

January 2025

Fence Talk

Velcome 2025 Board of Directors !!

President – Sandi Humphfres

Vice-President - Debbie Walker

Secretary – Karen House

Treasurer – Bruce House

Sunshine – Carol Dombrowsky

Hospitality – Dawn Cavanaugh

Member At Large – Sharon Davis

~ Board of Directors Installation & Dessert Potluck~

Plan to attend the annual Board of Directors Installation & dessert potluck on Wednesday, February 12th. Doors at the IOOF Hall open at 6:30pm for socializing and enjoying the potluck of desserts.

Please bring a dessert to share. Table service and beverages will be provided by the club.

We will be honoring the outgoing 2024 Board for their past service and welcoming the incoming 2025 Board.

The regular monthly meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm.

"Members Only" Trail Horse Clinic

The clinic will be held on **Saturday, March 22nd from 10am to 4pm** at 4G's Ranch, Eagle Point. (**Directions:** Take Hwy 62 north to Hammel Road. About 1/2 mile is Staley Road on left. Barn is down Staley about ½ mile (109 Staley Road, watch for signs & balloons!).

Sign ups begin at 9:00am and the arena owner is charging \$15 per horse, so please bring cash with you and be prepared to sign a hold harmless agreement.

There will be many different types of obstacles set up in the covered arena and the outside field that you can take your horse through at your own pace, either in-hand or riding.

The potluck lunch is around 12:00pm, please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share, your own non-alcoholic drinks and a chair.

Before lunch, Dr. Karen of Purina Mills will talk about feeds and supplements, then after lunch Dr. Beth Damon will give a talk on trail first aid. Dr. Damon will also offer Vaccines, Coggins/Health Certs to "members only" during the clinic if there's enough interest. Contact Dr. Damon directly by text or calling: 541-621-0575 There's a flyer on the website with more info or Call Karen House at 541-538-9393. Note: All children 17 years and under are required to wear a safety helmet while riding in any club sponsored event or activity. Heeled riding boots are suggested for all. No dogs or stallions at this event.

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~Upcoming JCHA Events~

- Installation of Officers/Dessert Potluck, Feb 12,
 I.O.O.F. Hall, Central Point
- "Members Only" Trail Clinic, March 22, 4G's Ranch, Eagle Point
- Pear Blossom Parade, April 12, Medford
- "Members Only" Horse Trailer Rodeo, April 26

~What's Happening ~

Monthly Meeting Notice

Date: February 12, 2025
Dessert Installation

Doors Open 6:30pm Meeting 7:00pm

Place: I.O.O.F. Hall 1130 Hazel Street, Central Point

Desserts provided by: **EVERYONE!**

Door Prize provided by: Dawn Cavanaugh

2025 Fundraiser Event Dates

Trail Ride to Benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children June 21
Lily Glen Horse Events & Camp Out July 4-5

"End of Summer" Lingo/Poker Ride—Sept 6

"Ta-Ta Trot" Benefit Horse Show—Oct 18



JACKSON COUNTY
HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION
2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sandi Humphfres	President	541-415-1230
Debbie Walker	V. President	541-890-6091
Karen House	Secretary	541-538-9393
Bruce House	Treasurer	541-690-6375
Carol Dombrowsky	Sunshine	541-821-2914
Dawn Cavanaugh	Hospitality	541-821-7865
Sharon Davis	At Large	541-879-8669
Maddie Bowers	Junior	541-326-9274

JCHA Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, February 6th, 6:30pm at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 2201 Owen Dr, Medford. All current JCHA members are welcome to attend.

JCHA CLUB APPAREL ORDER

Ordering for JCHA Apparel is now open and will stay open till the minimum of 50 items is reached. This may be the only order for this year, so if you want to order a club t-shirt or sweatshirt please go to the website at www.ridejcha.com and download the order form and apparel info. Apparel ranges in price starting from \$9.50 for a t-shirt to \$25 for a full zip sweatshirt depending on size. You can email the order form to Karen House or bring it to a meeting, payment is due when the order comes in.





