Earlham College Equestrian Co-op Minutes 2013

These are the Equestrian Co-op minutes in their raw, unedited form. All typos, quirks, and errors have been left intact because we are a quirky, imperfect entity. These minutes contain everything from our most mundane updates to our most difficult discussions. They give a glimpse of who we are as well what we have been talking about, consenting on, and wrestling with on a weekly basis over the years. Enjoy reading!

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Spring 2013

1/21/13

January 21st, 2013

We started with a moment of silence, then moved into ‘Schoolie updates’

Two of the schoolies, Graham and Logan, and lame, so are not able to be ridden.

We have a new half schoolie, Shiloh.

All the horses are wormed.

We are getting two new horses at the barn.

Next we moved into scheduling and signing up for work shifts.

We have been having troubles with moldy hay, the hay-guy is coming out tomorrow to take away the old hay and give us new hay.

Others:

We are putting a binder out at the barn that will be available to write down concerns, such as lame schoolies and maintenance projects.

We also covered the close door policy, we’re trying to keep our horses warm by closing up the barn when it’s below zero degrees.

We went over assistants course, and what to do when the water troughs are frozen.

We moved the grain from Jese’s semi to the classroom. We will be splitting up the kitties so that all of our grain is carefully patrolled.

Ella and Gisele are doing snacks!!

1/28/13

Today’s agenda

1/28/13
Christy Crozier

Moment of Silence

Lists for people to fill out
- Contact info/if you have a car
- Emergency situations at the barn contact list

Avis

-Avis talked about the new baseball stadium being put up, as well as the potential to expand and improve the program. He talked about how there will possibly be more of a student ‘hub’ up around the barn and the surrounding fields. Measures are being taken to ensure that the horses and riders will be safe. (There is an article on the Earlham webpage if more information is desired) We believe that the stadium will be finished over the summer, but that is still an estimate. Avis opened up the floor for burning questions, and offered the option to email and meet up with the barn staff if anyone wished. This development will affect several teams/groups, and the barn may receive more attention than it did before. A large portion of the student body is unaware of the equestrian program on campus. This could open us up for more publicity. Hannah brought up her worries about noise, we will ensure that schedules are displayed for riders to work around. Tory brought up worries about spacing, Avis reassured her by letting her know that the folks in charge of the stadium would locate it far enough away for safety. Any questions, comments, concerns, and suggestions can be sent to the barn staff, who will address them.

Logan

- Logan is lame and still on stall rest, and needs to be left inside.

Ellie

- Ellie is being boarded at the barn again after this weekend!!

Professionalism

- Always be professional at the barn.

Missing Shifts

- Talk to Harper and Miriam if you can’t make your shift!! Even better, find someone to take your shift for you!!

Cats
- No more feeding cats on shifts, and be careful because we now have a Wilder look-a-like, and we need to make sure our kitties are locked up and fed, not the strays.

Nadeem Noon clinic

- Abigails talked about the Nad clinic, and about how adjustable and helpful he was and how we would like them to happened again.

Alternative Clinics

- I talked about Alternative clinics, and how if anyone had suggestions of clinics they would like to do to write them down.

Community Day

- I proposed having a Community day, where we had some haul-in riders come and ride with us at selected times.

Sheila’s Jumps

- Sheila has kindly lent us her jumps over the winter season while she isn’t using them, Harper brought up the need to respect that and treat her jumps nicely.

No weekend lessons

- Miriam has rearranged the lessons so that they do not fall on the weekends.

Work shift ideas

- We are working out ways to rearrange work shifts, possibly only having two people work pm shifts, and delegating more work towards the am shift. It was also proposed that boarders start taking care of dumping their own water buckets.

Different temp schedule

- We now have a new temp schedule, before assigning a permanent schedule.

Grass hay replaced

- We received a load of hay with some moldy hay, and the hay guy came out and replaced the hay and took away the bad stuff.

Team

- Money is due, and Tory needs a brief word with team after meeting.

Reminders
- Shavings need to be taken from the back, and we need to make sure the fire door is not being blocked.

- Lock doors/turn off lights, but don’t lock anyone out. Make sure everything is put away and turned off before riders/workers leave.

- Grain bags look alike, it is important to make sure we add the right grain to the right bin.

Others

- Ilyah doesn’t have a barn key!

- Hannah’s horse Kona is out of his grain, and can just eat ROWE tomorrow morning.

- Kate is in charge of scheduling clinics still, and Nad is only available March 30th. Jurgan is available other times, people can sign up if they are interested.

- Kate also brought up the assistant course, and that we are thinking of attending the equine horse fair in Columbus, and she is opening it up to everyone who wants to attend. We have to decide which day we want to go, and if we volunteer for the day we get a free ticket for another day!

- Kate also mentioned adding in CPR to the assistants course, and is opening it up to everyone who is interested. We may soon require instructors to be CPR certified.

- Zoe asked if anyone could switch her shift.

- Keiley brought up her horse Willow’s blanketing needs.

- Abigail mentioned that EZ keeper was unintentionally put in a ROWE bin.

- Yolanda brought up that Quin has starting cribbing again.

Cheers

- Harper, Tory, Keiley, Miriam all cleaned out Ellie’s stall

- Tory and Harper cleaned out the fridges!!

- Kate, Keiley, and I worked the clinic.

- Two of Keiley’s friends came out and picked ice for us!!

2/4/13

2/04/13

Co-op meeting
Agenda

-Moment of silence
Harper had us take a moment of silence

-Lists
Harper passed around contact/information lists for people to double check

-Ellie
Ellie is here!!

-Graham
Graham goes in the holding pen, he has an injury and is skinny, so he needs two flakes of hay. He is also receiving an antibiotic, so we need to make sure that he’s eating it, if not, call Kieley and she will come out and make it into a paste

-Maintenance Project Ideas
Abigail talked about potential maintenance projects, such as putting more fire safety measures, putting up mirrors in the arena, putting up a sprinkler system in the indoor, and drainage for the holding pen.

-Team
Tory wants to talk about team afterwords, about up-and-coming shows and practices

-Final Schedule
There are still some gaps in the permanent schedule, co-op members need to talk to Miriam if they haven’t signed up. We are offering paid shifts now, so that we make sure the horses are well taken care of

-Reminders
AM needs to clean 4 stalls, to make PM easier. Lessons should be starting soon, Miriam will send out the schedule so everyone knows when lesson students are riding.

-Others
Hannah-Kona’s blanket temperatures are changed, keep an eye out when taking off/putting on his blanket.

Zoe-can’t make her Saturday PM shift, she’s switching with Kieley
Kate-is taking names of people who want to learn CPR, it’s part of the assistants course and everyone is welcome to join.

Also, for assistants course, Kate will be teaching from 1-4, people will be able to come either 1-3 or 2-4pm as schedules allow.

Kieley-Make sure Slice’s halter/cribbing muzzle is on the top hole, that way he cannot crib though it.

-Cheers

Hannah for doing AM this morning!!

Kate for driving to Lanes clinic for horse meds!!

-Snacks

Miriam and Melonie

2/11/13
Today’s agenda

Moment of silence

Lists

-On call list

-Contact list

Harper sent around an updated contact list

-Farrier list

--Kieley sent around a farrier list

Delune

-Delune is lame, don’t use her for co-op use

Graham

-Graham is improving, but still lame

Baseball field
Harper talked about the baseball field, co-op (or anybody) is welcome to come to a barn staff meeting if they have questions/comments/concerns.

Final schedule

-Empty shifts

Miriam talked about empty shifts, and about how Sunday needed an instructor on AM shift. We are offering paid shifts now because we don’t have enough people to fill the slots. We talked about having a test that assistants have to pass so that we can have shifts with two assistants. Miriam and barn staff will work on a test that is both theoretical and applied.

Team

-Tory talked about the first show coming up this weekend. Practice

Reminders

-boots on schoolies

--Winter and Shiloh need to have boots on all the time, Delune needs them when she’s jumping

-Check blankets

--Double check buckles, make SURE horses have on the correct blanket for the correct temperature during shifts

-Poop pile

--Make sure that people are dumping wheelbarrows away from the door

Others

-Tory talked about 4-H coming to the barn and hosting a demo for them about jumping, dressage, and general English riding. They would just be watching, and someone would be narrating what was going on. It would be to just give them an idea of what dressage and hunter jumping are.

-Espa reinforced the blanket reminder, it’s good to double check!!

-Hannah talked about Kona, AM doesn’t have to dump his buckets or turn him out, Hannah will be taking him out every day and night check needs to give him a flake of hay.

