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KEL-MAC SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022

Minutes of Kel-Mac Saddle Club, September 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Susan McCullar. Nina Kloss and Valerie Puryear talked, and showed beautiful slides from their pack trip to North Yosemite in August 2020. Nina answered questions about different horseback riding trips and how to find outfitters. Members shared memories of some of their favorite riding trips during the discussion.

The August minutes were approved as published. Lisa shared that our October speaker is Dr Kylie Duberstein from UGA Animal Sciences. We will also have officer nominations for 2023, and discuss year-end contributions.

We added 5 new members during the September Show.

Treasurer's report:

Total scholarship fund: \$4760.00

Beg balance	\$16,101.99
Total debits	\$1055.90
Deposits	\$2,730.00
Cash box	\$360.00
Ending Balance	\$18,136.09

Show report:

The new online registration was a success! Only a few things need tweaking. We discussed offering a discount for online registration to encourage more use of this time-saving tool. It was requested that 3 copies of entrants to each class be printed so the person keeping the gate knows when all entries are in the ring. Entrants not printed on the class sheet need to be sent to the office immediately. We will need a runner for this notification. The walkie-talkies are not communicating efficiently between the gate

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during the show. The October show is Saturday, October 8. We will need volunteers for setup on Friday, October 7th. Don't forget the costume class!

Trail report:

Three riders went on the Fort Mountain camp trip.

We have a day ride on Sept 24.

The Croft Camp trip is Sept 29-Oct 2.

Kel-Mac has another Meet and Greet ride planned for October 22 at Heritage Park. Sharon needs a food coordinator for this event. Participants should park at the arena. If you would like to be a ride leader, please volunteer! Please distribute ride fliers to horse facilities around you!

November camp trip is at AH Stephens State Park.

New business:

We are having a new bridge obstacle built for the trail classes.

Susan and Susie have met with Lucy Ray from Morgan Co Extension to go over the list of repairs and replacements that are needed at the AG Center.

Thanks to Lori Williams for doing the fall press releases.

Susan will represent Kel-Mac at the Morgan County Cultural Center Farm Day.

Park Workdays:

All state parks: Saturday, September 24.

Heritage Park: Tuesday September 27 (to clear one of the bridges of mud and debris and make some improvements to stop the dirt runoff onto the bridge. The park has plenty of shovels.

John Harris of East Georgia Association of Saddle Clubs discussed the benefits of Kel-Mac joining this Association. Dues are \$500/year. The advantage of membership is that our shows would potentially draw more participants, especially folks seeking to earn more points within the East Georgia Organization. The top 6 riders in each division qualify for the state show in Perry each year.

YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET

Mark your calendar for DECEMBER 3. This year, the banquet will be held at the UGA Vet School Station, a spacious well-lit room with plenty of tables and chairs. The food will be catered by Mama's Boy. Cost will be \$20/person. We need members who are willing to decorate a table with a horse or Christmas theme to help make the event festive and fun.

President's Report, by Susan McCullar

October looks like another fabulous month for Kel-Mac. As we wave "goodbye" to Hurricane Ian, we will be getting ready for our October Show. October 8th is the big day! The highlight of this show is always the Costume Class. We can't wait to see how creative everyone is this year! Come join the fun that day as a rider, volunteer, or spectator.

What fun it was to watch our Ranch and Ranch Reining Classes that were introduced for the first time at the September Show. The world of riding horses is constantly changing and improving!

Lisa has a great speaker for our October meeting on October 18th at the Oconee County Library in Watkinsville. Come join us as we learn new things about our horses. At this meeting, we will also nominate officers for next year. Most importantly, we will discuss which programs we want to support through donations. The unique aspect of Kel-Mac is

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meeting.

On October 22nd, we will host our second “Come Ride With Us” at Heritage Park. Take this opportunity to join other members and lots of guests for a trail ride. We will ride out at 10:00 AM on the beautiful trails in a beautiful park. We will share a yummy lunch and enjoy getting to know each other better. Horse riders are the best people to know.



Fall Day Ride



With

Kel Mac Saddle Club

October 22nd at Heritage Park 10:00 am

Lunch will be provided

Come Meet and Greet with Us!

Learn about our Club, Shows and Trail Rides!



Contact: Sharon Wood 706-614-0351 for more information

Flier for the October Meet and Greet

Show Chairperson Report, by Susan Cottongim

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The October show is probably the one we always look forward to the most. It's the wind up try for points in a very competitive show season. The costume class is always surprising and fun. We kind of let our hair down as we put the finale on another show season.

What a nice show year it was. The ranch pattern classes at the last show were fun to watch, and the riders did a really good job. Hats off to Valerie Puryear and Rosemary Vogel for making all the changes necessary to make the classes possible. The online registration was no small feat to accomplish, and thanks to all that made it possible.