The Pear Blossom Parade

Who wants to participate in this year's Pear Blossom Parade on **Saturday, April 12th** in downtown Medford? The club voted to participate again this year, so we are in need of many club members to ride their horses, walk along the parade route with riders, a couple of pooper scoopers and banner carriers.

The parade usually begins at 11:00am, staging area is on Clark Street near the railroad tracks. Please be there early before 9:00am to drive in & turn around to get a parking space then to prep for the parade. Required parade attire is royal blue or gold club-logo t-shirt, sweatshirt or jacket, jeans and healed boots. Western hat or safety helmet may also be worn, note: helmets are required for children ages 17 & under.

Riders will use the club-logoed saddle sashes, saddle pad covers and leg wraps. Do consider riding or walking in this great parade and show your support for JCHA in this fun, family friendly event. You do need to be a current member to participate, so please renew your dues!

There will be a sign up sheet at the February meeting or call/text Karen House at 541-538-9393 to sign up to participate in this year's parade.

JACKSON COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION Membership Renewal for 2025

Single Membership -			
\$20 Adult (18+ years)			
\$15 Junior (9-17)			
Family Membership - \$40 (Two adults and minor children living in same household)			
Name			
Mailing address			
City, ST, ZIP			
Telephone			
$\ \square$ Do NOT list my telephone number on the membership roster			
Email Address			
☐ Do NOT list my email address on the membership roster			
☐ 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 12, 2025



Don't Forget... 2025 Dues are DUE!

Membership dues for 2025 are due and payable until February 12th.

If you receive the newsletter by mail, the year to the right of your name on the label is when your membership expires. If it is 2024, then you need to renew. If it is 2025, then you are valid until the end of 2025. If it says Life, then you are good forever!

If you only receive the newsletter via email and the website, you can find a list of names and expiration in the body of the email.

You may pay by check with this renewal form, or you can pay via PayPal to our email address: Paypal@ridejcha.com Please include \$1-\$2 with PayPal per renewal transaction to cover service fee!

*Reminder: Family Membership is two adults and minor children 17 years and younger living in the same household.

*Single is one adult 18 + years.

*Junior is ages 9 to 17 years old.

~2025 JCHA Youth Sponsorship Program~

JCHA has established an annual fund of \$1,500 to assist youth who may apply to the association for a sponsorship. This program runs from January 1st to April 1st.

Applicants must be a JCHA member or become a new member, between 13-18 years of age (as of January 1) and be enrolled in an equine activity in Southern Oregon. They are required to give a brief speech at a club meeting as to why they feel deserving of a sponsorship. More information and application is available on the JCHA website.

RIDEJCHA HOURS IN THE SADDLE PROGRAM

Reminder... for those of you who are in the program, your JCHA membership must remain current so you can continue adding hours to your log sheet. If your membership lapses and you want to continue, you must renew then pay the appropriate RIDEJCHA fee again and start at zero in logging saddle hours. You won't get another hours award until you reach the last hour level you were already awarded, so please renew by the February 12th membership meeting so you don't miss out. Total participant saddle hours logged to date: 20,950 (WOW!!)

So, get out there in 2025 and RIDE, RIDE, I!

JCHA Monthly Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2025 Submitted by Secretary, Karen House

President, Sandi Humphfres called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call of Board- Present were: President, Sandi Humphfres; Vice President, Debbie Walker; Secretary, Karen House; Treasurer, Bruce House; Sunshine, Carol Dombrowsky; Hospitality, Dawn Cavanaugh; Member at Large, Sharon Davis & Junior Board Member, Maddie Bowers.

Refreshments & Door Prize- Thanks went out to the everyone for bringing food for the potluck and then to The Club, Sharon Davis, Jill Mialkovsky & Dianne Gorman for furnishing the door prizes.

Introduction of New Members and Guests – No new members but guest present this month was Ben Villasenor.

December Meeting Minutes— Motion was made, 2nd and approved to accept the December meeting minutes as written in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report- Bruce House reported the club had a beginning balance in the checking account- \$3,361.05; expenses \$497.00; income \$402.00. Ending balance in checking \$3,266.05; Joann Pool fund \$5,549.55; cash on hand \$25.00; Business Ownership Account \$18.78 for total cash assets of \$8,859.38. No outstanding club related bills to hand in. Motion was made, 2nd and approved to accept the treasurers report. Debbie Walker asked about giving Carol Dombrowsky money for cards that she buys and sends out, it was motioned, 2nd and approved to issue a check to Carol for \$100.

