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

**Kel Mac Minutes March 15, 2022
Watkinsville Public Library**

The Meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Susan McCullar.

The trail report was given first, since Sharon Woods had to leave early.

Lisa Williamson introduced the evening's speaker, Paulette Brown, owner of ReDux Equine Rescue. ReDux is a 501C3 non-profit organization that evaluates, rehabilitates, and re-educates rescued horses. Paulette's equine rescue experience started in January 2021 when

she was recruited to help save 50+ neglected horses in a sheriff seizure in Tennessee. Paulette and her friends rescued 16 of these horses from the slaughter pipeline. She brought 5 of the abused horses to her personal farm that night. That event was the catalyst for starting ReDux Equine Rescue. Currently, ReDux has 9 resident rescue horses that are all in various stages of training. Redux works with a very small staff of trainers and volunteers. They welcome knowledgeable volunteers to work with their horses. There are some events and workdays planned for the near future to help raise money to support the horses. You can follow them on Facebook at Redux Rescue, or contact them by email at: Reduxequinerescue@gmail.com.

Trail report

Upcoming events:

March 18-20 Camping trip at AH Stephens: coordinator, Renay Strickland

April 2: "Meet and Greet" day ride at Heritage Park. Ride out time is 11am. Kel-Mac will provide lunch. Contact: Lisa Williamson lisa1@uga.edu or Sharon Wood (706) 614-0351 for more information, and to volunteer to help with lunch, and/or lead a ride.

April 22-24: camping trip at Fell Hunt; Rosemary Vogel coordinator

May 20-22: camp trip at Willis Knob; Rosemary Vogel coordinator

May 28: day ride at AH Stephens

Show committee report:

Susie passed out show flyers and asked that members get them distributed to the public. Please take one by your feed store, post at your barn, give to your farrier, and hand them out to friends.

Our first show of the year is April 9th. We need volunteers to help out in every role! Show begins at 9am. Registration begins at 8am.

Show set up is on Friday, April 8, we will meet at the Ag Center at 2 pm to set up. Please come give us a hand.

Treasure's report:

Starting balance: \$7,231.14

Total deposits: \$4,448.79

Ending balance: \$11,253.88

Total memberships: \$1,030.00

Sponsorships: \$2,430.00

Scholarship donations: \$3,700.00

Discussion of the Barbara Cumming Memorial Scholarship followed. Membership voted to increase the amount from \$500 to \$1,000. Applicants can be high school seniors, or students enrolled in post secondary programs. They must be current, active members of Kel-Mac. Scholarship applications are now available. A scholarship committee will select the recipient.

Old Business

The website is being reworked so that it will be more secure. We hope to attach downloadable forms to the website.

Lori Williams is working on press releases for the club to publicize our shows, and the Meet and Greet Ride at Heritage Park, April 2.

We are having a sign made to go up in front of the show grounds advertising the show to the public.

T-shirt inventory is good. We will need to order two dozen more short sleeve shirts. Colors requested were teal, navy, and sky blue.

Several new members were introduced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Puryear, Secretary



Paulette Brown (standing) and her trainer, Meg (seated) came to our March Meeting to represent ReDux Equine Rescue. Paulette showed pictures of the current residents, and told us the circumstances that led to their rescue.

State Park Work Day

Hard Labor Creek State Park, by Lisa Williamson

On March 12, 12 volunteers braved the chilly temperatures and high winds to do maintenance work around the Hard Labor Creek State Park horse stables. Park employees Stephen Davis (assistant manager), Emily Smith (naturalist), and Jeff Pritchett (maintenance crew) worked hard along with the volunteers. Sharon McCullough, Dayle Faulkner and Jeanne Barsanti (Friends of Hard Labor Creek State Park) organized the volunteer force. The following tasks were accomplished: stall mats were leveled, crush and run gravel was shoveled around hitching posts, drainage for the manure dump area was established, and barn tools were repaired. Below: pictures from the HLCSP work-day.





Watson Mill Bridge State Park Work Day, by Rosemary Vogel

In spite of the cold windy day, we had a successful day, and accomplished all but one of our projects. Due to the high winds and the muddy trails, we did not install the barrier around the water pump at the picnic area. That task can easily be done with a few of us going out on a nice spring day. What we did accomplish was the following:

- Cleaned up the down branches and brush from the equestrian parking area to the rest rooms
- Repaired one hitching post at equestrian area, and installed another hitching post by the rest rooms
- Assembled a bulletin board and placed it by the office. This board will be used for upcoming activities and future events throughout the park.

· Displayed the sign that instructs riders how to park their horse trailers in the day-ride staging area. Another sign will be placed along the exit area, which will instruct those coming out of the campsite area.

In addition to working on projects, we had our Annual Meeting. We are proud to say we added another member to the Board. Welcome to the Friend's Group, Arlene Williams. She has been helpful throughout the year with the work-day and our Annual Halloween Hay ride in 2021.



Volunteers at Watson Mill State Park. Image courtesy of Rosemary Vogel

President's Message, by Susan McCullar

All of us are excited to see the many signs that spring is here! It's fun to put away those horse blankets and our heavy coats! There's lot's of exciting things going on within the Kel-Mac organization. Several fun camping trail rides are planned, as well day rides (once the rains stopped coming on Saturdays). Many fellow Kel-Mac riders are getting together during the week to enjoy rides.

