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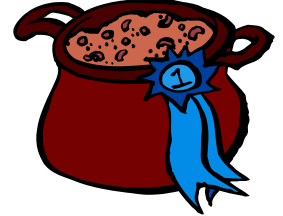
JACKSON COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Fence Talk

Annual Meeting, Chili Cook-off and Elections

The JCHA annual meeting is on **Wednesday, January 11, 2012**. The meeting will start with the traditional Chili Cook-Off. If you have a good chili recipe, make up a pot, or if you are better at cornbread, bake up a batch!! Have your chili or cornbread at the meeting no later than 6:00pm. The chili & cornbread entries will be judged by the members. The chili winner will be awarded \$50 and the cornbread winner \$25!

If you don't want to bring chili or cornbread, then please bring a dish to share (hot dish, salad or dessert). The club will furnish the table service and beverages. **The meal will begin at 6:15pm with the meeting following at 7:00pm.**



At the annual meeting we will be voting by secret ballot for the 2012 Board of Directors and some bylaw changes. It's also a good time to pay your annual dues!

Directions to the IOOF Hall: In Central Point, off Pine St, take 10th Street north and go past the school and church about 1/4 mile to Hazel St on the right. The street is very short and you will see the hall about 300' on the right with plenty of parking.

Nominations for the 2012 Board of Directors ~

The following nominations were made at the December meeting. The nominations will be open again before the election at the January meeting. Please consider running for a position on the board!!

- President – Debbie Davenport
- Vice-President – Scott Doubleday
- Secretary – Vicki Noelle, Linda Carlson
- Treasurer – Robin Keeton
- Hospitality – Karen Matheny
- Sunshine – Carol Dombrowsky
- At Large – Mike Lutz

Sunshine – Shall send out greeting cards to members when deemed necessary.

Hospitality – Shall be at the regularly scheduled meetings to open the building, start the refreshments and be responsible for closing up after the meetings.

At Large – Shall be available to perform any duties of the other Board Members or Officers when requested by the President.

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Upcoming JCHA Events

- Board Meeting - January 5
- Annual Meeting - January 11
- Installation Dinner - February 4

What's Happening ~

NORTHWEST HORSE FAIR

March 22-25, 2012

Linn Co. Fairgrounds, Albany

This major annual equine event is worth the four-hour drive to Albany, OR. Every year there are different clinicians, vendors and activities.

They have released a tentative schedule that includes John Lyons and Julie Goodnight. This year's special event is the All-Breed Challenge.

For more information go online to:
<http://equinepromotions.net/northwest-horse-fair/>

If you are thinking of going, now is the time to secure a motel room!! They fill fast! (Here's some close by:)

Comfort Suites (541) 928-2053

Super 8 (541) 928-6322

Holiday Inn Express (541) 928-8820

Annual Meeting Notice

Date: January 11, 2012

Time: FOOD 6:15 ~ Meeting 7:00

Place: I.O.O.F. Hall

1129 Hazel Street, Central Point

Refreshments provided by:

EVERYONE!!

Door Prize provided by:

The Club



Proposed Bylaw Changes

Bylaw changes may be proposed by any club member and are voted on by the members present at the annual meeting in January. Changes must be passed by a 2/3 majority vote. They must be in writing to the membership a minimum of ten days prior to the meeting. The last time bylaws changes were voted on was in 2008.

Inside this newsletter are the bylaw changes proposed by Debbie Davenport and Betty Moore. Debbie's changes were explained and discussed at the December meeting. Questions may be asked prior to the vote at the January meeting, or by contacting either one of these members.

JCHA Christmas Party Recap

On December 10th we held the annual Christmas Party at the Eagle's Lodge. There were 78 members and guests present. The evening began with entertainment by Lance Zimmerman & band and great hors d'oeuvres provided by attendees. The prime rib and chicken dinner was excellent and the desserts superb.

We drew names for several door prizes, including gift certificates to the Horse Blanket, Big R and the Grange and also a certificate for 1/2 ton of hay!! Then the ever-famous gift exchange took place. There were so many wonderful gifts this year, many exchanging hands twice! The evening ended with more music, by Lance and his two accompanists, and dancing.

THANK YOU to all members who made this year's Christmas Party so successful!! And, THANK YOU Karen Matheny & Linda Carlson for chairing the event!!

