



Goals and Objectives of the Minnesota Horse Council

- ♦ Promote and/or support equine educational activities
- ♦ Improve communication in all horse related activities with the general public
- ♦ Gather information of value to equine related activities
- ♦ Distribute gathered information as appropriate
- ♦ Provide expertise, consult and advise
- ♦ Establish, develop and enhance equine trails and other infrastructure and encourage their prudent use

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MHC Announces 2015 Horseperson of the Year - Warren Bengston

On Saturday, January 23 2016 the Minnesota Horse Council announced their 2015 Horseperson of the Year. Criteria for the award includes:

- ♦ Long term, serious commitment to equine activity in the Midwest
- ♦ May be professional or amateur.
- ♦ Should have contributed in many areas, i.e., Western shows, English shows, 4-H, Little Britches and High School Rodeo, trails, legislation, clinics and other equine related activities.
- ♦ Usually the individual will have been a horse owner for many years although it certainly is not a requirement. The person could have worked "behind the lines" to great achievement.
- ♦ A mature individual, "long term commitment."
- ♦ The individual should have excellent character.
- ♦ The individual will likely be recognized by members of many horse-related groups and perhaps by the general population.



Left to right: Peter Karpe, Warren Bengston, wife Gloria

The Minnesota Horse Council takes great pride in awarding this honor to Warren Bengston, Rush City, MN. This honor is given to a most deserving member of our horse community. He has demonstrated a type of craft in the horse world which changed the world around them for the benefit of many. For this individual, the time he invests is beneficial for both the horse and rider.

Warren's interest in horses started at the early age of 10 while riding the school bus each day as he passed a pony. Having a strong desire to learn to horseback ride, he told his father he would do anything to learn to ride. A meeting was arranged with the owner of the pony and a job was created of cleaning barns in exchange for the opportunity to ride.

The owner decided after a few years to start a dude ranch where people could come for a trail ride. The Ding's Ranch began. Warren spent

many years working at the ranch. Then, he heard the call to go to school and become a minister of the Word. For 18 years, he served at a Native American reservation. Then life changed. Life decisions needed to be made and Warren became a farrier with the help of a good friend who lent him the money in order for him to able to go to farrier school.

A book of horse training inspired him and he also became a horse trainer as well a very fine farrier. Through the years, thousands of horses have been saved from slaughter and reunited in a long, safe and healthy relationship between the horse owner and the horse. These training times became known as sessions. These sessions lasted approximately 45 minutes in which a new trustworthy mount was to be found and saved, both mentally and spiritually.

This individual has also written many fine published articles relating to one's own heart condition. He compares it to scripture and the relationship between God and horseperson and horse. When we truly understand the will, we will then understand the behavior of the horse.

For many in the horse world, he is a true Obi-Wan Kenobi. For others, he is a trainer of the Jedi. The force is very strong with him and he does amazing things with horses from head to toe. Well done, good and faithful servant.



2015 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Tracy Turner, DVM, MS
Minnesota Horse Council President

The Minnesota Horse Council Board of Directors has been busy over the past year to help Minnesota horse owners, horse enthusiasts and the horse industry in general. The Minnesota Horse Council promotes and supports the state's horse industry through a variety of activities and funding mechanisms.

- ◆ We sponsor the Minnesota Horse Expo, which brings thousands of horse related vendors, professionals and enthusiasts to the Minnesota State Fairgrounds every April.
- ◆ We fund and improve horse trails in Minnesota through our Trails Committee.
- ◆ We work with national, state and local governmental issues to enact laws and rules that affect the keeping of horses, their use and sale.
- ◆ We promote equine related education through our Educational Committee and through scholarships to students.
- ◆ We promote education about various horse breeds through our Aisle of Breeds at the Minnesota State Fair.
- ◆ We promote equine related activities through grants and direct funding awards.
- ◆ We provide disaster relief when horses need immediate space, feed and care due to natural disasters.
- ◆ We certify stables throughout the state to promote quality and safety in the stable industry.
- ◆ We recognize outstanding horse people in the state with our Horseperson of the Year Award and our Pioneer Award.
- ◆ We have taken a lead in the state's response to Unwanted Horses in Minnesota.
- ◆ We provide sponsorships at horse shows and other events.