At the end of our March meeting, we took time to share our favorite things about being members of Kel-Mac: friendships, trail rides, and great programs topped the list. The Barbara Reilly Cummings Scholarship Fund keeps growing, as so many special friends and family of Barbara give as an outpouring of love for Barbara. Jim is so appreciative of each gift. The

scholarship application form was re-worked to make it more concise, and more focused on the strong volunteer values that Barbara demonstrated throughout her life. The application was sent in an email this past week, but if you need a copy, please let us know. The scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded to qualified Kel-Mac members in college or planning to attend college in the Fall.

April will be a busy month for Kel-Mac. On April 2nd, we have a Meet and Greet Trail Ride at Heritage Park. We hope numerous trail riders in our area will join us for a fun trail ride and lunch. They will have an opportunity to meet us and learn all about Kel-Mac. Come join us for a ride out at 11:00 AM. April 9th is the date for our first Horse Show of 2022! Show up to ride in your favorite classes or help by volunteering. Susie will love to hear from you! Contact her at 706-342-3775. I hope to see you at the next meeting on April 19th.

Ready To Show and Shine, by Susie Cottongim. Show Chairperson

I hope everyone is ready for the first show of the year, April 9th. Those horses that are kept nature's way are giving us grooms a hard time. I have kept very busy trying to tidy up three horses. After much labor using a shedding blade, block, and comb, plus brushes, I stand back, take a look and realize they don't look any different. The only evidence of my labors are a giant piles of hair. This too shall pass.

Hope everyone is ready for the show, either to ride or volunteer. Please be accurate when signing up for classes. Entry forms can be copied from the Kel-Mac website. The show year is dedicated to Barbara Cummings who took care of the nuts and bolts of the shows for so many, many years. She is the one we always went to with problems. Instead of "Ask Barbara" we are going to have to say, "What would Barbara do?"

As always we will depend on our wonderful volunteers to run the shows. Helping others enjoy their horses is also fun and rewarding for us. Please help. Everyone remember our motto "Horsemanship, Sportsmanship, and Friendship. See you at the show.

Vice President's Report, by Lisa Williamson

MEET AND GREET

The Kel-Mac "Meet and Greet" is TOMORROW (April 2) at Heritage Park. Cindy Pritchard, Keep Oconee County Beautiful Executive Director, will be there to meet folks with us. She hopes to promote volunteerism for horse trails. Kel-Mac volunteers, please show up around 10:15 am to get set up at the Covered Arena. Cindy will have the gate unlocked by that time.

The ride out time is scheduled for 11:00 am. I'm not sure what sort of rider turn-out we will have, but hopefully we will have a good response. Some folks emailed me that they are planning to come to the meet and greet without horses to just enjoy the fellowship and food. Lunch will start at approximately 12:30 noon (with some random snacking ahead of time, no doubt).

APRIL MEETING

Amanda McCoy is scheduled to speak at our April 19th Kel-Mac Meeting, which will be held at the Watkinsville Public Library. She will discuss why she started Athens Area Horse Community (AAHC) Newsletter and Facebook site. These tools are proving to be very useful resources for the local horse-owning community. Amanda has done a great job promoting Kel-Mac events through these venues. She will describe how to access information on the site. Amanda will share what her future ambitions are for AAHC.

FUTURE MEETING IDEAS

Chanda Ross, owner of the "Let It Be Yoga" Studio on Barnett Shoals Road, has offered to provide a yoga demonstration/ class aimed at improving body strength and balance for horseback riders. Chanda is a life-long riding enthusiast, as is her sister, Carmen. She understands the body limitations many of us experience, and can help us overcome them so we can keep on riding.

For meetings this summer, I am considering having them at different local stables that have a suitable meeting place. Please email me with ideas and suggestions at lisa1@uga.edu.

A.H. Stephens Camp-out, March 19-21, 2022

In spite of the unpredictable weather, a few of us (Linda Kundell, Deb and Carlos McDonald, and myself) made it early enough Friday to get in a short ride before the rains came in. The remaining campers started dwindling in afterwards. For dinner, Trish, Melody and Linda served a delicious soup with lots of additional treats. Linda even provided ice cream to pair with Melody's wonderful chocolate and lemon cakes. We had a total of 15 camping, and as always, we enjoyed sitting around the campfire. Jim Cumming brought the Kel-Mac fire ring, and the guys kept the fire roaring. We had plenty of food Saturday and Sunday mornings to get a great start on the day for riding. Saturday, we had two groups go out. One smaller group went out for a shorter ride with Ella doing a great job on her new horse, Splenda, which made it through the muddy trails. The Saturday night supper by Theresa, Renay and Ella was welcome. I even learned a trick...Theresa cooked the brats in the crockpot, and they were delicious. We finished the meal off with a birthday cake for Jim. I believe we were successful in surprising

him. A group went out Sunday for the final ride, while a few of us headed home after the busy weekend. Saturday and Sunday turned out to be very comfortable for riding just a little chill in the air, which was welcomed by the horses I'm sure.

Happy Trails

Rosemary Vogel

Several pictures from this camping trip are shown below (courtesy of Rosemary Vogel)



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