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

Kel Mac October 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Susan McCullar. Lisa Williamson introduced the speaker, Kylie Jo Duberstein, PhD., Professor of Animal and Dairy Sciences.

Dr Duberstein gave a very informative presentation on the study of biomechanics in horses. She reviewed a number of things that make a horse a “good mover”. She went on to discuss whether we can improve a horse’s gait through various modalities.

1. Vitamin E in its natural form is essential for horses. It is an antioxidant and reduces inflammation by binding to free radicals. Supplementation is warranted if horses do not have access to fresh green forage, and for treatment of certain neurologic and muscle disorders.
2. Joint supplements found to be effective are Adequan and oral glucosamine, which can take up to 90 days to produce results.
3. Training: by developing certain muscles through training, a horse becomes stronger and better able to work. Studies have found interval training to be effective.
4. Shoeing: the type and weight of shoes can affect gait.
5. Head and neck position: horses studied were found to have better gaits with a natural head and neck carriage. It was observed that more neck flexion resulted in poorer gait.

Thank you, Dr. Duberstein!

Business Meeting

The September minutes were approved as published.

Treasure Report

Beg Bal:	\$18,136.09	Total memberships:	\$2100
Deposits:	\$2,159.00	Sponsorships:	\$2490.00
Debits:	\$1,407.33	Scholarship fund:	\$4,760.00
Ending Bal:	\$18,887.76		

Morgan County now requires a \$150.00 reservation fee for each date the arena is reserved. We will be reserving the 2023 show dates and paying \$600.00 to Morgan County before the November meeting.

Trail Report

Kay Stringfellow gave the report for Sharon. A Meet and Greet Trail Ride and Lunch is scheduled for October 22 at Heritage Park. Ride out will be at 10 am, lunch will be provided. The November camping trip is at AH Stephens. Please contact Sharon Wood if you are interested in going. Her email is: bullet2525@aol.com

End of Year Banquet

Our banquet will be held Dec 3 at "The Station" at UGA Vet Teaching Hospital. "The Station" is the dining area at the vet school. Address: 2200 College Station Rd, Athens GA 30062.

Park in the main lot and follow posted signs to the dining room.

Deadline for reservations in NOVEMBER 14. Mama's Boy is catering our meal!

Reservation forms are available on the Kel-Mac website under horse show forms, and can be downloaded from this newsletter.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding creation of a new officer position. After losing Barbara to Covid last February, we found out all she did for the Club! The amount of work was overwhelming. The club treasurer and secretary did their best with support from the show chair, president, and vice president and our wonderful tech support person! However, it has become apparent that we need a show secretary who will be responsible for forms, keeping up with show points, helping in the show office when necessary, assigning sponsors to the classes, and publishing the class list. A motion was made and carried to create an officer position of show secretary.

Nominations for 2023 officers. These folks are NOT elected, yet, so if you would like to serve as an officer, please let us know your intentions, or come to the November meeting and volunteer in person.

Nominations:

President- Valerie Puryear

Vice President- Arlene Williams

Secretary-Lisa Williamson

Treasurer- Rosemary Vogel

Show Chair-Susie Cottongim

Show Secretary- Susan Walton

Trail Boss- Sharon Woods

Elections will be held at the November meeting.

End of year donations; Kel-Mac has \$6,000 to donate to equine non-profits, state parks, and county parks with horse trails, veteran's equine therapy programs, and other equine-related organizations. The following is the list of nominated recipients with the proposed amount of donation for each.

Hard Labor Creek State Park: funds for signage: \$500

AH Stephens State Park: to be determined

Watson Mill State Park: \$500 for lumber to build a trashcan "corral"

Heritage Park: \$250-\$500

GERL-feeding foster horses: \$1,000

Calvin Center Veterans Equine Program: \$1,000

Madison Co 4H mounted Drill Team: \$500

Morgan Co Sheriff Empty Stocking Fund: \$250

Redux Rescue: \$250

Barbara Cumming Memorial Scholarship Fund: \$1,000

We will vote to approve or amend this list at the November meeting

The November meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15th at 7pm at the Watkinsville Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Puryear, Secretary

President's Message, by Susan McCullar

October's Meet and Greet

Check out these great pictures from our Fall Meet and Greet below! We started doing these events in April, and will continue doing them twice a year. If you have ever wanted to meet some other trail riders, you certainly understand people who perhaps have moved into the Northeast Georgia area but don't know anyone else to ride with or any of the local trails. Our Meet and Greets are designed to help them out and help Kel-Mac as well, by introducing us to new members.

