



May 2011

JCHA Family Fun Horse Show

UPDATE: At this time, the show is still on even though some shows have been canceled in the next couple weeks due to the equine virus. Since our schooling show is mainly local participants the show chairmen plan to proceed. Please watch the website for any changes that may occur in the week before the show.

This club fundraiser will be held on Sunday, June 12th at Estremado's Arena in Gold Hill. Shari & Dave Woods and Carol Dombrowsky are chairing the event this year.



All members who enjoy showing are encouraged to attend. There are classes for JCHA members only, along with the standard classes. Cost is only \$5 per class or \$40 for the day for club members; \$7 per class / \$60 for the day for non-members.

They do need help running the show. Gate keepers, office staff to sign in riders and tabulate the scores and someone to hand out the ribbons. They are also looking for a judge, so if you have any ideas call Shari at 541-659-9340. Also call for more information and/or to volunteer some time for this event.

We are also seeking sponsors for the show. If you would like to sponsor a High Point Award for \$50 or a class award for \$10, please send a check to JCHA, PO Box 765, Medford, OR 97501.

The class sheet and entry form are available on the website at: www.ridejcha.com

Equine Herpes Virus 1 (EHV-1) Outbreak

The first indications of the outbreak began to surface after a Cutting Horse Show the first week in May in Ogden Utah. Many of the horses confirmed or suspected of having the disease were involved in the competition or exposed to horses coming home from the event.

Quote: Equine herpes virus-1 is highly contagious and can cause a variety of ailments in horses, including rhinopneumonitis (a respiratory disease usually found in young horses), abortion in broodmares, and myeloencephalopathy (evident in the neurologic form). The virus is not transmissible to humans. Clinical signs of EHV-1 myeloencephalopathy include fever, ataxia (incoordination), weakness or paralysis of the hind limbs, and incontinence. The virus is generally passed from horse to horse via aerosol transmission (when affected animals sneeze/cough) and contact with nasal secretions.

Please check the Oregon Veterinarian Association website for more up to date details and information on this virus.

<http://oregonvma.org/resources/confirmed-ehm-case-oregon>

JACKSON COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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Upcoming JCHA Events

- Club Trail Ride—June 4
- JCHA Horse Show—June 12
- Lily Glen Events—July 2-4
- Chiloquin LINGO Ride—August 6

What's Happening ~

Monthly Meeting Notice

Date: June 8, 2011

Time: 7:00pm

Place: I.O.O.F. Hall

1129 Hazel Street, Central Point

Refreshments provided by:

Vicki Noelle & Debbie Davenport

Door Prize provided by:

Karen House

Upcoming Ride -

Saturday, June 4

Debbie Davenport will lead a working trail ride at Willow Prairie to clear the equestrian trails since the Forest Service cancelled the May 14th work party due to the camp not being accessible. Depending on the number of participants we will break into smaller groups and go different directions to cover more trails. Bring hand clippers, gloves, and lunch. No breakfast prior to ride - please be at the day use staging area at Willow Prairie, saddled and ready to ride at 9:30am. There will be a mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 with the Forest Service, then we will RIDE!! If you prefer to walk and clear trails that is okay too. We can assign trails accordingly. Please call Debbie at 541-890-6091 if you plan to attend so we can create a plan ahead of time.

My Fellow JCHA Members,

I would like to apologize to the members for the tumultuous ride the board has been experiencing for the last four months. Circumstances have resulted in upheaval and a number of resignations. Unfortunately, two more resignations will join the list. Tim Taylor has resigned as President and Jackie Decker has resigned as Secretary. The loss of these Board members has led to some serious soul searching and as a result the Board has decided to step back and take a look at the circumstances, with the goal of restoring calm to the situation.

Debbie Davenport has graciously agreed to step back into the position of Secretary; with her help and expertise, the transition to a cohesive board should be quick and efficient.

