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**KEL-MAC SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2022**

Kel Mac Minutes, August 16, 2022

The meeting was held at the Morgan County Ag Center. It was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice President Lisa Williamson.

Minutes from the July meeting were approved as published in the August 1 newsletter.

Trail Report

A Kel-Mac camping trip is planned for Fort Mountain on Sept 2-4. If you plan to go, please contact Rebecca Kilgore at (706) 429-5075.

A day ride is scheduled for Sept 24 at Watson Mill State Park. A park work-day is scheduled for this same day, so Sharon will send an email with change of either place or date.

A second "Meet and Greet" Ride has been scheduled for Oct 22 at Heritage Park. Sharon will be getting a flyer out for distribution.

Treasurer's Report

Rosemary reported that there have been no changes to the balance in the past 30 days.

Beginning balance \$16,401.79

Ending balance-\$16,401.79

Show Report

Susie said everything is set for the September show on September 17th. Our judge will be Andre' Macabo. We need volunteers to help set up the jump course, check the equipment, and assign stalls on Friday, September 16. We will start set up at 1:30-2:00pm. Please come out and help.

The October show is scheduled for October 8, with Cheryl Pritchard as our judge.

We will need volunteers for set up on Friday, Oct 7. If you have questions, please call Susie Cottongim at (706) 342-3775.

New Business

The September meeting will be on September 20 at the Watkinsville Library at 7pm. Valerie Puryear is our speaker. I plan to share pictures of Nina Kloss' and my week-long trail ride in North Yosemite. I'll try not to bore everyone with my travelog!

The October meeting will be on October 18 at the Watkinsville Library. Our speaker will be Dr Kylee Duberstein, Associate Professor in the UGA Animal and Dairy Sciences Program. We will also hold nominations for next year's officers. Please consider serving. The current officers will be happy to support you!

A discussion was held that the Club should consider adding an officer position of Show Secretary. This person would handle some of the tasks necessary to hold our shows. Again, this position would be supported by the Show Chair, Club Secretary, and Treasurer.

All business concluded, Lisa introduced our speaker, Lucy Ray. Lucy is an Extension Agent, and she also the 4-H Equine Advisor for Morgan County.

Lucy gave us some history of ranch riding. The classes began due to the changes that have occurred in western pleasure shows. The purpose of ranch riding classes is to show horses that can do more than one event, and to show them as true "using horses". Horses are shown in a natural frame. They are asked to perform a walk, extended walk, trot (rather than a very slow jog), an extended trot, and a canter. Tack with a lot of silver or other bling on it is discouraged, but is not penalized. Use of a breast collar and rear cinch strap is encouraged,

but not required. Split reins are preferred, but Romel reins can be used with a shank bit. Leg protection equipment is not allowed except in reining classes. Riders show in regular working attire (jeans, shirt, western hat or helmet, western boots). Chaps or chinks are fine. Horses should not have braided or banded manes, and hooves should be natural colored (no hoof polish). Ranch riding classes involve a prescribed pattern and an obstacle. Ranch reining is much the same, but the pattern is more complex (spins, stops).

After our introduction to ranch riding by Lucy, Natalie Ross, Lendon Reeder, Michaela Bryant, and Moira Taber gave us a demonstration of ranch riding and ranch reining on their well-trained horses. They made it look effortless. Thank you, riders, and Lucy, for all the information!

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Puryear
Kel-Mac Secretary



Lucy Ray is shown talking to Kel-Mac Members at the Morgan County Ag Center. Behind her, mounted on their horses (from left to right) are Lendon Reeder, Natalie Ross, Michala Bryant, and Moira Tabor. The riders provided us with a demonstration of patterns and maneuvers seen in ranch classes.

Susan McCullar, Kel-Mac President

September is here, which means it's time for a Kel-Mac Horse Show! Did you realize Kel-Mac has sponsored four horse shows each year for the past 46 years?! This Fall, new classes have been added, and a re-designed jumping course will be available for the fall shows on September 17 and October 8.

Traditionally, classes include Hunter, Equitation, Western Pleasure, Gaited, Trail Obstacles, Halter/Horsemanship, and Costume contest (October show). New classes of Ranch Riding and Ranch Reining have now been added. These classes are popular with Western riders because they promote a working dress and tack style with an emphasis on function, and they have riding patterns with an emphasis on work done on a ranch.

