



Idaho Miniature Horse Club

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February 2023 Newsletter

President: Heather Bunting

Vice President: Jennifer Green

Secretary: Valerie Marshall

Treasurer: Donna Bernardelli

Directors: Jamey Robbins, Sharon Dudley, and Past President Maria Redinger

Minutes of January 12th, 2023, at Sharon Dudley's house, Nampa, ID.

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

Those in attendance: Valerie Marshall, Maria Redinger, Jamey Robbins, Donna Bernardelli, Sharon Dudley, Felicia Humpherys, Amy Humpherys, Jane Steele, Jennifer Green, Tamara Cook, Melody Walker, Kathy Clark, Jan Gibson, Valerie Ellis, Brenda Paladini, Tess Eastman, Pam MacFarlane, and Heather and Jim Bunting.

November's secretary minutes were reviewed. Jamey motioned to accept the minutes as they were published, and Felicia seconded it. Motion passed by the club.

Treasurer's report: December's beginning balance is \$6,771.32.

*Payments are \$10.00 for memberships. Total payments are \$10.00.

*Expenses are: \$113.90 to Molly's for one more buckle, \$25.00 to Maria for a parade fee, \$1,234.74 towards the year-end awards, \$67.80 for Ballots/ mailing, and \$533.82 to Louie's Pizza for the banquet.. Total expenses are \$1,975.26. Outstanding checks are \$0.00.

*Outstanding deposits are in total of \$527.00 (includes memberships, banquet fees, and swag).

\$50.00 is still with the secretary.

*Ending balance for December is \$5,333.06.

Maria had the last of her receipts from the year-end awards totaling \$220.64. Sharon made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay Maria back. Tamara seconded the motion and it was passed by the club.

OLD BUSINESS

-Banquet Review: General consensus is that everyone enjoys having the banquet at Louie's, but it is super important for people to RSVP when asked so that we can have enough food and a bigger room. The awards were also enjoyed and appreciated. Some ideas for the points/awards committee was seeing if the club could get sponsorships for discounted gift cards to use. The cash payouts were a hit.

-Heather went over the confirmed dates that the club holds with Birt Arena. Confirmed dates include: May 13- In hand clinic and practice show, July 8- IMHC club show, September 9- IMHC Driving playday, and October 21- IMHC Halloween play day.

-Donna wanted to let the club know that the auditing committee will be meeting before February's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Sanction fees: Heather brought up that sanctioned fees were due for different clubs that we are involved in. AMHA (\$25.00), AMHR (\$25.00), ISHSA (\$30.00). Sharon made a motion for the club to pay the dues and Maria seconded the motion. Motion passed by the club.

-2023 Declarations and Points: Valerie M. reported that the committee wanted to move the points deadline to October 5th to give more time to acquire awards. The club agreed that was fine. Valerie M. also let members know to hold off on sending declarations in until the committee can meet and make changes to the forms regarding deadline, awards, and points. Felicia brought up that the Best Stallion award should have more rules to accommodate when it comes to stallions and youth or stallions at different events. It was discussed that IMHC doesn't have a written rule anywhere regarding stallions and youth handlers, but we do tend to follow AMHR rules and they allow youth to handle junior stallions (under 2 years old). It was also discussed that it is up to the handler to decide if their stallion can behave at certain events and that the rules of the Best Stallion award won't change.

-Committees: Heather wanted to go over who was and still wanted to be on the club's committees. Audit: Brenda, Sharon, Robin W., and Donna B., Ballot counting: decided later in the year, By-Laws: Directors, Clinic/Fun Activities: Donna B., Jamey, Heather B., and Maria, SWAG: Maria, Horse Expo: Jamey, Newsletter/Publicity: Pam, Jamey, Maria, and Valerie M., Nominating: assigned in October/November, Show: TBD, VSC: Donna B., Valerie E., and Jennifer G., Year-end awards: Valerie M., Heather, Sharon, and Maria, Year end banquet: Brenda, Youth: Maria, Felicia, and Sharon.