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Membership Renewal for 2012

Single Membership - \$15____ Adult (18+ years) \$10 ____ Junior (9-17)

Family Membership - \$30 ____
(Two adults and children living in same household)

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, ST, ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Do NOT list my telephone number on the membership roster

Email Address _____

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YES, I am willing to receive the monthly newsletter via the club website instead of snail mail to help save printing and mailing costs

Mail this completed form along with your check to:

**JCHA
PO Box 765
Medford, OR 97501**

Deadline to renew dues is February 8, 2012

TIME TO RENEW JCHA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for 2012 are due and payable until the club meeting on February 8th. This year the dues for a junior member decreased to \$10. All others remained the same as they have been for many years!!

Please look at the mailing label on this newsletter. The year to the right of your name is when your membership expires. If it is 2011, then you need to renew. If it is 2012, then you are valid until the end of 2012. If it says Life or Hon, then you do not need to pay.

If you only receive the newsletter via email and the website, then I have included a list of names and expiration in the body of the email.

And, on this same note: if you do have e-mail **please** try opening the newsletter via the link in the email. If you can access the newsletter in this manner, please send a reply email and opt out of the printed and mailed version of the newsletter. The more members that can view and print the newsletter over the internet, the more we can save in printing and postage!!

Installation Dinner ~

The annual Installation Dinner will be held on **Saturday, February 4, 2012** with doors opening at 5:30pm at the Elk's Club (Bud's Catering). It is located at 202 N Central Ave in downtown Medford. We will be honoring the new and outgoing Board of Directors. All club members and guests are welcome to attend.

Dinner will be (one-trip, buffet style) tri-tip and chicken, plus side dishes for \$15 per person. The no-host bar will also be open.

We must have payment prior to the dinner and do have to pay for the number we reserve. Please send a check and this form no later than **January 25, 2012**.

Installation Dinner Reservations

February 4, 2012

_____ # dinners at \$15 each

_____ Total amount enclosed

Name _____

Phone _____

Make check payable to JCHA and mail by

January 25, 2012 to:

JCHA
PO Box 765
Medford, OR 97501

BYLAWS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Note: this is not the entire bylaws – only the articles with proposed changes are listed here)

ARTICLE III
Membership

Proposed changes to the bylaws. Bold is new text, lined-out is to remove text.

Vote for each item.

Section 1. There shall be five classes of membership. 1) Family membership: two adult members and children living in same household. 2) Single membership: Junior (9 through 17 years) or Adult (18 year or older). 3) Lifetime membership: current members selected by the Board of Directors based on length of time and history with the club. Lifetime members shall be exempt from dues, but retain all privileges of membership. 4) Honorary membership: individuals who have been chosen by the Board of Directors that have made notable contributions of service and support. **Honorary membership is valid only for the year it is granted, but may be renewed annually by the Directors.** Honorary member is exempt from dues and is entitled to all privileges of membership, but shall have no voting rights nor may hold an office. 5) Associate membership: clubs or organizations. Associates are entitled to one vote and may not hold an office. Each member, age 15 years or older, in membership categories 2 and 3 shall be entitled to one (1) vote. A family membership, category 1, shall be entitled to two (2) votes.

Proposed by Debbie Davenport
Add text to honorary membership:

 Yes No

Section 2. The annual dues for the membership shall be payable on January 1st and delinquent after the regular meeting of the membership in February. Non-payment of dues shall automatically forfeit membership and all privileges of membership. When there are no other objections, a member in arrears may be reinstated by paying delinquent dues in full. Any member shall not be considered in good standing so long as delinquent dues remain unpaid. New members joining after September 1st shall be considered a member in good standing through the next calendar year.

Proposed by Debbie Davenport
Remove and add text about membership cards:

 Yes No

Section 3. Notice of annual dues payable shall be sent to the members, at their last known address, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the first day of January of each year. ~~Proper receipts, certificates, or membership cards shall be issued upon payment of fees.~~ **A membership card will be presented to all new members. Cards will be available to renewing members upon request.**

Section 4. All voting members in good standing shall have equal rights, interests and responsibilities with respect to the Club and its property.