During 2015, the Minnesota Horse Council has accomplished the following:

We continue to bring the voice of the equine industry to the Minnesota Legislature. We also go to Washington to promote the horse industry nationally. We can say the Minnesota Horse Council and our national legislators are on the same page when it comes horse issues.

We used the money generated by the Minnesota Horse Expo to help the horse industry of Minnesota. We used the \$100,000 generated by the Expo to fund grants for large projects, give direct funds for educational needs and to help small projects, and we gave eleven \$3000 scholarships to deserving students.

Please read about all the programs we continue to support, the Certified Stable Program, as well as staying active with the Department of Natural Resources and the Equine Trails. We also give the Horseperson of the Year and Pioneer Awards and we promote all breeds through the Aisle of Breeds at the Minnesota State Fair. We have funds for disaster relief as well as emergency feed needs. We continue to support two websites--the MHC website and the Horseman's Directory.

This year we made an initiative to help the Equine Disease Communication Center. This center will be a national clearing house for reliable information about equine disease anywhere in the U.S. It will allow the equine industry to continue to function in the face of a disease outbreak.

We will continue to support the Minnesota horse industry in many ways through all these programs plus we put on one of the best horse expositions in the country, the Minnesota Horse Expo.

2015 MHC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The scholarship committee evaluates applications that are due every November 1st. The scholarships began with a bequest from Tony Gasser in the early 1980s. Then the Horse Council voted to start adding 5% of the gross profit from the Minnesota Horse Expo to the scholarship fund each year. Last year we gave 11 scholarships of \$3000 and this year we're giving 12 scholarships of \$3000. We look at an applicant's horse experience, their grades, their leadership, their goals, and their three letters of recommendation. We take applications from seniors in high school through graduate/vet school. The scholarships are for Minnesota residents only. There have been 192 scholarship winners since 1991 receiving scholarships totalling over \$436,000.

Mikaela Del Giudice is a senior at Oregon State University majoring in Agricultural Science with an emphasis on Animal Science.

Mari Ertz is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls majoring in Animal Science with an emphasis in Equine Management.

Angie Esselman is a second year vet student at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine.

Paige Gabrielson is a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls majoring in Animal Science and minoring in Music.

Cameron Gallenberg is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota majoring in Animal Science with a pre-vet emphasis.

Charlotte Knopp is a college freshman at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Charlotte's interests lie with research of infectious diseases and epidemiology, and particularly with zoonotics.

Hannah Lochner is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota majoring in Animal Science with an Equine emphasis.

Mikayla McDonald is a freshman at the University of Minnesota majoring in Animal Science with an Equine Emphasis.

Annis Montplaisir is a junior at North Dakota State University (NDSU) majoring in Management Communications and International Studies and minoring in Spanish.

Sally Russell is a freshman at Stephens College in Missouri majoring in Event and Convention Management and minoring in Equestrian Studies.

Natasha Spiczka is a second year vet student at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine.

Lara Stephans-Brown is a second year student at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. Her special interests are in metabolic diseases and lameness.



Left to right: Annise Montplaisir, Natasha Spiczka, Lara Stephans-Brown, Mikaela Del Giudice, Trina Joyce, MHC Scholarship Chair, Cameron Gallenberg, Hannah Lochner, Mari Ertz, Paige Gabrielson, Tom Tweeten, MHC Vice President, Angie Esselman

Minnesota Horse Council Awards \$66,000 in Grants

The Minnesota Horse Council uses the revenue from the Minnesota Horse Expo to offer "seed money grants" for new projects & capital improvements by Minnesota equine groups. At the Annual Meeting held January 23, 2016 in St. Louis Park, the Minnesota Horse Council announced that \$50,000 in grants had been awarded to the following non-profit projects in 2016:



Chippewa County 4-H ♦ Montevideo ♦ \$3,500

This county fairgrounds horse arena is on a low spot with footing that holds water especially in front of the in gate. Our grant will help in removing the old dirt, installing a clay base with sand on top, and a drag to maintain it.

Elk River SC (Mille Lacs) ♦ Elk River ♦ \$3,000

Events at this county fairgrounds are often limited by darkness. This grant will help them add two light poles with LED fixtures to the outdoor arena, making it available for use into the evenings.



Equul Access ♦ Hutchinson ♦ \$6,000

This disabled riding program lost their run-in shed 2 years ago when the old barn was torn down. This grant will help purchase two portable pasture run-in shelters, to provide better shelter for their horses.