-Team needs to make sure that people covering their shifts are being covered by non-team members

-A couple horses are missing their blankets, people need to keep their eye out for them
Zoe and Espa need people to cover their shifts this week

Cheers

Cheers to Ella and Espa for covering last minute shifts

Cheers to Kieley and Kate for doing Tory’s stall

Snacks

Espa and I are doing snacks next week

2/18/13

Barn Co-op meeting

2/18/13

Agenda

Moment of silence

Farrier list

-Kieley sent around another farrier list

Time slips

-Talk to Abigail or come to the Wednesday barn staff meeting

Shiloh

-Shiloh can be used as a schoolie Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Pearl

-Pearl is going to OSU to get her eye looked at

Shifts

-People on pm shifts need to make sure that they are doing everything on the list, such as clean litter boxes, filling water troughs, making sure the horses are blanketed correctly, and making sure that the schoolies have enough shavings.

-On am shifts, people can start putting shavings in the schoolie stalls in the mornings.

Announcements
-Security would like to hire us to be a part of a mounted patrol. Kate is helping organize a meeting between stable representatives, security, and a mounted patrol professional. This will NOT be ‘under’ the barn, it will be something between individuals and security. We will be hosting a symposium of sorts, where brainstorming, ideas, and safety can be discussed. A meeting will be hosted specifically for discussing this on Thursday the 28th. The ideas brought up there will be taken by representatives to the symposium to be discussed with security.

Team

-Team placed overall 5th this last Saturday, Sunday points have not yet been posted. Everyone did really well, way to go team!!!

Reminders

-Please let the kitties out in the morning, they are very sad when they have been left in.

-If Willow has a lot of good hay left in her stall, she doesn’t need more put in her stall.

-Hannah doesn’t have a phone for about a week, Kieley will be Kona’s emergency contact until Hannah gets her phone back.

Cheers

-Espa did four AM shifts this week!!!

-Abigail has been really on top of getting hay, shavings, and grain.

-Team did really well.

-Tory has been a saint this weekend.

2/25/13

Agenda

Moment of silence

Shavings

-Abigail got shavings ordered and they came today!

Break

-Break went well, everyone lived, and horses are fat, fed, and happy

Mounted Patrol
-There is a meeting concerning mounted patrol this Thursday at 7 outside of Leeds Connector

-There is snow in the connector, don’t worry, this is caused by a ventilation system that occasionally lets snow inside. It’s not something to worry about as long as there isn’t very much

4H group visit

-Tory talked about the 4H group coming for a demonstration ride, they want to watch a couple people do a dressage test and a hunter course. People who want to help out can talk to Tory after meeting, they will be here March 9th, 10am-12pm.

Team

-Team had their last show this weekend, did very well, Team got 6th overall on Saturday and 4th overall on Sunday. Three people made it to regionals, and Abigail won reserve high point rider on Saturday

Reminders

-Litter Boxes must be cleaned at PM shifts!
-Water troughs must be filled at PM, make sure the horses have enough water
-Jumps: people have been leaving jumps set up, so we need to make sure they are being taken down
-Shiloh’s boots: Make sure his boots are put away buckled like they go on the horse so that they don’t lose their shape

Others

-Cheers
-Hannah has her phone back, Yay!
-Brennen lost his blanket, but he has a new one now, so make sure its on him
-Jurgan is coming on Sunday for a clinic
-Pearl is back from OSU from getting her eye checked out, anyone can feel free to text Miriam if Pearl is looking uncomfortable, Miriam is just trying to keep her comfortable until it is time to have her put down
-Slice is getting extra medicine, it gets dumped on his grain
-Leave Pearl inside until Miriam or someone medicates her

-Team is still practicing this week

-Loki hurt his eye, he has a scratch and needs antibiotics. Loki and Romeo will be in the holding pen for a while so that he is easily accessible

-Willow doesn’t need hay at AM anymore

Cheers

-Harper and Rachel for driving to the horse show

-Tory for being a great captain, team for doing so well

-Melonie and Kate for going with Miriam to OSU with Pearl

-Everyone who pointed up on Team

-Illyah for getting a first this weekend

Snacks

-Rachel and Yolanda

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3/4/13

Agenda

Moment of Silence

Farrier List

-Kieley is passing around a farrier list

Vet

-Lance is coming at 3:15 tomorrow to look at Pearl, Slice, and Kona

Shiloh

-Shiloh is going to polo wraps, if you don’t know how to wrap, please don’t use him. If you would like to learn, please talk to Christy, and learn how!

Water Trough

-Pasture 2 water trough is broken, but getting replaced.
Shavings
- Shavings are coming around 4pm tomorrow

Cats
- There is a Sammy look-a-like, and a Wilder look-a-like, so make sure that we’re feeding the correct kittens. All of our kittens have a clipped ear, if you can’t identify them.

Team
- Team had regionals this weekend, thanks to Abigail for helping out. Yolanda is going on to Zones!!

Reminders
- Time slips- Come to a Barn Staff meeting if you need to sign for a paid shift.
- Jumps- Please remember to put jumps away!
- Late to shift- If you are late to shift or miss meeting, it can count as a missed shift and you might have to make up another shift.

Others
- Tory: 4Hers are coming to the barn at 10am, so everyone helping please be there at 9am to help clean up
- Tory: Romeo is gone on trial for a week
- Kate: a tack fitter is coming from 1pm to 4pm on Sunday, anyone who wants to come is welcome!
- Ilyah is leaving us =( her shifts need to be covered, they will be paid
- Miriam: Sunday AM needs to be covered, it will be paid. Ella is taking it.
- Kieley: Delune was sound, but looked a little off the last time she was used. Please make sure that she is sound before using her. Kieley is also missing a lunge line, if anyone sees it then please let Kieley know! Also, Slice has a liquid supplement, and he needs to be getting it every day in the evening.
- Gisele: Double check that all blanket buckles are done up before horses go out. Also, one of the pitchforks broke, it’s in the schoolie tack room.
- Tory is using Quin for a lesson on Tuesday
-Harper: Loki is all better, he can go back out in pasture 4. Rita is also looking for someone to ride Wonderboy a couple times a week. She will want to see you ride him before agreeing to anything, just to make sure that riders are compatible.

-I will be sending minutes to co-op members, so if they miss a meeting they will be caught up.

Cheers

-Hannah: Kieley drove Hannah and Wilder back to the barn, after Wilder had made it to the heart

-Ella: Cheers to team who made it to regionals!

-Yolanda: Cheers to Abigail for coming with to regionals and helping!

-Kieley: Cheers to team!

-Kate: Cheers to the clinic riders!

-Cheers to Ilyah for being an awesome co-op member!

Snacks

Kate and Ella

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3/11/13

Agenda

Moment of Silence

Horses and Jumps

-If people can make sure that the horses turned out in the indoor arena could either watch their horse so that they quit chewing on the jumps, or remove the jumps, that would be great. It’s bad for the horses, bad for the jumps.

Hose in Schoolie Tack Room

-The hose in the schoolie tack room is leaking into the border tack room and drowning wires, so people need to make sure that it is on all the way, or use the spigot by Wonder’s stall or the wash stall. Also, make sure that if it is below freezing that the hoses are properly stored and drained.

Tuesday and Friday PMs

-These shifts need to be covered.
Clinic Standards

- From now on, horses hauling in will be required to fill out additional forms concerning horse health, as well as presenting an UTD health certificate. Owners/riders will need to present these filled out forms to a barn member before their horse comes off the trailer.

Team
- Team, make sure you are at the Wednesday meeting at noon

Reminders
- Barn staff is taking the Friday PM shift for the start of break

Others
- Dave (the farrier) is coming tomorrow at 2:30
- Remember that shift people don’t need to dump Kona’s water
- Rachel is taking Ella’s tomorrow AM shift
- Brennen now has a Smart Pak supplement
- Willow wiped out today, so she will be on stall rest and will be getting bute for a couple days
- Slice has a torn suspensory ligament

Cheers
- Cheers to everyone who came and helped with the 4H group that came last weekend!
- Cheers to the 4H demo riders!
- Cheers to Tory for organizing it!
- Cheers to Kate for spending time with Miriam at the Doctors today!
- Cheers to Miriam for letting co-op members use Pearl for sledding!
- Cheers to Abigail and Yolanda for covering shifts!

Snacks
Miriam and Abigail
3/24/13

Cheers:

Hannah: Sierra gave an extra flake to Kona, and Monique, Leah, and Kieley took care of Kona over break
Zoe: Everyone who worked break, barn looked good
Jess: Kieley’s parents helped out too and they’re super sweet

Avis Update: Security is having a hard time taking all of us to the barn, because they’re busy. We’re able to have a vehicle from 4:00 on. We should carpool in the mornings. We can get the key from public safety. You can only take the car to the barn and back. Coordinate rides so that we aren’t using too much mileage. We’re looking into insurance.

Jess: When you’re shipping your horse, look at baseball schedule. The road is very blocked because of all the cars and big trailers (more than 4-horse) can’t fit.

Avis: The last game is in April, so shipping in May should be fine. If there’s a game at 4, you should be okay if you finish up around noon, but past that, it gets bad. They get there 4 hours ahead of time.