Section 5. A 2/3 majority of the voting membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting may vote for termination of any member if due cause is presented. Due cause may include, but not limited to: not following the rules set forth by the organization, acts deemed detrimental to the organization's well being, and/or threats towards the organization. Reinstatement is possible with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present at a subsequent regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE V
Board of Directors

Proposed by Debbie Davenport
(1) Add text for Director requirement of 1 year membership

 Yes No

Section 1. The business and property of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of seven (7) Directors, who shall be elected by the voting members. Directors must be 18 years or older and have been a voting member in good standing **(1) for a minimum of one year prior to election.**

(2) In addition, to be eligible for an Officer position the member must have attended a minimum of four (4) regular monthly meetings in the year prior to election. They shall receive no compensation for their services. No member may hold more than one position concurrently.

Proposed by Betty Moore
(2) Add text for Office requirement of meeting attendance

 Yes No

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be composed of four officers and three board members. The Board Members shall have the following duties:
Sunshine – Shall send out greeting cards to members when deemed necessary.
Hospitality – Shall be at the regularly scheduled meetings to open the building, start the refreshments and be responsible for closing up after the meetings.
At Large – Shall be available to perform any duties of the other Board Members or Officers when requested by the President.

Section 3. In addition to the Board of Directors, a Junior Board Member may be appointed to serve on the board for a one-year term (re-appointment acceptable). This person shall act as a liaison to other juniors, report on junior activities and encourage other juniors to join the club. Any junior member (age 15 to 17) in good standing may apply to the Board for the position. The Board will be responsible for reviewing the candidates and selecting one Junior Member. If the Board feels none of the candidates are acceptable, the position may be left vacant.

Section 4. The Field Services Representative position is filled by appointment of the Board of Directors with the approval of the membership. This position acts as the liaison between private and government entities (Forest Service, BLM, City, etc.) to ensure the club is kept up to date with equine issues and will report any new information at regular monthly meetings. This representative will also schedule work parties in cooperation with the entities requesting assistance.

Section 5. Vacancies in the Board of Directors may be filled, by appointment, for the unexpired term by the remaining Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Directors

Section 6. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as may be called by the President or in his/her absence by the Vice President, or by any three (3) members of the Board. Attendance at the meetings is not limited to the Board Members and shall be announced to the membership either at the monthly meeting or via e-mail.

~~Section 7. At each annual meeting of the membership, the Board of Directors shall submit a statement of the business done during the preceding year, together with a report of the general financial condition of the Corporation and of the condition of its tangible property.~~

Proposed by Debbie Davenport
Remove text since this is done at every regular meeting:
 Yes No

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall create a budget for the coming year, and submit it to the general membership for approval at the December meeting. All expenditures over and above the yearly budget shall be approved by the general membership.

Section 9. Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the Board. Grounds for dismissal include, but are not limited to, missing two consecutive meetings without notifying the President or Secretary.

Section 10. Any five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any board meeting thereof.

~~Section 11. Any action taken by a majority of the Directors, although not in a regularly called meeting of the board thereof is assented thereto in writing by all the Directors, shall always be as valid and binding and effective in all respects as though passed by the Board in regular meeting assembled. If all current directors agree, the Board of Directors may elect to use electronic mail (e-mail) to discuss business, take action and make valid decisions when an assembled meeting is not practical and/or time is of the essence.~~

Proposed by Debbie Davenport
Remove and add text for clarification:
 Yes No

Section 12. The Board of Directors shall review the membership dues annually. If it is found an adjustment needs to be made, the Board may submit it to the membership for approval at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE VII
Rules & Conduct

Section 1. All events and trail rides sponsored by this organization must be conducted according to the rules adopted and approved by the Membership. These rules include, but are not limited to the following: 1) Riders under 18 years of age are encouraged to participate, but must be accompanied by a responsible adult rider; 2) guests on monthly club rides must be accompanied by a current member; 3) dogs and stallions are prohibited unless otherwise stated; 4) all children 12 years of age and younger will be required to wear a safety helmet while riding in any event or activity sponsored by the club. Activities to be sponsored by the club must be approved by the general membership prior to said activity or sponsorship.

~~Section 2. Any member of this Corporation may be suspended by the Board of Directors if found guilty of willfully misrepresenting a horse in any private or public sale or show in either pedigree or soundness. Notice shall be sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the accused member at his last known address at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the hearing. The notice shall contain the alleged misrepresentation, the date, and the place at which it was made, the name of the accuser, and the date and place of the hearing before the Board.~~

Proposed by Debbie Davenport
Remove text (covered by Article III Section 5):
 Yes No

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President, Betty Moore. Roll call showed all board members present. She thanked Karen House and Robin Keeton for the refreshments and Debbie D. for the door prize.