Haven Acres ♦ Burnsville ♦ \$3,750

This grant will help purchase fencing panels for their outdoor arena at their rescue/riding program.



Hope Rides ♦ Minnetonka ♦ \$5,500

This equine youth mentoring program is moving to a new home on their own land. The grant will help them create a dry lot pad-dock and turnout area for their horses.



Majestic Hills Ranch ♦ Bloomington ♦ \$5,000

This grant will provide funding to support their current therapeutic riding programs, and add horses to replace retired ones.



Minnesota State Fair Foundation ♦ St. Paul ♦ \$5,000

The proposal is to put a statue of Dan Patch at the entrance to the State Fairgrounds, about where the race horse barns used to be. This grant will get the fundraising started for that project.

Morrison County Hoofbeats 4-H ♦ Randall ♦ \$3,200

This county fair horse barn is undersized, thus many 4-H horse exhibitors can't be at the county fair. This grant will purchase the materials to add lean-to stalls to the horse barn. Materials only, club members will supply the labor and transportation for the work.

North Star 4-H (Kittson County) ♦ Lancaster ♦ \$3,500

This county fair horse barn is overcrowded with not enough stalls for the horses forcing some to be stabled in with the poultry. This grant will help build a lean-to on one side of the horse barn, providing additional stalls.

**Northern Lakes Region Pony Club** ♦ Rochester ♦ \$3,500

This group holds events during the year, but many potential locations do not have an appropriate ring. The grant will help them purchase a portable dressage arena for use at their events throughout the state.

**Northern Lights Versatility** ♦ Chatfield ♦ \$780

This group holds clinics/competitions at various locations during the year. To improve safety for the cattle and horses at these events, the arena fences are covered with tarps. This grant will fund purchase of improved, reusable fabric fence covers for use at these various arenas.

Riding on Angels Wings ♦ Felton ♦ \$2,350

Our grant will help this therapeutic riding program purchase additional tack and equipment needed for safety of the riders and comfort of the horses used in the program.

Sherburne Surefooted 4-H ♦ Becker ♦ \$3,500

This fairgrounds outdoor arena has deteriorated footing, which gets muddy and one third is unusable after rains. This grant will help pay for adding sand to the footing and grading it to improve drainage. Sand only, the club members will provide the labor, and city/county will provide grader work.

St. Croix Trail Blazers ♦ Lake Elmo ♦ \$4,000

This therapeutic riding program plans to expand into carriage driving to provide opportunities for people not able to ride on a horse. This grant will help purchase a carriage and ramp for this new project.

University of Minnesota-Crookston ♦ Crookston ♦ \$900

This research project would use an under-saddle heart rate monitor and thermographic camera images of horses being ridden to study base stress level and response to their use in the student riding classes.

**We Can Ride** ♦ Minnetonka ♦ \$5,000

This is a seed grant to support adding a new Equine Facilitated Learning program for special needs patients who are unable to participate in riding sessions. It will be used for training of instructors, volunteers, evaluation of horses, and some scholarships.

**Windy Ridge Therapeutic** ♦ Hokah ♦ \$2,500

This therapeutic riding program currently contracts with a PATH-certified instructor from elsewhere. Our grant will help pay training/certification costs for two volunteers for their program to add more sessions.

**Wright Saddle Club** ♦ Maple Lake ♦ \$5,000

This grant will purchase materials to replace the worn out outdoor arena fence at their club grounds with sturdy metal panels. Materials only, club members will donate the needed equipment & labor to install.

Over the past 24 years, the Minnesota Horse Council has awarded \$1,047,590 in grants to equestrian projects in Minnesota. This is in addition to other charitable donations by the Horse Council such as the Direct Funding awards, the Tony Gasser educational scholarships, and the Trails funding program. The major portion of the Horse Council budget goes right back into the Minnesota horse industry.

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PRCA Rodeos Friday and Saturday at 7pm and Sunday at 3pm features the Barnes Rodeo Co. stock, seven rodeo events, and cowboys and cowgirls from around the Midwest. Rodeo tickets are in addition to Expo tickets and can be bought online starting March 1 or at Expo. For all the Expo info visit www.mnhorseexpo.org



Guy McLean



Julie Goodnight

Clinicians, including Australian trainer and showman Guy McLean, The TrailMeister Robert Eversole, author and gaited horse trainer Anita Howe, educator and TV show host Julie Goodnight, bit expert Dale Myler and more are included in the Expo daily admission.

