



Idaho Miniature Horse Club

October 2020 Newsletter

President: Maria Redinger

Vice President: Heather Bunting

Secretary: Valerie Marshall

Treasurer: Donna Bernardelli

Directors: Robin Willeman, Jamey Robbins, and Lynne Wing

September 10, 2020 Minutes

Minutes of September 10th, 2020 at Middleton Place Park in Middleton, ID. Maria brought the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Those in attendance: Maria Redinger, Felicia Humpherys, Jane Steele, Amy Humpherys, Lisa George, Donna Gramarossa, Jennifer Smith, Heather Bunting, Donna Bernardelli, Jamey Robbins, Pam MacFarlane, Lynne Wing, and Janet Fries.

Minutes: August secretary minutes were reviewed. Heather motioned to accept the minutes as they were published, and Jamey seconded it. Motion passed by the club.

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance: \$3,322.91. Payments were \$.00. Expenses were \$.00. Outstanding checks: #2073 to Saddle Up for \$587.49. Cash on-hand is still \$50.00 with the Secretary, which brings the ending balance to \$2,785.42. Heather made a motion to pay Maria \$30.00 to go towards awards, and Pam seconded. Heather made a motion to accept the report, and Jamey seconded. Motion passed by the club. Donna brought up that the club needed to order more check books, so Jamey made a motion for Donna to order check books, and Lisa seconded. Motion passed by the club.

OLD BUSINESS

*Show Committee: Our September 19th open show at Birt Arena in Nampa, ID is approaching fast! Silent auction items need to get to Maria ASAP. Hi-Point awards will be available, as well as Mustang and Pony classes. There is a great list of sponsors, now we will need all hands-on deck to help the show run smoothly!

*Driving drill team needs one or two more people to join! If you are relatively experienced with driving and are looking for something new to do, contact Heather Bunting!

*Lynne has agreed to take over control of all the club SWAG for the future.

NEW BUSINESS

*Hallowed Hauntings Playday: New ideas and fun things to come at Birt Arena on October 17th . A showbill and flyer will be out soon!

*Nominations for 2021. Please read the by-laws on our website before volunteering or nominating. There will be a slate of nominees by the October meeting. Lynne will be finishing the year as the third (past-president) director, Robin will have one year left of her two-year director position, and Jamey will be finishing her two-year director position. The Nomination Committee consists of Lois, Jane, and Donna G.

4-H NEWS

Fair went well for Amy Humpherys and Elyse, Nathan, and Edward Dredge. Amy had her mini Elsa and dog M&M, Dredges had their minis, and Elyse even got to drive a Fjord!

UPCOMING EVENTS

*October 17th Hallowed Hauntings at Birt Arena in Nampa, ID

*October 24th and 25th Megan Sibiga Driving clinic at Birt Arena in Nampa, ID. Spectators are welcome for no charge, each lesson is an hour for \$70.00 if you are a Treasure Valley Whips member. Contact Mary Jo Shreffler, 208-250-3979.

Next meeting is October 8th, 2020 at Sunrise Café in Middleton, ID at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by your Secretary, Valerie Marshall *(Notes were taken by Maria Redinger as Valerie was absent from the meeting.)

If you have nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or one two-year Director for 2021, please give those nominations (with the approval of the nominees, first) to Nominating Committee members Lois Cant, Jane Steel, or Donna G. before the October 8 meeting. Nominations will be accepted at that meeting; ballots will be mailed to adult members and returned by mail before the Nov. meeting, when ballots will be opened, tabulated, and winners announced. Only adults who've been members for at least two consecutive years immediately before being nominated are eligible to be president. At the Sept. meeting, all current officers and one director were willing to be nominated again for the 2021 year. Please see the bylaws posted on the www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com website for more info on nominations and elections.

Events in the Near Future:

Saturday, Oct. 17 Hallowed Hauntings In-hand Games and Costume Contest --- See the registration form and class list with descriptions in this newsletter and on the www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com website Events page.

Saturday, Oct. 24-25 Megan Sibiga Driving Clinic --- Information is in the minutes of the Sept. Meeting and on the Events page of the website.

IDAMHC/ISHSA Open Show September 19

Submitted by Pam MacFarlane

Photos by Pete and Pam MacFarlane

Donna Bernardelli and the Show Committee did an excellent job planning and running the show on Saturday, September 19, at the Birt Arena. And volunteers came to ensure that it was a success. During the week *before the show*, Jamey Robbins and Donna Bernardelli had labeled the High Point prize buckets with the IDAMHC logo, and Maria Redinger had organized all of the auction items and wrapped many in cellophane, matching them with bid sheets to show value and donator's name. So much to do *in advance*!!

The day before the show, several jobs were completed, including filling the high point buckets and bags and writing Thank You notes to sponsors while several people also set up tables for the silent auction, placed the items on the tables with bid sheets, and organized a system to keep pens sanitized as people handled them.



