



## IMHC Spring 2024 Newsletter

Officers guiding the club this year are:

President: Heather Bunting

Vice President: Jennifer Green

Secretary: Valerie Marshall

Treasurer: Donna Bernardelli

Directors: Jamey Robbins, Sharon Dudley, and Maria Redinger

**The April meeting has been rescheduled to April 18!!**

### Idaho Miniature Horse Club March 14 General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of March 14th, 2024, at Sharon's house, 5020 E Feather Creek Ln., Nampa, ID.

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

Those in attendance: Valerie Marshall, Donna Bernardelli, Jennifer Green, Jennifer Smith, Kelli Phillips, Pam MacFarlane, Tamara Cook, Melody Walker, Kathy Clark, Heather and Jim Bunting, Donna Gramarossa, Tesla Driesel, Pat Granere, and Sharon Dudley.

**January's secretary minutes** were reviewed. Sharon motioned to accept the minutes as they were published, and Jennifer S. seconded it. Motion passed by the club.

**Treasurer's report:** January's beginning balance is \$1,923.65. Payments are \$50.43 from the Year-end awards, \$85.00 from memberships. Total payments: \$135.43. Expenses are: \$100.00 for the year-end awards venue at Gem and Tonic, \$57.10 for Emmett Floral. Total expenses: \$157.10. Ending balance for January is \$1,901.98. Sharon made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Kelli P. seconded the motion, and it was passed by the club. **\*\*Audit needs to be scheduled within the next couple of months.\*\***

#### OLD BUSINESS

-2024 Declaration Forms Reminder: Declarations are due March 25th for points to count from October 6th, 2023. Declarations can be turned at any time, points won't start to count until forms are turned in and fees paid.

-Club Show: Donna is prepared to send in the showbill to ISHSA. Breed classes for riding may be added. A trail judge is still needed. Robin W. is going to let the judges stay at her home, which saves expenses while the judges are in town. Thank you, Robin!

-Silent Auction: Kelli P. is in charge of the auction this year. Please get in contact with her if you have anything to donate or would like to help in any way.

-Youth Grant/Scholarship Committee: Jennifer Green said the committee met twice since the last meeting. She provided information that this scholarship was made for 2 youths per year, ages (6-11) and (12-18) with a maximum sponsorship of \$100.00 to be used for a variety of items, including, but not limited to: horse tack, entry fees, education, feed, dental, parade costumes, farrier, etc. Youth can apply for this opportunity once a year. The youth that can apply have to be a club member for a year, fill out an application form, volunteer for a youth sponsorship, and come to a club meeting and tell how they used the money from the sponsorship.

Kathy Clark has donated one lesson per child and a lesson for the silent auction, with any

proceeds from that to go straight towards the youth sponsorship. It was also discussed to make signs for the club show to let people know they can donate to the youth sponsorship if they want. The fund is already starting out with a donation of \$600.00! The committee members are already starting to get ideas for more fundraisers. They are trying to put together a food-related fundraiser, and already have someone that is food handling certified that is willing to help, whether it be at a show or elsewhere.

Jennifer, Lou, and Felicia will be at Tractor Supply in Middleton on 3/16 from 10am-5pm with one mini to let people take St. Patrick's themed pictures. This will be a good event to ask for donations and get more outreach to the community. Jennifer asked for approval from the club if this outing could be under the club's insurance. Heather would need to ask the insurance and get back to Jennifer. Pat made a motion for the club to endorse this activity if insurance approves. Tania seconded the motion, and it was passed by the club.

-Parade America: Jennifer Green let the club know this parade will be May 15th. "Let Freedom Ring" is the theme. You can dress up for Armed Forces, Navy, First Responders, etc. More information will be posted soon, but this parade will be long (2.5 miles) and busy. The fee is \$25.00 to enter. Jennifer wanted to ask club members if they wanted to participate as the club. Sharon made a motion for the club to pay the fee and participate in the parade. Kelli seconded the motion, and it was passed by the club.

