December meeting

Our next region get together will be Sunday, December 2nd at noon. Donna Power, of Two Left Hands Farm has generously offered to host, and we will be meeting at Sunrise Stables in Lexington, Virginia, the new home of Two Left Hands. The owner of the farm, Vicki Kruse, is very excited to have us meet in the farmhouse and tour the farm. The address is 62 Freshwater Lane, Lexington. Please bring a dish to share.

Our region has been asked to host the ACPS annual general meeting next fall, so we need to start discussion on planning for that.

Newsletter and Classifieds:
Classified ads are FREE in the newsletter, can have pictures and as much text as you wish, just send copy to Kim Harrison: vaharrisons@verizon.net
Send your pony tale news, too!
American Connemara Pony Society

September 29, 2018 – Gray Summit, MO – Board of Governors Meeting

American Connemara Pony Society members gathered in Missouri for the annual meeting, splendidly hosted by Region VII. After a fascinating and highly informative tour of the Purina Equine Research Facility and an important presentation by Dr. Donald Walsh of the Animal Health Foundation, on Friday, September 28, the Board of Governors met at the Purina Equine Research Facility Conference Center on September 29.

At 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, September 29, ACPS President Cathy Blackmon called the meeting of the American Connemara Pony Society to order for the Board of Governors meetings. She then conducted a roll call. Those in attendance included Cathy Blackmon, Kate Denton, Stephanie Fenton-Hickey, Joan Webster, Fonda Eigal, Deborah Howell, Gloria LaCroix, Jill McNicol, Suzanne Phelps, Laura Balding, Kathy Lucas, Kay Clements, Annie Balotti-Paleen, Marilyn Chhekh, Sally Oxnard, Linda Haines, Sue McLaughlin, Becky Jordan, Fiona Tracy Cheever, and Darian Hall.

In light of the very few members outside of the BOG attending the meeting, Cathy Blackmon called for a motion to open the BOG meeting to all attendees. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Minutes from the January 20, 2018 BOG meeting at the USEF Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky were approved as written and posted.

Vice President and Membership Chair Kate Denton presented the membership report. She noted that 2018 membership stands at 538 with 10 magazine-only subscribers, down from 587 members with 7 magazine-only subscribers in 2017. The largest drop was in junior members, down to 47 in 2018 from 69 in 2017. The one category increase was in life members, with four new life members in 2018. A total of 95 new members joined in 2018, while 144 members from 2017 did not renew. Kate noted a major thank you to Sue Jellum, who provided the formatting for the printed membership directory at no charge, saving the society hundreds of dollars.

Treasurer Stephanie Fenton-Hickey provided the financial report, including the balance sheet comparison and profit and loss comparison. Copies of her reports are attached. Total assets as of August 31, 2018 stood at $170,698.72. For the period Jan.-Aug. 2018, Gross Profits stood at $40,631.47, while Total Expenses came to $35,621.81. The Treasurer’s report was approved.

Cathy Blackmon presented her President’s report. She called several notable accomplishments to the attention of the group, including the Junior National Driving Champion Riley Wiltison and his Connemara. She also highlighted the highly deserved, major recognition given to Susan McConnell, the Michael O’Malley Lifetime Service Award from
the [       ] in Ireland. Attendees at that award ceremony noted the extent of Susan’s service that garnered the award, and Susan’s extremely gracious thank you to others as she accepted it. Cathy noted that Joan Webster has been recognized as an emeritus member of the ACPS. In the absence of Marynell Eyles, who was justifiably absent from this meeting for the first time anyone could recall (to attend her granddaughter’s wedding!), Cathy Blackmon summarized her written registrar’s report. The foal crop for 2018 is the largest in a number of years, with the registration applications complete on 22 with 12 more in process.

Linda Haines provided an update on the ICCPS, and again noted the recognition of Susan McConnell’s outstanding contributions.