Sunshine Report- Carol Dombrowsky reported that she sent cards out to: Shawntae Huskey for loss of her horse, Sophia Moore for a new pony, Heather Parker for the loss of her cousin and to Harry Howard being ill and in the hospital. Carol also asked if everyone would send get well cards to her address to take to Micki Juardo who's having another surgery on February 6. If anyone knows of a club member who could use an uplifting card, please contact Carol.

Ride JCHA Report—Carol Dombrowsky mentioned that this day was the programs 13th birthday. It was created by a committee consisting of Karen House, Carol Dombrowsky & Amanda Anderson with the purpose to entice members to ride their horse and enjoy the great outdoors. This month had two awards, first was Dianne Gorman for logging 50 hours, she received a 50 hour bar patch and a cantle bag, second was Jill Mialkovsky for logging 50 & 100 hours, she received 50 & 100 hour bar patches, a cantle bag and the infamous first aid kit with the one band aid. Participants were reminded to renew their regular JCHA membership dues by February 12 to stay in the program. If not renewed by that date, they will loose all accrued hours and will have to pay another fee and restart from zero hours.

Junior Board Member Report— Maddie Bowers reported about OHSET Southern District's Silent Auction and Dinner event, Saturday, March 22 at 6:00pm held at The Expo. The teams are asking for donations of good clean items or services for the auction. Jackson County Flea Market, held at The Expo, January 11, Sunday 9am-2pm.

Recently the Crater High School Equestrian Team lost a friend and team mate to a tragic accident a month ago. Donations are being accepted to help pay for her memorial celebration, there's also a Go Fund Me page. If your interested in donating, contact Maddie Bowers for more info. Then OHSET South District's meet is February 14, 15 & 16 at The Expo. Friday is gaming all day, Saturday is western pleasure events and more then Saturday evening is Drill. Sunday morning is cow and roping events.

JCHA Event Planning-

Board of Directors Installation & Dessert Potluck, February 12th— Bring a dessert to the Installation meeting to share in thanking the outgoing 2024 board and welcoming the incoming 2025 board. Doors open at 6:30pm for socializing and the dessert potluck, then the meeting starts promptly at 7:pm.

Members Only Trail Horse Clinic, March 22, 4G's Ranch, Eagle Point - Karen/Bruce House

The event is rain or shine, the fee is \$15 per horse, the outside field and covered arena will have various obstacles to ride around/ over, it's open from 10:00am till 4:00pm. There will be two informational talks, one by Dr Karen, a Purina Feed Specialist who'll talk on feed and supplements and the other by Dr Beth Damon on trail first aid. Both of these talks will be before and after the potluck lunch scheduled around noon, so please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share, bring a chair and a drink. If you need vaccinations, coggins and health certificates, Dr Beth Damon will give them to members if there's enough interest, you must call or text her before the event. Note that 4G's is a private ranch and residence so please before you go home be sure to clean up any horse manure, shavings & trash from around your truck/trailer.

Pear Blossom Parade, April 12, Medford- Karen/Bruce House

We need club members to ride their horses, walkers to walk by the horses, pooper scoopers & banner walkers for our group to be in the parade. The club will furnish saddle blankets, sashes and polo wraps for riders to use. Everyone is to wear club colors of blue or gold apparel, there are some extra shirts for those who don't have one. Everyone is advised to arrive early to the staging parking area as it fills up fast! The registration fee is \$75 and the parade is rain or shine. You can find parade guidelines and a driving map to the staging area on W. Clark St posted on the calendar page of the website.

Members Only Horse Trailer Rodeo, April 26, Location to be determined – Bruce House

Bruce will inspect members horse trailers from 10:00am-2:00pm, he will check flooring, brakes, tires, lights, etc. Your trailer must be clean of any manure/shavings and no horses at this event. Could also have some cones for help in backing of truck and horse trailer. You must sign up to attend, a sign up sheet will be at the February meeting or call/text Bruce at 541-690-6375.