Schoolie Update: Jess: Write who you ride, when, who, etc. If you bring a guest, write “+ Guest.” Jett saw the chiropractor and he will be opened for jumping soon.

Farrier: Jess: Nate is coming April 1st. Sign up!

Vet: Jess: Lance is coming for Coggins, health cert, sheath cleaning, and teeth floating. If you’re leaving the state, you need the health cert within the month. He’ll be here around April 8th.

Listservs: Kieley: Lots of emails are going around, and it’s unnecessary. Listservs: barnfriends= all of the alumni, ever. This is a huge group. They do not need any emails, other than minutes. FOES are our smaller advisory group (not our faculty advisors). They don’t need to get emails either, other than minutes. Things you want to be addressed in meetings cannot be sent in emails. We meet Thursdays at 6 in the airport lounge.

Hannah: What if we can’t come?

Christy: Send a liason, email us and we might be able to put you in the barn staff meeting on Monday. It’s really not fair to people that show up on Thursdays that other people can send emails and get on the agenda.

Gisele: When will we talk about unmoderated emails?

Jess: We will have a conversation when Erin comes back.

Friends Weekend Shifts: Leah: Friends Weekend is coming up. It’s the second weekend of April. We have shifts on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, all from 6-8 pm, and a Saturday morning shift, from 8-10 am. There’s a sheet going around, please write what you can do.
Break Update: Kieley: break went well, we had my parents and they helped out. P2 water is fixed. We have more grain, cat food, hay, and shavings. If we did your stall, come after meeting so I can tell you how much you owe.

Barn Director: Kieley: Chehana was the only applicant but we will still have a regular election. We will send out comments sheets after this meeting, please send them to the advisors. They will give them to us after looking at them.

Chehana: Hi, I applied because I’m a business major and I really like this stuff. Becky Jestice is my advisor and I take a class from her. I’ve taken classes on balancing budgets, and I’ve created my own budget for college. I’ve sat in on BS meetings, and had an internship with a nonprofit, National Geographic, working in the business part. I think this is a good opportunity for me. I’m also a Quaker and I know consensus. Kieley: Please send in comments sheets to all of our advisors. We’ll get them by next Monday.

WHP Presentations: Jess: we wanted to keep this meeting short, but the Winter Horse Project is something assistants do. They ride their horse, play with them, clean their stall, etc. They wrote an essay and made a presentation, and we’ll do 3 of those presentations today.

Margaret: I worked with Zeus (Meg and Ray take care of him). I learned about Parelli and natural horsemanship, and I learned how to lunge him. Puck, who is Maggie Jackson’s horse. I’m his momma 4 days a week. Puck is also a natural horsemanship-trained horse, and he learned some cool tricks. He can walk with me and stop and backup just by watching my movements. He wants a lot of treats. He also will shake hands with you, and will haul you to your feet. I made a diagram of his stall. He stands in the same positions all the time; watching the window, or laying down and facing the corner. I also drew a diagram of the dirtiness and depth of shavings. I diagrammed where he pees and poops. It’s useful for cleaning his stall.

Kaitlyn: Well, I made a PowerPoint for 10 minutes but I’ll try to make it short. I had Shiloh, he’s my bae. This was my first time taking care of a horse, and I noticed he really likes food. He always has his head down. Shiloh is 10, and he likes eating, being lazy, and being a sweetheart. He’s quiet and friendly. He’s not loud on shifts. He doesn’t really have a buddy, probably because he’s focused on food so much. Sometimes, he’ll hang out with Bones and Red. He was grumpy when it was winter, but now he’s pretty friendly again. He’s a pain with steering, but better with footwork and western reining. Trotting is impossible, he’s pretty lazy. I was so sore trying to get him to move. Motivation: he’s a follower, he likes to follow other horses in the arena. When the horse ahead of him starts trotting, he’ll really book it. Shiloh is the fattie of the barn, but he’s lost some weight. He will eat anything, including peanut butter sandwiches. He looks for hay 24/7 in his stall. He acts like he’s starved, but no. I worked with him on ground manners, especially on getting his head up for bridling, etc. I walked him through the barn,
and didn’t let him eat any hay on the floor. He is bad with bridling, not because he’s mean, but he just doesn’t want to. So I tried a bunch of different ways and Christy showed me a good way, to pull on his poll and just slip the bit in. He also doesn’t like picking his hooves up, and students would give up. I picked his hooves up and wouldn’t let them down until he was calm and had stopped swinging them. Confidence is so important when you’re tacking him up. He paid too much attention to hay in his stall when he was being tacked up, and wasn’t good about it. Leave hay outside of his stall on PMs if there’s a lesson. Confidence is so important, I think he can smell fear. Consistent, stern, but fair treatment of Shiloh is also very important.

Reminders: Leah: Cover people’s shifts when they email.
Hannah: send out notice as soon as possible
Others: Jess: Riley has only 1 bell boot, he’s getting more soon. Please put that one on whatever foot you want. Mix the platinum around, he’s good at picking out all of his grain but leaving the platinum. His blanketing chart has changed.
Abigail: Why was the stuff on Meg’s email not on the agenda?
Christy: We already had agenda items planned and it’s not fair to push stuff that other people suggested back, just to accommodate the email.
Jess: We’re holding off on the mission statement, because Avis wants us to set up a committee for it.
Christy: Meg just set up meetings with us, we’ll have those things on the agenda soon. We have to prioritize immediate concerns versus concerns that are not so urgent. Meetings are very helpful for us to gage the urgency of a topic. We also want to make sure we hear everyone’s concerns clearly. We know we want to discuss these things, so we’ll open up time on Thursday to talk about grain.

Kaitlyn L: Can someone cover my shift tomorrow morning? I have a meeting
Kieley: I can do it.
Gisele: I need Friday PM covered.
Margaret: Yes, if you can do next Wednesday am.
Zoe: I’m very busy. I can’t do Saturday PM. There’s a broken fencepost in 1, just wanted to make sure that you guys knew.
Abigail: I can do it, if you can do one of mine.
Jess: The specific company that makes the fencing has to do that, so we have to tell them. We can’t just call out maintenance to do the fences.
Christy: As you’re packing up your tack trunks and stuff, and make sure you’re not accidentally taking something that’s someone else’s.
Tina: We shouldn’t have assistant’s course on Sundays after break. And people shouldn’t be 30 minutes late.
Leah: let me know if people come 30 minutes late please.
Snacks: Kaitlyn B and Kaitlyn L
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Kieley: We’ll have 7 horses leave by the end of this month (March). Community boarder mares, Puck and Brennan, maybe Cookie.

3/25/13

Agenda

Moment of Silence

Farrier/Vet List

-Kieley is sending around a farrier/vet list for April 18th. The vet will be doing Coggins and Health certificate updates. Teeth will also be done at this time. Contact Kieley if you want your horse done!

Schoolies

-Cash has a very bad stomach ache, the vet checked him out today, but people need to be careful around his hind end.

-Graham has been moved to pasture 3, so pasture 3 needs to go out before pasture 2 goes out.

PM shift

-PM shift can leave pasture 3 and 4 gate open, so that 3 can go out before 4.

Break Update

-Break went well, the tree was moved off the fence, a new water trough was placed in pasture 2.

Steady

-We have a new horse, Steady, whom Tory is leasing. He must be lead to and from the pastures, Tory and his owner, Amy, don’t want him ran in and out.

Schoolie Review

-It’s time for the schoolie review! Co-op gets to give feedback on which schoolies worked out really well, which ones did not. Today, Quin and Cash are up for review. If you couldn’t attend meeting, please email Kieley with your comments. Overall: We want Quin back, Cash had a rather negative review.

Double Co-op Event
Harper brought up the idea of Co-op Hall and the Barn Co-op have a super Co-op event! Co-op Hall would come out and ride with us, and then the Barn Co-op would go have dinner with Co-op Hall.

Friends weekend

-Friends weekend is the 20th of April. If Co-op members could make sure everything was extra clean after shifts that would be great!

Clothing

-We are working on Co-op clothes, if anyone has design ideas, please bring them to a meeting or email it, so that we can choose one and order clothes!

Workshifts

-Ann and Gary have left, Illyah is gone, and we need extra people to cover shifts! Please email Miriam if you can take an extra shift, an instructor is needed Tuesday PM and Friday PM. An assistant or two is also needed Sunday PM. If there is extra time on your workshift, Miriam will leave a list of extra little things that need to be done around the barn.

Time sheets

-If people did extra paid shifts, stay after meeting and see Abigail

Team

-Team meeting on Wednesday, they will be talking about fundraising and Captain. Team will be hosting a fundraising ‘fun show’ that will involve judged schooling classes as well as fun, goofy classes. This is open to everyone, if you can attend or know someone who would want to join, please contact Tory. April 7th and 14th Team will hopefully be doing trails. Good luck to Yolanda, who is headed to compete at Zones!!