High Point prize buckets



Silent Auction tables



Setting the trot-over poles

That HEAVY bridge for trail classes



Hunter course

Of course, on show day, volunteers were helping with registration and setting up obstacle driving, hunter, and in-hand trail courses. But that's not all!! Don't forget, someone does all of these at shows, too: announcing the classes and placings, stewarding, running gates, awarding the prizes to the winners, and taking apart and storing all the items that had been set up. Oh, yes, last but not least, cleaning manure, hay, and trash from the indoor arena, outdoor arenas, and parking area completed the day for the warriors who stayed in the dark.

Some of the volunteers included Tess Eastman, Donna Gramarossa, Jennifer Smith, Maria Redinger, Valerie Marshall, Jamey Robbins, Jim and Heather Bunting, Pam and Pete MacFarlane, Donna Bernardelli, and Verna.

Sponsoring the High Point buckets were: Saddle Up, Duane and Donna Staack; 44 Livestock and Pet Supply; Jan Gibson, Whispering Pines; Donna Bernardelli; Ginger and Abby; Lisa George; Jamey Robbins; Maria Redinger; Megan Silver; Mini Angel Wings; Davis Rods LLC; the Vincent family; Tim O'Leary; Tish Schuster; Jim and Heather Bunting; Jessie Hunting; IDAMHC; Connie Graves; Pete and Pam MacFarlane; and Tractor Supply Emmett. Many thanks to all of you who helped make the show a success.

At the show, 12 Miniatures and small ponies showed in classes. Among those were IDAMHC members and their 7 Miniature Horses or small ponies (plus one big Wonder Horse).



*Felicia Humpherys with Brandy
In-Hand Trail Class*



*Jane Steele with Lucy
Halter Mare Class*



*Valerie Marshall with Royal
Barrel Race Class*



*Heather Bunting with Dream
Obstacle Driving Class*



*Jamey Robbins with Joey
Roadster Driving Class*



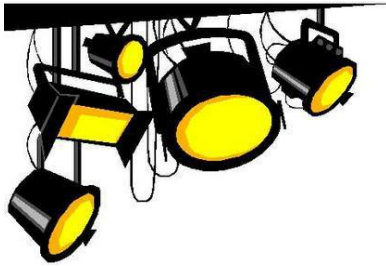
*Amy Humpherys with Elsa
Hunter Class*



*Valerie Marshall and Chance
In-Hand Trail Class*

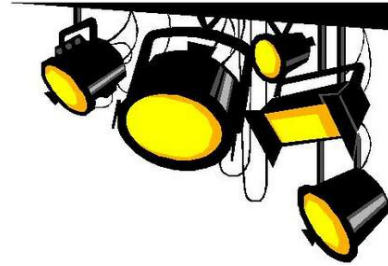


*Jamey Robbins with Shady
Pleasure Driving Class*



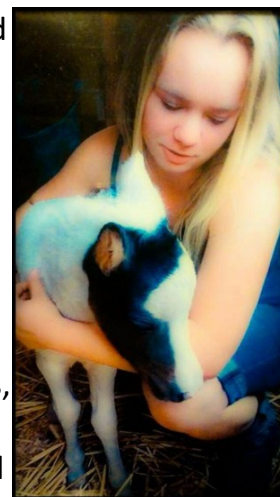
Spotlighting.....

Valerie Marshall



I've been involved with miniature horses since I was 6, I believe. I had moved in with my aunt in Oregon and she had a couple that we would take to schools, retirement homes, do parades and parties with. I did 4-H and was also the secretary for my club during those years! 4-H is what started my showing passion and besides 4-H shows, we had to travel up into Washington State to get to open horse shows, so when I moved down here I was super excited they were so close and so often!

My graduation gift from my aunt was Angel. The best gift ever is definitely a horse! Throughout high school I became involved in FFA and was, once again, secretary for my chapter for my last year! There wasn't a whole lot to do with minis in FFA, but I had still worked with Angel a lot and trained her to be a show horse. I really didn't show her until I moved to Idaho. Of course when I first moved here, Maria, my sister, the IDAMHC president, immediately took me to a show and I showed one of her horses. She introduced me to Robin, and the passion for miniature horses that we shared just made us click!



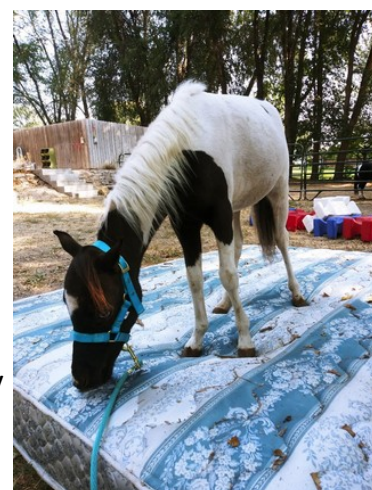
Val with Angel



Bernie and Chance

Over the 5 years I have been in Idaho, I have definitely learned a lot, shown a lot, and have dealt with a variety of different horses. Now I have a half brother of Angel, a gelding named Chance, who I have brought a long way! I just need to make the decision to get him started in driving like I did Angel! I also have a project gelding, Bernie, who is... A project to say the least!