-Bunny Trail: Jennifer Green is holding this fun event at her place in Weiser on April 20th at 11am. A flyer will be posted when this event gets closer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

-Idaho Horse Expo: April 5-7 at the Idaho Horse Park. Breed demonstration for the minis will be on Friday at 2:30pm. We will be sharing a double booth with the WHIPS club. Sign-ups are available for the booth. If you are interested in signing up get in contact with Donna B. or Jamey.

-WISK Sponsorship: Valerie brought in a form to see if the club would be willing to sponsor or donate anything towards the WISK show in May. Heather let the members know that the club could sponsor specific classes, donate a certain amount, or pay a show sponsorship fee of \$250.00. Donna B. made a motion that the club pay a show sponsorship of \$250.00. Sharon seconded the motion, and it was passed by the club.

-Cherry Festival, Children's Parade: This parade will be on June 14th, 6:30pm in Emmett. Theme is "Let The Cherry Times Roll". There will be more information available when it is posted.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS- REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR EVENT UPDATES.**

-March 15, & 22 TVPHC Winter Warm Up Show Series at Birt Arena- 5 show points + placing points for each show- Halter and showmanship classes for minis

-April 5-7 Idaho Horse Expo- 5 Activity point

-April 12-14 ISHSA Spring Double Point- 10 show points each day + placing points\*\*

Mini in-hand and driving classes are on Saturday 4/13 & in-hand trail is on 4/14

-April 27-28 TVW Bombproofing Playday- 5 Activity points

-May 4-5 WISK Breed show at Caldwell Fairgrounds- 10 Show points each day + placing points\*\*

-May 11th Buckskin show at Birt Arena (1st in Buckle series)- 10 show points + placing points

- May 25th SDYHC Show at Payette County Fairgrounds- 10 show points + placing points
  - May 31-June 2 SRMHC Breed show in Blackfoot, ID- 10 show points each day + placing points\*\*
  - June 8th IMHC Show at Birt Arena (2nd in Buckle series)- 10 show points + placing points
  - July 19-21 MWMHSPO Breed show in Logan, UT- 10 show points each day + placing points\*\*
  - September 28-29th ISHSA Fall Double Point at the Idaho Horse Park- 10 show points + placing points\*\*
- \*\* Be sure to count points from all judges.

Door prize was won by Heather!

Sharon motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kathy seconded. Motion passed by the club.

Next meeting will be April 11th, 2024, at Sharon Dudley's house, 5020 E Feather Creek, Nampa, ID at 6:30pm. Please bring a chair as seating may be limited.

Respectfully submitted by your Secretary, Valerie Marshall

## Ahhh...SPRING!



*Val's Bernie enjoying fresh straw*



*Hungry bee feasting on pussywillow pollen*



*Better than a barn cat? Jennifer Smith's hen with a mouse-ful....*

## YOUTH on the Move!

I was so excited to finally get our journal so we could see Amy and Sobe's ad. Thanks to Shawna Holt for doing the ad and making it a great experience for the first time at submitting a Journal ad.

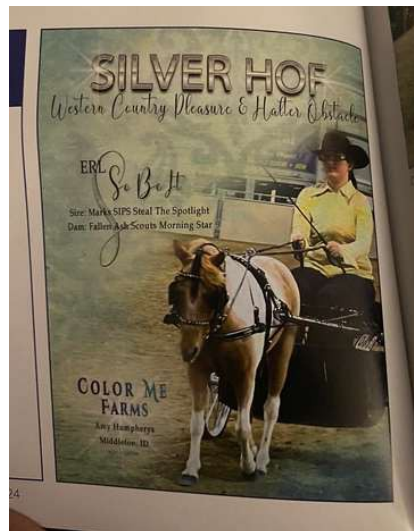
Felicia Humpherys



*Brock and Charlie*

So proud of this kiddo. He is taking on a challenge of another new horse Charlie. Thank you Sharon Dudley for sharing the cuteness. This was their first time out at Birt Arena. We took a walk around the grounds, took some cute photos and some halter photos for the online show. Then he went in to compete with Ace. He beat his momma in halter! Then in the 11&under showmanship did one of his best showmanship runs he's done. Every time this team goes out they get better.