Reminders

-Maintence notebook is out at the barn for people to write down anything that needs to be fixed

-Tack Maintence, after you use the schoolie tack, please wash your bits, and wipe down the tack with either leather cleaner, or if it’s synthetic, a wet rag.

-Lights, Doors, and Gates-Remember to turn off lights, and lock doors!! Security has been finding lights on, doors open, and gates open. Please make sure EVERYTHING is closed up tight! Also, Maggie and Graham can open their stall doors, so bungie cords have been provided to secure their stalls.

Others
Rachel: Make sure you are checking blankets!

Hannah: For Kona’s blanket, the back straps do NOT need to be crossed.

Tory: Steady is now at the barn, he belongs to Amy, and Tory is partially leasing him. He lives next to Brennen now. He does nibble, so feel free to push him away if he starts getting cute. He gets a lot of grain, so if he’s not done then turn him out and cover his grain!

Kate: Jurgen is coming April 6th, she’ll be sending around a sign up sheet. Also, Equine Affair is April 16th and 17th, there is also a Fantasia horse show that weekend, so we need to decide if the group wants to go on a certain day together. Kate is sending around an interest list.

Kieley: Slice’s blanket also has back straps that need to remain uncrossed, please leave them that way. Also, Delune is currently getting beet pulp. She is no longer getting EZ Keeper, her feed has been changed, so be careful.

Harper: Ella is not here, she was stranded because of the storm. If there is anyone who can take her AM tomorrow, that would be great. Rachel is covering that shift for her! Another note, Loki’s feed was changed, so heads up to that.

Cheers

Tory: Barn staff for working break

Kieley: Abigail for doing a workshift!

Snacks

Miriam and Abigail

Kate

Melanie

Brooke

4/1/13

Agenda

Moment of Silence

Sign up for Clean Up
Spring Cleaning! The 16th, 17th, and 18th of April we are doing a cleaning of the barn. Please let Miriam know when you are available to help out!

Schoolie Review: Winter and Baby

-This week, Winter and Baby were reviewed. First, Winter: She is great, but she is starting to get old, and has some joint problems. A similar horse would be great, but we think she deserves retirement. A little too push button for some, but she lunges very well. She received an overall ‘Great, but shouldn’t come back for the program next year’. Next was Baby: He is always reliable, but he isn’t great to steer (which is good for teaching riders to ride). A good beginner horse, but that was all he was good for. He doesn’t get ridden outside of lessons, but he is forever steady even if the rider is shaking in their boots. He is good on trails. He is good in the pasture, he gets along with everyone and isn’t aggressive. Baby received mostly ‘yes’ and a few ‘eh’.

Clothing Options

-Brooke made some awesome drawings for potential clothing. She is the only one who had a submission, but they are SO COOL so we are going to use them!! We decided purple for the t-shirts, and maroon for sweatshirts

Workshifts

-Miriam talked about workshifts, Monday AM, Friday AM, and Sunday AM need to be covered. Kate is taking Sunday AM. Rachel is taking Friday AM, and Tory is taking Monday AM.

Stall Money

-Abigail talked about boarders paying for having their stalls cleaned over break. If a barn staff member cleaned your stall over break, please contact Abigail to settle your bill.

Friend’s Potluck RSVP

-Harper passed around a list for RSVP for the evening of Saturday the 20th. Please contact me if you weren’t at meeting and are available. It will be fun!

Team

-This Sunday, team is doing trails. They are low on numbers and could use extra people to help lead horses or table. Contact Tory with availability.

Reminders

-Miriam: Lock the barn up if you are the last one there! Double check lights, tack rooms, back doors, and the arena door.
Harper: PM shifts please make sure you leave out night check hay, as well as leave pasture 3 gate open.

Miriam: Steady is out of oats

Others

Tory: Steady’s eating is still a little off, sometimes he still has hay left, if he has a lot left, then he doesn’t need more. Tory will also set out his PM feed, please feed him first so he has as much time as possible to eat as much of his food as he can.

Kate: Be careful running in pasture 1, it helps if they are ran in to the holding pen first and then slowly brought in. Also, make sure the latches are all the way back and the stalls are open all the way. The assistants course is no longer meeting for this semester. Kate instead will send each person a reading every week and expect each person to answer questions on a final exam.

Kieley: Willow doesn’t always eat her hay either, if she has a lot extra, she doesn’t need more hay. Also, remember to bungie close Graham and Maggie’s stalls so that they don’t escape.

Rachel: If anyone wants to take Wednesday PM, that would be awesome!

Espa: Graham being fed first usually is best, so he has time to finish it.

Tory: If anyone has extra fun show items laying around and could bring them to her, that would be great.

Cheers

Hannah: Her mom was here this weekend, and thought everyone was very nice and hard working.

Kate: Barn staff for replacing gates.

Melanie: Espa for taking a Friday shift.

Miriam: Gisele and Abigail for covering shifts, and to everyone taking extra shifts.

Yolanda: Kate for giving a lesson.

Harper: To all the Barn Staff members for doing maintenance projects this last weekend

Kieley: Seiji for hauling gates for us, and Kate who helped with maintenance and dragging the arena also.

Kate: Zoe, for always showing up to assistants course!

Snacks
Abigail and Rachel

4/8/13

Agenda

Moment of silence

Friends clean up

-Miriam is sending around a list for friend’s weekend clean up. The times are Wednesday the 17th, Thursday, and Friday, from 6pm-8pm each evening, if you come, pizza will be provided.

Schoolie review

-Harper lead schoolie reviews today, Shiloh and Delune are being reviewed today. Shiloh was first, he’s good because he’s reliable, lazy, trails, good at building confidence, jumping, good for team, has good ground manners, is an easy keeper, he can be advanced, good for timid riders. He received an overall good, wanted back next year. Delune: Is good for dressage, has a lot of movement, is sensitive, you can work on the rider instead of the horse, confidence builder, has some lameness issues, had a few mental/physical issues during team, is great for jumping, is a fun, but safe ride, occasionally breaks poles, inconsistent, high maintenance. She received a medium review, not bad, but not great.

Wonder Boy

-Rita has taken Wonder Boy home, so that stall will be empty now

Shifts

-We now need another person to cover Friday PM. Tory is now taking all of the Friday PM’s.

Thunderstorms

-There are supposed to be thunderstorms all week. Remember only extreme pasture goes out over 40% chance. Just pay attention!!

Summer boarding

-The barn is going to remain open over the summer. Anyone interested who could come to a meeting at 6:30pm in the upstairs coffee shop on Wednesday the 17th

Team
-There is a meeting on Wednesday, trails last weekend went great! There will also be trails offered next Sunday also. Please talk to Tory if you’re available. Also, Yolanda did GREAT at zones! Good job!

Reminders

-Remember to turn off stalls lights, and write down what pasture gate(s) are open. Don’t dump the oil in the scoops! Remember to write down schoolie use.

Others

-Tory is still missing her helmet, if anyone sees it, please let her know!

-Abigail: Maggie is on extreme pasture now, just so folks know!

-Kieley: If any boarders have the Coggins info sheet and would please turn it into Kieley!

-No one covered Sunday PM!

Cheers

-Kieley: Cheers to Yolanda for doing so well at Zones!

-Rachel: Cheers to Hannah for helping this last weekend!

-Yolanda: Cheers to Kieley for driving to the airport!

-Miriam: To Hannah for doing such a good job helping teach a lesson, and cheers to everyone who helped last weekend!

-Harper: Cheers to Tory for helping drive/with tours! And Ella for driving

-Kieley: To Miriam for covering a shift last minute!

-Miriam: Rachel and Harper and Tory for giving a hand on shift!

Snacks

Hannah and Kaitlyn

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4/15/13

Agenda

Moment of Silence
Double Co-op Event

-Co-op hall is having an open dinner on Sunday, it would be great to have trails right before! Trails would probably be at 5pm, then we would go have dinner with them later. Please email Harper if you weren’t at the meeting and want to participate.

Friends Clean Up

-This weekend is friends clean-up. Please sign up for a time if you haven’t already. Everyone must sign up for at least one, if you don’t, it counts for a missed shift.

Grain

-We are running low on ROWE, please let Abigail know when we’re running low, so that we always have enough to feed the horses.

Round Pen

-We’ve been looking into getting a round pen. It would be one that could be taken down and put up. More information will be gathered and we’ll come back to the topic.

Electricity

-The barn needs to be better about wasting electricity. The bills are very high. We just need to be more diligent about remembering to turn off lights. Also, please only use three banks of lights in the indoor, unless you feel it’s unsafe to do so. Always, safety first! Please remember to also turn the radio off! We want to be as energy conscious as possible.

Team

-Meeting on Wednesday, and Yay for trails!