It was noted that the ACPS Foundation has a balance of $37,939.10. A $200.00 donation was made to Dr. Walsh in appreciation of the presentation he made to the meeting on September 28. Sally Oxnard noted that the ACPS website contains a form which can be used by the Regions to apply to the Foundation for grants for clinics and other educational opportunities.

**Committee Reports**

**Arbitration**

The Arbitration committee is proceeding with development of procedures and documentation to guide hardship registration applications. The one hard and fast requirement will be that parentage must be proven, as preserving the integrity of the studbook is the inviolable underlying principle. The Hardship Procedures are to be reviewed by Scott McGuffin and then available to the membership, no later than January 2019.

Cathy Blackmon recommended that Fonda Eigel and Marynell Eyles review the registration policies and procedures to ensure consistency throughout, as several documents now contain conflicting prices, etc. It was also suggested that we consider eliminating the need for the Temporary Foal Certificate, going directly to full registration within the first year.

**Awards**

Marilyn Cheek reported that the Awards Committee is running smoothly. The highlight from the Awards committee was the acknowledgement of Joanie Webster’s effort to bring us the new Broodmare Trophy, created to replace the trophy lost in the terrible California wildfire that destroyed Joanie Webster’s farm. Joanie worked closely with noted equine artist Jean Clagett to create the wonderful new bronze trophy. Marilyn also recognized the great job done by Karen Laden in her first year of compiling Achievement Award results. A full copy of Marilyn’s report can be found at .

**ByLaws**

No changes to Bylaws have been required.

**Finance**

Cathy Blackmon was advised by our insurer that the insurance requirements will be changing and in the future each Region must have a separate insurance policy for events. However, details and timing for this have not been provided by the insurer. Additional information will be sent out as it is available.

**Inspections**

Gloria LaCroix reported that the Inspections committee is surveying who will be likely to need inspections next year. Getting numbers and sites lined up as early as possible is essential to keeping air travel and lodging expenses down. All regions are encouraged to survey breeders and get numbers as soon as possible.

**Internet**

Policy documents and posted to the web page need updating. Each committee chair is responsible for updating policies and forms relevant to their area.
Magazine
Marynell Eyles submitted a magazine report. Breeders are strongly encouraged to submit ads for the 2019 Stallion issue.

Nominating
Chris Knox is rotating off and will be replaced by Bonnie Reid.

Promotions
A discussion was started on the possibility of having one or more Connemara-themed jumps created that could be used at major competitions such as HITS shows where they would get visibility both at the show and on show videos. Once a jump is created it can be used multiple times. The understanding is that the jumps are managed by the course designers, so the first step would be to contact some course designers for additional information. The concept was well received and the committee will explore what would be necessary in terms of logistics and expenses.

Region Chair Liaison
Gloria LaCroix reported that most Region Governors and Chairs will continue to serve for the next year. She stressed the importance of designating state liaisons to cover each state in a region, as most regions are widespread. Activities and contacts focused at the state level may provide more opportunities than only Region-wide events.

Youth Program
(Was there a youth program report, other than noting that it was a good year?)

USEF Connemara Committee
Committee members noted that the current major issue has been the Safe Sport initiative. Beginning next year, all adults with competitive USEF memberships will be required to complete Safe Sport training, which can be completed on the USEF website.

The next USEF annual meeting and concurrent ACPS meeting will take place in West Palm Beach, FL in January. The USEF meeting will begin January 8. The ACPS meeting will be held Saturday, January 12. Registration and hotel information for the USEF meeting is available on the USEF website.

Ad Hoc Committees
Genetics
Joanie Webster summarized a report submitted by Maureen Loughman Abel on the UC Davis effort on melanoma research. Dr. Theon, who is overseeing the research, reported that detailed DNA sequencing has been completed on a total of 28 ponies. He notes: “This allows us to confirm or rule out some of the previously identified genes found only in ponies with melanoma. Now we are looking specifically at genes found only in ponies with early onset versus late onset because early onset is definitely more aggressive and of most concern for owners/breeders. We have identified a few specific genes and we are currently looking at one which appears very promising.”

