



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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Heaves

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Heaves, or Recurrent Airway Obstruction (RAO), is a chronic allergic and inflammatory lung disease of horses. Heaves can affect any age of horse, but sport horses in their prime (over 7 years old) or older horses are most often affected, and some horses may be genetically predisposed.

RAO develops due to contaminants in the air. It is not infectious and cannot be passed from horse to horse. Stabled horses fed hay are more prone to the disease as this environment increases the amount of dust and irritants inhaled by the horses. The dust causes irritation and an allergic response in the airway which decreases the airway diameter. Breathing through these narrowed airways causes discomfort and makes it impossible for affected horses to breathe easily.

Exercise intolerance is often one of the first signs observed. Due to the difficulty when breathing, horses can't maintain oxygen levels when exercising. Signs may include listlessness, flaring nostrils, and inability to perform at a previous level of activity. Some horses will have a cough or nasal discharge, and symptoms can come and go. Some horses have a change in muscle definition known as a "heave" line; a distinct line that outlines the bottom of a horse's abdomen.

A full respiratory evaluation is needed to determine if your horse has RAO or a different lung disorder, as treatment recommendations vary depending upon the disease. The lungs of affected horses may have abnormal sounds of crackles, wheezes, and gurgles due to the narrowed airways and excessive mucus. If a horse's symptoms are very mild, a veterinarian may hyperventilate the horse by placing a large bag over its nostrils. Hyperventilation amplifies the sounds coming from the airways and lungs and helps to assess lung function. A horse with RAO may take longer to recover from the

re-breathing exam compared to an unaffected horse. For horses that are not easily diagnosed based on clinical signs, a procedure called bronchoalveolar lavage can be performed to collect a fluid sample from the lungs for microscopic analysis.

Controlling the environment is important in controlling RAO. Affected horses should live outside as much as possible. If stalled, horses should be removed prior to stall cleaning, and should not be stalled near indoor arenas; both practices limit exposure to dust. Hay exposure should be minimized through pasture access, complete feeds, or hay cubes. If it is not practical to reduce hay consumption, then the hay can be soaked for 15 minutes with water to weigh down dust particles, reducing the chances of dust inhalation.

For some horses, medications may be necessary to improve breathing. A combination of anti-inflammatory agents and bronchodilators is often recommended. Bronchodilators allow the airways to relax and can be given via horse-sized inhalers, much like human asthma treatment. Corticosteroids are given at the same time to decrease the airway irritation and swelling. These can be given via inhaler or as oral medications. Additional treatments can include drugs to breakdown the mucus, cough expectorants, and Vitamin C.

With proper environmental changes (i.e. improved barn ventilation, pasture access, and outdoor housing) and drug therapy, chances are very good that the horse can return to full function as a low to mid-level athlete. RAO is best managed by preventing the allergens from entering the lungs. Medications will typically only be needed for 2 to 4 weeks if the exposure to irritating allergens is minimized.

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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL NEWS

GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 1

The Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) uses the revenue from the Minnesota Horse Expo to offer grants to charitable/non-profit equine-related organizations in Minnesota. Grants of up to \$7,000 are given as "seed money" to inspire new projects, capital improvements, or expansions of existing projects or services.

Schedule

All applications must be received by October 1. During December, Grants will be chosen by the MHC and all applicants notified. Grant recipients will receive a Letter of Award signed by the MHC Treasurer. At the MHC Annual Meeting in January, the Grants will be formally announced. Monies will be paid only upon actual initiation of the project. This will be arranged between the recipient and the MHC Treasurer. Funds must be used within the year.

Eligible Organizations

- ◆ Equine related
- ◆ Charitable Organizations: Non-profit, Federal 501c3 or State of Minnesota registered charity
- ◆ Non breed specific
- ◆ Non discriminatory practices followed, with equal opportunity for all
- ◆ Must not have received an MHC Grant in the past 3 years
- ◆ Operations congruent with MHC Goals and Objectives:
 - Improve communication with the general public for all horse-related activity.
 - Gather information of value for horse-related activities and disseminate that information to horse owners via printed material, online, or clinics and seminars. Sample equine-related topics: public and private trails, zoning regulation, stable safety, legislation, veterinary health, vehicle safety, legal concerns of horse-owning, humane treatment.
 - Provide expertise, consultation, and advice in horse-related matters.
 - Promote and support equine educational activities

Eligible Proposals

- ◆ Capital expenditures to build or expand facilities on non-profit owned property
 - ◆ New projects or services
 - ◆ Expansion of existing projects or services
 - ◆ Research projects
- Proposals will NOT be accepted for day-to-day operating expenses, normal maintenance and upkeep, year-end or hi-point awards, or improvements to private property.