Reminders

-Gisele: Quin looked a little hot under all of his blankets, his blanketing might change.

-Zoe: The bathrooms are not very clean lately, if people could just sweep the floor and make sure things are picked up.

-Hannah: Please remember to give Kona water on AM shift.

-Ella: PM shifts remember to dump the bucket in wash stall, and sweep and rake as usual.

-Tory: Remember to write down what pasture is left open!!! Also, AM remember to clean the whole stall, as well as putting in enough shavings. Also, pick up the poop in the indoor and make sure it is watered.
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-Gisele: Pastures 3 and 4 are open for tomorrow’s AM.

-Kate: Jurgan is teaching this weekend, email her if you are interested!

-Haper: There is the Friends banquet on Saturday at 6:30pm. You should come for food and company!!!

-Ella: Weaving made some napkins, and all of the proceeds go to the food bank!

-Kieley: Boarder, please let Kieley know if you want her to order/worm your horse!

Others
Cheers

-Melanie: Everyone who has helped with Pearl over this last month. It is greatly appreciated!

-Yolanda: To Pearl, who was such a great horse to have around

-Kieley: Team, for hosting trail rides, and to Jese for giving a clinic

-Hannah: Kate and Tory for keeping an eye on Kona!

-Kieley: Kate started AM and got a lot of work done!

-Zoe: Co-op, for being a great community, working hard, and staying close

Snacks

Zoe and Melanie

4/22/13

Agenda

Moment of Silence

Farrier

-The farrier will be here on Thursday, if you want your horse done, let Kieley know

Vet

-The vet will also be here on Thursday, he will be floating teeth if anyone wants their horse done. Let Kieley know also
Pasturing

-Next week, we are getting pasture 2 reseeded. This means we cannot use pasture 2, and horses will be rearranged. Please pay attention to where horses are going now.

Friends’ Weekend Update

-The Friends weekend was a great success! They help us put together a list of priorities for projects to get done this summer. These include fixing the roof, windows, reliming stalls, buying a mower, putting in a watering system in the indoor, heaters in the water troughs, and putting mirrors in the indoor. We also talked about the assistants course, and ways to improve it. Barn Staff will meet with Kate and start working on some changes. Espa mentioned that she really liked putting names to a face. Hannah really liked being asked questions, including what she would change if she could.

Last Meeting

-Next meeting is the last meeting!!

Team

-Meeting on Wednesday!

Reminders

-Temp schedule is coming up, please look at your exam schedule and let Miriam know when you can work.

-The way assistants course grading will go this year, is during the temp schedule, the assistants will be ‘running the shift’ and the instructors will be playing dumb, as if they were really needing to lead a workshift.

-Shiloh’s boots: Remember to use wraps on Shiloh, not boots!

Others

-Hannah: She is missing a bottle of Vetrolin, please let her know if you find it!

-Tory: Remember to put Steady’s halter on the second hole, because it is very difficult to undo if it’s on any other hole

-Espa: There are some bikes that have been at the barn for a very long time, please take them home!

-Abigail: Shavings are coming tomorrow morning, if people could leave the shavings door open in the morning, that would be great!
- Zoe: There have been clothes/shoes being left out around the barn, please pick it up/take it home, or it might get thrown away

-Hannah can’t do her Saturday PM, Kieley will cover it

-Tory: Steady’s legs will be wrapped tonight, AM shift tomorrow please take them off.

-Me: if anyone is interested in leasing/half leasing a horse next year/semester, come talk to me!!

Cheers

-Miriam: to Ella and Harper, who helped with a work shift

-Espa: to Ella and Harper for going out for the co-op event

-Melanie: Yolanda, for cleaning out the fridge

-Tory: Barn staff for pulling off friends weekend

-Zoe: Kate and Tory for helping so much for friends weekend

-Miriam: Espa and Hannah for helping out Saturday morning

Snacks

Kate and Tory

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Fall 2013

9/9/13

Agenda
Moment of silence
Pasturing
-Harper informed everyone that horses have been moved around, there will be a mix pasture, and mares will be going out in 4.

Kieley will be gone

-This means that if something happens to the school horses, or any horse, contact another Barn Staff member.

Permanent schedule/ Lesson students/Missed shifts

-Miriam told everyone that the permanent schedule has been sent out, as well as the permanent lesson schedule. Also, remember that you only get one missed shift, the first one is free, the second one is charged $5, the third and on is charged $15.

Farrier

-Kieley sent around a vet and a farrier list for boarders

Photo shoot

-I had people write down availability for the photo shoot

Schoolies

-Write down schoolie rides. Remember ONLY Miriam approved lessons can jump.

-Don’t change tack, disciplinary action can/will be taken if someone is found switching tack

Reminders

-Don’t be late for shift

-Remember to clean stalls ALL THE WAY

Others

-Leah: Another contact list needs to be sent out

--Harper will send another one

-Zoe: Bathrooms need to be cleaned

--If you get done with your PM early, clean the bathrooms, and take out trash, and ‘extras’ sheet will be put out

-Meg: Meg, Rachel, and Kate will be gone this weekend, Hannah is switching shifts with her.
Kate: Jurgan is coming out for a clinic on the 28th of September. Let Kate know if you want to ride with him. Feel free to come and watch also!!

Abigail: The grain came today, and it is now in the classroom. Instructors please fill up low grain bins. Do NOT move grain into the feed room until it has been cleaning tonight.

Liyuan: Asked about the assistant’s course’s lessons

Cheers

Hannah: To the assistants that did shift with her!

Zoe: Harper for washing the tractor

Miriam: To Jess for being here, to pasture 4 being fixed

Kieley: Zoe for being quiet walking up the stairs!

Christy: Liyuan for being an awesome shift person

Meg: Kate for hosting

Espa: Hannah for doing Friday AM

Snacks

Sierra and Chehanna

9/16/13 Minutes

Agenda

Moment of Silence

-Kieley told us Lance is coming Monday, Sept. 23 at 10am

New Guest Rule

-Harper talked about a new rule, not having co-op people bring out riding guests from the hours of 1am to 6am
Errors on Work Shift

-We’ve had issues with mistakes on shift. Disciplinary action can and will be taken by Barn Staff if people continue to be negligent.

Barn Staff Positions

-Each Barn Staff members talked about their roles in Barn Staff.

Team

-Good job with clearing trails, and the regular meeting is at noon on Wednesday

Reminders

-No indoor water: Tiffany and Sadie are in charge of watering the arena

-Jumps: Remember to put the jumps away after you are done using them

-Arena Doors: Remember to close to the arena doors if you open them! Also the outside passenger door by the arena needs to be closed.

Others

-Ella: Doors have been open at AM, make sure lights and doors are closed

-Meg: Remember to put on fly mask and sun screen when horses go out

-Kate: Brennen would like to have his water buckets only full up to the line. As winter approaches, completely filling water is not necessary. Also remember that fire gates need to be closed

-Sierra: There have been buckets with lots of hay in the buckets, remember to keep them clean

-Zoe: Doors are difficult to open, Barn Staff will try to fix them.

-Miriam: If you have extra time, please dump gross water troughs

-Kieley: REMEMBER LIGHTS AND DOORS!!!

-Ella: Remember to fill up the water trough in the Holding Pen

Cheers

-Zoe: To the bathroom not being horror show!

-Espa: Whoever brought snacks

-Meg: Kate dealing with Zeus and his stall
- Abigail: Leah and Chehana to being awesome assistants
- Harper: Leah for helping with PM
- Espa: Rachel R for helping clear trails
- Meg: Team for clearing trails
- Kieley: Everyone who went to the photo shoot
- Harper: Waylen for being here

Snacks
- Rachel R and Hannah

---BRING REUSABLE CUPS!!!

New Ideas
-Miriam introduced an idea that co-op members/Barn Staff will submit ideas that can be discussed after meeting if co-op members want to stay and talk about these ideas
- This week levels
- Next week co-op lessons: Starting co-op lessons, differing instructors will teach open lessons

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9/23/13

Barn Co-op Minutes

9/23/13

Agenda

- Moment of silence
- We need a new faculty advisor, please submit names to Barn Staff
- Abigail
- Abigail has decided to resign from Barn Staff
- Previous Barn Staff member
-Barn Staff has decided to only take submissions from previous Barn Staff members. Harper asked the whole co-op how they felt.

Team

Reminders

-DO NOT DUMP WHEELBORROWS NEAR THE BARN! Dump it on the far side of the pile

Others

-Jess: Assistants stay after

-Christy: New members come give me your email address

-Kieley: Her horse(s) will be coming in sometime soon

-Zoe: Townie will be coming in sometime this week

Cheers

-Barn Staff: to whomever left us brownies!

-Kate: to Meg and everyone who helped with her little brother

-Hannah: Meg and Espa who covered shifts this weekend

-Zoe: Espa, Harper, and Rachel R for chopping up a tree

-Yolanda: Meg for offering to cover shift

-Miriam: Christy for cleaning her stall

Snacks

-Leah and Margaret

New Ideas

-Open co-op lesson!