The revised Show Sheet is available at Kel-Mac.com, and is most likely posted at your favorite feed store too. Come join us at the Morgan County Ag Center in Madison as a rider or

spectator. The food is great at the Concession Stand!

Susie Cottongim, Show Chairperson

Ready, Set, Show!

We always look forward to the fall shows. Sometimes there is the hint of cooler weather to come and other times at the shows we can't believe the heat. The spring shows did well, and we are excited with the fall schedule. We cancelled some classes that had no entries and combined them into open classes. After seeing how much fun our Ranch horse demonstration riders had at our August meeting doing the patterns, some of us are thinking of glueing a fake saddle horn on our English saddles and having a go. Please support your classes.

Again, thanks to Valerie and Rosemary for stepping up to make sure all the bases were covered for the shows. Please let them know how much they are appreciated.

As usual, for the shows to be successful, we need our volunteers. Maybe they're not "super heroes" but sure come close to it. Please pay attention to the show changes and be prepared to enjoy. Also, remember Friday, prep day, settling up jumps and getting ready to roll.

Lisa Williamson, Vice President

Athena Athletes Vaulting Team Coaches, Savannah Rose and Casey Mauro, and Team Members Amber Turnbull, Victoria Drummond, and Allie Duberstein provided Kel-Mac Members with an amazing display of beauty, fearlessness, strength, and horsemanship on August 2 at Seclusion Farm. Dante the "wonder horse", maintained a rhythmic walk, trot and canter while his human team mates defied gravity on his back. I've included a few images of the demonstration below, as words can't do it justice. Thank you, Athena Athletes Vaulting Team, for this wonderful demonstration.



Dante, a North American Spotted Draft Horse gelding, is pictured with his Team Members. Standing from rom left to right: Coaches Savannah Rose, Coach Casey Mauro, and Team Members Amber Turnbull, Victoria Drummond, and Allie Duberstein.







Heritage Park Updates, by Jeanne Barsanti

Work Day, Tuesday September 27 with rain date of October 4

Public Lands Day on Saturday September 24 provides many opportunities to volunteer at local State Parks and US Forest Service land. To avoid conflict with that date, I am scheduling a work day at Heritage Park on Tuesday, Sept 27, with a rain back-up date of Tuesday, October 4. The time would be 9 am to noon. The main tasks will focus on horse bridge 3 (the one closest to the horse trail exit). We will remove as much of the dirt from that bridge as possible to avoid another board failure. We will try to reestablish better water drainage down the hill to slow the dirt from building up again. We will remove as much of that slippery plastic as

possible. This bridge is fairly easy to access via the “road” behind the historic cabins. If you would like to volunteer, but don’t feel up to this physical labor, I would welcome assistance with a lunch at the arena to follow the work in the morning. If we have enough volunteers, I will schedule some additional tasks. Please let me (barsanti@bellsouth.net, 706-621-1257) know by Friday September 23 if you think you will be coming so I can plan for the tasks and for the lunch.

Eleagnus (Autumn Olive) Removal

Eleagnus removal will begin on Tuesday October 25. Other dates will be Tuesdays, November 8 and 22nd, Tuesdays December 6 and 20, Tuesdays Jan 3 and 21, and Tuesday February 7. There will be 2 removal dates on Mondays, Jan 16 (MLK Day of service), and Feb 20 (school holiday). Although we have made good progress with removal of this terrible invasive plant, there is still lots to kill. Killing the plant involves cutting it close to the ground and spraying it within 15 seconds. It does not need to be dug up, which makes the work much easier.

Bridge 1 Board Replacement

The Parks Department has obtained the needed board and it is now drying. Once it is treated, it will be replaced by the Parks Department. They say this work will be accomplished as soon as possible, hopefully within a week. Once that is done, Dayle and I will take down the signs on the detour and make it less obvious. There are bikers using the temporary horse detour, which they should not be doing. Unfortunately, there is no signage relating to “no bikes”, since the horse use is temporary and the “trail” will be closed once the board is replaced. Please be careful.

Hope you all are enjoying your Heritage rides. We are fortunate to have this Park.

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