Maria Redinger



*Amy and Sobe*

## Youth Grant Fund-Raiser at the Middleton TSC

IMHC set up at the Middleton Tractor Supply farmer's market with Lou Green and Sobe, and later with Millie, too. Many customers expressed interest in and asked questions about the minis, and they appreciated the opportunity to caress a friendly nose or neck. People taking pictures of themselves and a horse were generous with a donation to this Youth Fund-Raiser. Many thanks to Kelli Phillips, Felicia Humpherys, Jennifer Smith, and Jennifer and Lou Green, for co-ordinating the time and place plus the creativity, and for making this a definite success!

Pam



*Lou Green with Sobe*

## March Schooling Shows

First out on the town show. All new ponies. Brock did amazing with Ace, I can't wait for them to grow together this year. Zip was very anxious with all the wind and rain noise. Great to see so many minis out tonight 12 in halter and 10 in showmanship! Woot woot!! 12 minis were at the first of 4 schooling shows this month! Way to go to everyone that got out there!!! Let the fun begin!



Brock and Maria Redinger with Ace and Zip

3rd schooling show in the books! Candy gets better every time, but still has her wiggles 😄 All of the schooling shows have had 10-12 minis each time, so the baby isn't placing... But she's getting the experience!

Val Marshall



Candy



It was strange having just boys at the show but we had an awesome evening!

SP Red's Truly Hot E with Amy Humpherys took 5th in Halter out of 12 horses and 7th out of 10 In showmanship. Want to thank Sara Stuchlik for allowing Amy to lease him.



Mini Persuasion PJ Heartbreaker with Jane L Steele took 2nd in halter out of 12. Thanks Debbie Emery for allowing us to have him.



MJM Drink n Beer did not place but he was well behaved for his first time to town which is a win in my book. Thanks Shawna Holt for allowing us to get him and can't wait for his first breed show. No worries! Elsa, Maddie, Snow, and Sobe will be shown as well this year.

Felicia Humphreys



## Sharon Dudley's Barn: WOW!

Sharon and her husband started last February marking out the expansion, digging footings, then framing and roofing and some inside pictures. We went from about 600 sq ft, 3 stalls enclosed shed row style, and ended up with 1400 sq ft center aisle with 5 larger stalls on one side and a large storage area on the other side. Not sure we'll ever be truly finished, but it's darn close.

Thanks for sharing, Sharon!



# ANNOUNCING!



Everyone, meet my new project - Hyde Away Ranch Blue Phantom (or Tommy) - two year old.

Donna Bernardelli



Spring Double Point Show information is available at [ISHSA.info](http://ISHSA.info).

Halter, Showmanship, Hunter, and Driving classes for minis/small ponies are on Saturday, April 13.

In-Hand Trail is on Sunday, Apr. 14.

To submit photos or an article of your own, email Pam MacFarlane, [pete\\_macfarlane@hotmail.com](mailto:pete_macfarlane@hotmail.com).

To post items for sale on the website, contact Jamey, 208-870 3660 (cell), or Pam, 208-922-1685 (landline, no texts)

To submit an event or photos to Facebook, contact Val Marshall, 541-215-3732.

## 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  
Youth Grant/Scholarship: Jennifer Smith, Jennifer Green, Kelli Phillips, Felicia Humpherys, and Pam MacFarlane

## *Services 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](mailto:bpaladini12@gmail.com).



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Maria and Valerie have started out loving minis and ponies from a young age. Both went through 4-H and loved every second. Maria specializes in the driving training, while Valerie specializes with the in-hand training. Crafting has also been in their interests in the last couple of years. Keychains and wood-burning are some of the many things they can do. Custom orders are welcome! Please reach out with any questions or interests.

**Miniature horse & Pony training-  
In hand & Driving  
Wood Burning |  
Crafts | Custom Orders**

\*Photos taken by Casey McBride in 2022 @ AMHR Nationals.

Treasure Valley of Idaho @RedDotRanchLLC

Red Dot Ranch, aka Maria Redinger and Valerie Marshall, are excellent at all things in hand and driving. Contact them for lessons and training. They can help you achieve your goals to make a great partner in the show ring, at home or on the trail.

By Heather Bunting

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