



Idaho Miniature Horse Club

Where four tiny hooves create the biggest smiles!

May 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

March minutes (older) appear first, with April minutes (recent) following.

Minutes of March 16th, 2023, at Sharon Dudley's house, Nampa, ID.

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

Those in attendance: Valerie Marshall, Sharon Dudley, Felicia Humpherys, Jennifer Green, Tamara Cook, Melody Walker, Robin Willeman, Sarah Harrigfeld, Tania Laycock, Kathleen Clark, Jamey Robbins, Pam MacFarlane, Jennifer Smith, Donna Gramarossa, and Heather and Jim Bunting.

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

Treasurer's report: Not available, as Donna was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

- Idaho Horse Expo(April 7-9th): Jamey has sent an email out for people to sign up for turns at the club booth. The club is signed up for a breed spotlight on Friday. If you would like to participate in this let Jamey know. There will be availability for 2-3 drivers, and 4-5 in-handers. As always, help will be wanted to set-up and tear down the booth. Jamey asked the club if she could be reimbursed for the purchase of tickets if she needs to purchase them for members to be at the booth. Felicia made a motion that the club reimburses Jamey for any ticket purchasing she may have to do for club members. Sharon seconded the motion and it was passed by the club.

-Drew McDannald Clinic(May 27th): The committee has opened up the driving portion to accommodate 20 drivers (4 groups) and will be updating the forms. Please watch out for the final sign-up sheets to be coming out shortly! Reminder: April 15th deposit is due. May 15th payment is due in full.

-Club show(July 8th): Heather just wanted to remind members to keep an eye out for silent auction items!

-Tack Sale(June 17th): Valerie had no news.

-Award Declarations(Due March 25th): Heather wanted to remind members that declaration forms were due March 25th for points to count from October 24th, 2022 until now. Tamara and Felicia brought up concerns with the open division within the club since ISHSA's Mini/Pony division only went up to 40" and our club had no cross entering between minis and ponies (up to 38" for minis and up to 48"

for ponies). After some discussion, it was decided the committee would meet to either: make the Open division all inclusive (not separated by Mini and Pony, can qualify up to 48"), or let cross entering be allowed with other stipulations.

NEW BUSINESS

-In-Hand Clinic and Practice Show(May 13th): Heather threw out an idea that instead of the club hiring judges and clinicians to let this day be a skills building clinic put on by the members. There would be multiple stations for different activities, including but not limited to: showmanship, liberty, trail, parades, show forms, harness fitting, etc. Members liked the idea and also thought there could be in-hand workshops in the morning and driving workshops in the afternoon. More information will be coming out soon.

-Eagle Public Library Barnyard Day(July 6th): Heather brought up that the Eagle Library was going to have a barnyard day on July 6th from 2-3pm. There will be a lot of children there so a bomb-proof and super friendly horse is a must. Around 6 horses in total is all that will be needed. If you want more information or to participate, please let Heather know.

-Cherry Festival(June 16th): Heather wanted to let members know that the Cherry Festival Children Parade was on June 16th and tends to be shorter than the main parade if members wanted to attend.

-Jennifer Smith wanted to extend an invitation to members to come out and have a playday at her arena on March 30-31st, weather depending. Please contact Jennifer if you would like to attend.

-Felicia is now a director of the MWMHSPO club that mainly resides in Utah. She wanted to ask the club if she could have permission to share and possibly use parts of the clubs by-laws to help the MWMHSPO club rewrite their own by-laws. Jamey motioned that the MWMHSPO club could use our by-laws as long as they reference the IMHC if any part is used. Jennifer Smith seconded motion and it was passed by the club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-March 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 25th TVW open driving @ Birt Arena- 5 activity points

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

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

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

-April 29th Bunny Trail social at Jennifer Green's, starts @1pm- 5 activity points

-May 5-7th 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

-May 27th ISHSA approved SDYHC show @ Payette County Fair Grounds- 10 show points + placing points each day

-May 27th Drew McDannald Clinic @ Whispering Pines Miniature Horse Farm in Nampa- 5 activity points

-June 2-4th SRMHC Breed show in Blackfoot, ID- 10 show points + placing points each day

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

-June 17th IMHC Tack Sale @ Whispering Pines Miniature Horse Farm in Nampa from 9am-1pm

-June 17th ISHSA approved TVEEC show @ Trespere Valley Equine Center in Parma, ID- 10 show points +

placing points

- July 8th IMHC club show (2/3 in Phun-Mini-Buckskin series)- 10 show points + placing points
- July 14-17th MWMHSPO Breed show in Logan, UT- 10 show points + placing points each day
- July 22nd Phantasy Phun show (3/3 in Phun-Mini-Buckskin series)- 10 show points + placing points
- July 22nd ISHSA approved TVEEC show @ Treasure Valley Equine Center in Parma, ID- 10 show points + placing points

Door prize was won by Heather Bunting (Priscilla will bring the prize next time since she missed the meeting)!