Next week: Levels
Agenda

Moment of Silence

Chiropractor

-The chiro will be here the 9th, sign up on the board if you want your horse done

Faculty Advisor

-Please submit names for faculty advisor!

New horses

-Slice and Townie have both arrived!

Pasturing

-Please note that the pasture board has been updated, make sure horses go out where they should be!

Bagheera

-Bags is open for co-op, hit quirks will be noted on the board

New Ideas

-Please submit any new ideas that you have to Barn Staff, we would love to hear from you!

Feed Room

-The feed room will be reopened tonight, the mites are gone!

Wheelbarrows

-We fixed two wheelbarrows today, they are out for use.

Hay Cart

-The hay cart has also been fixed

Barn Staff Applications

-Kate and Jess have submitted applications, they were passed around co-op meeting so that co-op members can fill out comments sheets that will be sent out. Please turn them in by Thursday!

-Kate and Jess each gave a short speech about themselves.

Team
There was a great turnout for trails yesterday

Reminders

-Poop Pile (Harper drew a picture. If you weren’t at the meeting, you missed out!!!!) Don’t pile poop by the door! We will end up burying ourselves in poop!

-Instructor on shift; make sure that there is always an instructor on a shift. Sometimes that means that assistants can’t cover shifts

-Comments book – READ THE COMMENTS BOOK. There is important information in there!

-Cats; The cats get really sad when they get locked in the bathroom. Please watch out for them!

Others

-Zoe: Townie has been move to Saterah’s old stall. Please lead Townie in and out instead of running him to pasture. There is a lump on Townie’s neck, it is being taken care of. Remember to close the poop door!

-Jess: Assistants who missed class yesterday stay to talk to Jess. Put the jumps away when you are done.

-Leave pasture 4 open during PM.

-Me: My lead rope has gone missing, please let me know if you find it. Please remember to close the indoor arena doors when you are done.

-Meg: Zeus’ stall guard has gone missing, let her know if you find it.

-Sierra: Please don’t lock her out of the schoolie tack room so she can put her boots away.

Cheers

-Kate: To Kieley for helping with the Jurgen Clinic, the wheelbarrows being fixed, and Sierra for helping her jump Brennen.

-Meg: Kieley for doing her shift and Kate and Miriam for being cool.

-Zoe: To everyone who has helped out with moving Townie in

-Hannah: To Tranee and Liyuan for being awesome on shift

-Yolanda: To everyone on her shift for being awesome
-Kaitlyn: To me for covering her shift
-Ella: Team for doing an awesome job on trails
-Liyuan: Assistant course instructors
-Abigail: Harper for being able to throw together last minute practices
-Miriam: New co-op members
-Espa: Me for helping on shift
-Rachel: Kate for putting together the Jurgen Clinic
-Keiley: Everyone who rode in the clinic
-Harper: Miriam for doing AM this morning
-Tina: Mandy for being awesome!

Snacks

-Tina and Myeesha

New Ideas

- Revisiting Levels

10/7/13
Sorry if these suck guys! I had to take over for Christy for the night since she hurt herself yet again! Kieley

Moment of silence

Pastures- Pastures have been switched around check the pasture boards
Arena- AM will water the arena and do two stalls pm will finish stalls
Schoolies- we have a new schoolie Danny, he is BS only for now, Duke will be going home,
Duke and Cheater instructor only for blanketing
Chiropractor- Greg is coming out the 18th
Boarders- Dott and Boom are here, dot has a spot on her back right sock boom has a snip
Cat- we have a pregnant cat she will be in the classroom please don’t let her out, Kieley is taking her home over break
Jumps- put jumps behind the mounting block
Friends Weekend- we have clean up shifts please sign up with Miriam. Co-op dinner on Saturday night at 7
BS Selections- please fill out comment sheets. We will be doing interviews soon.
Team- fun show went well. Stay after meeting
Reminders- Red needs meds at pm for the next couple of nights, they are in foil packets and labeled
-shift needs to be feeding no earlier than 5:30 pm do all the other chores before feeding. AM don’t turn out before 7, do extras with extra time

Others-
Jess- Assistants check email and respond
Miriam- updated schedule emailed out and posted within the next couple of days
Kate- Jurgen is coming the 17th a lot of people coming to ride.
Miriam- Arneesha and Jazmine stay after
Kate- Please do not put blankets where there is tape on Brennen’s stall
Zoey- Townie’s blanket comes off (purple sheet) please put blanket back on if it comes off and let Zoey know
Harper- gone Wednesday, if any instructors could cover her wednesday lesson it would great, she would cover a shift. Kate, Espa, and Christy
Jess- Coolers are now in the tack trunk in the schoolie tack room
Christy- NO ONE drive the tractor until it is looked at, hopefully sometime next week.

Cheers-
Kate and Rachel- cheers for fun show
Hannah- cheers to Kieley for taking the cat
Jess- Cheers to Slice for dealing with being dyed pink
Christy- Cheers to Jess for cleaning the schoolie tack room
Jess- Cheers to meg for her dealing with Zues at the fun show

SNACKS- Miriam and Harper

10/14/13

Barn Co-op Minutes

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Agenda

Moment of silence
Schoolie update

-Duke and Shiloh are closed for now

Feed room

-The feed room is up and running again!

Shavings

-Shavings are coming Wednesday afternoon

Opening stall doors

-AM please make sure that the stall doors are open all the way to avoid injury or damage to property

Lock up

-Make sure that when you leave the barn, that all stall doors are locked, the poop door is close, the tack rooms are closed and locked, and the front door is closed and locked

Team

-Meeting tomorrow, and practice this week is Thursday evening

Reminders

-Clean Aisles; don’t leave your things in the aisle, please pick it up and clean up after yourself

-Blankets; boarders, please put your blankets and blanketing instructions are up for your horse

-Franklin; we have a very curious visiting skunk (another good reason to make sure the doors are closed!) so be mindful of that

-Poop pile; the poop pile needs to be at the back of the poop run, do NOT pile poop by the door

Others

-Jess: Jess has a concussion, so please call Kieley still if there are any schoolie emergencies

-Kieley: Red lost his fly mask, so please make sure it is on.

-Zoe: Make sure that the kitties aren’t locked up when you leave!

-Kate: Jurgen wants to come back this weekend, she is sending around an interest sheet

-Harper: Has a poster presentation, Miriam is covering her shift
Cheers

-Kieley: to Barn Staff who stayed over break, and Miriam, Kate and Harper for putting back the feed room

-Meg: Feed room being open

-Yolanda: Abigail did her stall

-Hannah: To cuddly cats

-Christy: Harper for doing Sunday PM and Kate for helping with Sunday AM

Snacks

Liyan and Kaien

New Ideas

10/21/13

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Agenda:

Moment of Silence

Schoolie Update

Shiloh- hopefully will be open for use on Wednesday. Lance coming out at 12.

Updated via email and board

Duke should be good soon

Be careful with Cheater on trails

Blanketing

All schoolies fitted with blankets

AM tomorrow- take blankets off

PM tomorrow- instructions will be on stalls

Blankets will be washed by next week.

Blankets for rent (to boarders) for $30 for the winter
If the blanket breaks, extra $50 (for $80 total)

Tack room is currently a wreck, being cleaned tomorrow (left over blankets)

Throwing out old blankets (broken, chewed through, etc.)

In cardboard box w/ broken tack, out by dumpster for co-op members to sift through.

Hoof Pick and Brush by radio

   If a horse comes in dirty, brush off before blanketing.

Thrushy/ ice, pick out hooves

Lesson instructors, make sure student are picking hooves.

Boarder Cubbies

   Condense your stuff!

Vet

   To do teeth/ clean sheaths.

Kieley passed around a list

Hay

   Grass Hay coming on Saturday

Poop Pile

   Someone dumped it right in front of the door- not OK!!!

   Needs to be put on top of pile, on cement, back to front.

Email Kieley

   About maintenance requests, already did 9 today. Give stall # if applicable.

   Already filled out: P4 fencing, outdoor arena, poop door, front door, fire gate (south side), leak outside of Puck’s stall, outlet between DeLune/Brennan stalls.

   Need to do: Shiloh’s stall door, Maggie’s window.

Team

   First show this weekend (SMWC)
Team members stay after meeting.

Reminders

Grass Hay- check it for berries, take it out of the hay. On a branch.

Instructors, check it.

Jumps in arena- People cannot leave jumps in arena, will get warning/ fine

Assistant’s all learned how to blanket this weekend. Duke is instructor only for blanketing, will lift leg. If any problems arise, tell Jess.

Others

Espa- Volunteered to cover Hannah’s AM on Saturday, can’t because of the horse show. Leah also needs to cover Saturday AM. Rachel and Kate need to have someone cover Sunday AM.