Applying for a Grant

Please send the information listed below directly to the Grants Committee at following address:

MHC Grants Committee
 4309 30th Ave. S. ◆ Minneapolis, MN 55406-3710
 612-721-1007 ◆ Email: T-Bonham@scc.net

1. Short cover letter which must include:
 - a. Full name and address of your organization
 - b. Name, address, phone number and email of a contact person within your organization
 - c. Short summary of the organization's history, including a statement of goals and objectives.
 - d. Short description of the organization's current activities including indication that they are equine-related and not breed specific.
 - e. Location of the facilities where activities will be conducted
 - f. Description of facilities, including whether they are owned, or leased (from whom and how long a lease)
 - g. Short summary of the project you are proposing
 - h. Short description of the people served by the project (who and how many)
 - i. Dollar amount of grant requested
2. Additional page with general information about your organization
 - a. Summary copy of your most recent operating budget or financial plan.
 - b. List of officers, directors, and managing employees
 - c. Proof that your organization is non-profit/charitable, such as a copy of IRS 501c tax status, Minnesota Sales Tax exemption approval, or MN Secretary of State Registration for Business Corporations (M-SS1) indicating non-profit charter number. (If not yet received, send a copy of your application.)
 - d. Proof that your activities are available to all people regardless of race, religion, age, gender, disability or sexual orientation, e.g., copy of publicity describing your activities which includes such a non-discrimination statement.
3. Additional pages with detailed information about your proposed project
 - a. Clear and specific description of the project (not more than three pages).
 - b. Proposed schedule for the project
 - c. Detailed budget giving expenditures to start the project
 - d. Description of anticipated operating and maintenance costs for future years, and details of what income you will use to meet these costs.
 - e. Clear statement as to who will own and operate this project.

Please include all this information so we can give your proposal our full consideration. We will attempt to notify you if some required information is missing, but our volunteer time is limited so it is your responsibility to include all requested information. Remember to be brief and succinct. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the grant application.

Further information is also available at
www.MnHorseCouncil.org.

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Common Mistakes on Grant Applications

From www.mnhorsecouncil.org

Not saying how much money you are requesting

We can guess, but it's better if you say so specifically.

Pages and pages of information on club history, bylaws, etc., but only two sentences describing the \$6,000 project you are proposing. We are much more interested in details about the specific project than in club history.

Asking for permanent improvements to private property

We can NOT pay for permanent improvements to someone's privately owned property. We will sometimes stretch this if there is a long-term lease arrangement. We can pay for improvements that are movable if you relocate to another property, e.g., we can pay for a PA system, but not for running underground electric wiring to the ring to power the PA system. We can pay for arena fence panels (which can be moved), but not for the in-ground posts that they are attached to. Basically, we want to know that the project we pay for will be available to horse people for some years to come.

A vague description of people served

We want to know (approximate) numbers. How many horse exhibitors are at the county fair? How many riders in this therapeutic riding program? How many volunteers? How many horse shows use this facility each summer, with about how many horses per show? Don't exaggerate your numbers -- we know horse people all over the state who know other horse people, so you'll likely get caught. We don't decide just on the biggest numbers; often the need is greatest in the smaller areas. We do want an idea of how many people will be served by this project.

Asking for normal operating expenses

Our Grants are for funding new projects, or expansions of existing ones. We might help buy another horse for a disabled riding program, but feed, vet and farrier costs are normal upkeep costs, and should be covered in your own budget. We can pay for developing a website, but the annual fee and monthly charges are normal operating expenses you must pay. In the end, we want to see that our Grants have provided new or additional things for Minnesota horse people.

Project benefiting only (or mainly) your own members

We want to provide for all Minnesota horse people, so projects that benefit only or mostly your own members are low priority. For example, if it's an improvement to your own club grounds that are used mostly for your own club shows and only used infrequently for an open horse show, 4-H horse clinics, or other public events, then a project making improvements at the county fairgrounds might get more consideration than your project.