Next meeting will be April 13th at Sharon Dudley's house (5020 E Feather Creek Lane, Nampa, ID)
Jamey motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sharon seconded. Motion passed by the club.

Respectfully submitted by your secretary, Valerie Marshall

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Treasurer's report: March's beginning balance is \$5,011.93. Payments are \$00.00. Expenses are: \$30.00 for ISHSA sanction fee and \$40.00 for miscellaneous. Total expenses are \$70.00. Outstanding checks are \$300.00 for the Idaho Horse Council. \$50.00 is still with the secretary. Ending balance for March is \$4,641.93. Sharon made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Felicia seconded the motion and it was passed by the club. Sharon also made a motion for the club to pay Jamey R. back \$239.76 for paying the GoDaddy fee for the website. Melody seconded the motion and it was passed by the club.

OLD BUSINESS

- Idaho Horse Expo(April 7-9th)- Overall review was that the location was better. The noise was a bit much for some horses, but the traffic was better. There are some members that would like to send in an email with suggestions about how the wristbands/tickets could work for those who are volunteering with a club, etc.

- Year-End Awards- Forms have been updated one more time to reflect changes on the Open division, as well as adding activity and show points for online shows and challenges. Please see the website.

- Drew McDannald Clinic (May 27th)- Deposits are due April 15th to Sharon Dudley.

- IMHC Skill Building Day (May 13th)- Heather reported that there will be several to learn about from members, including driving and harnessing. This will be free to members, but non-member adults will be \$10.00 and non-member youth will be \$5.00. Heather will be reaching out to members to see if they are willing to discuss and teach a topic.

- Club Show (July 8th)- Donna reported that the Mini club show was set with judges. PNQHA will be running the Ranch classes at all of the Who Dun It series shows. Buckskin show still needs one more judge, and Phantasy Phun show will not be ISHSA approved, where IMHC and Buckskin will be ISHSA approved. The showbill is still in the works. Donna brought up having buckle sponsorships to help with the cost. Heather said she would send out an email to those who she thinks would want to sponsor a buckle. If you would like to sponsor a buckle and don't hear from Heather, please email her.

NEW BUSINESS

- Emmett Cherry Festival Children's Parade (June 16th)- Heather let members know that the parades check-in is at 520pm, it starts at 630pm. Heather will submit an entry for the club (there is no fee) and the theme is "Cherry Trees and Busy Bees". Please keep an eye on emails as there will be costume advice and more information to come.

- Star 4th of July Parade- It was brought up to see if members would still be interested in participating in the Star 4th of July parade. General consensus was yes, so when more information is available the members will know.

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**Article from Facebook,
submitted by Kathy Clark**

Here are 15 interesting facts about a horse's brain:

1. A horse's brain is relatively small compared to its body size, making up only about 0.1% of its total weight.
2. Despite their small size, horses have very complex brains, with a highly developed cerebral cortex, the part of the brain responsible for conscious thought, decision-making, and memory.
3. Horses are able to learn and remember complex tasks, such as navigating a jumping course or performing a dressage routine, through a process called associative learning.
4. Like humans, horses have a left and a right hemisphere in their brain, each with specialized functions. The left hemisphere is responsible for processing logical and analytical information, while the right hemisphere is more involved in emotional processing and creative thinking.
5. Horses have a strong memory and are able to remember specific people, places, and experiences for many years.
6. Horses are able to learn by observation and are often able to pick up new behaviors and skills simply by watching other horses or humans.



7. Horses have a very sensitive sense of touch and can detect even the slightest pressure or movement on their skin. This helps them to respond to subtle cues from their rider or handler.
8. Horses are able to process visual information very quickly and accurately, allowing them to avoid potential dangers and navigate their environment with ease.
9. Horses are social animals and rely on non-verbal communication to interact with other horses in their herd. This communication is facilitated by the horse's brain, which is able to interpret subtle changes in body language, facial expressions, and vocalizations.

10. Finally, like all animals, horses have a unique personality and individual characteristics that are shaped by their experiences, genetics, and environment, all of which are reflected in their brain function and behavior.