-Club Show and Silent Auction: Heather wanted to get the ball rolling on some assignments. Maria and Valerie M. said they would stay in charge of the silent auction, but extra help is always welcome. Heather let the club know that Molly's Custom Silver reached out to the club and asked if we would be willing to set up a partnership. All they asked is that the club places their logo on the website and the club will get 2 free buckles to use when they choose. Maria motioned that the club goes forward with Molly's, and Jamey seconded. Motion passed by the club. It was also brought up that ISHSA's new rules and regulations needed to be verified before seeing who could be on the show committee and what all it might change. Donna B. said she would send out emails to get verification.

-Tack Sale: Valerie M. brought up if the club would like to see another tack sale. Majority said they would like to have another tack sale, but would like to see it be opened up to all equine equipment instead of just minis/ponies. Valerie M. said she would put together some ideas together to bring to the next meeting.

-Drew McDannald clinic: Sharon and Jan brought up an idea to have Drew McDannald hold a clinic for the club. Jan has graciously opened her arena and extended out this invitation with Drew to the club while he is in the area. Jan has left it up to the club to decide what they would want to do and how much to charge. Drew is not asking for a fee and Jan is not charging for the use of her arena, but if we have enough interest to cover Drew's flight here that would be greatly appreciated. The clinic would take place Memorial Day weekend (not sure if it would be one or two days). It was decided to create a committee to come up with ideas and a guideline to bring up to the club. Sharon, Jan, Felicia, and Valerie M. will create this committee.

-Business Ads on the IMHC Website: Heather brought up that the club does allow for members to advertise their personal businesses for free and more members should utilize the service. Just send your information, or business card, to anyone on the executive board and they will look it over before posting it on the website.

-Horse Expo 2023: Jamey hadn't heard about details yet and wanted to make sure the club was still interested in having a booth before going ahead since prices are rising. After some discussion Sharon motioned that the club still have a booth at the expo. Maria seconded the motion and it was passed by the club. Jamey will get more details.

-Sharon reminded members that she would be having a sheet with events that have happened at each meeting to help members keep track of points. So far the sheet has: November 5th- Clicker training clinic, November 26th- Emmett Lighted parade, December 10th- Middleton Christmas parade, December 12th- TVW Open driving, and don't forget to include any trail excursions or outings to other friends places with your horses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-Jan. 16th TVW open driving @ Birt Arena- 5 activity points

-Feb. 13th TVW open driving @ Birt Arena- 5 activity points

-March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th TVPHC Winter warm-up show series @ Birt Arena- 5 show points + placing points for each show. Halter and Showmanship classes for minis.

-March 13th TVW open driving @ Birt Arena- 5 activity points

-April 7-9 Idaho Horse Expo @ Idaho Horse Park- 5 activity points

-April 14-16 ISHSA Spring Double Point @ Idaho Horse Park, Mini in-hand classes and driving on April 15th- 10 show points + placing points

-April 22-23 TVW Bombproofing playday @ Birt Arena- 5 activity points

-May 5-7 WISK Breed show @ Caldwell Fairgrounds- 10 show points + placing points each day

-May 13th IMHC In-hand clinic and practice show @ Birt Arena- 5 activity points

-June 10th Buckskin Show (1/3 in Phun-Mini-Buckskin series)- 10 show points + placing points

-July 8th IMHC club show (2/3 in Phun-Mini-Buckskin series)- 10 show points + placing points

-July 22nd Phantasy Phun show (3/3 in Phun-Mini-Buckskin series)- 10 show points + placing points

Door prize was won by Jennifer Green!

Next meeting will be February 9th at Sharon Dudley's house (5020 E Feather Creek Lane, Nampa, ID).

Jamey motioned to adjourn the meeting and Maria seconded. Motion passed by the club.

Respectfully submitted by your secretary, Valerie Marshall

2023 Committee Volunteer Updates

Audit Committee: Brenda, Sharon, Robin W., and Donna B.

Ballot counting: decided later in the year

By-Laws: Directors

Clinics/Fun Activities: Donna B., Jamey, Heather B., and Maria

SWAG: Maria

Horse Expo: Jamey

Newsletter/Publicity: Pam, Jamey, Maria, and Valerie M.