Not talking about the rest of the money needed

Our maximum grant is \$7,000; many projects take much more than that. If you ask us for \$7,000 toward a \$20,000 project, give some indication where the remaining \$13,000 will come from. If you have plans to raise the money elsewhere, mention them. If you will have to split the project into phases and do only part of it this year, explain that. If you have pledges from local people to contribute once the starting funds are raised, state that (and how much). But don't leave off any mention of the remaining money needed. We want to invest in projects that will actually get built. Not mentioning the rest of the money needed makes us nervous.

Asking again too soon

Once an organization gets a Grant, we won't give them one again until 3 years later. If you apply earlier than that, we won't even consider your application.

Finally, don't count too much on our money.

Each year, we get several dozen grant applications, asking for a total of 3-4 times as much money as we have available to give. We have to choose between all these proposals. So each year we have to leave out several worthwhile projects, give projects only part of the money they asked for, or only match the amount of money they can raise locally. So keep that in mind, and make some plans for this situation. What would you do if we can only fund part of the project -- can you do that part alone, or can you raise the rest of the money needed for the whole project? What if we could match up to half the money needed, provided you raised the other half -- could your club do that?

Ask the Expert: Treats

By Krishona Martinson, PhD
University of Minnesota

Question: I recently received a gift of two horses, a Percheron and a Quarter Horse. These two horses grew up eating anything, including banana and potato peels, even if they've started to decay. The original owner continues to bring these "treats" over for the horses. The horses are in good health, but are overweight. Is this good for them?

Response: I'd suggest your neighbor bring more typical horse treats to the horses, such as apples, carrots, or manufactured horse treats. Anything novel or not normally found in the horse's diet can cause problems. If the food is slightly decayed, the possibility of the horses ingesting mold or a mycotoxin is real and could be deadly, even in small amounts.

Equally important, the risk of laminitis and other metabolic issues is greater in overweight horses (especially the breeds you have), so for the health of the horses, the treats should be eliminated. Once your horses weight is reduced, the treats, if given in small quantities, could be reintroduced.

If the well-intended original owner understands the risk, hopefully they'll be willing to bring different treats or stop all together.

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HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1

The Horseperson of the Year program was started a quarter-century ago as a way to honor some of the outstanding people in the horse industry--those who stand out from the rest for their contributions to equine activity.

Do you know a special person who should be considered for the honor of Horseperson of the Year?

Horseperson of the Year Criteria

- ♦ 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, Rodeo--Little Britches and High School, 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.

Write a letter nominating that special individual. Clearly state reasons why the individual meets the above requirements. Be accurate; facts will be checked. Current members of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Horse Council are not eligible for consideration.

Entries must be postmarked no later than November 1st of the current year. Send your letter to:

Dawn Moore, Chair, Horseperson of the Year Committee
PO Box 1095, Minnetonka, MN 55345-0095
dmoore834@comcast.net

PAST RECIPIENTS OF HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR

1970	Louie Klugman
1971	Oscar Danielson
1972	Win Rockwell
1973	Keith Bartz
1974	Lloyd Borg
1975	Fred Kroger
1976	Rev. Lloyd Fortin
1977	Verlin Balfanz
1978	Fran F. (Dahl) Reker
1979	Tony Gasser
1980	Lavarre Hollingsworth
1981	Dr. Wes Schroeder
1982	Elmer R. Jones
1983	Duane A. Chinander
1984	Edwin J. Anderson
1985	Judy Jensen
1986	Everest F. Speltz
1987	Orville A. Volkmann
1988	Valera R. Purcell
1989	Pat Jensen
1990	Benny Van Cleve
1991	Ernie Wood
1992	Bill Walsh
1993	Vickie Inget
1994	Mona L. Bonham
1995	Milton Strand
1996	"Big Ed" Dauphinais
1997	Joan & Roger Berg
1998	Dan Dolan
1999	Dr. Robert Jordan
2000	Dan Ramberg
2001	Ken Bohlman
2002	Walt Westman
2003	Dr. William Sweeney
2004	Roy & Carolyn Shumway
2005	RaeDell Robbins
2006	Dale Froyum
2007	Miriam Tschida
2008	Guy Warner
2009	Lloyd Anderson
2010	Mary Abbott Taylor
2011	Vee Ann Wood

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY EQUINE FEED ASSISTANCE (TEEFA)

TEEFA funds are available to individual horse owners who are having financial difficulties and need assistance with feed for their horses. This program is for horses in Minnesota. Rescues, boarding stables, etc., are excluded; this program is for individuals who are having difficulty providing for their horses due to the current economic situation.

