you are out there it makes it all worth while

Ponies/minis obviously are less detrimental to your body. Food consumption is about four times that of a little. Manure, same thing.

Mini's have a lot cuter whinny than a biggie, doesn't hurt as much when they step on your foot, have to feed them a lot less!

Minis don't wear shoes (unless they are build-a-Bear), minis can live in homes (leader horses for the blind), hay expense is cut in half

Minis and big horses are more alike than different. A big gelding and a miniature donkey, Don Quixote, play stallion fought, but the size difference had no power when the show of strength was between friends.

What you've learned from having minis or ponies

They create a social group and great friendships

Miniature horses attract people of all ages and most just want to touch one

Littles are always continuing to teach me things. Pregnant minis don't always exhibit signs of imminent birth. Minis are usually so amenable and willing to please.

I have learned that they are very forgiving of my mistakes with them, I have learned to have more patience. When I am with the minis/ponies I do not think too much of what else is going on in the world which in turn has taught me not to get too wrapped up in things that really don't matter. I have learned I cannot and do not want to live without them in my life.

They can be great support animals; their hooves are stronger than a big horse (ie. Don't need to be shod);each one has their own personality; just because they are small doesn't make their tack less expensive.

They smell warm and welcoming; they greet me with individual identifiable nickers; some suck on the dewormer tube while some definitely do not like the tube at all.

Halter and Showmanship Demo and Practice at Jennifer Smith's

The virus that put a halt to all our plans with our minis was such a disappointment. So when we finally had our first meeting at the park I raised a question to the group. I asked if anyone could meet with Jennifer & myself for some instruction on showing & what's expected. We were set to meet at Jennifer's home, but guess what? Thunderstorms coming our way. But Jamey and Donna loaded their horses and came anyway. We had some time outdoors in the arena that these wonderful ladies helped us. We went through showmanship and halter. We also set up cones and other obstacles to work on. Then the rain came down on us so we scooted into the barn and continued.

Many thanks to Jennifer for inviting us to use her place!!

I just want to say a big thank you to Jamey & Donna for spending time to share their knowledge with us. It was great fun. Only one thing I would change is that I should have brought my own horse with me.

submitted by Donna Gramarossa

Local Horse Show and Event Schedule

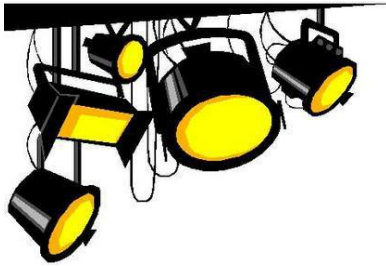
Show bills will be posted on the idahominiaturehorseclub.com Events page as they become available.

Saturday, Sept. 5	TVPHC ISHSA Open Show, Birt Arena
Sunday, Sept. 6	IjPHC ISHSA Open Show, Birt Arena
Saturday, Sept. 12	Who Dun It Open Show (not ISHSA approved), Birt Arena
Saturday, Sept. 19	IDAMHC ISHSA Open Show, Birt Arena
Sept. 25-27	ISHSA Fall Double Point Show, High Desert Station
Saturday, Oct. 10	Eagle Harvest Festival, Heritage Park, 9 a.m.-2p.m.
October 17	Hallowed Hauntings in-hand games and costume contest
October 24	Megan Sibiga Driving Clinic

Revisiting a Popular Feature

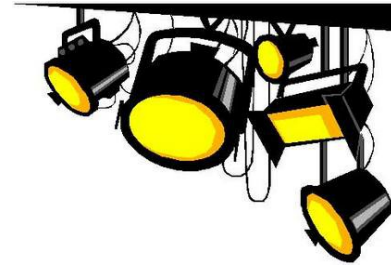
In each newsletter, I would like to highlight at least one club member, old (a chance for you to update your story) or new, to encourage members to be better acquainted with each other. So, please be anticipating me contacting you for an opportunity to tell your story. You are welcome to describe your life, animals, and family, other hobbies, plus what led you to join this club, whether you are a new mini/pony owner or have years of experiences with them. Photos are welcome, and please do view newsletters from 2017-2018 to see some examples. Lynne was the enthusiastic editor of these articles, and I hope to keep the tradition going as well as she did.