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Old Business-

Found Shawl at the Christmas Party— Debbie Walker told of a shawl that was found left at the Christmas Party. If you lost one or know of who it belongs to please contact Debbie.

Re-Open nominations for the 2025 Board of Directors & Voting— Last meeting the following were nominated for the 2025 Board of Directors: President, Sandi Humphfres; Vice President, Debbie Walker; Secretary, Karen House; Treasurer, Bruce House; Hospitality, Dawn Cavanaugh; Sunshine, Carol Dombrowsky & Member at Large, Sharon Davis. Nominations were re-opened for any member who wanted to be on one of the board positions. No one else was nominated so the motion was made, 2nd and approved to close the nominations for the 2025 Board of Directors and to accept the existing board for 2025 as printed on the ballot.

Youth Sponsorship Program & Final Presentations – Debbie Walker

A reminder that youth sponsorships will open again on January 1st till April 1st, 2025. Please spread the word to eligible youths that there will be an application and information on the web site by the 1st of January. Final presentations were heard from Maddie Bowers & Eliana Ramirez.

Maddie thanked the membership for supporting her this past year in her equestrian activities. She is with the South Medford Equestrian Team and used her funds for gas to travel to competitions, district and state entry fees & competition fees, also for needed equipment & supplies. Maddie shared her awards and a photo album, she is in her junior year of high school and a straight A student. Her future careers plans are to go to rodeo college or as a RN specializing in labor and delivery.

Eliana has been in 4-H since the 4th grade, she is currently a member with Horses Unlimited 4-H Club. She thanked the member-ship for the sponsorship, it helped her so she could help her team. It paid for shavings, stalls and travel to state, she was in show-manship, keyway, 2 barrel flag race, pole bending, gymkhana & more. Eliana learned some new disciplines and paid for a couple of lessons, she's wanting to do English and driving. She shared a large poster of her riding her horse going around barrels along with some ribbons she had won. Her career goals are to be an author as she loves to write, she's also thinking of going to a horse college in Florida or Montana and to buy a ranch someday for her dad so he can fulfill his dream of working calves.

New Business-

Apparel Order– Karen House will check with Kristina Dalton for prices and the minimum amount to place the order. The plan is to receive the order back in time for the Pear Blossom Parade. Watch for the apparel flyer on the website.

Treasure's Audit & Committee— Terry Campfield, Penny Boggs & Dianne Dombras met with Bruce House before the meeting and reviewed the treasurer's ledger & bank statements. All looked correct with no discrepancies.

Other New Business-

Horse Protection Act– Penny Boggs told about Western Justice Legislative Fund, who are fighting the current Horse Protection Act. They are a nonprofit 501 C4 Non-Profit organization that engages in political action trying to keep rules fair, you can find info on the HPA and petitions to sign at ww.westernjustice.info

She then explained about the original Horse Protection Act that was put into place in 1970, a federal law that was to protect Tennessee Walker Horses from being soared for showing, sales & auctions, it has now been revised to all equines and anything that can make your horse sore such as fly sprays, scrapes on their legs or something that can make a mark on your horse. It includes requirements and inspectors at all horseshow classes and events and falls on the show committee to have those inspectors there. PETA and the Humane Society are major backers of this law with the USDA and it becomes effective February 2025.

IP28- Karen House shared about another important issue here in Oregon, the IP28 that is to be on the ballot November 2026 if they get enough signatures. IP28 is an animal protection act and it covers all livestock, pets, would make it illegal to utilize animals for food, fiber or companionship and more. For more detailed information go the Horse Council of Oregon at www.oregonhorsecouncil.com/legislative/no-on-p3/

Door Prize Drawings- Winners were Terri Campfield, Debra Smith, Dawn Cavanaugh, Diane Dombras & Phyllis Pfaff.

Buckaroo Drawing- Worth \$20 this month. Name drawn but not present to win was Kerry Bixby. Next months drawing is worth \$40.

Adjourned Meeting-8:17pm