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KEL-MAC SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER
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Barbara Cumming, working the the Kel-Mac table at the September 2021 Horse Show with her trademark smile. Photo courtesy of Katie Williams Photography.

President's Report, by Susan McCullar

Barbara Cumming

This special lady to will be greatly missed by Kel-Mac Saddle Club folks. Barbara played a vital part role in Kel-Mac missions for many years. Her real passion for most of her life was horses. Her children participated in 4-H while they were growing up, and Barbara and Jim were 4-H volunteers and leaders more many years. They touched the lives of so many kids with their love, knowledge, and enthusiasm. Their children joined Barbara in showing at Kel-Mac, as did their grandsons. Trail rides were such fun for all of them. Whether it was the day rides or weekend camping trips, Barbara was there bringing her happiness to be on the back of a horse! Swapping stories and laughs sitting around the campfire were best for she and Jim.

For many years, Barbara and Susie worked as an amazing duo to run the Kel-Mac Horse Shows. This year's Horse Show season will be dedicated to Barbara. We plan to have a Barbara Cumming Memorial Ride later on this year. We hope to do something special in honor of her at a favorite park. A Barbara Cumming Memorial Scholarship Fund has already been started. Please consider making a donation to this fund. We welcome any other ideas as to how to honor our friend, Barbara.

**Minutes of Kel-Mac Saddle Club
Feb 15, 2022 at the Watkinsville Library**

President Susan McCullar called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Our speaker for the evening was Katie Ellis, DVM, MS, DACVSMR, from UGA College of Veterinary Medicine. Her topic was "Equine Physiotherapy Exercises and the Use of Acupuncture." Dr. Ellis discussed exercises that owners can do with their horses to increase their flexibility and strength, and to decrease pain. Dr. Ellis described how acupuncture is used to reduce both pain and stress. There are three types of acupuncture: dry needle, electro, and aqua puncture. She also briefly discussed the use of chiropractic manipulation to help restore range of motion, increase flexibility, and decrease pain. It was a very interesting session, and we thank Dr Ellis for sharing her time and expertise.

Trail report, by Sharon Wood

Kel-Mac will hold a "Come Ride with Us" event at Heritage Park in Farmington, on April 2. Trail riding groups will head out onto the trails at 10AM. This ride will hopefully encourage new riders, or riders who are new to the area, to come out and experience trail riding with Kel-Mac riders. We will split riders into small groups, and Kel-Mac members will lead the rides. Lunch will be served afterwards; sandwiches, and hot dogs are being considered for the menu. We have been granted free use of the covered arena and concession stand area, mainly because the Park leadership appreciates the many volunteer hours that Kel-Mac members have donated to Heritage Park. Andy Dunston, the Heritage Park Supervisor, will co-host this event to help promote Park volunteerism. We hope to advertise this "Come Ride With Us" event in many forms: flyers at feed stores, Athens Area Horse Community Facebook page and newsletter, the Kel-Mac Club website and Facebook page, and in print media. Lori Williams has prepared a press release to be sent to 17 different publications. Gloria Belvan and Sharon Wood volunteered to work on flyers to distribute to the public. One suggestion was to ask farriers and ambulatory veterinarians to distribute these announcements to local clients.

Upcoming trail rides:

Feb 26-28: Watson Mill camping trip; Rosemary Vogel is coordinator

March 5: day ride at Sandy Creek

March 19: AH Stephens camping trip

April 2: Heritage Park (changed from Harbin's Park)

Treasurer's report, by Rosemary Vogel

Beginning balance (Jan 28): \$7324.48

Ending balance (Feb 15): \$7231.14

Paint supplies for refreshing the jumps, show ribbons, and office supplies were purchased. To date, total membership income is \$932.00 and total sponsorship income is \$1,860.00.

Show Committee report, by Susie Cottongim

Suzie reported that ribbons have been purchased for the 2022 show season. It was decided that Feb 28 is the deadline for sponsors to be listed on the show program.

Meeting Discussion

Sally Rogers, our trail judge, asked for ideas for obstacles to be included in trail classes.

Kel-Mac plans to have an obstacle day this year.

Upcoming Events

March 12: State Park Workday. Please come out and volunteer at Hard Labor Creek, Watson's Mill, or AH Stephens State Parks. We use their trails, so we should support efforts to keep the trails open and in good condition.

March 15: Paulette Brown of Redux Equine Rescue will be our Kel-Mac speaker

March 26: Athens Area Horse Community Tack Sale at White Dog Farm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Puryear, Secretary

Show Chairperson Report, by Susie Cottongim

"If you must remember me, one thing I ask of thee. Remember me with love and laughter or remember me not at all." These words have been my mantra in dealing with loss, and I have been using them a lot lately. Remembering Barbara with love and laughter should be easy, but at times it is hard, but that's what she would have wanted.

I always said I couldn't be show chairman without Barbara, but now I hope to make a liar of

myself. Fellow club members are stepping up, and we will be doing our best. Help when you can.

As with every year we ask you reread the rules and decide on your name and your horse's name for the year. Practice hard, and remember how lucky we are to have horses in our lives. Horsemanship, Sportsmanship and Friendship are our goals, and Barbara will be watching.

Vice President's Report, by Lisa Williamson

Our Meeting this month will be held at the Watkinsville Library, at 1080 Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677 on March 15. Paulette Brown will tell us what inspired her to create ReDux Equine Rescue on her beautiful farm in Colbert, Georgia. This Rescue is unique in that they work with local trainers to rehab the rescue horses' minds as well as their bodies. Their goal is to place these horses in new homes where they will be a useful and willing partner. The Meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Feel free to come early (anytime after 6:30 PM) to socialize.

March 12th is the State Park Workday. Please consider helping out for a few hours at your favorite Park with horse trails on that Saturday. Your efforts make the Parks more enjoyable for us all, and demonstrates to the Park Managers that horse people show up and get things done.

2022 Trail Rider's Schedule

January: no camping

Day Ride 22nd Harbins 11:00 am
Day Ride 29th Watson Mill 11:00 am

February

Day Ride 12th Heritage 11:00 am
Camping 25th – 27th Watson Mill Coordinator: Rosemary

March

Day Ride 5th Sandy Creek 11:00 am
Camping 18th-20th AH Stephens Coordinator: Renay

April

Day Ride 2nd Heritage Park 10:00 am "Come Ride With Us" Event
Camping 22nd – 24th Fell Hunt Coordinator TBA

May

Day Ride 28th AH Stephens 10:00 am
Camping 20th – 22nd Willis Knob Coordinator: Rosemary

June

Day Ride 4th Hard Labor Creek 10:00 am
Camping 17th – 19th Ft. Mountain Coordinator: Sharon

July: no camping

Day Ride 9th Heritage 9:00 am
Day Ride 23rd Monticello 10:00 am

August

Day Ride 6th Sandy Creek 9:00 am
Day Ride 20th Monticello 10:00 am
No Camping

September

Day Ride 24th Watson Mill 10:00 am
Camping 2nd- 4th Lakeview Plantation Coordinator: Debbie

October

Day Ride 22nd Heritage 10:00 am
Camping Sept. 30th – Oct. 2nd Croft Coordinator: Sharon

November

Day Ride 19th Hard Labor Creek 10:00 am
Camping 11th – 13th AH Stephens Coordinator: Kay

December: no camping

Day Ride 10th Frady Branch 11:00 am
Day Ride 17th Heritage 11:00 am

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Lori Williams: friend of Kel-Mac

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