Margaret and Meg will do Saturday AM

Espa- Fri AM

Jess- Sat PM

Erin and Miriam - Sun AM

Abigail- Blanketing- fold it once and hang on rack for next shift. Drying racks will be up soon.

Zoe- Close all doors, fire gates, front door, turn lights off, arena closed, etc. Turn off and lock up. Blanketing Townie- a little squirmy, if not comfortable, call Zoe.

Ella- Make sure front door is locked, it’s sticky. Make sure outside arena doors are closed.

Sierra- if it’s raining, should schoolies be dried?

Kieley: each schoolie will be given towel, brush, and hoof pick, and coolers will be easily accessible.

Meg: If any horses are shivering, call boarder/ horse care manager.

Margaret: Wilder has large bump on his right side by his hip, doesn’t seem to bother him, but isn’t normal. Been there for a while.

Kate: If it’s raining- all horses go out. Active storms determined by thunder/lightening, not rain.

Kate: Team fundraiser- fun show. Want co-op help. November 9th, Kellie and faculty member agreed to judge, split proceeds between co-op and team. Proceeds from class fee and trailer-in fee. Potentially a tack sale during the day. Possible $5 pony ride for spectators. Need people to
work- need to be committed. Not very competitive, should be fun. Not strict dress code. Many classes, will combine/ cancel ones with low entry numbers. Big issues- parking trailers (lawn?), other horses not allowed in barn.

Chehana and Sierra- costs to the barn? Ribbons? Numbers?

20 tasks that have to be done, 11 to be done all day. 11 people minimum need to work. Possible shifts if more people. Reduced entry fee for people who work shifts. Can also invite spectators. Do online doodle survey for tasks/ shifts. Deadline within couple days to determine if it’s feasible.

Kieley- Slice is inside until further notice, do not turn him out. Give him extra flake of mix hay on AM.

Zoe- Franklin the skunk is back. Make sure the doors are closed. Close up correctly and NOTHING can get back in.

Ella- Cats on campus.

Harper- cats are cats, people know they are barn cats, will let her go, barn staff is making flyers.

Hannah- found a lead line, left on chair by comments book.

Caitlin- A horse needs a fly mask, didn’t have one.

Margaret- found two fly masks in P1.

Ella- throw away trash, keep barn clean.

Meg- PM’s job to empty trash if they are full/ if they smell.

Jess- AM’s NEED to sweep wash stall, scoop up, put in muck bucket. PM’s need to dump the muck bucket every day.

Cheers

Meg- cheers to alumni that came out over homecoming weekend.

Hannah- to Kate for letting her ride Brennan during clinic

Leah- Erin for covering shifts.

Kate- to Hannah looking good on Brennan, cheers to schoolies.

Meg- Cheers to team going to their first show!
Kieley- Cheers to Jess starting her new job. and to Tina for helping with horses and blanketing.

Snacks- Arneesha and Marwa

10/28/13

Agenda

Moment of silence

Schoolies

-Duke: A heads up, Duke is on ulcer medication. Directions are at the barn, if there is any trouble, please call Jess and she will take care of it.

-Accessories: Over the weekend, a bucket with brushes has been labeled for each horse. Please use the correct one. A hoof pick on a string was placed on each schoolie door, for convenience.

Farrier

-Jess sent around a sign up sheet for Nate the farrier at 12:30

Feed Room

-There is oil in the feed room now, please note the horses that get it. DO NOT PUT OIL IN THE FEED SCOOPS!!!! Use the cup to transport it to each stall. Also, please flip the cup over so the cats don’t try to eat it. Medications have also been organized and labeled.

Hay Room

-If the hay room is gross, please sweep it up. More mixed hay is coming! There is a wheelbarrow full of loose hay, feel free to feed it to your horse! Please remember to check for berries, if you see them, pick them out and toss them.

Grain

-More ROWE was picked up yesterday, another load of multiple types of grain is coming tomorrow

Fly Masks

-If your horse no longer needs a fly mask, please take it off the board so shift workers know.
Friend’s Weekend

- Harper gave a rundown of the Friends and Friend’s weekend for the newcomers. She also mentioned dates for Co-op dinner with the Friends

Instructors

- Please remember to check the stalls the assistants do, it only takes a minute

Assistants and schoolie use board

- Instructor’s names need to be included on the schoolie use board

Assistant’s Course

- If anyone missed AC last weekend, please stay after

Barn Staff

- Harper gave another brief rundown of Barn Staff and the application process. Each Barn Staff member gave a quick overview of each job.

Team

- Team had their first show this weekend, it went very well!

Reminders

- AM: Sweep wash stall
- Be on time for workshift/meeting
- Please thoroughly clean stalls.

Others

- Leah: Can’t do her shift, but we have it covered!
- Hannah: The big push broom is inadequate in cleaning around the spigots, Kieley will look into getting a smaller one.
- Kate: Jurgen is coming again, she is passing around an interest sheet. She is also passing around a help sheet for the fun show, please sign up if you are interested
- Zoe: More skunks in the barn! Make sure the poop door is closed.
- Sierra: Remember to empty the wash stall musk bucket!
-Kieley: Slice has more supplements, and has lost his back straps on his blanket, please keep an eye out for them.

-Kate: She is thinking about getting another helmet, so let her know if you want her old one

-Miriam: Make sure Slice’s grazing muzzle is off before turning him out.

-Jess: Quin has a sleazy, so please let Jess know if you don’t know how to put it on.

Cheers

-Christy: To the assistants for being awesome, and to Jess and her cleaning

-Meg: Miriam for doing AM last minute

-Zoe: Meg for doing her stall

-Kate: Team for being awesome

-Sierra: Christy for helping with Loki

-Rachel: Everyone who covered shifts while Team was away

-Kieley: Jess and Christy for making sure she got to Indy this weekend

-Rachel: Drivers for Team

Snacks

Espa and Annie

New Ideas: Clinics

11/4/13

Barn Co-op Minutes

11/4/13

Agenda

Moment of silence

Schoolies
-Jess started by letting everyone know that Duke is not improving, and we’re hoping to send him home. Cheater is getting looked at by Lance tomorrow for a possible ulcer. We have a new schoolie, his name is Jett, he is a buckskin breeding stock Paint. He has lots of experience, he has tack and a grooming bucket. Jett is opened for lessons, but if you want to ride him, text Jess. We don’t want to overwork him before he is settled. He also has special gear, so please let Jess know if you need help putting it on. No guys are allowed to ride him.

Lance

-Lance is coming tomorrow at 1 pm tomorrow, feel free to sign your horse up.

Greg

-Greg, the chiropractor, is coming out November 18th. Let jess know if you want your horse done.

Blankets

-There are new blankets that have been donated or bought very cheaply. Thank you notes will need to be signed.

Jumps

-Please be courteous when using jumps, take them out of the arena and put them in the connector. Wooden jumps NEED to be moved inside.

Cribox

-Please be aware that several stalls have been Criboxed, and that it makes a sticky mess. Be careful not to get it all over equipment.

Turnout

-Pastures have been rearranged, please make sure horses go out in the right places. Jess will be sending an email of an update.

Assistant
- Assistants please stay after the meeting is over.

Putting on accessories

- If you are having trouble putting on horse gear, ask people on shift first, then call boards/Jess if you are still struggling.

Barn Staff applications

- Applications are due, everyone should apply!

Shavings

- Shavings are coming on Thursday!

Grass hay

- Look for yellow berries in the hay, shake the flakes before feeding them. Please pick out any that you see.

Friends Weekend cleanup

- Cleanup is happening next week. Everyone will be required to do any extra shift, Miriam will be sending around a sign up list.

Workshifts

- Miriam is redoing the entire schedule, she will resend an email with the doodle sign up.

Covered shifts for team

- If you are on team, please make sure you cover some shifts!

Maintenance

- Please submit workorders to Kieley.

Team

- Team had a show last weekend.
Reminders

- Use the schoolie use board, and make sure instructors over seeing riding are writing down their names as well.

Others

- Abigail is half-leasing Maggie, contact her if you are interested.

- If there are any nasty buckets laying around, please dump them.

- Jess found a stirrup rubber in the outdoor arena.

- Make sure that the kittens are not locked up anywhere!

- The kittens will be locked in the feed room, please let them out during AM.

- There is a fun show being hosted by team this weekend. Kate will be emailing the people who signed up to help.

Cheers

- Zoe: To team, and to whoever found this awesome hose head

- Miriam: To Hannah, for last minute covering a shift

- Chehanna: To Kieley, for letting her ride Slice

- Kieley: To Jess, for finding Jett

Snacks

Erin and Tranae

11/18/13
Minutes:

Moment of Silence

Schoolie Update
Danny- official schoolie, can use crop/ dressage whip if ask Jess beforehand.