I know some members will have questions concerning the events that have led us to this point; all I can say is that I would like everyone to consider what JCHA means to them. Do you like to ride, game, or show? Do you want to enjoy these pastimes with a group of like-minded individuals? Is it still fun to be a member of JCHA? If you answered these questions in a positive manner, then what has transpired within the board has no consequence and we can move forward and continue to enjoy these activities as a group. If your answers were negative, we sincerely apologize and would like to hear your concerns. Direct any correspondence to Tal at haunter@thehaunter.com. I promise to keep them anonymous when I share them with the board. We will respond to every concern.

Sincerely,

Talmadge Thoms, Acting President / JCHA

\$\$ CLASSIFIED ADS \$\$

FOR SALE: Slo-Feed style hay bags. Made of heavy duty tarp material and poly webbing. Large enough to hold 2-3 flakes of hay. \$48.00 Extra snap straps \$7.00 Call Karen at 541-531-8703. (5/23/2011)

FOR SALE: 13-year old sorrel registered quarter horse gelding. Great personality, smart, used as ranch horse when younger and as a trail horse more recently. Done a little 4-H too. Asking \$2,500. Call Trish at 541-772-4314

FOR SALE: Locker beef, \$1.85/lb hanging weight. You pay cut & wrap. Call Mike at 541-944-9192.

FOR SALE: Registered Fox Trotter mare, black and beautiful. Great trail horse, excellent feet, no shoes needed. \$1,000 firm Call Helen at 541-826-3295

FOR SALE: Featherlite 2-horse living quarters trailer. Honda generator extra. Asking \$20,000. Call Helen at 541-826-3295

FOR SALE: AQHA, Beautiful Grulla mare, 5 years old, long black mane and tail, 14.2 hands, excellent conformation, nice feet with thick hoof walls, fast walker, very good stop, well started \$1800.00. For more information please call Fred West 541-761-1511.

JCHA Meeting Minutes ~ May 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order at about 7:00pm by Vice -President, Tal Thoms. President, Tim Taylor was absent. A roll call of Board Members present included VP Tal Thoms, Treasurer Robin Keeton, Secretary Jackie Decker and Member-at-Large & temporary secretary, Mike Lutz. The board announced that per Article V- Section 5 of Bylaws, the board members present at the board meeting of May 4, 2011 appointed Colleen Low to fill the vacant position as Sunshine and Susan Thoms as Hospitality. Both were present at the meeting. Tal noted that the Jr. Member position remains vacant. Audrie Moore drew support last month, but the position does have an age requirement and she is too young.

Tal went on to thank Carol Lutz and Jackie Decker for refreshments and Carol Dombrowsky for the door prize for the meeting.

April Minutes: Secretary, Jackie Decker, asked if there were changes or corrections to the minutes of April 13, 2011 that were posted in the news letter. The minutes were approved as written. Karen Matheny did mention the minutes omitted that she talked about the impromptu campout at Willow Prairie on June 24-26 that members were welcome to attend. There were still a couple spots open, or just come ride for the day.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robin Keeton reported that she had moved the JCHA's money to the Rogue Federal Credit Union, leaving \$100 with Chase to cover any expenses for the remainder of the month. As of May 11, 2011 JCHA had \$5,250 at RFCU, \$100.62 at Chase, a one year CD at RFCU for \$3,000, \$1,916.62 in the Joann Pool Equestrian Enhancement fund in a savings account at RFCU and a petty cash balance of \$42.56. Robin also reported on her new financial statement, which indicates that the club should be able to cover its expenses with the revenue being generated by its activities. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed. Jackie Decker reported that she had filed the form 950-N on-line with the IRS as is required for non-profits like JCHA.

Sunshine Report: Colleen reported that she had sent a card to Gail and Scott Bradley because Gail's father had passed away. It was noted that Susan Thoms is celebrating a birthday on Thursday.

Special Reports: Mike Lutz reported that May 21 is a RVETA work day on the Bear Creek Equestrian Greenway, starting at 9 am at the Blackwell Road entrance. He suggested that people bring tools to clear the trail. On Sunday, May 22 people riders are welcome to join a ride the Greenway. For the time being, as the horse trail is muddy, you should ride the paved trail and please knock your horse's poop off the trail.