November meeting minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Robin reported we have \$6,369.57 in the checking account; \$3,007.75 in the CD; \$2,096.28 in the Joann Pool Fund; \$42.56 in petty cash for a total of \$11,516.16. Our expenses this month were mostly the Christmas party. Motion was made and approved to accept report.

Sunshine: Colleen reported she sent a card to Carol Strahan who had gall bladder surgery. Karen H. suggested sending a card to Dawn & Tommy for the horse that is gravely ill.

Special Reports: Tal attended the special meeting at the Jackson Co fairgrounds concerning the possible closure to the Open Riding schedule. He said the FG does not want to close it, but they need to have revenue to maintain it. A committee was formed to explore the possible ways to fund open riding. If you are interested in being on the committee call Melissa at the fairgrounds. Robin said she attended the Ashland Watershed Trails meeting. This is a long term project. They are in the process of forming a Trail Coalition Use group to designate and create trails that will be safe for horses and hikers, and other trails for mountain bicycles. Scott Doubleday said he heard that the Forks State Park equestrian trail at Cave Junction is finally finished and ready for use.

The Christmas Party was attended by 78 people. It was a wonderful party, great food, good band and good location. The entire evening moved along smoothly. Motion was made and approved to get on their calendar for next year.

Betty reported the Christmas Tree Gathering was a small group, but they had a great time, did the potluck and found trees.

Committee Updates:

3-Show Series: Robin reported that there was no show in 2009, 2010 profited \$500 and 2011 profited \$1400. Amanda updated the costs per show to \$900 in case they have to pay for judges. This would include judge, awards, arena rental, etc. For 3 shows and the year end awards it is estimated costs will be at \$4,500. The committee feels they can garner sponsorships to offset the cost and enlist volunteers from the club, 4-H clubs, etc to run the shows. The board had discussed this at great length when creating the 2012 budget and thought that budgeting for ½ the cost of the 3 shows was reasonable. The shows would have to bring the other half in sponsorships. There was much discussion about cost of the shows and whether there were enough volunteers to handle 3 shows. Amanda pointed out that one of the reasons for doing the series was to encourage new people to join JCHA and get some new interests. There are very few horse shows in the valley now and doing a series would get our name out there. A motion was made to approve the 3-show series, but have the committee report at the April meeting how they were coming along with sponsorships and volunteers. At this time another vote will be taken to see if we should proceed forward with the series. Carol D said that waiting until April to officially advertise the series would be satisfactory. The 1st show is set for June 10th. If they advertise it as a series they must follow through, not just hold one show and cancel the rest. Motion was approved.

RideJCHA Program: The committee reported they had an embroidered patch sample and were working on getting quotes. At first they wanted the JCHA patch only for members participating in the program, but to reduce the cost of the patches buying a larger quantity would be beneficial. Many members at the meeting agreed they would buy a patch. Then to denote the members participating in the program they would be awarded with embroidered bars stating hours of riding time that could be sewn on under the patch. They are still working on a final program and will have costs by next month's meeting. Colleen made a motion to buy 25 patches, but the committee said they were still getting prices, so she withdrew the motion. Then the discussion centered on adding an expense line to our budget to cover the initial cost of the patches and bars. Scott motioned to add \$500 to the Ride JCHA Program budget. Motion approved.

Installation Dinner - Debbie said she had a dinner proposal from Bud's Catering for the dinner on Feb 4th. He offered 3 different selections, with the top one being tri-tip and chicken for \$15. Other cost is \$75 for the Elks Lodge. No one else had any other suggestions for the dinner location. Motion was made and approved to hold the dinner at the Elks and accept the selection of tri-tip for \$15. Another motion was made for the club to pay for the room rent, the gratuity and the 2011 board member's dinner. Motion was approved.

Reviewed the 2012 Calendar of Events draft. Scott said he had not been able to reach Shannon Hilton about her arena so that date may have to change. Colleen shortened the date of the Quinn trip by one day. With these changes the calendar was approved.

