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# UMM SADDLE CLUB 1992-1993 MEMBERSHIP LIST

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## Meeting 1: 9-24-92

Our first meeting began with everyone introducing themselves. Those who hold offices stated so and those who have horses in the barn also said who their horse was.

Elisa explained the "Buddy" and the "Handlers/Co-Handlers" programs. Those who were interested in either of these options signed up on sheets and will be paired with those riding members or owners who want a "Buddy", "Handler", or "Co-Handler". We hope to have a special meeting for these two groups to meet and set up a working relationship in the near future.

Pasture rotation groups were discussed. Kelly thought we should keep all horses off of second pasture. Yvonne disagreed. Elisa suggested keeping all four pastures open for awhile but only have three horses in each group. The group thought this was the best plan, for now. The group also said that Dude could stay in first all of the time and Taffy could always stay on a grass pasture.

Elisa stressed that anyone bringing in a horse MUST have a Bill of Health and a Liability sheet turned in to her FIRST!! Strangles Vaccination benefits were discussed, though. It was decided that since veterinarians do not believe they are very effective, we should not require this vaccine.

Painting the barn was discussed. It was decided that since part of the barn has already been painted, we needed to finish the job. Elisa will check with Bob regarding paint prices at Town and Country--Bob said that they would probably give us a discount there. Therefore, Paint Day will be this Sunday from 9am-5pm. We will also tighten the twisted wire fence at this time.

\* Mrs. <sup>124</sup>Mechelke spoke to the group regarding Appy. She requested that the club make a special exception for her and allow her to take care of Appy instead of a Student Handler. Mrs. Mechelke said that she would pay an extra fee if she could keep Appy in the barn and take care of him herself. No one felt that this was necessary. Mrs. Mechelke further stated that if the club felt differently in the future, we could let her know. Therefore, the club saw no problems with this plan at this time.

Elisa concluded the meeting with the announcement that Saddle Club Meetings would be held on the third Thursday of every month. Patsy will send notices out to those having on-campus P.O.'s, a sign will be tacked up in the barn for those who do not, or, these individuals will be called.

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### **Meeting 2: 10-15-92**

Elisa called the meeting to order and announced that all members who have not already paid dues need to pay Chris by this Monday or a \$5 late fee will be charged.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for people to sign up to ride his/her horse in the Homecoming Parade. Since only two people signed up, though, we will not be participating this year.

Pasture conditions were discussed. Elisa told the club what the expert from West Central Experimental Station had advised us to do--keep all grass pastures open until they are eaten to 1/2 of their height now and that Plant Services has been notified to take care of the weeds in 3rd and 4th. Kelly and Yvonne thought 2nd should be closed immediately. A discussion followed with people expressing opinions from both sides. A vote was held and 2nd was closed for the season.

Elisa asked the group if they thought we should put up electrical fence in the Pen and 1st. A vote was held and decided that this was a good idea. Bob will obtain the necessary supplies after Patsy fills out a purchase order. We also decided to get any necessary barn equipment ASAP.

Kelly told Tina that she had gotten a weedwacker for her to use around the barn, per her request.

General maintenance around the barn was discussed. Everyone needs to clean up better after themselves and do the job he/she is assigned each week. Kelly made a list of all the things Plant Services needs to do for the barn: change the lightbulbs in the loft, fix the leaky water pump, and re-shingle the part of the roof that is rotten. She will contact Peter Orr.

Finally, Kelly expressed to the club her concerns regarding Appy's health and the potential risk the other horses face due to his presence. She cited the personal example of her horse coming into the barn only three days ago and already coughing. Scamper is stalled immediately next to Appy. Other members whose horses have become ill expressed similar concerns. They agreed that they were not worried about the horses catching heaves, but instead, felt that Appy's potential for spreading upper respiratory infections was too great a risk, due to our situation. No opposing views were expressed at this time so a vote was held. Considerably more than the required quorum voted that it was in the best interest of the health of the barn for Appy to be removed. The Officers said that they would try to meet with Mrs. Mechelke as soon as possible to discuss the club's decision.

Elisa thanked everyone for coming that evening and the meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be held on the 3rd Thursday of November at 6:45 p.m.

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### Special Meeting: 10-26-92

Elisa called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming.

Roll call was conducted by Patsy and the minutes from the previous meeting that specifically regard Appy were read aloud.

Elisa told the club why it was necessary to have another meeting to vote on whether Appy should be allowed to stay in the barn after we have already voted on this issue and made a decision. Mainly, that veterinarians who have different opinions whether or not Appy poses a potential threat to the other horses' health in the barn will be heard and that the club will again vote with their medical opinions in mind.

Dr. Kenneth Greiner from Lake Region Vet Center spoke to the club and gave us his professional opinion that it would be in the best interests of both Appy and the club for him to locate to a different facility. Medical questions were asked of him by club members, Mechelkes, and their lawyer, Charles Glasrud.

Elisa and Kim read letters from Dr. Anderson of the Morris Vet Center and Dr. Holmgren (who no longer practices veterinary medicine). Both doctors feel that Appy poses no threat to the other horses in the barn.

Next, Mr. Glasrud spoke on behalf of the Mechelkes and then they each took a turn addressing the club. They stated that Appy should be given special consideration because he has been at the barn for many years and that since Dr. Greiner's opinion is not shared by Dr. Anderson and Dr. Holmgren, the club should not give Dr. Greiner's opinion more consideration than Dr. Anderson's and Dr. Holmgren's.

Several members addressed responses to these two topics. Yvonne said that as a student organization, we as students, have the right to vote any horse out of the barn no matter how many years he has been here, or, whatever the reason. She cited her horse, Thunder, as a hypothetical example. Jennifer told Mrs. Mechelke that it was not a matter of two veterinarian opinions against one--it was a matter of which veterinarian(s) opinion each club member had more trust in.

Elisa asked if there was a motion to vote. Kim said there was and Andrea seconded the motion. Patsy passed out written ballots to each of the members. Chris picked them up and he and Dr. Imholte counted the ballots. Chris gave the results to Elisa and she announced to the club that the decision was 12 to 5 in favor of Appy leaving the barn.

Deadlines for his removal were discussed. After a group discussion, it was narrowed down to two dates: November 17th, 1992 or December 10th, 1992. Jennifer suggested that if Appy must leave before the quarter is ended, perhaps we could refund Mechelkes money. The group agreed this was a good idea.

Patsy and Chris passed out slips of paper for people to vote on a deadline. The ballots were collected and tabulated. The result was 10 to 5 in favor of Appy leaving by November 17th, 1992 with 1 person abstaining from voting and 1 person having to leave early and missing the second vote.

Elisa again thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned.