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

Kel-Mac Minutes, Nov 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Susan McCullar.
October minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance	\$18,437.76
Total debit	\$1189.09
Total deposits	\$584.00
Ending balance	\$17,992.02

Payments were made for: 2023 arena deposit: \$600.00

Volunteer gifts: \$248.07

Awards: \$337.37

Total scholarship balance: \$4860.00

Show report

The arena has been reserved for our 2023 show. Show dates are:

April 8, May 13, September 9, and October 7. Mark your calendars!!

Trail report

Sharon was not in attendance. There's a day ride planned for Saturday, Nov 19, at Hard Labor Creek State Park. Ride out at 10am. The camping trip to A.H. Stephens State Park was well attended.

Year-end banquet

The banquet is on Dec 3rd at "The Station" in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital Complex. Park in the main parking lot; signs will be posted directing you to The Station. Volunteers will be decorating the tables before the banquet. If you want to decorate a table, with a Christmas or an equine theme, please let Susan McCullar, or Valerie Puryear know.

Susan's email: [kelmacmadison@gmail.com](mailto:kelmaccmadison@gmail.com)

Valerie's email: vpuryear@gmail.com

We will offer discounts on Kel-Mac memberships if you sign up before January first.

Membership and sponsorship forms will be available at the banquet.

Katie Williams, our show photographer, will have a slideshow from this year's shows, and there may be some photos of other KelMac events in the mix.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

New Business

We held discussions for recipients of Kel-Mac donations at the October meeting. The following donations were approved by a majority vote of members present at the November meeting:

Hard Labor Creek State Park- \$500 for signage

AH Stephens State Park- \$500 for signage/or trail improvements

Watson Mill State Park-\$500 for lumber to build a "corral" around trash receptacles in the equine area

Heritage Park (Oconee Parks Foundation) -\$500 to assist with funding arena improvements

GERL- \$1000, for feed assistance

Calvin Center (Wounded Warriors)- \$1000 for assistance with vet costs
Madison County 4H Cowboys and Angels Mounted Drill Team- \$500
Morgan County Sheriff's Empty Stocking Fund- \$250
Sweet Olive Rescue- \$250
Redux Rescue- \$250
Barbara R. Cumming Memorial Scholarship- \$1000
Total donations: \$6,250

Election of officers: Elections were held by vote of members present at the November Meeting.

The 2023 officers are:

President: Valerie Puryear

Vice President: Arlene Williams

Secretary: Lisa Williamson

Treasurer: Rosemary Vogel

Show Chairperson: Susie Cottongim

Show Secretary: Susan Walton

Kel-Mac Charter

The Club Charter had not been amended in many years. We specifically reviewed officer positions and duties. We voted in October to add the position of Show Secretary to the officers/board. Each position was discussed and approved, and the duties of each position were approved by members present. The charter will be available for review by members at all club meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Puryear

Secretary

President's Report, by Susan McCullar

Goals for 2022 - Revitalization

As I began the year as President, my primary goal was to help revitalize Kel-Mac Saddle Club. After being separated through all the months of the pandemic, we were all excited about getting new ideas to focus on, and about being together again to enjoy our horses and horsey friends!

Our first goal was to get the jumps repainted in preparation for the 4-H Show in January. Under Susie's guidance, all the jumps were repaired and repainted in colors that were appropriate for hunter jumper shows. The show ring looked amazing at the 4-H show!

We were all saddened by the death of our special friend and Kel-Mac leader, Barbara Cumming, in February. The outpouring of love for her led to the establishment of the Barbara Reilly Cumming Memorial Scholarship Fund. The first recipient of this Scholarship was awarded at the May Show. It's quite a tribute to our wonderful friend!

Our first show was in April. The jumping classes looked fabulous with the newly painted jumps, and the new jump courses. Our show sheets were modified over the year in response to riders expressing interest in new types of classes. This enthusiasm for new riding styles was exciting! Thanks to Susie for making these changes.

Lisa as our Vice President planned great programs helping us to learn more about the care of our horses, new training methods, new types of competition, riding trips available in the USA and Canada, and new research about the health of horses.

With the loss of Barbara's considerable knowledge and organizational skills, making Kel-Mac run smoothly required a large learning curve for many of us. Valerie and Rosemary stepped in to serve as Show Secretary and Show Treasurer on top of their jobs as Club Secretary and Treasurer.

Changes were made to the registration processes to make them run more smoothly. The IT knowledge that Vanessa Allpress shared with us was fabulous, enabling us to frequently update our website, and register for classes easily online.

The trail riders added a new program called the "Kel-Mac Saddle Club Meet and Greet"; two events were held this year. New trail riders joined us after coming to Heritage Park where we introduced them to the great trails. They enjoyed the lunch we provided while they learned more about our monthly trail rides.

At our last meeting, we worked through the Kel-Mac Charter to update how this special Saddle Club reaches out to the many riders in our area. Kel-Mac has a great future, and the energy needed to keep it a strong club for years to come!

Vice President's Report, by Lisa Williamson

Our Awards Banquet is just a few days away! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this

Saturday, December 3rd, at "The Station", in the UGA Veterinary Education Center. It is part of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital Complex.

Address: 2200 College Station Road, Athens, GA 30602.

Directions: if you turn into the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at the traffic light on College Station Road, take the first turn to the left and go by the main veterinary building entrance. When you reach the bend in the lane, "The Station" is right in front of you. Drive around the bend, and the turn right. Park in the big parking lot to your left.

If you turn off College Station Road across from the College Station Shopping Center (Blind Pig Tavern, Krogers etc.), stay straight, and park in the parking area to your left. "The Station" is the first building on your right.

When All is said and Done

Susan Cottongim, Show Chairperson

When all is said and done, all that's left is to have some fun! Our banquet ends another year awarding year end awards and recognizing those whose who worked to make it possible. It wasn't an easy year. Just ask Rosemary and Valerie! Folks really stepped up this year to support the shows and the club. Thank you to all who gave their time, mind and muscle. Don't want to forget our sponsors whose donations pay towards show expenses. Please thank and support our sponsors. Kel-Macs long history has been made possible by the support of those mentioned.

I've seen many changes in Kel-Mac over many years. From show grounds with an outhouse to our present show grounds and club meeting location. Classes have changed from the few to the many. Awards are given at the end of the year for many classes instead of two. I remember when there was no newsletter. Those are only a few of the changes.

Our motto of Horsemanship, Sportsmanship and Friendship does leave out one important aspect, the love of horses. Let's not forget what brought us here.

Park Updates, by Jeane Barsanti

Heritage Park

Eleagnus Removal

We had 6-8 workers in November and for each date in October: Dayle and Wendell Faulkner, Cindy Pritchard, Shawna, an Oconee County employee, Bo from the Athens Land Trust, Joe, a retired forester, Lisa Williamson, Lisa Davol and Tyler Hertzog from the Parks Department, and

me. Lisa's horse Bonnie provided transportation as well as a friendly presence for the other volunteers. We are accomplishing quite a lot. If you are riding toward the barking dog house from the 441 entrance and look to your left, you can now see to the other side of the creek. The forest and birds are happier.

Dates in December are Tuesdays, December 6 and 20. Future dates are 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 within 15 seconds. It does not need to be dug up which makes the work easier.

