



Idaho Miniature Horse Club

May 2021 Newsletter

President: Maria Redinger

Vice President: Heather Bunting

Secretary: Valerie Marshall

Treasurer: Donna Bernardelli

Directors: Robin Willeman, Jamey Robbins, and Felicia Humpherys

Minutes of May 13th, 2021 at Middleton Place Park, Middleton, ID.

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

Those in attendance: Maria Redinger, Heather and Jim Bunting, Donna Gramarossa, Jennifer, Molly, and Louise Green, Robin Willeman, Loretta Hall, Pam MacFarlane, Felicia Humpherys, Sharon Dudley, Jennifer Waugh, Lisa George, Jamey Robbins, Donna Bernardelli, Lois Cant, Kelli Phillips, and Valerie Marshall. April's secretary minutes were reviewed. Felicia motioned to accept the minutes as they were published, and Robin seconded it. Motion passed by the club.

Treasurer's report:

April's Beginning balance: \$5,353.57. Deposits are \$20.00 in memberships. Expenses are \$0.00. Outstanding checks are \$150.00 to WISK awards, \$58.75 to Jamey Robbins for Idaho Horse Expo expenses. There is also an Outstanding bill of \$50.00 for the Western Idaho Fair awards. Cash on-hand is still \$50.00 with the Secretary, which brings the ending balance to \$5,214.82. Heather made a motion to accept the report, and Sharon seconded. Motion passed by the club. Not in the report yet was that Pam MacFarlane had paid the \$215.76 GoDaddy renewal fee for the club's website page. Sharon motioned that the club reimburse Pam for that expense. Jamey seconded the motion, and the motion passed by the club.

OLD BUSINESS

- SWAG: All swag online has been put on hold. This subject was tabled to New Business.

- Clinic: The In-Hand Clinic with Jessica Vassar was decided to be on July 30-31st if there is enough interest for two days. The club would pay for Jessica's hotel stay and travel down and back. It was discussed if auditing would be offered, but it could be limited because of the space and lack of sound. All lessons would be one-hour private lessons, so if you want to learn more about halter, showmanship, trail, jumper, hunter, etc. please contact Felicia to reserve a spot. Felicia made a motion that the club pay for Jessica's travel and stay, and Heather seconded the motion, as well as amended the motion to where the club pays Jessica \$200.00 (\$100.00 each day). Motion passed by the club.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Executive Board has met and discussed many items.

1) Business items should be approved at a general meeting. The board discussed having the By-Law updated to allow electronic decisions to be made under certain circumstances. It was agreed upon

by the club that the By-Laws committee would meet to discuss changes to the By-Laws and report back at the next general meeting.

2) New members often feel left out. The board discussed having two main people to share and connect with everyone. Those two people would be Pam MacFarlane and Lisa George. It was also discussed to try and have a digital access point for the general meetings. The club agreed that Pam and Lisa would be the main people to contact everyone when needed, and Jamey Robbins would set up a Google Meet for the next meeting. A link will be sent out via email.

3) Wanting to go through each section of the By-Laws at every meeting. This way the club can better understand them and make decisions along the way. The board discussed having the directors being fully involved in the By-Laws committee with one director to be the chairmen, as well as having two other general members involved. The club agreed with this.

4) Club logo. The online club swag was put on hold with nine days left. It was brought to the attention of the board of directors that the tagline the club had voted for earlier this year was not meant to be attached to the logo or go through it. The board discussed different options to fix the problem so the club could still get swag. The club then voted on keeping the current logo design and removing the tagline. The tagline can be added onto pens, banners, etc. if it does not go through the existing logo.

5) Creating a Golden Membership. The board discussed creating a golden membership for those who have been members for a long time, or if others nominate people who believe they should have one. Details are still in the works. Heather made a motion that the Golden Membership be presented at the Year End Awards Banquet annually. Jamey seconded the motion and the motion passed by the club.