Jett- got seen by chiropractor, possible saddle adjustment. Locked up neck, don’t frame as much. Just got trace clip, blanketing info will change, let Jess know if shivering, keep in.

Tack- Jett’s changing, Danny’s getting a breastplate from owner (hopefully tomorrow). Jess can show everyone how to use it.

Break Stalls- owners write names down for barn staff to do their stalls over break.

Horses staying- owners write names down for horses staying for next semester

Friend’s Weekend- it went great! Cheers to everyone who helped clean up the barn/ attended the dinner! Updated Facebook page

Reminders:

Duke- still a schoolie, his stall still needs to be done.

Stall doors- doors need to be fully opened, latches pushed all the way back, so blankets don’t rip/ horses don’t get hurt.

Others:

Kieley: Slice is being aggressive in pastures, let Kieley know if behavior continues, will come out and fix it. Grazing muzzle- needs to be on tightest hole to prevent cribbing.

Rachel W: Show this weekend! If competing, check in with her quickly after meeting.

Meg: New Ideas idea: Discussion of long-term priorities for program, keep running list over multiple years, old and new barn staff. Co-op members bring ideas for discussion next week.

Abigail: Barn Staff Applications. When will co-op receive those? Tonight! Whose working fall break? Christy and Miriam!

Zoe: text her if Townie’s blanket is falling off.

Jess (for Christy): Put Red’s fly mask on all the time, every single AM. Took away Quin’s, schoolies should not get fly masks anymore.

Hannah: Need new comments book (old one is full of comments!)

Yolanda: A wheelbarrow has a flat tire.

Zoe: Grass Hay cart wheels are looking sad- not inflated?
Yolanda: Check pitchforks; heads are loose/ falling off.

Maggie: Out of new waivers.

Keiley: Cat had kittens, mom might have fleas.

Espa: Do we have hot water? Kieley- maintenance request to turn on hot water heater already submitted.

Jess: The leaf blower is working, who wants to decobweb??

Cheers:

Sierra: Cheers to Christy and Jess for a good lesson.

Meg: Marwa and Lexi Baker (riding student) for good job on shift.

Zoe: For Rachel doing her stall.

Abigail: Cheers to Barn Staff for managing Friend’s weekend well.

Barn Staff: Meg, Ritter, and Leah for helping us with Saturday morning clean-up!

Jess: Cheers to Avis for the leaf blower!

Snacks: Yolanda and Abigail

Discussion: Definition of horse misuse.

Received complaints/ repeated instances of horse misuse. Pulling on mouths, schooling improperly, crop misuse, not cooling down/ grooming properly. Want to define discipline and schooling. Something that has happened in the past, want to stop it for the future. Maggie J is here to offer insight from previous barn staffs for situations similar to these.

Maggie J: Pivotal time for school horses- stopped buying/ owning horses, started leasing. Was a four member barn staff, created Horse Care Manager position while Maggie was on barn staff. Relieved some duties from Barn Manger. The program was very inconsistent, was showing through behavior of school horses. Changed philosophy of how to handle school horses. No policies in place; Maggie’s Barn Staff started creating policies to have something to fall back on/ enforce. Want to be professional/ hold people accountable (including Barn Staff). Schooling policy came to be because horses would misbehave in a lesson, instructor would pull student off, school horse. Inappropriate on many levels. Wanted to make things more consistent. More particular about enforcement. Were able to list punishments; formal letter to schoolie owners, pay for damage, instructorship removed, retake assistant’s course, get kicked out of co-op, be put on probation, all horses on Barn Staff permission only (all actions have been taken in the past).
At the end of the day, not here for feelings, here to take care of the horses. Has to leave to get back to Darcy, is open to answer questions via email.

Jess: Want to open this time to let co-op discuss the issue.

Kate: What’s the time limit?

Jess: 15 min.

Kate: Making a distinction between what is/ isn’t appropriate?

Jess: How to define discipline, when does it reach that level?

Meg: Stay within parameters of appropriate/ inappropriate not discipline versus schooling.

Espa: In hand versus riding?

Jess: Start discussion.

Espa: Kicking! Mentioned in Humane Handling Policy. Appropriate mounted, not appropriate in hand.

Kieley: If horse isn’t responding to kicking under saddle, it might be an underling health issue, need to define when it is no longer appropriate.

Rachel W.: Can be an issue of someone not knowing (still not appropriate, but need to be addressed differently).

Sierra: If horse doesn’t respond, don’t try to school them.

Meg: Inappropriate when horse has already responded or when horse refuses to respond multiple times.

Kate: For discussion as whole: appropriate until they respond, inappropriate after respond, and inappropriate when they don’t know how/ don’t have the muscle to do what you are asking. Judgment is a factor in all of this. Have to know what/ how much to ask of the horse.

Kieley: Judgment call until the rider is attempting to teach the horse how to respond to a certain cue.

Meg: Definition of kicking excessively should be applied to other areas as well.

Jess (as co-op member): Doesn’t apply to everything, especially yanking on horse’s mouth.

Abigail: Define excessive versus aid.
Kaitlyn B: How do you know what is ok and what is hurting the horse?

Kate: Start by using gentlest cue possible, then SLOWLY work way up until you get a response.

Sierra: Should be heavily enforced in lessons that small movements are just as effective, if not more so, than large movements.

Abigail: Want to know what people think about spinning/ backing up as disciplinary actions. Have been done in team lessons.

Sierra: Only time spun horse in circle is when there is no other alternative to stopping the horse. Only appropriate when rider’s safety is on the line.

Kieley: Something done frequently in saddle seat, but only done to discipline, would in my opinion would be schooling. Backing is ok if you know how to correctly do it w/o yanking on mouth.

Maragaret: How do you define spinning? How is it different from a small circle?

Sierra: Large action to stop the horse from whatever it is doing, restricts normal movement, rein is as short as it can be, nuzzle to rump. Is this appropriate if a school horse takes off?

Rachel R: Emergency is different, (pulley rein), appropriate.

Hannah: Emergency dismount is also appropriate.

Leah: If it is an emergency, spinning as a means of stopping, not discipline.

Espa: What about running a horse into a wall?

Abigail: Part that is already in policy- if horse is dangerous, then rider should do what they have to in order to stay safe.

Chehana: Beginners experience emergencies differently, more likely to over-react, or will react differently. Reaction to something small that isn’t life or death will seem inappropriate.

Kieley: Running into walls is what I always done, just know that horse may rear. Pulling around emergency stop would be safer judging from past experience. For beginners: would be instructors job to inform of inappropriate behavior. If student isn’t comfortable, they get off, horse is put away, horse care manager is called.

Meg: Instructors w/ beginners; instructor needs to be in control, like using a longe line. If just outside riding, then need to be clear with beginners how far they can go. Need to be clear with how far they can go without putting themselves in danger.
Jess: To clarify: not to target beginners, there is discretion and judgment involved, disciplinary action not imminent.

Miriam: Time limit?

Jess: Set for 15 more minutes.

Kate: Needs to be a discussion.

Miriam: I have a meeting.

Kieley: Make next 15 minutes optional.

Meg: Need everyone here.

Jess: Carry over to next week’s new ideas? Or continue discussion as email with Barn Staff as mediators?

Co-op (in general): Both. Send out summary of policies and notes from meeting.

12/2/13
Barn Co-op Minutes
12/2/13
Agenda
Moment of Silence
Pasture Changes
The horses have been moved around, and new horses have arrived. Please look at the pasture board and put horses out where they should go.
Farrier
-The farrier is coming out tomorrow and Wednesday afternoon, Jess will be sending out a schedule tonight. There are still a few open slots if you would like your horse to get done.
Cookie/Ellie
-Cookie and Lonestar have both joined the barn, Ellie has gone home until next semester. Cookie and Lonestars owners are community boarders, they are super friendly and everyone should introduce themselves!
Christmas Break
-If you need your horses stall done over break, please sign up.
Thanksgiving Update
-All the horses survived and the barn is still standing!
Temp Schedule
-A temp schedule will be made over finals week, please sign up for as many slots as you are able
to,
and Miriam will do her best to make everyone happy
Others
-Assistants course final information will be sent around
-Townie tore his orange blanket, Zoe will update his blanketing info when she gets a chance.
-Zeus' grain has changed, just keep an eye out.
-Aster will be leaving at the end of the semester
-Sammy was in a battle, and got a little beaten and bruised, but the vet has looked at him and he is fine
Cheers:
-Sierra: Barn staff who stayed over break
-Espa: Barn Staff left a very clean barn
-Zoe: Barn Staff for doing Townie's stall
-Rachel R: Hannah for being a good driver
-Miriam: Meg, Kate, Jess, and Rachel W for helping with Barn Staff shift, and Chirsty for allowing her to being flexible
-Meg: First years for making it through college and and Barn Co-op!
-Harper: TO EVERYONE who was AWESOME and made it through the semester