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Spotlighting.....

Brenda Paladini



Hi! My name is Brenda Paladini, I am a member of the Idaho Miniature Horse Club.

My home town is Destin, Florida. I had moved in 1996 from Destin to Bozeman , Montana. I lived in Bozeman until September of 2018. The reason I have found my way to Kuna ID is because of my boyfriend of 15 years, Jon. He had gone back to college in 2012 to get a degree in Occupational Health & Safety. After getting his degree he worked a few intern jobs around the US and then was offered a position with Simplot in Boise. So, here I am!

I believe my first word was horse, and I drove my parents crazy as a kid always asking for one. They never gave in; they were too afraid I would lose interest or not take care of it properly. I have to say they were so wrong! But I get it!

As soon as I turned 18 I moved out of Mom & Dad's and found a little hole in the wall apartment with my then boyfriend. We got married when I was 19 (I should have thought that through a little more!) and he built me a one stall barn next to our house and six months into my marriage I had my horse! That was some of the happiest times in my life, because of my horse, not my husband!

Fast forward to 1996 and I find my self moving to Montana. I built my own life there and I am still very much a Montana girl. I am now building a new life in Idaho with Jon and becoming an Idaho girl as well!

I have been very fortunate to have met Robin Willeman at the fall festival of 2018 in Eagle, where I was living at the time. I went to visit her at her barn in late December of 2018, and I starting scooping poop for her shortly thereafter just to be around the horses, and we have been friends ever since!

As far as my occupation, I am still working for my employer in Montana, in the casino business, and I get to travel back there every few months, which I thoroughly enjoy because Montana is still so much a part of me.

My other occupation is as an Equine Massage Therapist. I was certified in Hamilton Montana in April of 2019. I thoroughly enjoy bringing relaxation and pain relief to our equine friends. We ask a lot of them and sometimes they do not get enough in return, in my opinion. This is my way of returning all of the good things they do for me and I get to be around them on a regular basis. This is heaven on earth for me!



2019 Halloween play day

As you can see, Brenda became involved quickly with the club as soon as she joined the club in 2019. Brenda is now the proud "momma" of a "few" minis, and you just might spot her driving her blue roan, Tango, on trails at Eagle Island State Park.



Horse Expo 2019

How many "volunteers" do you recognize here? Some are okay for munching by humans and animals, others aren't, but they're all common in the hot, dry July and August months in this valley. Can you match the plant photo with its name?



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Weeds or Not?



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10.

Purslane
Violet
Kochia
Cat mint
Puncturevine

Sow thistle
Mallow
Sunflower
Prickly lettuce
Pigweed

Photos from ol' MacFarlane Farm

****Added to the Events list is the Eagle Harvest Festival, at Heritage Park, as posted on the City of Eagle web page. It's on their calendar for Sat., Oct. 10. Be thinking about if you'd like to participate.**

Many thanks to all who shared articles and information for the newsletter!!
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2020 Committees

- *Audit Committee: Lois, Brenda, Robin, Donna B.
- *By-Laws Committee: Lois, Heather, Jamey
- *Clinics Committee: Valerie, Felicia, Christine
- *Horse Expo Committee: Jamey, Donna B., Lois
- *Nominating Committee: Lois (2 more people are necessary))
- *Newsletter editor and club website publicity: Pam
- *Show and Awards Committee: Maria, Donna B., Felicia, Tess
- *Show Points and Year End Awards Committee: Valerie, Heather, Sharon
- *Year End Banquet and Christmas Party Committee: Donna G., Brenda, Sharon
- *Youth Committee: Maria, Christine, Felicia
- *Play Day Committee (aka Fun Committee): Lynne, Heather, Jamey, Donna B., Lisa George
- *Vital Statistics Committee (VSC): Lynne, Donna B., Kelli

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.

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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