Vendor Booths flow onto the floors of the State Fair's Cattle Barn, Dairy Building, Sheep Barn, Poultry Barn, CHS Building and Coliseum Concourse and out the doors to the outdoor spaces lining Judson Avenue. Over 700 vendor booth spaces are available at the Expo. The MN Horse Expo provides a unique and convenient marketplace for both buyers and sellers

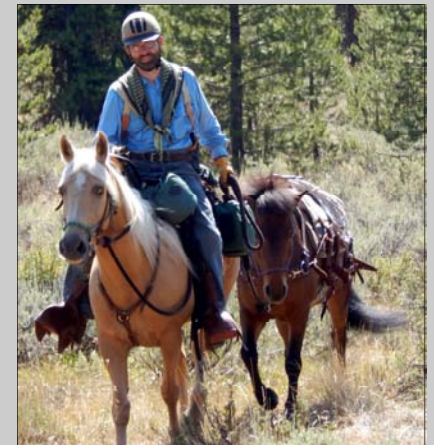
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Cavallo Equestrian Arts returns with an exciting brand new production and new seating in the grand circus tent located near the Dairy Building at Expo. The ninety minute show is filled with feats of balance and beauty featuring horses from many breeds and performers who have a long family history of equine showmanship and acrobatic daring. Tickets are in addition to Expo tickets and can be purchased online ahead of time or at Expo. Ma'Ceo performance times are Friday and Saturday at 1pm and 5pm and Sunday at 1pm.



Anita Howe



Robert Eversole



Ben Hur de Bernaville

An estimated **50 breeds** of horses and ponies will be on display in the Horse Barn with their owners/trainers and participate where appropriate in the daily Parade of Breeds, breed demonstrations and stallion review. A new breed at Expo this year will be the **Boulonnais**. See Ben Hur de Bernaville, a five year old stallion, reportedly the first Boulonnais to step on American soil in 115 years in the Horse Barn at Expo 2016.



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Box Seat: \$12

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Reserved B: \$7 (Sections 16-28)

Reserved C: \$5 (Sections 4-12)

Rodeo Performance times:

Friday and Saturday 7 pm; Sunday 3 pm

Cavallo Equestrian Arts "Ma'Ceo"

Performance Tickets are in addition to Expo Tickets

Online ticket pricing:

General Seating:

Adult \$18

Child (age 12 and under) \$12

Family 4 Pack (2 child, 2 adult) \$54

Mezzanine Seating:

Adult \$26

Child (age 12 and under) \$19

Family 4 Pack (2 child, 2 adult) \$84

Ringside Seating:

All \$45

Ma'Ceo Performance times:

Friday and Saturday 1 pm and 5 pm, Sunday 1 pm

Tickets also available during Expo at the Tent box office one hour before show at slightly higher cost

Seating Charts & more info for Expo-goers, vendors, sponsors and program advertisers at mnhorseexpo.org.

2016 MHC Board of Directors Election Results

The election to fill the six open positions on the MHC Board of Directors was held at our Annual Meeting and Banquet on Saturday, January 23. Each year approximately one-third of the board positions are open for election. There were six candidates on this year's ballot. No one was nominated from the floor of the business meeting. The following is a summary of the election results:

- ◆ There were 81 total ballots counted
- ◆ Elected to 3-year terms are: Glen Eaton, Trina Joyce, Sue McDonough, Kim Otterson, Marian Robinson, and Tom Tweeten.

All of us want to acknowledge Mark Ward who did not choose to run for election this year when his term was completed. He has served as President and Vice President, has helped on numerous committees, and has made our website and the Horseman's Directory successful. We deeply appreciate the work he did as part of the MHC Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Mead
Chairperson, Nominations/Election Committee
MHC Board of Directors

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - November 10, 2015

Meeting Location: Nutrena Conference Room - Leatherdale Center, U of MN St Paul

Board Members Present: Trina Joyce, Tracy Turner, Darrell Mead, Glen Eaton, Kari Newman, Meg Sax, Tim Bonham, Dave Fleischhaker, Doug Persian, Barb Anderson-Whiteis, Tom Tweeten, Sue McDonough, Kris Kelly

Absent: Dawn Moore, Missie Schwartz, Kim Otterson, Mark Ward

Members/Visitors: Barb Fleischhaker, Allison Eklund, Marian Robinson

I. Meeting called to order: 6:38 P.M. by President Tracy Turner.

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Trina Joyce added Scholarships to Committee Reports.
2. Tim Bonham added Grants to Committee Reports.
3. Tom Tweeten added Liability Insurance to New Business.