6) Club survey. The board discussed creating a survey for members to get input about the club and see what members wanted to see or do more of. The club agreed to this and it was decided that Jamey Robbins would create a survey on SurveyMonkey.com later in the year when the executive board meets again and has more suggestions to put on the survey. This survey will most likely come out towards the end of the year.

7) Personal information on the website. The board discussed if there was a way to make all the members information private. Pam said she would discuss this with the original website creators. This was tabled as Pam tries to get ahold of original creators.

8) Who Dun It & IDAMHC Show series- It was discussed that the merging of both clubs was not properly discussed or voted on. The showbill has been ISHSA approved now and cannot be changed. The mini club is only responsible for their September show and only a small portion of the buckle awards will need to be paid by the club later. The mini club can add more specialized, non-ISHSA, mini- friendly classes. But there are already a few on the showbill.

-First-Aid Clinic- Heather got ahold of Twisted Pine Training to see if they could get a clinic scheduled in our area for smaller equine. She received a brochure that listed options and prices. Donna made a motion for Heather to get more information before the club decides whether to book her for a day. Jamey seconded the motion, and the motion passed by the club.

-Parade of America- Heather let the club know that she had talked to the insurance and the parade was covered. Heather had information packets and emails sent out with details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-May 14th and 15th – WISK AMHR/ASPC/NSPPR sanctioned show. Idaho Horse Park, Nampa, ID

-May 16th – WISK AMHA sanctioned show. Idaho Horse Park, Nampa, ID

-May 29th – SDYHC Open show, New Plymouth, ID

-June 19th – ISHSA Magic Valley show, Twin Falls County Fair Ground
-June 26th – Who Dun It and IDAMHC Series Show #2, Birt Arena, Nampa, ID
-July 3rd STAR PARADE

Donna Gramarossa won the door prize!

Next meeting will be June 10th, 6:30pm at Middleton Place Park, Middleton, ID. You can choose to bring your own chair, but we do plan to meet under the structure at the park.
Heather made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jamey seconded the motion. Motion passed by the club.

Respectfully submitted by your Secretary, Valerie Marshall

Minutes of April 8th, 2021 at The Idaho Horse Park, Nampa, ID.

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

Those in attendance: Maria Redinger, Donna Bernardelli, Jamey Robbins, Felicia Humpherys, Sharon Dudley, Jennifer Smith, Lynne Wing, Lisa George, Jennifer Green, Donna Gramarossa, and Pam MacFarlane.
March secretary minutes were reviewed. Felicia motioned to accept the minutes as they were published, and Sharon seconded it. Motion passed by the club.

Treasurer's report:

March's Beginning balance: \$5,547.37. Deposits are \$40.00 in memberships and \$36.20 in club SWAG. Expenses are \$0.00. Outstanding checks are \$150.00 to WISK awards, \$60.00 for the ISHSA sanctioned fee, and \$60.00 for the Idaho Horse Council. There is also an Outstanding bill of \$50.00 for the Western Idaho Fair awards. Cash on-hand is still \$50.00 with the Secretary, which brings the ending balance to \$5,353.57. Jamey made a motion to accept the report, and Lynne seconded. Motion passed by the club.

OLD BUSINESS

- SWAG: There was discussion between using either Teezers or Pullover Prints for more club SWAG. Teezers would only be online and for a limited time. The member that goes on the site could personalize with a name for \$2.50 extra and would need to pay online. The WHIPS club also uses the site for their SWAG, so Donna B. said she would ask for more details on how it works. Lisa George volunteered to help set-up the site once details were worked out. Kelli P. would still oversee Pullover Prints, and Maria wants to keep them lined up as a backup. Lynne motioned that Lisa oversee Teezers and Felicia seconded the motion. Motion passed by the club. Felicia motioned that Kelli stay in charge of Pullover Prints and Jennifer Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by the club.

- Clinic: Felicia said that May dates were no longer available for the In-Hand Clinic with Jessica Matheson. Members need to be thinking about the number of sessions they would want to participate in, and preferred dates and time soon. Obstacles and jumping are choices for in-hand sessions, if wanted.