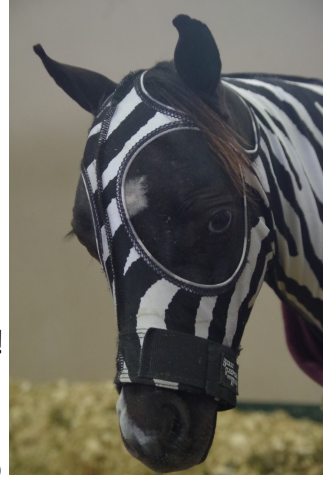
And last, but not least, I have just acquired a five month old filly, Ritzy! Starting up a new filly is just exhilarating and gives me the opportunity to hone my skills of training a young horse the way I like! I'm looking forward to see where the journey goes with her!



Ritzy at home

The Nationals Experience with Ritzy

Nationals was a blast! Even though I was told there were a lot less horses, exhibitors, and people, there was still a lot to look at! There were quite a few vendors with all the tack you could possibly need and it was hard to not go shopping since I arrived in Tulsa by plane! There was Nationals SWAG, all the blingy halters you could dream of, cart parts and harnesses, and so much more! I only bought a few new things for my Ritzy girl. She is so tiny with the smallest nose, that I needed some new things just for her!



When I was showing Ritzy in her halter classes, I always had to remind myself to not look up and to not think about how this was all being shown live! It was very surreal, especially when I wasn't showing and would go up into the stands to watch and take pictures! All in all, the experience was awesome and I am proud of Ritzy and myself for getting a 5th place out of all of it, especially with it being her first time ever! She is a super chill baby and probably the easiest horse I have ever bathed! I can't wait to see what the future brings with her, and I am hoping for a Nationals in 2021!!!

Ritzy and Val at Nationals



Other interests include collecting horse figurines, such as Breyer, Peter Stone, and Schleich. Another passion for this energetic young woman is photography, which she shares with family and friends on social media. While working full time, caring for a fun and fast-growing nephew, and training and showing her horses, Val also finds time to be the IDAMHC Secretary and Year End Awards Points collector. IDAMHC is fortunate to have Valerie's sense of humor, enthusiasm, and work ethic.



IDAHO MINIATURE HORSE CLUB

PRESENTS

HALLOWED HAUNTINGS

OCTOBER 17, 2020



Open to all miniature horses and ponies. Al Birt Arena, Nampa
Entries taken after 9:30 a.m., Games to start at 10:00 a.m. \$10 per horse.
Bring your own lunch and drinks. *Checks are payable to IDAMHC.*

Exhibitor names: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Number of horses: _____

By signing this form, each participant agrees to hold harmless the Idaho Miniature Horse Club and its members, Al Birt Arena, and its owners or agents, for any bodily injury or property damage or loss in connection with this event.

One adult signature required. _____

CLASSES (youth and adult division for each class)

Cauldron Course

Before start time decorate your own cup (provided). Race against the clock as you take your horse over a jump, move one cup of water from one bucket to another, dress in a costume bag, and take your horse back over the jump. Best time wins.

Scary Sock Race

As a group, race across the arena, put a sock on your horse's leg, and run back across the finish line.

Candy Race

With your horse, race to the bucket of candy, grab a handful of candy (one hand only), run it to the bucket at the starting line. The person with the most candy is the winner. Ties broken by the number of candies dropped along the way. Everyone keeps the candy they bring back to the starting line.

LUNCH (BYOL)

Red Light, Green Light

The game we all knew as kids. Start at one end of the arena with your horse, try to make it to the finish line first as Red Light and Green Light is called. During Red Light, if you or your horse moves, go back to the starting line.

Monster Mash Cones

A new take on musical chairs. Instead of sitting on a chair, you run to a cone with your horse and put your foot the X on the cone. Last person with the last cone wins.

Costume Class

Judged by our wonderful volunteers. Bring your A game for this class!!!

Here are the answers to the weed/volunteer plant matching names and photos. Bet you knew several of these!



1. Mallow



2. Pigweed



3. Sunflower



4. Cat Mint aka catnip



5. Puncturevine aka goathead



6. Violet



7. Prickly Lettuce



8. Sow Thistle



9. Purslane



10. Kochia

Weeds or Not?

Purslane	Sow thistle
Violet	Mallow
Kochia	Sunflower
Cat mint	Prickly lettuce
Puncturevine	Pigweed

Photos from ol' MacFarlane Farm

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, Jane, Donna G.
- *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

Other annual positions that help the club:

- *Club SWAG: Lynne
- *ISHSA Representative: Heather

If you have information, an article, or resource suggestions, that you'd like to share in the next newsletter, please do send them 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 so I provide current ads.

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 offers 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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