The researchers are now looking for additional blood samples from two cohorts: gray Connemaras <6 years of age with melanoma, and gray Connemaras >15 years of age with no melanoma and no history of melanoma. If you have a pony that fits one of those two categories and would be willing to participate, please contact Maureen Loughman Abel (mlouhman@embarqmail.com or 863 467-5377) for additional information.

It was also noted that the research continues to be in great need of additional funding. After receiving the update on the Melanoma Research Project, the Board voted to match funds donated by November 15th, 2018, to this project up to $2,500.00!! The goal of the research is to identify the genes responsible for equine melanoma using the DNA of the Connemara
Pony. Several genes have been identified with one in particular "appears to be very promising". Please send your donation – however small – to ACPS Treasurer Stephanie Fenton-Hickey, 518 East Mays Rd, Stockbridge, GA 30281. Checks should be made out to ACPS Foundation and noted "for Dr. Theon's Melanoma Study".

It is only with the support of the ACPS and its members, especially the members who gave samples of their ponies, that the research has advanced this far. Let's help bring this research to a great conclusion.

Connemara Sport Horse Inspection Update
It was noted that one halfbred stallion had been inspected and subsequently entered into the Oldenburg Registry.

It was suggested that a seal is needed for the registration papers for Connemara Sport Horses, similar to what is provided for purebreds and halfbreds.

Strategic Planning
Kate Denton reported that results have been received from the survey on strategic planning and will be compiled and presented at the January BOG meeting.

Old Business
Sally Oxnard reported that there is additional ACPS history to be recorded and she would like to eventually see a new book prepared. Several members noted the wealth of history currently contained in past additions of magazines. The possibility of getting old magazines scanned into electronic form and made available online was discussed.

New Business
No additional new business was raised.

The Board of Governors meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

American Connemara Pony Society
Annual Meeting – 2:00 p.m.,
September 29, 2018

Cathy Blackmon called the meeting to order, and the minutes of the January 2018 meeting were approved.

A review of the one motion concerning donations to the UC Davis melanoma research effort was noted.

Region Chair Reports were read from each region. The reports will appear in the American Connemara magazine.

Election of the New Board – New board members are: Kate Denton, Fonda Eigel, Wayne Quarles, Becky Jordan, and Sarah McCrae Thrasher.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Newly Elected Board of Governors – Meeting was called to order immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting in order to adopt the slate of officers for 2018.

The nominating committee included Sally Oxnard, Deb Norman, and Bonnie Reid. The ACPS officers for 2019 are Catherine Blackmon, President; Kate Denton, Vice President; Linda Haines, Vice President; and Stephanie Fenton-Hickey, Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Suzanne Phelps,
for Marynell Eyles, Secretary
Classified Ads

For Sale: Rides and Drives!
Mega Luck, 2005 halfbred mare by Minyffords Megastar (Welsh Cob) out of Balmullo’s Matilda. 14 hands, dark bay with chrome, big mover in a small box, with bone and class. Update: After some investigation I have found “Meg” was Region IV halfbred in-hand champion as a two year old, then was broke to drive. This spring she restarted under saddle, and has done a great job of learning new skills. She was half bred green reserve champion at our region show, and won the trail class. She hacks out alone or in company, always with dogs, jumps around little courses, and could handle anything a pony clubber might want to try. Contact Kim Harrison 804-639-0881 or vaharrisons@verizon.net

Oakfields Offers:
Connemara Ponies (Mares and Geldings) For Sale with Unlimited Potential suitable for Show, Hack, Dressage, Hunting, Children and Adults.
Please contact: Chanda Boylen 434-282-7252 or Jenny Daly 434-996-3823


Dunclare: halfbred 15.0 hands (2003) bay mare (*Hearnesbrook Dunoon x TB) Lightly shown, ridden consistently on the farm, comfortable, could do anything. Price: 9,000

