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**KEL-MAC SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER
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**MINUTES OF KEL-MAC SADDLE CLUB MEETING
November 16, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President, David Yann, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oconee County Library in Watsonville.

Secretary's Report

The October minutes were approved as published in the November 1 Kel-Mac Monthly Newsletter

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$5,925.10
Withdrawals	-\$160.00 (estimate)
Ending Balance	\$5,765.10

Show Report

Don't forget the upcoming Banquet. Those that went to the Shop 'Til-You-Drop Event said it was a lot of fun, but not as much as when they were able to go to Hamp's Shop. Everyone truly misses that experience. Trophies have been ordered and ready for presentation at the Banquet.

Mark your calendars with next year's show dates:

April 9

May 14

September 17

October 8

Please start getting those sponsors in for 2022. Last year we did not seek sponsorships due to the lack of shows the previous year. We rolled those sponsors over to 2021.

Trail Report

Sharon Wood noted that the Croft camping trip was a little chilly, but the riding was spectacular with the changing color of the leaves. And, another bonus, there were no bees!

In December, there will be two day-rides in lieu of a campout. If your heart's desire is to camp from December 26 to December 30, contact Dave Yann. He is planning on going somewhere with the horses in Florida at that time.

1. Day Ride: December 4: A. H. Stephens, 10:00 a.m.

Kel-Mac members will also be clearing an area for a new picnic table.

2. Day Ride: December 18, Watson Mill 10:00 a.m.

The 2022 Trail Ride Schedule will be discussed on January 2, 2022 at Sharon Wood's house.

Jim Cumming announced that a Wagon Train is scheduled for March 25-27 in Kite, GA. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes Friday night hot dogs. On Saturday, will be a pot-luck meal with music. Camping is primitive. More information will be provided closer to the event.

New Business

The Awards Banquet at Bonners in Buckhead will be held December 5th. Arrival time is 4:30 p.m.. Meal prices: adults: \$13; ages 5-10: \$9, and folks 4 years old and under: free. Kel-Mac will pay the taxes and the gratuity.

Valerie Puryear discussed an upcoming State 4-H Show Event scheduled for January 14-16th, 2022 at the Morgan County Agricultural Center in Madison. On Friday, speed events are scheduled. Saturday's scheduled includes jumping, English flat classes, and dressage. On Sunday, western pleasure and gaited classes are scheduled. Kel-Mac members will have a booth to distribute information regarding the Club.

Nominations and Voting for 2022 Officers

President: Susan McCullar

Vice President: Lisa Williamson

Secretary: Valerie Puryear

Treasurer: Rosemary Vogel

Trail Boss: Sharon Wood

Show Chairpersons: Susie Cottongim & Barbara Cumming

Recipient of Show Funds

Due to the smaller size of our shows this year, we are only awarding money to one charity. The Morgan County Christmas Stocking (Morgan County Sheriff's Dept) will receive a donation of \$300. They provide help for us on Fridays prior to the shows by unloading and setting up the jumps.

The next Kel-Mac meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2022 at the Oconee County Library in Watkinsville, unless otherwise published.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Rosemary Vogel, Secretary

Dear Kel-Mac members,

Our show attendance this year was very low. This was mainly due to covid and the fact that our 2019 shows had to be cancelled. We will be trying hard to get more participants at the 2022 shows, and to get some new members for the Club.

There is a 3-day 4-H Horse Show at the Morgan County Ag Center January 14-16. On day 2 and 3, many of the English and Western classes are being held. These are the riders we want competing at our shows! What an opportunity to increase rider attendance at our 2022 shows. Kel-Mac is loaning our jumps to 4-H for use at the show. In exchange, 4-H is waiving the sponsorship fee for us. We will be able to display our Club banners, be listed as a show sponsor, and also have a table at the show. We will distribute club information, 2022 show sheets, and membership forms.

Now, the pitch! We need volunteers to help man the table! If you can give Kel-Mac 2 hours or more, on Saturday

January 15th, or Sunday, January 16, we can really use your help. All you have to do is sit at the table and be friendly. Please consider volunteering and helping the Club. We could really use more participation at our shows, and some new members! Please contact me if you can volunteer. My email address is vpuryear@gmail.com

Thank you!
Valerie Puryear
2022 Secretary



Kel-Mac folks shown at Heritage Park on November 9th prior to heading to the trails to remove invasive autumn olive plants. From left to right: Gary Burton, Jeanne Barsanti, Dayle Faulkner, Lisa Williamson and Linda Kundell. Future work days: Tuesday December 7, Tuesday December 21, Tuesday January 4, Monday January 17, Tuesday February 1, and Tuesday February 15th. Volunteers needed! Participate on foot, bring an all terrain vehicle, or bring the ultimate all terrain vehicle, your trusty trail horse. Cutting tools and weed killer spray are provided. Pre-register at oconeecounty.com/HeritagePark