IV. Treasurer's Report for November was presented by Tim Bonham in hard copy. Assets total \$866,674.93. Discussion and review followed. October treasurer's report presented for approval. Glen Eaton motioned to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Darrell Mead seconded, motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were presented to the board electronically prior to the meeting. Tim Bonham motioned to approve the October minutes as presented. Glen Eaton seconded, motion carries.

VI. Secretary's Report: Dawn Moore absent, no report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Teleconference Update: Tom Tweeten advised the committee has determined there is no need to alter the current by laws to accommodate teleconferencing. Another meeting of the committee will be scheduled to move the initiative forward.

B. MN Council of NonProfits Update: Dawn Moore absent, no report.

C. MHC Vision: Tracy Turner tabled until December.

D. Equine Science Society Meeting: Administrative Assistant reminded the board of the following motion passed in October to prepare for the 2016 budget. Board discussion on the sponsorship opportunity presented in September. Mark Ward motioned if we can find \$10,000 divided into \$5,000 increments over the next two years, we accept the sponsorship opportunity. Kim Otterson seconded, motion carries.

E. Newsletter Committee Return Postage Update: Missie Schwartz absent, no report.

F. Trail Blazers Recognition Effort Update: Darrell Mead advised the committee has received approval from most trail managers to post signage. The committee is moving forward to decide how they would like to design and display.

G. MN State Fair Ad Hoc Committee: Tom Tweeten advised the committee is not yet active. Tom Tweeten proposed disbanding this ad hoc committee and rolling this initiative into the umbrella of the Show Facilities committee. Tracy Turner allowed the ad hoc committee to roll under the auspices of the Show Facilities Committee. Tracy Turner changed the reporting duties of the Show Facilities committee to monthly.

H. MHSEA Update: Dawn Moore absent. Report sent electronically and read aloud by the administrative assistant. Dawn Moore motioned to take on the MHSEA as a new initiative within the MHC and assume the chair position. Barb Anderson-Whiteis seconded, discussion followed. Darrell Mead motioned to table the aforementioned motion until December. Kris Kelly seconded, motion carries. Allison Eklund reminded the board that this acquisition could be managed as the Expo is currently managed, with a separate board and some cross over representation.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo: Glen Eaton reported that the 2016 Minnesota Horse Expo schedule is being planned with clinicians being interviewed and contracts for vendor booth space and stalls are being received. The online applications are going well with the kinks mostly gone. Some vendor and stall renters still like the paper contracts. Some ads are being received and the rodeo is set to go. Everything is going well. The next two Expo meetings will be at Lunds Byerlys in St. Louis Park

B. Direct Funding: Mark Ward advised. In 2015, so far our committee has received 13 applications for Direct Funding. Ten were approved, two were not approved and one was sent to the MHC Sponsorship Program for evaluation, but did not receive funding.

1. Two Rivers Pony Club: \$500 for jump judges, rental of P.A. system, supplies, and ribbons for a schooling jumper show on Sunday, July 5, 2015. \$500 Approved and paid in July.

2. Dakota Wicohan: \$500 for the cost of educators for their May 19, 2015 "Allies of the Horse Nation Fundraiser" and "Sharing of the Dakota Horse Tradition" educational event. \$500 Approved and paid in June.

3. Swift County 4H Horse Project: for the cost of hosting their May 10th educational seminar and demonstrations on equine chiropractic and natural hoof care, overall horse care, disease prevention, and basic equine first aid. The Direct Funding committee stipulated that the equine chiropractic care presentation will include mention that a veterinarian must refer a horse to the chiropractic practitioner. \$325 Approved but not paid - receipts due - past deadline 1 month.

4. Pope County 4-H: \$240 to Pope County 4-H for expenses for a 4-H judge, Andrew Hinrichs, book copies, food, and door prizes, to hold a beginners horse clinic on Monday, June 8 at the Pope County Fairgrounds. \$240 Approved, receipts in and to be paid in November.

5. Heels Down: \$500 to cover the facility fee for running a benefit dinner for the Pinky Swear Foundation. Not Approved.