Old Business:

Debbie Davenport reported that there were 66 participants at the Gymkhana on April 23. She thanked everyone who helped out and made this the best attended Gymkhana in years and netting the club \$1,267.03 in profit. \$66 was added to the Joann Pool fund out of the profits.

Debbie Davenport also reported that the proposed Willow Prairie work party has been canceled by the Forest Service because the road into Willow Prairie is still buried in snow. She indicated that they would try June 4 (National Trail Day) as a Willow Prairie Work Party if the road was clear by that date.

Colleen Low reported that the May 21 Prospect Trail Ride has been canceled because the gate will not be open on that date. In lieu of the Prospect ride, Colleen agreed to lead a ride on May 22 at Agate Lake off the Dry Creek Road, starting at 10:00am.

Shari Woods reminded us that the Horse Show is June 12th at the Estremado arena on Galls Creek Road in Gold Hill. She was unable to find a judge at a reasonable price, but volunteered to act as judge for free if Amanda Brydon would act as her scribe. This suggestion was approved by the members. Shari also asked for event volunteers to hand out ribbons and assist in paperwork.

Shari Woods reported that she had spoken to Betty Lynell who offered to allow the club to do a trail ride on her East Evans Creek ranch where a trail trials was held a few years back. Shari agreed to lead a ride on June 18 with Colleen Low acting as drag. If the ride went well the club might try to schedule a mid September camp out / ride there. (NOTE: This ride has been cancelled because Betty will be out of town)

Betty Moore reported on the planning for the Lily Glen camp-out set for July 2-4. Flyers have been prepared, Karen has worked on the event rules, and prizes have been ordered. They have some help lined up for judging the obstacles, but still need sign up help for Saturday morning. There is a BBQ & Potluck dinner on Saturday, with music and a corn toss contest then the Gymkhana on Sunday.

Colleen Low reported that there was one site left at Quinn Meadows for the JCHA camp-out August 11 thru 14 and that anyone still interested should contact her at 541-560-3661 in case of a cancellation.

New Business:

Trail Mileage Recognition Awards: Judy Taylor, Carol Dombrowsky, Karen House and Amanda Anderson agreed to form a committee to explore whether the club would like to set up a program whereby members can track the number of miles of trail riding they do during a season. The committee will report their findings back to the members at a future meeting.

Some of the first aid kits for the trail boss and drag had been brought in and Robin Keeton volunteered to get the supplies contained in them replenished at the club's expense.

Robin Keeton asked for input on the Christmas Party planning. She had called the Eagle's Lodge asking about reserving the December 10 date for

Meeting minutes cont....

the party there and they said they would get back to her. Debbie Davenport said that Lance Zimmerman had provided the music in prior years and that she would contact him about doing so this year.

Robin Keeton also reported that she had talked with Trish Lindaman of the BLM and BLM was open to re-establishing an equestrian trail at the end of Worthington Road in Eagle Point. There was a discussion in which Karen Matheny pointed out that the old loop trail had been intersected by a fence so that you had to retrace your steps after about 45 minutes coming down muddy or rocky terrain making the BLM section a less than desirable equestrian trail. Robin said she would check out the current status of the trail on foot.

Carol Dombrowsky brought up other older trails that the Club has used in the past. Members discussed the need to get better information about, not only new trails, but older ones JCHA has used in the past.

Vicki Noelle brought up the issue of a Field Services Representative for JCHA. This is a Board appointed position, with approval of the membership. This position acts as the liaison between private and government agencies to ensure the club is kept up to date with equine issues and reports any new information at regular monthly meetings. According to the Bylaws, this representative also schedules work parties in cooperation with the agency. The position is currently held by Bill Ryan but he has not been attending meetings. Many members brought up Debbie Davenport as a natural for this position. She already serves that function for the Rogue Valley Chapter of the Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET) and indicated she would be open for that appointment. There appeared to be unanimous support for her appointment, so, as there was a quorum of board members present, the Board voted (5 yes, 1 abstain) to appoint Debbie as the JCHA Field Services Representative

Door Prizes were won by Vicki Noelle. The names drawn for the Buckaroo Draw of \$40.00 were Carla Resh and Valerie Tauscher who were not in attendance, so the Buckaroo Draw prize will be \$60 in June.

