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**KEL-MAC SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER
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Kel-Mac January Meeting Minutes

Place: Watkinsville Library

Date & time: Tuesday Jan 18 2022, 7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by President Susan McCullar at 7 pm. Lisa Williamson introduced our speaker for the evening, Robyn Stewart, from UGA Extension Services. She is the county extension coordinator and natural and agricultural agent for Lincoln County. Robyn's topic was "feeding horses and avoiding the weeds: simplifying the equine diet". Key points in Robyn's presentation were: feeding for optimum health, maintaining body condition,

health issues related to diet, and selecting quality hay. She covered forage requirements for good nutrition, feeding concentrates to balance forage deficiencies, developing a diet for your horse while considering the breed, age, type of work, and medical history. Goals in managing the equine diet are to maintain condition, support performance, manage medical issues, and make life easier. When changing the horse's diet, she said it takes 60-90 days to see a visible change in body condition. Feed info can be found from different sources. Feed companies, Google scholar, university specialists, and nutritional consultants were all sources she listed. Thank you Robyn for a very comprehensive and informational presentation!

Old Business:

None, as we did not have a meeting in December.

Treasurer's report:

Beginning balance \$7,046.20, and final balance \$7,324.46. Total membership income to date: \$805.00. Total sponsorship income to date: \$570.00.

Trail report:

Sharon was not able to attend, so Kay Stringfellow gave a summary. January day rides are scheduled for Sat. Jan 22 at Harbin's Park, and Sat. Jan 29 at Watson's Mill Park. Sharon will send out emails with ride times.

Feb 12 day ride at Heritage Park

Feb 26, 27, and 28: Watson Mill camping trip

Show Committee:

Susie said the ribbons have been ordered. The jumps have been cleaned, repaired, and painted.

New Business:

Susan McCullar suggested that the club budget a speaker's fee for upcoming meetings.

We discussed a possible open house/ tack sale to be held at the Morgan Co Ag Center, date TBD. If you have any suggestions for possible obstacles to be used for trail classes and maybe a fun-day, please let Susan McCullar know.

A "meet and greet" riding and eating event is also being considered for this spring at Heritage Park. We have been granted permission to use the area around the Heritage Park covered pavilion to stage this event. Cindy Pritchard (Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission) will be co-hosting the event with Kel-Mac to help promote volunteerism in the County. This event will provide an opportunity for people to meet Kel-Mac members and learn what the Club has to offer. Visitors can bring their horses for a guided trail ride (several different groups), followed by a lunch provided by Kel-Mac.

4-H Show Recap: despite the cold weather and schedule adjustments that put 3 days of classes into just 2 days, Kel-Mac had a great volunteer turnout. Our jumps were used for the hunter and jumper classes and looked great! As sponsors of the show, Kel-Mac received great publicity through frequent announcements over the loud speaker, and through people visiting our booth and talking with volunteers. We received a good bit of interest in the Club. We collected 30 names of possible new riders for our shows, and will be sending an email to all of them before the April Show. We held a drawing for free show classes. The winners are:
1st place-5 free classes- Linda Ozbolt
2nd place-4 free classes- Jamie Nelson
3rd place-3 free classes-Alie Duberstein

STATE PARK WORKDAY MARCH 12, 2022

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Puryear, Secretary

President's Report, by Susan McCullar

Kel-Mac is off to a busy start! First on the agenda was to get the show jumps repaired and painted. Cold weather didn't stop these fabulous volunteers!! Pressure washing and paint scraping was the order of the day for the first day!! Thanks to hard work by Lori Williams and Susie Cottogin, the plan was in place for new paint colors to make our jumps look fabulous. These members showed they can paint as well as they ride horses! We may have had these jumps for many years, but they look good as new and fabulous now!

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Valerie Puryear, Kel-Mac volunteers set up an informational table at the 4-H New Year Showdown Horse Show for multiple counties held at the Ag Center in Madison. Kids of all ages brought their horses to compete in different disciplines over 2 days. We wanted to share the joys of Kel-Mac with all these riders. At the end of the show we gave out prizes for free classes at our shows if they had put their name in for a drawing. Now we have new names for our email blasts about our show.

Our newly painted jumps made their debut for the jumping classes. The leaders had asked to borrow our jumps. Everyone was very impressed!

Thanks to Lisa for arranging our great speaker for our January meeting. Robyn Stewart had great information about choosing the right feed for our horses.

Now we are off to a busy start for February! In an effort to share our love for trail riding, we plan to host a "Come Ride With Us" ride at Heritage Park this spring (date to be announced).

Our trail riders will be leading our new friends on the trails that we enjoy to encourage them to come ride with us each month.

Lisa will have another great program for us at our meeting on February 15th. Be sure to join us at the Oconee County Library in Watkinsville.



Jump-paintig crew



Several competitors at the 4-H Horse Show pose in front of a Kel-Mac jump.



Kel-Mac Members showed up in force despite cold weather, to "man" our booth ad promote the Club.

Vice President Report, by Lisa Williamson

Our speaker on February 15th is Dr. Katie Ellis, a sports horse veterinary specialist at UGA College of Veterinary Medicine. Katie has been doing acupuncture and chiropractic manipulations with several of my horses to help keep them comfortable and serviceable. She will be talking to the Club about ways to help keep our horses working happily on the trail and in the ring. The Meeting will be held at 7PM at the Watkinsville Public Library at 1080 Experiment Station Road, in Watkinsville. Her program will start at 7PM, followed by the business meeting. Come a little earlier with a dinner to socialize, if you'd like.

Our Trail Obstacle Class Judge, Sally Rogers, is interested in knowing if participants have suggestions for any new obstacles that they would like to see added to the Kel-Mac trail classes. Contact her at sallymrogers@icloud.com

Show Chairperson Report, by Susie Cottongim

February, at least it's short. January seemed to last forever, but finally can say "Good bye" to a cold, dreary month. Planning for better days ahead, it looks good for the shows. Please get those important sponsorships in and support the sponsors and let them know that we appreciate them.

We are planning something new this year, a 4-H/ Kel-Mac tack sale and open schooling day. You can sell tack you are not using, and find some bargains too. Open schooling is a chance to school rusty or green horses in company. There will be a mock hunter class, western class, and showmanship class. This will be a chance to experience a class with less stress, and to pick up some tips on showing your horse to best advantage. The best part is there is no charge for schooling or the mock classes. There is a \$10 fee for the tack table. We are working on a date for this event, as it had to be re-scheduled due to another event the same week end. Stay tuned!

Hi Trail Riders,

Due to the cold weather we had this past Saturday, our Day Ride was rescheduled to **Saturday Feb 5th** at Watson Mill. We will ride out at 11:00 AM. Bring a lunch. Also, let me know if you are going to ride. I will send out a list of riders.

Sharon

CAMPING

Don't complicate live unnecessarily, keep it simple. One of the greatest things about camping is being forced to pare down our lives, if only for a few days, to what we absolutely need. And the best part of the adventure is ending the day around a campfire with the ones our lives wouldn't be the same without. Camping is comforting that way. It removes what matters least so we can see, by the light and warmth of a fire, who matters most. It's a perfect reminder that God created our hearts to be fulfilled by who we love, never what we love. This passage was taken out of a devotion book, "The Campfire Is Calling" and I thought it so appropriate. So, join us and step into the simpler things and the join us around the campfire.

Rosemary Vogel

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