6. Wild Rice Peacemakers: \$500 for various expenses related to a cowboy mounted shooting clinic to be held June 14 at the Red River Riding Club in Breckenridge, MN. \$500 Approved, receipts due - past deadline 4 days.

7. 2nd Chance Youth Ranch: \$500 requested by 2nd Chance Youth Ranch for the purchase of horse equipment to be used at their Family Funfest on May 2nd at King's Ranch in Ramsey MN. \$500 Approved and \$487 paid on receipts of \$487.

8. Sun Country & You: \$500 for helmets and a bareback pad for therapeutic riding in their 2015 summer classes. \$500 Approved, paid in October.

9. Lac qui Parle County 4H Horse Project : \$500 for clinician fees (Litta Hottel) for a 3-day horsemanship clinic, June 17-19, 2014 at the Lac qui Parle County horse arena. \$500 Approved, receipts due Nov. 11, 2015.

10. Western Dressage Association of MN: \$500 for expenses of a western dressage clinic held May 23, 2015. (This application was received May 13.) Not Approved.

11. \$500 to Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse Association for expenses for a clinician at an August 7-9 clinic at the Straight Rail Ranch in Nevis, MN. (This application was received May 18.) \$200 Approved, paid in September.

12. \$400 to MHARF (Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue Foundation) to sponsor a class at their annual Trainers Challenge held Sept 19, 2015 at the Leatherdale Center. Not sent to committee. Sent to MHC Sponsorship Program for evaluation.

13. \$235 to Mounted Eagles Therapeutic Riding to purchase helmets for their program. \$235 Approved, receipts due April 2016.

Our budget for 2015 was \$4000. We had zero administrative costs. We made Direct Funding Grants totaling \$4000. One \$500 grantee only submitted receipts for \$487, so received only that amount, leaving \$13 left over to be returned to the MHC general fund. Two of the grantees are

now past due with their receipts and reports and may not receive their funding if they don't respond soon to my reminder emails. The MHC website now includes a note on the Direct Funding page explaining that our 2015 budget is spent and applications should be submitted next year.

C. Annual Meeting: Dawn Moore absent, no report.

D. Budget: Tracy Turner opened a discussion on the 2016 budget. Tim Bonham presented a printed copy of the actual and budgets of the last several years. Discussion followed on individual budgets and adjustments. Dave Fleischhaker motioned to approve the changes to the presented 2016 budget. Glen Eaton seconded, motion carries. A complete and finished 2016 budget is available to all directors on the website storage area.

E. Aisle of Breeds: Glen Eaton, no report.

F. Coalition of State Horse Councils: Glen Eaton advised the coalition was held the end of October and the first of November at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Bloomington MN. I want to thank the committee of Tom Tweeten, Darrell Mead, David Fleischhaker and Dawn Moore for their time put into making this meeting a success. I want to thank Andrea Dubay for manning the registration desk. An article written by Tom Tweeten follows: The Coalition of States Horse Councils 2015 Fall Meeting was held in Bloomington, MN the last weekend in October. Representatives from 12 states attended the 3-day meeting. The CSHC Fall Planning Committee within the Minnesota Horse Council worked for more than a year to plan, coordinate and host the meeting. The committee consisted of Glen Easton and Tom Tweeten, Co-chairpersons, Darrell Mead, Reception/Hospitality, David Fleischhaker, Reception/Sponsorships, Dawn Moore, Sponsorships, and Andrea Dubay, Reception.

The Coalition of State Horse Councils (CSHC) is a group of 43 state horse councils from around the country that have banded together to provide grassroots support and education to state horse councils, encourage and grow participation in state horse councils, and provide national issues support to the American Horse Council. It is the largest grassroots horse network in the country. The purpose of CSHC is to unite the state horse councils into a unified body for the purpose of educating and expanding our industry.