This has been both a good year and bad one. The volunteer turnout was astounding. They gave of their time, energy and brain power. The help at the setup on Friday was the largest we've ever had. The bad part was that Barbara Cummings was not there to enjoy it with us; saying we missed her is an understatement.

The last show is not the end of show activities. We look forward to the end of the year's celebration when our riders receive their awards and we recognize our volunteers.

Thank you again for a successful year.

Editor's Note:

A few images from the September Show are shown below. Go to www.kwilliamsphotography.com to see the lovely collection of images captured by Katie Williams at our Show!



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Vice President Report, by Lisa Williamson

At our Kel-Mac meeting on October 18, Dr. Kylee Jo Duberstein will present a talk entitled "applied equine biomechanics at UGA". She will discuss how high-speed camera footage is used to answer questions about how nutrition, foot care, and training affect horses' movement and athleticism. Dr Duberstein is an associate professor in the Animal and Dairy Science Department. In addition to her equine research and teaching activities, Dr. Duberstein has a 20% appointment in UGA Extension where she implements youth quiz bowls, the annual 4-H horse school, horse judging contests, and the 4-H regional and state horse shows. She's a busy lady! Come and join us at the Watkinsville Library (1080 Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville, GA) in the auditorium at 7PM. The doors will be open by 6:30pm for socializing.

Fort Mountain Camping Trip, by Janice Yann

The camping trip to Fort Mountain was small but very pleasant. Pat Allen, David and I were the whole party. Theresa and Mark tried to make it several times without success.

We managed to dodge the rain on Friday and Saturday. As warm as it was at the barn, there was a constant cool breeze in the woods. We were surprised coming down the trail by a bear coming up the trail. He obliged us by leaving the trail into a gully and watched us go by.

Sunday was a constant drizzle, but that afforded us the opportunity to do some sightseeing. A tour of the Chief Van house was very interesting. We then had a late lunch at a Mexican restaurant.

As usual, Becca (Ft. Mt. Owner) was her cheery self, and went out of her way to accommodate us. It seems Dimmie was sharing his stall with a nest of ground bees. Pat and we brought new camp dogs. They both performed well.

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During the September 24 Heritage Park Work Day, bridge 3 was cleaned to remove thick accumulations of dirt and plant roots from the wooden boards. This work will help prevent the wood from rotting. Jeanne, Lori, and Lisa are shoveling, and Wendell is manning the Kubota.

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Rosemary, Lori, Lisa, Jeanne, and Dayle on the newly cleaned bridge. Wendell took the picture.

Park Updates, by Jeanne Barsanti

Heritage Park Work Day, Tuesday 9/27

A hardy group of workers arrived at 9 am. Dayle and Wendell Faulkner, Lori Williams, Rosemary Vogel, Lisa Williamson and I were able to accomplish 3 goals. We removed all the dirt from bridge #3. This was a lot of dirt, at least 6 inches deep at one end of the bridge, with assorted vegetation. We established drainage on both sides on the uphill end of the bridge. We built a rolling grade dip up the hill on the trail to try to prevent more dirt coming onto the bridge. That hard clay really did not want to move! The slippery plastic was too deep in the soil to be removed, so we covered it with some of the dirt removed from the bridge (we recycled!). We finished about 11:30am. When we emerged from the woods, we were happy to see Susan Walton at the Pavillion with delicious soup and chicken salad sandwiches. Susan McCullar provided chips and drinks, and I contributed cookies. Amanda McCoy was able to join us for lunch. It was a perfect Kel-Mac day – good deeds done for the park, and great company for a meal.

State Parks Work Day at Hard Labor Creek State Park

Lisa Williamson, Cindy Sheffield, Lori Williams, Dayle Faulkner and I did a ride and clip on the blue trail at HLC on Saturday morning, September 25. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch together at the lake. It was a beautiful day to accomplish work while enjoying

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Eleagnus removal will begin on Tuesday October 25. Other dates November 8, November 22nd, December 6, December 20, January 3, January 31, and February 7 (all on Tuesdays). There will be 2 removal dates scheduled for Mondays: January 16 (MLK Day of Service), and February 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 an herbicide within 15 seconds. It does not need to be dug up, which makes the work much easier.

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL HERITAGE PARK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Athens Land Trust



Help with removing an invasive species from Heritage Park

October 25
November 8, 22
December 6, 20
January 3, 16, 31
February 7, 20

All dates:
9A-1P | Heritage Park
706-769-3965

Volunteering at a work day is an excellent opportunity to get outside, learn more about forest health and meet new people.

Autumn Olive, though beautiful, is crowding out native species causing ecological harm to our forest and its inhabitants.

No training or experience is required; each volunteer will be trained in identification and removal.

Volunteers must pre-register: <http://www.oconeecounty.com/HeritagePark>

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Lori Williams and Rockit working to trim the trees lining the HLC blue trail. Cindy Sheffield is behind them. Jeanne Barsanti and Dayle Faulkner are further back on the trail on their horses. Lisa took the picture.

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