Oakfields Jade: purebred 14.0 (2006) bay mare (*Hearnesbrook Dunoon x *Templebready Ruby x *Ashfield Storm Cloud) USEF 2012 Purebred Connemara Hunter (National Champion), USEF 2013 Purebred Connemara Mare (National Champion), needs experienced rider. N/N Inspected and passed by ACPS. Price: 15,000 (negotiable)

Oakfields Ennis: purebred 14.2 (2011) smoky dun gelding (*Hearnesbrook Dunoon x *Cohra’s Dream x *Castleside Carrig) Good mover, brave, placed well in Connemara classes at Upperville, Warrenton and Region III Show, plus USEF HOTY winner, comfortable hacking out alone or with someone, foxhunted 2 full seasons (all flights) N/N Inspected and passed by ACPS. Price: 15,000 (negotiable)
Oakfields Spring Sparrow: purebred 14.1 ¾ (2011) dark bay mare (*Hearnesbrook Dunoon x Oakfields Maria Sparrow x *Grange Finn Sparrow). Hacks out in a field with company and has done ring work – “kick ride”. N/N Inspected and passed by ACPS. Price: 4,000

Oakfields Coralee Finch: purebred 13.3 ½ (2013) mare (*Grange Finch x *Cohra’s Dream x *Castleside Carrig) some ring work, comfortable hacking out alone or with another, foxhunted, sweet, easy, naturally balanced, big step, good lead change, scopey jumper, and goes in a snaffle with a soft mouth. Price: 10,000

Oakfields Gold Finch: purebred 14.3 ½ (2014) grey/dun gelding (*Grange Finch x *Cohra’s Dream x *Castleside Carrig) some ring work, comfortable gaits, enjoys hacking out, easy, “born broke”. Vice: cribs. Price: 10,000

Oakfields Rock Sparrow: purebred 14.1 ¾ (2014) bay gelding (*Hearnesbrook Dunoon x Oakfields Maria Sparrow x *Grange Finn Sparrow) some ring work, friendly and enthusiastic, comfortable hacking out with another. Price: 7,500

Oakfields Blue Finch: purebred 13.3 ½ (2015) roan mare (*Grange Finch x *Cohra’s Dream x *Castleside Carrig) Winner of the ACPS Region III Yearling Futurity and overall Region III Yearling Futurity, lightly backed, lovely canter, athletic, more education planned (this summer). Price: 5,000 (will increase with training)

BALMULLO FARM OFFERS:

Standing at stud: Foothills Field Marshall (*Gunsmoke X Foothills Maybee), outstanding eventing stallion, now competing at Preliminary. Many beautiful babies on the ground. $850 stud fee includes $200 booking fee. Cooled shipped semen only.... shipping and collection costs paid by mare owner. Further information, balmullofarm@gmail.com
For further information call 804-507-0269.

For sale: outstanding half-bred yearling by Foothills Field Marshall aka Bruiser. Balmullo’s Moon Dancer is out of an ID/TB, Rivendell’s Summer Moon, and was bred to event. 15.1 hands at a year, he promises to be large and athletic. He has been well handled, and leads, loads, and stands for bathing and the farrier. For further information email balmullofarm@gmail.com
For Sale: **Balmullo's Winter Wind** aka Winnie (Foothill's Field Marshall X Tullymor’s Gracie Gray). Coming yearling (March). Will stay pony size and have springs on her feet! $4000

For Sale or Lease: **Tre Awain Tinker’s Moon** (Tre Awain Ginger Blue x Tre Awain Ballydoon Beauty). 16 year old mare. Has had two foals. She has foundered (although now is ok) so probably should only be considered for breeding. Further information, balmullofarm@gmail.com

**CADY O’DALY FARM OFFERS:**

Standing at stud: **Tre Awain Goldsmith** (Tre Awain Ginger Blue x Tre Awain Golden Lily) - 15.2, 1999 dun stallion with an impressive competition record. Winner of the 2015 ACPS An Tostal Award. Known for passing along his lovely temperament, athletic jump, and beautiful movement to his offspring. N/N for HWSD, $800 Located at Cady O’Daly Farm in Lynchburg, VA. Contact us at www.CadyODalyFarm.com; 571-271-9441
Cady O’Daly Charlotte: 15.3, 5yo bay mare sired by Tre Awain Goldsmith and out of a nice Hanoverian/TB mare. Winning at Beginner Novice and unlimited potential to move up the levels. Would also excel in dressage/foxhunting as well. Very sweet personality, lovely mover and bold, athletic jumper. A wonderful all-around package! $14K.