The program opened with a welcome by Glen Eaton, 2015 Planning Committee Co-chairperson and Tracy Turner, MHC President. The presentation program itself consisted of a range of topics. Tiffany Determan talked about the partnership in managing nutrient runoff from farm land that the Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District had developed with the neighboring agricultural community. Along with the concern for nutrient runoff, Richard Gruenes, MN Pollution Control Agency, reviewed the requirements for places where animal waste is going to be stockpiled or land applied. While numerous presentations have been given over the years on the use of park and state forest trails for horses, the planning committee wanted to share a perspective of the collaborative work that has been accomplished here in Minnesota from our Trail Blazers Committee Chairperson, Darrell Mead and Andrew Korsberg from the MN Department of Natural Resources. We continue to have a vested interest in the progress of the Equine Disease Communication Center with a presentation that was led by Dr. Tracy Turner. Several CSHC members gave overviews of information gathered from surveys posted on the CSHC Group Discussion website. The CSHC Executive Committee summarized highlights from a recent CSHC questionnaire on the organization and workings of horse councils within the CSHC member states. Bill Scebbe, Colorado Horse Council gave an update on 'Equine City Hall', a concept of centralizing sharing of horse council member information and equestrian activities.

Our Saturday dinner evening featured a thoughtful presentation by Allison Eklund on 'Our Horse Council Legacy - Sharing Our Vision'. As we look to a younger generation to fill our shoes, she shared some thoughts on how we might better work together to insure the ongoing legacy of the horse. Finally on Sunday, we had our Fall CSHC Business

Meeting. Ben Pendergrass, AHC representative, presented an update on current national legislative activity. Patti Stalder gave a brief overview of plans for the 2016 Fall CSHC Meeting hosted by the Kansas Horse Council. With the close of the meeting, delegates said farewells and headed back to their respective states to share what had been learned.

G. Horse Welfare: Tracy Turner advised the most recent gelding clinic was held this past spring. There are plans to hold a humane education training program for law enforcement in the near future.

H. Nominations: Darrell Mead advised the deadline has passed to submit a nomination and be included in the newsletter. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the MHC annual meeting in January.

I. Grants: Tim Bonham presented two options for the board's consideration. Of the 26 Grant requests received, the committee proposes to fund 18 grants either fully or partially totaling \$65,980 or \$75,980 respectively. Tim Bonham moved to approve the recommendations of the Grants committee to the amount of \$65,980. Sue McDonough seconded, discussion followed. Tim Bonham added the provision that the rescue that has applied for grant funding become a Certified Rescue Organization. Motion carries.

J. Scholarships: Trina Joyce advised she has received 20 requests for the 12 scholarships available in 2016. The applications have all been distributed to the current committee members. Results will be brought to the board as soon as they are available.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. AHC Grassroots Membership: Tim Bonham advised there was a proposal from the AHC to promote membership through the individual state horse councils. Tim Bonham presented the idea of having an affiliate membership option on our membership form (cost of adding to the online membership form is estimated to be around \$300). Tom Tweeten advised there is now an ability to offer liability insurance in tandem with our MHC membership. Darrell Mead motioned to accept both additions (the AHC membership and the liability insurance) to the general membership options within the MHC, to be launched January 1. Tom Tweeten seconded, discussion followed. Motion carries.

Announcements:

November 13th is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter.

X. Tracy Turner adjourned the meeting at 9:12 PM.

NEXT MEETING - December 8, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.
University of MN Leatherdale Center

MINNESOTA HORSEMEN'S DIRECTORY

The Minnesota Horsemen's Directory is a free resource provided by the Minnesota Horse Council to help you find horse-related information and services in and near Minnesota.

- ◆ Find a farrier, trail riding stable, boarding, lessons, tack stores, and much more! Use the Events Calendar to find shows, clinics and other horse-related activities. Use the new Jobs category to find a job or skilled job seeker.
- ◆ Find what you're looking for by choosing a category, or search the directory. Once you are in a category, browse the results alphabetically or by a sub-category or region.
- ◆ Help make this site comprehensive and accurate. Submit a free listing of your Minnesota horse-related business or organization. Once listed, you can edit your listing as often as you wish.
- ◆ Whether you are looking to hire or looking for an equine-related job in or near Minnesota, submit a Help Wanted or Seeking a Job ad here.

www.minnesotahorsemensdirectory.com

Dan Patch Readies For A Comeback

One hundred ten years after setting a world's record at the Minnesota State Fair, the great Standardbred Pacer Dan Patch is getting ready to stage a comeback thanks to a grassroots effort by a group of area horsemen.

The Dan Patch Project, working with renowned equine sculptor Alexa King, proposed and received approval for bronze sculptures of the great horse and his owner, M.W. Savage, at both the Minnesota State Fairgrounds and in front of the public library in the city of Savage, the great horse's final home.