NEW BUSINESS

- Expo: The booth will have a laptop set-up with a slide show of pictures between our club and the WHIPS. If you are bringing a horse to be in the booth, please bring your own buckets and feed. For those participating in the demo, drivers will be on the outside of the ring and in-hand horses on the inside with obstacles.

- Maria reminded everyone to turn in declarations and membership forms for points to count with the activities you are doing with your horses.

- It was brought up that the club should have an award for Volunteer/Behind the scenes person/helper. It would be presented at the end of the year banquet. Details are still underway, but those nominating will

have to supply reasons why they think a member deserves this award!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 9th-11th Idaho Horse Expo, Idaho Horse Park, Nampa, ID
- April 24th and 25th Treasure Valley WHIPS annual Bombproofing Clinic, Al Birt arena, Nampa, ID
- May 14th and 15th – WISK AMHR/ASPC/NSPPR sanctioned show. Idaho Horse Park, Nampa, ID
- May 16th – WISK AMHA sanctioned show. Idaho Horse Park, Nampa, ID
- July 3rd STAR PARADE

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Respectfully submitted by your Secretary, Valerie Marshall

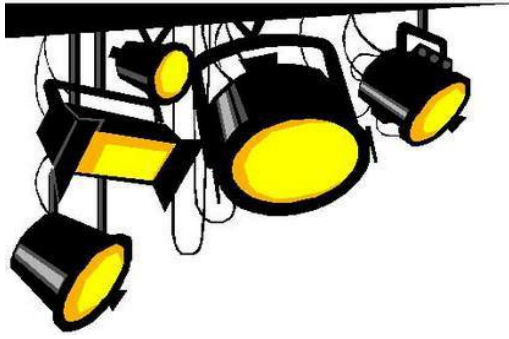
*A big welcome to new members, Rene Gunderson and Loretta Hall!
So good to see new and returning members at the May meeting in
the park after the long stay-at-home-away-from-crowds year...*

Committees: These need updating!

- *Audit Committee: Brenda, Robin, Donna B.
- *By-Laws Committee: Heather, Jamey
- *Clinics Committee: Valerie, Felicia
- *Horse Expo Committee: Jamey, Donna B.
- *Nominating Committee: 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, Felicia
- *Play Day Committee (aka Fun Committee): Lynne, Heather, Jamey, Donna B., Lisa George
- *Vital Statistics Committee (VSC): Lynne, Donna B., Kelli

Other positions that help the club:

- *Club SWAG: Lisa and Kelli
- *ISHSA Representative: Heather



In the spotlight.....

The Green Family

Howdy Miniature Horse Friends!

We are the Green Family; Jennifer, Chuck, Molly and Louise. We have owned mini horses for about 6 years, but are new to driving and showing the sweet little darlings. Most of our horses have come to us because they needed to be away from one rough situation or another. We feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to invite each one of them into our family. We own three miniature horses and one mini mule at the present time as well as three full size horses and a pony.



Molly

Jennifer is a retired fiber arts producer, writer and teacher who stays home taking care of the homestead. Chuck works for the City of Weiser and occasionally serves as chauffeur, ground crew and cheerleader for the ladies of the house.

Molly-Kay is 16 years old this year and her heart beats for barrel racing and carrying a flag at various rodeos and events. Of course, she loves the minis, too.



Jennifer

Louise is 12 and loves her buddy, Little Blue, to pieces. They have been in many parades together and have started showing in a few driving classes this year. Lou hopes to maybe find a second mini buddy to pair up with Blue so she can try driving a pair. The ladies love sharing their little equine friends and have visited nursing homes, schools, church events and community events with them. The minis often dress up as unicorns to make a local child's dream come true at a birthday party or other special event.

The family is trying their hand at a little bit of showing this year and is looking forward to participating in some club sponsored events and making some new friends. All of this will take place around building their new house, taking care of their small farm, and working in their family vegetable garden.



Louise

2021 Horse Expo

Sharing a few photos of our famous members, thanks to Facebook postings!