11. Horses have a very strong sense of smell, and their olfactory bulb, which processes smells, is relatively large compared to other parts of their brain.

12. The cerebellum, which is responsible for coordinating movement and balance, is also relatively large in horses. This is because horses need to be able to move quickly and efficiently to escape predators or navigate difficult terrain.

13. Horses have a very high pain threshold, which is thought to be related to the way their brains process pain signals. While this can be beneficial in some situations, it can also mean that horses may not show obvious signs of pain, making it difficult for their caretakers to detect and treat underlying health problems.

14. The hippocampus, a part of the brain involved in learning and memory, is particularly well-developed in horses. This allows them to remember not just specific experiences, but also general concepts and patterns that they can apply to new situations.

15. Finally, studies have shown that horses, like other animals, are capable of experiencing emotions such as fear, happiness, and anger. These emotions are thought to be mediated by the limbic system, a group of interconnected brain structures that play a key role in regulating mood and behavior.

Bits from Various Facebook Posts

Whips Driving Play Day, March 15, 2023, at the Birt Arena

We went to the Treasure Valley Whips Driving Playday today. River did great and we had fun doing obstacles and cones! I think he's ready for obstacle driving at the shows this season. Thank you to the volunteers for putting together a fun & relaxing event! A big thank you to my love for resetting obstacles and being so supportive of me!

Heather Bunting



*Robin Willeman and Valerie Marshall at The Bunny Trail
hosted by Jennifer Green*



Sarah Harrigfeld at the Expo

Please view the Idaho Miniature Horse Club Facebook page for many more photos and comments demonstrating many activities, including play days and shows. Upcoming activities are listed at www.idahominiaturehorseclub.com on the Events page.

HORSE EXPO 2023

from the volunteer list submitted by Jamey Robbins and a couple Facebook posts

Fun afternoon at the Idaho Horse Expo yesterday. We got poured on while hitching up for the breed showcase, but thankfully the weather cleared while we were waiting!

Heather and Jim Bunting



Many thanks to these people who worked the IMHC booth at the Expo, from Friday through Sunday:

Felicia and Amy Humpherys, Jane Steele, Jamey Robbins, Donna Bernardelli, Maria Redinger, Heather and Jim Bunting, Pam MacFarlane and Kathy Clark, Jennifer and Louise Green, Sasrah Harrigfeld and her stepdad David, Robin Willeman and Brenda Paladini.

And, of course, kudos to all who participated in the Breed Presentation on Friday night, also!

Representing show driving was Heather Bunting; Tamara Cook was the carriage driver; and Amy Humpherys was the youth driver. In-Hand folks, modeling Hunter and obstacles, were Melody Walker, Donna Bernardelli, Brenda Paladini, Sarah Harrigfeld, Felicia Humpherys, Maria Redinger, Valerie Marshall, Jennifer and Louise Green, and Jamey Robbins.



“What you can do with a mini horse” demonstration went well! Thank you, Maria and Valerie with Bandit and Bernie!



Bandit and Bernie wowed the audience with their expertise on in-hand obstacles, halter and showmanship, hunter, and costume fun.

Double Point Show Facebook Posts



Felicia Humpherys



Jane Steele

We had an excellent go at the Spring Double Point. Also showed Maddie but did not get any photos of her. Amy won High Point Youth Mini. Reserve High Point Mini In Hand and Reserve High Point Driving Mini.

Felicia Humpherys

IMHC Youth



Amy Humpherys, Louise Green, and Brock Redinger



Had a great fun and long day. Brock managed to actually complete both showmanship and trail patterns without his usual freestyle . It was the first time Brock and Bandit have shown together. They did great. Brock pulled off a reserve champion hi point for mini youth. Good job kiddo and everyone that showed today.

Maria Redinger

River & I won High Point Driving Mini at the Spring Double Point yesterday! It was a very nice surprise ending for the day.

Jim is the most supportive, patient and helpful hubby a lady could ask for. I am truly blessed.

River and I have made so much progress this year in driving and in hand taking lessons with Maria Redinger (Red Dot Ranch LLC). She is an awesome coach and so appreciated!

Heather Bunting



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

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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Want to submit something for the newsletter?

Want to list equine-related objects for sale on the website? Want your business card added to the business page on the club's website (must be approved by the Board first)?

***Contact Pam MacFarlane, 208-922-1685 or pete_macfarlane@hotmail.com,
or Jamey Robbins, 208-870-3660 or jameyandshady@gmail.com.***

***Want to share something on the
Facebook page?***

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