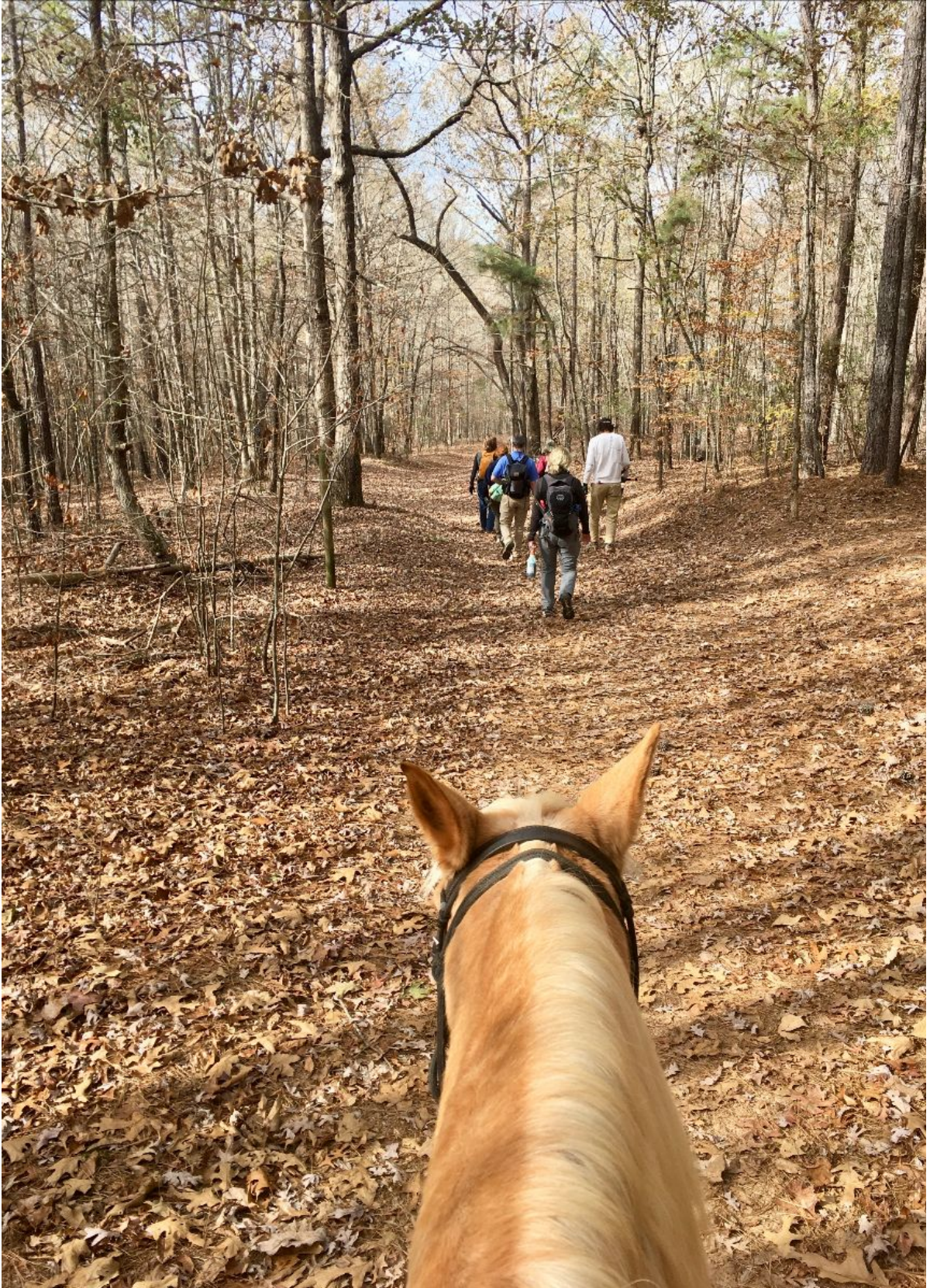
Heritage Park Arena Project

After an enthusiastic presentation by Amanda McCoy, the Oconee Parks Foundation Board voted to make the Heritage Park Arena Project the first targeted donation project. The source of the funds initially will be private donations. Kel-Mac's donation is very important to this effort. If you, as an individual, wish to donate to this project, the easiest way currently is to write a check to the Oconee Parks Foundation and put Heritage Park – arena project in the subject line. The address to mail the check is Oconee Parks Foundation, P.O. Box 777, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

HLC

Dayle and Wendell Faulkner installed a memorial bench for Richard Brazel, the ranger who originally put in the horse trails, and who maintained them for many years. The bench is near the arena. It will be dedicated on the equestrian work day in March.

The Park ordered the signs, and we should be able to install them on the new detours soon.



Volunteers set out on foot, and on a 4-legged yellow ATV, to remove the invasive autumn olive plants from Heritage Park, on November 22nd. Two-legged helpers were rewarded with Jeanne Barsanti's famous oatmeal cookies. The friendly ATV received an apple from Lisa Davol.

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