Representing IDAMHC at the Horse Expo performance in 2021 were Molly and Jennifer Green, Donna Gramarossa, Jennifer Smith, Donna Bernardelli, Jamey Robbins, Lynne Wing, Heather Bunting, Louise Green, Lisa George, Maria Redinger, and Valerie Marshall. And thanks to everyone who helped with setting up and taking down the booth; we have quite a village!

➤ Two Terrific Opportunities for Growth

- Late July: If you are interested in reserving a one-hour individual lesson for in-hand training, please contact Felicia. She has arranged with Jessica Vassar to come to this valley on July 30 and 31. The in-hand training offered includes your choice of these: halter, showmanship, obstacle, jumping, and hunter. The number of lessons is limited, so reserve your space soon!!
- Late Oct. or early Nov.: Heather has contacted an excellent source to teach a First Aid Clinic for equines, possibly in late October or early November. More details will be coming soon! *(Note from Pam: When Heather mentioned that Meredith, the clinician, is familiar with small equine, I remembered that she trained mini donkeys for Moonshine Meadows and brought them to a couple of our Halloween play days. Good memories, photo from 2008, by Pete MacFarlane)*



Generatio GmbH - Center for Animal Genetics

[April 22 American Shetland Pony Club facebook page](#)

Miniature Horse owners and breeders: do you have a horse with brittle hooves that break and crack easily? Generatio GmbH – Center for Animal Genetics has recently confirmed the mutation for Hoof Wall Separation Disorder (HWSD) in the American Miniature Horse breed, and we are recruiting samples from other potentially-affected Miniature Horses. (Below you will see pictures of the hooves of an HWSD-affected Connemara pony for comparison.)

The first 15 samples which are submitted from potentially-affected horses (along with pedigree and print-quality photos of the hooves) will receive HWSD genetic testing at no charge. All horse data and pedigrees will be kept confidential. Photos of the hooves may be used in a future scientific publication.

If you think your Miniature Horse may be affected, please email information and pictures to info@centerforanimalgenetics.de.



Events of Interest



June 19: ISHSA Magic Valley Open Show, Twin Falls Fairgrounds

June 26, July 10, and Sept. 11: Who Dun It/IDAMHC Buckle Series Open Shows, Birt Arena, Nampa



July 3: Fourth of July Parade, Star Hometown Celebration; details to come!



How about sharing some of these for the next newsletter? Pictures always needed, too.

Do you have a 2021 foal or foals? Pictures, descriptions, DOB...
Have you been out in the community with your little horses lately?
Have you gone on a trail ride/walk recently?
Discovered a new equine product that you like?

If you have events or new arrivals 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.

This was handed out at the last meeting as a way for you to have input in setting goals for next year.
Notice there's lots of room for suggestions.

IDAMHC Objectives for Fun, Learning, Socializing, and Showing

Which of these would you like the club to do? Check all that apply.

Play Day(s)

☐ Hallowed Hauntings

☐ Other(s) _____

Informal gatherings: Location suggestions welcome

☐ Trail driving

☐ BBQ, picnic, pot luck

☐ Barn tour of members' properties for shelter and turnout ideas

☐ Sharing feeding and grooming ideas

☐ Sharing names of harness/halter/equine apparel business contact info

☐ Sharing ideas to prevent horses from being bored

☐ Other(s) please list _____

☐ Share/watch instructional equine videos

Would you be able to host any of these? Yes No

Community Participation

Parades: ☐ Christmas/Holiday ☐ 4th of July

☐ Other(s) _____

☐ Eagle Fall Festival

☐ Other(s) _____

Demonstrations or problem solving grooming:

☐ Body, tail, and mane brushing

☐ Bathing

☐ Clipping

☐ Braiding

☐ Other(s) please list _____

Clinics/Formal Instruction

☐ Halter/Showmanship

☐ American Driving Society

☐ AMHA/AMHR Driving

Would you be willing to be a clinician at an event? _____

Would you like to have clinicians from our area? _____

Would you like to have clinicians from outside our area? _____

Anonymous or Name _____

Other interests/needs?

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