The State Fair installation will be located at the Fair's West End Transit Hub. It will feature Dan Patch with a driver and cart pacing over a bronze track. In warm months, water will flow over the track and past the figure, creating the illusion of movement.

On the periphery of the transportation hub, facing the sculpture, will be relief bronzes celebrating the Fair's key exhibits: Agriculture, Government, Education, Natural Resources, Commerce and People.

A secondary installation celebrating the kinship between Dan Patch and his owner, M.W. Savage, will be installed in front of the public library in Savage, MN, where the horse is buried.

King's work has been featured at horse venues and in private collections nationwide. Her best known works include her bronze of 2006 Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro at Churchill Downs.

The projects have been approved by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation, Dan Patch Historical Society, and city of Savage. The sculptures also have the support of the descendants of both Daniel Messner, who bred the great horse, and of the M.W. Savage family.

The installations will be given as gifts from The Dan Patch Project to the Fair and city of Savage.

Funds for the projects are being raised through donations, as well as the sale of Dan Patch Project t-shirts, and engraved exact replicas of one of Dan Patch's shoes, which was borrowed from the Messner family for this purpose. The shoes may be kept as mementoes, or installed at the site of the statues as a way of honoring your own beloved family member or horse, as well as the great Dan Patch.

T-shirts and shoes may be ordered, and tax deductible donations made by contacting the group at www.danpatchproject.org, or through their GiveMN.org crowdfunding site at <https://givemn.org/fundraiser/the-dan-patch-project55d61e153cb41>.

To be tax deductible, checks should be made payable to the Dan Patch Project's fiscal sponsor, Springboard for the Arts.

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Alexa King's bronze of 2006 Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro at Churchill Downs

MEETING SCHEDULE

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MEETINGS

www.mnhorsecouncil.org

Leatherdale Equine Center Center ♦ 6:30 pm
1801 Dudley Ave ♦ St. Paul (U of M St. Paul Campus)
MHC Board Meetings are open, MHC members welcome to attend.

Feb. 9, 2016	July 12, 2016	Jan. 21, 2017
March 8, 2016	Sept. 13, 2016	Annual Meeting
April 12, 2016	Oct. 11, 2016	Feb. 14, 2017
May 10, 2016	Nov. 8, 2016	March 14, 2017
June 14, 2016	Dec. 13, 2016	April 11, 2017

MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO BOARD MEETINGS

www.mnhorseexpo.org
6:30 pm

Call 952-356-2090 for location.

Feb. 23, 2016	July 26, 2016	Jan. 31, 2017
Mar. 29, 2016	Sept. 27, 2016	Feb. 28, 2017
Apr. 19, 2016	Oct. 25, 2016	March 28, 2017
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May 2016	4/15/16	Nov. 2016	11/11/16
June 2016	5/13/16	Dec. 2016	12/16/16
July-Aug. 2016	6/17/16	Jan-Feb 2017	2/25/17



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www.mnhorsecouncil.org

- Individual - \$15
- Family - \$20
- Organization - \$25
- Corporation - \$25
- Certified Stable: First Year - \$35
- Certified Stable: Renewal - \$25

Name _____

Farm/Business Name _____

Address _____

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Brief description of your stable/business/involvement with horses:

Would you like to volunteer with MHC? If so, please list any interest you have:

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- United States Postal Service - B&W

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- American Horse Council \$15/year

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Out the Back Door . . .

A Minute is a Minute

60 seconds = one minute. Each and every time. Why then does it seem as though a minute can be an eternity when you are waiting? Be it in line, for a phone call, or the vet to arrive? That same 60 seconds goes by much too quickly when you working on a deadline, on vacation, or saying goodbye.

At least once a day, we are reminded to stop and smell the roses, take a moment to appreciate the small things, breathe. Those reminders can be annoying. I admit I need those reminders. I tend to be in a hurry to accomplish a task so that I can move on to the next one.

Last weekend on my way to meet friends to enjoy the day on horseback, I did something I have never done. I drive by this stream every day. I've even commented out loud how pretty it is. I stopped--actually turned around to go back and stop to fully appreciate it. The peace and beauty were much needed. A reminder of that minute that I needed to stop and take for myself. Later on our ride, we stopped to just look around. Even the horses took the time to enjoy the view.

I encourage you to stop. Take the minute. Feel the peace. Appreciate the world of beauty - every minute - out your back door.

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*The best view to
enjoy my minute.*