The next JCHA Board meeting was not announced and the next membership meeting is June 8th at 7:00 PM. Vicki Noelle and Debbie Davenport agreed to bring the refreshments and Karen House agreed to bring the Door Prize.

Tal thanked everyone for attending the meeting and it was adjourned at about 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jackie Decker, Secretary & Mike Lutz, Temporary Secretary

Have You Checked the Club's Website Lately??

www.rideJCHA.com

Most of the questions you may have can be answered on our website. The current events, flyers, rules, membership forms, etc. are right at your fingertips. The calendar page has all of our events plus any other group events we hear about.

Other great info is on the member-only section too! You can look at past newsletters, current membership roster, annual budget and more!! To access this portion of the website: on the main page of the website, place your cursor on the capital **A** in Association that is around the large horse logo. It will become a hand, left click and it will take you to the members only section.



Upcoming campouts for members!!

June 24-26 - Willow Prairie - This impromptu campout was suggested by Karen Matheny. Campground is full, but there are dispersed sites in the vicinity you can camp in and join the rides. Call Karen Matheny at 541-245-8511 for more info.

August 11-14 - Quinn Meadows - There's still one site available in the campground. Call Colleen Low at 541-840-3692 for more information.

Sept 2-5 - Coast Campout - Plenty of room for all that want to attend!! More on this campout next month.

JCHA Lily Glen Campout & Horse Events

4th of July weekend!!

See enclosed flyer and registration form

Register and pay by June 20th and save 20%!!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Save \$\$ By Pre-registering!!

JCHA Lily Glen Campout & Horse Events July 2-4, 2011

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Camping (Sat & Sun night) -

_____ nights X \$16 = \$ _____

Trail Horse Trial -

_____ riders X \$10 = \$ _____

Lingo Cards (\$5 ea or 3/\$12) -

_____ cards = \$ _____

Poker Hands (\$5 ea or 3/\$12) -

_____ hands = \$ _____

Gymkhana -

_____ riders X \$20 = \$ _____ (all 5 events)

OR

_____ events X \$5 = \$ _____ (Barrels Speed Barrels Bi-Rangle Keyway Single Stake)

Check age group(s) entering the Gymkhana: 9 & Under 10-18 19-38 39 & over

Total amount for all events on left	\$ _____
Early Bird Non-Member 10% discount	\$- _____
OR	
Early Bird JCHA Member 20% discount	\$- _____
Total amount enclosed	\$ _____

Send this registration form and check to:

JCHA

PO Box 765

Medford, OR 97501

Must be postmarked by June 20, 2011

RELEASE: I am aware of the risks involved in riding and being around equines and I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors and administrators waive and release the Jackson County Horseman's Association, the property owners, and all others regardless of their capacity in any way connected to this event, from any and all rights, claim or liability for damages, or for any and all injuries that may be sustained by myself, my family or my animals or from any and all claims of any kind or nature the I might have. I have read the rules on the information page and agree to abide by them while participating in this event weekend.

Signature _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact while you are participating in this event:

Name / Relation _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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Mike Lutz	At Large	826-8196

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

Community Equestrian Event Calendar

June 2-4, 2011 *Central Point Rogue Pro Rodeo, fairgrounds*
June 10-12, 2011 *Western States Horse Expo, Sacramento, CA*

ARE YOU PLANNING TO HORSE CAMP ON NATIONAL FOREST LAND??

If you are, then be sure and take **CERTIFIED WEED FREE HAY** for your critters. The Forest Service will write you a ticket if they find you with non-certified hay.

Weed Free Hay is baled with special colored twine that sets it apart from other hay. There is no paperwork to go with it; they only look for the colored twine.

In the Rogue Valley the only person we know with Certified Weed Free Hay is Steve Evans in White City. His phone number is 541-944-3006. (He is out now, but will have hay near the end of June).