We gathered at Heritage Park and divided into riding groups, then set out for pleasant rides. When we returned, some wonderful Kel-Mac volunteers had a delicious lunch set out for us. We visited with our new friends and told them all about our Saddle Club. They are excited to become part of our Trail Riders group. Watch out for our next Meet and Greet next Spring!



Vice President's Report, by Lisa Williamson

Dr. Kylee Duberstein was our last Kel-Mac speaker for 2022, and she delivered a great program at the November Meeting. Val did a nice job summarizing the topics in the minutes.

The Watkinsville Library has been a very functional and cost effective place for us to hold our non-farm Meetings. Thank you, Jeanne, for finding this spot for us. It's important that our group abides by the Library's "no food, drink, and pets" policy so that we can continue to use this space. For more details, see the code of conduct at <https://oconeelibrary.org/about/code-of-conduct/>

We are also very fortunate to have free access to the UGA Veterinary College's spacious eating space, "The Station", for our Banquet in December. It's going to be a fun event! Mama's Boy is legendary for it's great food, especially those biscuits! You can opt for the chicken dinner or for the vegetarian meal when you register for the Banquet. A silent auction is in the works to help raise funds to feed rescue horses surrendered to GERL. Katie Williams will be presenting a slide show of the wonderful images she took at our shows this year. Her presentation will be alternated with images from trail rides, camping trips, meetings, and other Kel-Mac activities. If you have a couple of great pictures you want included in the slide show, please send them to my email address at lisa1@uga.edu. Please send a maximum of 4 images per email. On a house-keeping note, the UGA Administrators that oversee "The Station" messaged me with reminders that no animals are allowed in the area unless they are service animals. Also, the water fountains should not be used as washing areas. Apparently users have accidentally clogged these fountains in the past.

The Banquet reservation form can be downloaded by clicking on the button below:

[**Annual Awards Banquet Reservation Form**](#)



Image above:

Rosemary and Debbie managed the Show Office with a smile.

Image below:

Linda and Nina having fun in the holding area at the October Show



Finish Line, By Suzanne Cottongim, Show Chairperson

The shows are over and done.

All that is left is the fun.

Another year of shows is over, each one different but with good results. The last show is a favorite with the costume class, which was the biggest class to boot. The weather was good, and the classes moved along efficiently.

Kel-Mac's success was again due to the incredible volunteers. I can't thank them enough. Our generous sponsors made possible our financial success. Thank them every chance you can. Don't let me forget our competitors whose support we couldn't do without. Last, but maybe most important, a thank you to all the beautiful horses who are why we were there in the first place.

Our banquet is held to recognize our year end winners and honor our officers and volunteers. Hey, it is amazing how well we all clean up! See you at the banquet.

Below: a few images from the costume class

So to Katie William's website to see the high quality images that she captured at the October Show: www.kwilliamsphotography.com







Park Updates, by Jeanne Barsanti

Heritage Park Volunteer Activities

Eleagnus Removal – Why do this? SAFETY! Removing Eleagnus opens the trail corridor so that riders, horse and bike, can see each other. Eleagnus crowds the trails and also obscures other trails. Remember, you cannot deal with Eleagnus by clipping it from your horse. That just spurs it to grow even more.

We had 6 workers in October: Dayle and Wendell Faulkner, Jeanne Barsanti, Cindy Pritchard, Gary Crider, and Shannon, an Oconee County employee.

Removal dates in November are Tuesday, November 8 and 22nd. Future dates are 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, there is still lots to

kill. Killing the plant involves cutting it close to the ground and spraying it with herbicides within 15 seconds. It does not need to be dug up, which makes the work much easier.

Hard Labor Creek State Park Volunteer Activities

Dayle and Wendell Faulkner spent 2 days removing the trees from trails at HLC. Big thank you to them.

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