2018 Youngstock for sale: We are expecting 3 foals this year and all are sired by Tre Awain Goldsmith and will be for sale. Prices starting at $6,500. 1.) Out of Ridgetop Cady O’Daly (Aladdin's Denver x Blue Hills Egan). Premium mare with an unparalled performance record on the line and in eventing. Incredibly talented and correct. One of a kind! Her many foals have been every bit as successful as she has. 2.) Out of Northern Divide (Aluinn Durango x premium mare Tre Awain Ballydoon Beauty). Beautiful, oversized typey mare. Full siblings are successful eventers. A fantastic example of a Connemara! 3.) Irish Sport Horse mare Kinsale's Rebel Las (by Dandelion Diamond Rebel out of a TB mare). A tall, gorgeous, athletic and incredibly kind ISH mare with hunting experience.

Contact Cady O’Daly Farm - 434-665-9876; www.cadyodalyfarm.com; cadyodalyfarm@gmail.com

GLENDALE FARM OFFERS:

We will once again stand Rattle 'n Snap Laddie Boy (Moy Hazy Cove x Castle Strange Sparrow). Stud fee is $800 which includes a $250 booking fee.

Also standing at Glendale Farm is *Fernville Matchmaker (Fredericksminde Hazy Match x Ross Castle Moya [Abbeyleix Owen]), imported from Ireland. He is a 2006 14.2 grey pony with excellent bone and movement. Stud fee is $600 which includes a $250 booking fee.

This one is fancy!
https://vimeo.com/240419832

HANNIGAN. Conn/TB mare. 4 yo. Grey. 15’1”. She is a full sister to above Iris. This one is fancy. She also has the most lovely personality. She loves her “peeps”. Easy, quiet, ready to go, with unlimited potential. She has been trail ridden a lot. Ridden in the ring. Jumped. She is just waiting to go and do … and she too will be quite happy about that. $12K.
**Four 3-yr-old crosses by Laddie!**

**CHICKADEE.** QH cross filly out of my fox hunting paint 16’ QH mare, Roxie. Buckskin, big star, sweet, easy. Will be over pony size.$7500

**SWAN SONG. FANCY FILLY.** Out of our TB mare Emma who we have had so many nice babies but who we lost last year. BIG, and did I say FANCY. She will do great things if given a chance. Bright bay, lots of chrome. $10K

**WERTHY.** Bay gelding out of above mentioned Annie. So sweet, so easy. Will be a great friend and partner in adventure. I have nothing to say but good things about this over sized “pony”$8K.

**And last, but certainly not least!**

**JACK OF HEARTS.** Purebred buckskin gelding by Bruiser (Balmullo’s Field Marshall) of eventing fame, out of our big Premium Aladdin’s Denver Mare, Brooks and Dun. He will steal your heart and will be a force in the competition world if he gets a say in the matter. I am sure that he will be over pony size. He is a coming 2 yo. Priced at 8K.

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**Daystar Farm Offers:**

**Daystars Jack O Lantern** has a bright future as a hunter pony and brought 3 ribbons home from his first 3 show classes. At 13.3 1/2, 11 yrs old and an eye catching dun roan paint, he is the whole package with movement, temperament, and jump. Very green priced at $5k for a fall sale.

**Daystars Rowan** is that 15h bay roan gelding that will stand out in the dressage ring. Great mover with overstride and a big jump too. Very affectionate, Just backed. $6500 See [www.daystarconnemaraponiesforsale.com](http://www.daystarconnemaraponiesforsale.com) or contact Margaret Long at 804-380-1022