Nominating: assigned in October/November

Show: TBD,

VSC: Donna B., Valerie E., and Jennifer G.

Year-end awards: Valerie M., Heather, Sharon, and Maria

Year end banquet: Brenda

Youth: Maria, Felicia, and Sharon



Cheers to Jan Gibson for offering her arena property for a clinic with well-known and respected trainer/exhibitor Drew McDannald on Memorial Day weekend. Such a fantastic opportunity for people in this area!

Drew McDannald has successfully trained and shown many horse breeds in his 40 years of experience. His outlook in training driving horses is that each student deserves help attaining their personal goals. See more on his website, drewmcdannald.com.



Time to submit 2023 membership forms if you haven't already done so! Forms are available on the IMHC website, www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com. Click on the Forms button to download.

Also on the Forms page of the website, you'll see the updated information for Awards Guidelines and the Declarations form. Points start Oct. 24 of the preceding year if the Show Committee receives your Declarations by March 25 of the current year, and this year's point accumulation goes through Oct. 5, 2023. At that time, please submit your points to the Show Committee to enable awards to be ordered and bestowed at the End of Year Awards Banquet.

If you are interested in being considered for All Star Awards from AMHR, you are required to complete a form from their website by Feb. 8

Please be looking for items to donate for the silent auction at this open show. Bring them with you to any general meeting, or contact Heather, Maria, or Val for alternative drop-off or pick up arrangements.

We are happy to announce that Molly's Custom Silver is partnering with us to sponsor awards for the club's activities.

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EVENTS

February 9th is the IMHC 6:30 pm meeting, hosted by Sharon Dudley. Bring a chair, just in case!

Feb 13 & March 13 Treasure Valley Whips Open Driving at the Birt Arena

March 3, 10, 17, and 24: TVPHC Open Warmup Shows, Birt Arena

April 14-16 ISHSA Spring Double Point Show; mini classes on April 15
See ishsa.info for registration and class information.

April 22 & 23 Treasure Valley Whips Bombproofing Clinic, Birt Arena

May 6 & 7 WISK Show (Western Idaho Summer KickOff) ASPC/AMHR, etc.
www.WISKhorseshow.com Canyon County Fairgrounds Facility in Caldwell, 4 judges; see the WISK website for more information!

May 13 IMHC In-Hand Clinic for Minis/Ponies, Birt Arena

May 20 & 21 North Idaho's Itty Bitty Horse Show in Spokane

June 10 Who Dun It Open Show, Birt Arena

July 8 IMHC Open Show and Silent Auction, Birt Arena

July 22 Phantasy Phun Open Show, Birt Arena

September 2 TVPHC Open Show, Birt Arena

September 9 IMHC Mini/Pony Driving Play Day, Birt Arena

October 21 IMHC Halloween Hauntings Mini/Pony Play Day, Birt Arena

Services and Goods Offered by Our Members

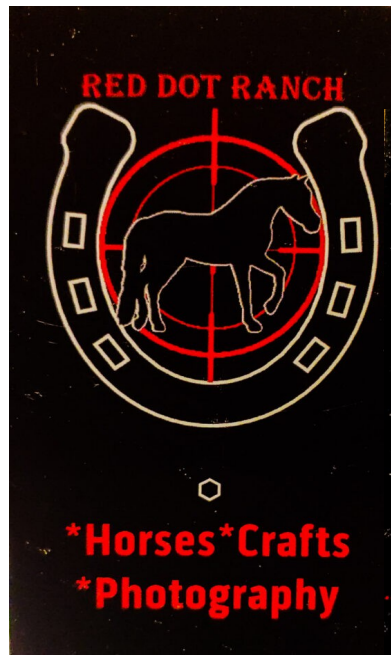
Loving Hands Equine Massage

- **Did you know that IMHC 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.
- **Contact Brenda at 406-599-2738 or bpaladini12@gmail.com.**

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(must be approved by the Board first)?***

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