Reviewed the proposed budget for 2012. With the addition of the RideJCHA program expense and the addition of 'sponsorships' to the title of 'donations' to agree with the new Sponsorship Program the budget was approved.

Debbie presented some proposed Bylaw changes. She handed out a sheet with each change outlined. Each change will be voted on separately at the January meeting. Questions and discussion followed about a couple of the proposed changes. The most heated topic was the removal of Article 7, Section 2 which deals with suspending members by the board of directors if they are found guilty of willfully misrepresenting a horse in any private or public sale or show. Debbie felt this was something we shouldn't even get into but, if so, that it should be decided by the membership (covered under Article 3, Sec 5) not putting the burden on the board. Carol Dombrowsky said that bylaw was in place due to an incident many years ago when they had to remove a board member for misrepresenting a horse in a sale. She said it was what the attorney told them had to be done to be legal. More discussion back and forth followed with other members asking questions about the two bylaws. The proposed changes will be mailed to the membership for review prior to the vote

Nominations for the Board of Directors were opened. Tal and Susan announced they did not want to be on the board next year due to conflicts with another group they belong to. Colleen announced she did not want to be Sunshine again.

President: Debbie Davenport was nominated with the caveat that she would continue to do the newsletter and website to relieve those duties from the secretary. Betty Moore declined a nomination. She said she would welcome stepping down at this time.

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Vice-President: Scott Doubleday was nominated and accepted.

Secretary: Vicki Noelle was nominated by Carol Lutz. Vicki wasn't present but Carol said she had talked to her and she was willing to consider the nomination. Linda Carlson was nominated, but she was not present.

Treasurer: Robin Keeton was nominated and accepted.

At Large: Mike Lutz was nominated and accepted.

Sunshine: Carol Dombrowsky said she would run for this position.

Hospitality: Karen Matheny was nominated but she was not present.

The nominations were tabled until the January meeting. They will be reopened before the election.

Other business – Debbie suggested the club purchase four of the 6' plastic folding tables that can be used at all the events. They are under \$40 at Costco and Wal-Mart. Colleen said they did have them at Big Lots for \$25. They fold in half so storage is easier. There is still storage room at Karen M's. Motion was approved to purchase 4 for \$160 or less.

Announced the next Board meeting is January 5, 2012 at 6:30pm at Abby's. The next meeting is the Annual Meeting on January 11th. We will have the chili and cornbread cook-off and elections. Motion was made and approved to pay the chili winner \$50 and the cornbread winner \$25.

Door prize winner was Clayre Shaffer. The Buckaroo Drawing for \$20 was won by Joyce Colosimo!! Next month the pot will again be \$20.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

2012 Calendar of Events

January 11	Annual Meeting, elections & chili cook off
February 4	Installation Dinner
February 19	Clinic/Seminar for members
March 3	Trail Horse Trial Clinic
April 7	Pear Blossom Parade
April 28	Spring Gymkhana
May 19-20	Willow Prairie Work Party
June 10	Horse Show (1 of 3)
June 16	St Jude Ride, Willow Prairie
June 29-July 1	Lily Glen Campout & Events
July 21-22	Willow Prairie Campout
Aug 5	Horse Show (2 of 3)
Aug 9-12	Quinn Meadows Campout
Aug 31-Sept 3	Crescent City Campout
Sept 15	Lily Glen Lingo/Poker Ride
October 7	Horse Show (3 of 3)
Dec 2	Christmas Tree Gathering
Dec 8	Christmas Party

Note: events in **bold** are club fundraisers, open to the public

Jackson County Horseman's Association
PO Box 765
Medford, OR 97501



**JACKSON COUNTY
HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION
2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Betty Moore	President	951-0949
Tal Thoms	V. President	944-0256
Debbie Davenport	Secretary	890-6091
Robin Keeton	Treasurer	826-9257
Colleen Martin - Low	Sunshine	560-3661
Susan Thoms	Hospitality	944-0256
Mike Lutz	At Large	826-8196

**We're on the web
www.rideJCHA.com**

Community Equestrian Event Calendar

March 22-25, 2012 -Northwest Horse Fair and Expo, Albany OR

April 20-22, 2012 - Red Bluff Roundup Rodeo, Red Bluff, CA

May 4-6, 2012 - Klamath Falls Packing Clinic, Klamath Falls, OR

June 8-10, 2012 -Western States Horse Expo, Sacramento, CA