It is disappointing to me personally that, despite the existence of this fund, three emaciated horses were allegedly found running loose in the Rockford, MN area. I was told that they were briefly taken in by a local farmer who again turned them loose to wander. At 10:30 pm, a sheriff's deputy was out trying to find the horses so they could be sheltered with the intent to send them to the MN Hooved Animal Rescue. This episode graphically points out the need for the public to know that these funds exist.

Our efforts in 2012 will be toward fund-raising by outside organizations as well as promoting the existence of this fund. Committee members have been asked to get the word out into their various communities. The Minnesota Horse Council does not contribute financially to this committee. All donated funds must be used to feed horses. None of the money goes to administrative costs or office expenses. The committee depends on individual donations and fundraising efforts by groups and organizations such as 4-H, FFA, saddle clubs, etc., to raise the additional monies needed to feed hungry horses. These groups and individuals can also help get the word out that there is assistance available for horse owners facing temporary financial hardship that affects their ability to feed their horses. TEEFA will continue to assist hungry horses for as long as funds continue to be available.

Carol Dobbelaire, TEEFA Chair, 763-684-0709
caroldobbelaire@mnhorsecouncil.org

Horses Helping Humans Offers a Leg Up for Domestic Abuse Survivors

Donors, friends and supporters gathered Saturday, June 9 at the Leatherdale Equine Center in St. Paul to raise money for Horses Helping Humans, an equine assisted learning (EAL) program offered through Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women. The event included a bareback and bridleless ride by natural horsemanship equestrians Kevin Bolf and Monica Gay as well as an agility course competition put on by the Midwest Equine Agility Association (MEAA).

Spectators were treated to an extraordinary display of human/horse communication and connection as they watched Bolf and Gay perform some amazing maneuvers on their equine partners including jumping barrels through a carwash and standing on their backs--all bridleless and bareback. Chris Vinson with MEAA explained and demonstrated an agility course that included a teeter totter bridge, swimming pool and leading a horse blindfolded.

The Minnesota Horse Council sponsored the event along with Winnie's Cookies, Blackwater Coffee & Café, The Valley Equestrian, Musical duo "Brenton & Missy", and the Midwest Equine Agility Association. Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with a mission to end domestic violence and to assist abused women and their children. Horses Helping Humans offers the EAL program free of charge to women referred by domestic abuse organizations, churches and mental health providers. The program is staffed 100% by volunteers and funds raised at this event go to support the EAL program. For donation or program information please go to <http://www.southernvalleyalliance.org/hhh> or email: shannon5bruce@frontiernet.net

Monica Gay (left) and Kevin Bolf (right) jumping bridleless



Chris Vinson from MEAA on teeter totter



AID FOR COLORADO AND WYOMING HORSE OWNERS NEEDED

The devastating fires in Colorado have burned over 300 homes near Colorado Springs. There are other fires that are being fought in Colorado but the Colorado Springs area seems to be the worst. Over 400 horses, that I know of, have been evacuated as of the last weekend in June. 200 are settled in at a fairgrounds facility and the others are placed in various other places. I don't think they have a shortage of hay but when they go back home there won't be any fences for them to be kept in so a company who produces fence insulators is willing to donate to the victims of the fires both in Colorado and Wyoming. The reason why we have a haze over certain parts of Minnesota is from the smoke of the fires out West and people with breathing problems are being warned to stay inside as much as possible and those who run or jog for exercise should stop for a while and those who work for a living outside should be careful.

JAG Products is coordinating a donation drive for Colorado and Wyoming horse owners. Just go to the JAG Products website, www.jagproductsinc.com, purchase a bag of fence insulators, then put in the comment field FOR COLORADO or FOR WYOMING. They are coordinating with one of their retail suppliers, Murdochs Ranch and Home Supply, to ensure that the insulators get in the hands of the families that have lost everything with the fires.

The donation address for Colorado is:
NPEC

Attn: J. Walker
1045 Lower Gold Camp Rd.
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80905

The donation address for Wyoming is:
Albany County Fairgrounds
c/o Interfaith Good Samaritan (Fire donation)
3520 US HWY 287
Laramie, WY 82070

Marian Robinson, Chair, MHC Disaster Response Committee

Minnesota Racing Commission Approves Cooperative Marketing Agreement Between Canterbury Park and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community



Minnesota horse racing will become a premium venue benefiting horse racing and all businesses supporting the equine industry.

The Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC), which regulates horse racing and card clubs at race tracks in the state, approved the Cooperative Marketing Agreement between Canterbury Park and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community on June 13, 2012. The agreement launches a 10-year cooperative marketing program to substantially increase purses and pursue joint marketing programs.

"This agreement will turn-the-tide for thoroughbred and quarter horse racing in Minnesota," states Jesse Overton, Chair of the Minnesota Racing Commission. "The Minnesota horse racing industry was near financial collapse but will now become a premium horse racing venue that will significantly stimulate state horse racing businesses. We encourage innovative thinking such as this and hope that this is the beginning for many more innovations in the thoroughbred, quarter horse and standard bred horse industries."

A key indicator for the health of the horse racing industry is the breeding trends. The number of Minnesota foals has dropped from a high of 777 state thoroughbred and quarter horse foals born in 1990 to 153 foals in 2011. "The

Minnesota Racing Commission has recognized and communicated our concerns about the precarious position of the state horse racing industry," continues Overton. "Thankfully the industry put aside old thinking and pursued a new way to survive and thrive in the coming years."



This is a cooperative agreement that breaks new ground with a major state Indian Tribe partnering with another entertainment business, Canterbury Park. The 10-year agreement includes:

- \$75 million for purses over the ten year period
- \$8.5 million for marketing during that period
- Joint marketing programs between Canterbury and Mystic Lake Casino
- Possible simulcasting at Mystic Lake
- Opposition to additional gaming

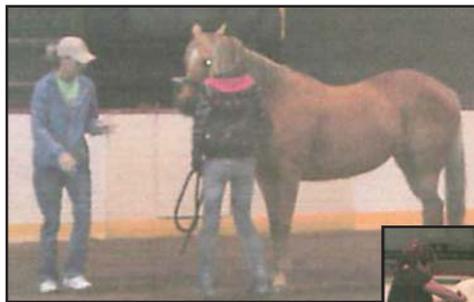
About Minnesota Racing Commission

The Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC) was established in 1983 to regulate horse racing and in 1999 to regulate card clubs at the Class A racetracks in the state. The legislative charge is to ensure the integrity of racing and card playing, and promote the breeding of racehorses to stimulate agriculture and rural agribusiness. Currently the MRC regulates Canterbury Park and Running Aces Harness Park. For more information visit www.mrc.state.mn.us/.

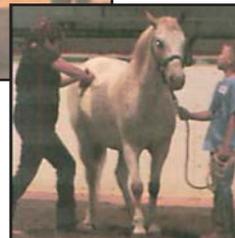
Thank You for MHC Direct Funding

Dear MHC Direct Funding Committee,
Thank you for the grant money for use toward the Cottonwood County 4-H Three-day horse clinic. Participants gained a wealth of knowledge from experienced instructors and had fun getting to know other horse enthusiasts. We look forward to our county & state horse shows. Thanks again!
In the 4-H Spirit,
Crystal Reith, Cottonwood County 4-H Program Coordinator

COTTONWOOD COUNTY THREE-DAY HORSE CLINIC WINDOM ARENA JUNE 12-14, 2012



←Clinician Virginia Schenk helps a participant gain control for horse and helps her with obedience.



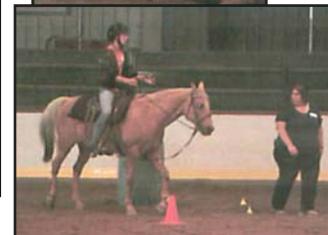
←Clinician Mary Fradenburgh shows a participant stretches he can do with his horse before and after games.



Participants learned basic and advanced fundamentals from Travis Bruce on the second day of the clinic.



Participant riding through poles.



←Allison Fradenburg, a clinician assistant, shows a rider where they need to be when circling a barrel.



UHC Announces Availability of How to Start and Run a Rescue

The Unwanted Horse Coalition [UHC] announces the availability of Dr. Jennifer Williams' resourceful book dedicated to rescues and sanctuaries, *How to Start and Run a Rescue*. Every dollar received from the sale of the book will go directly toward the UHC's Operation Gelding program.

How to Start and Run a Rescue is an indispensable resource that offers practical and insightful advice to those who are interested in starting a rescue or those who may already have a rescue, but may need help improving upon their business. The book covers topics such as formation of a nonprofit, fundraising, public relations and marketing, formulating policies, successful bookkeeping, and much more. Dr. Williams discusses the complex issues involved in founding a rescue, longterm management, and improving upon a currently existing rescue. "Every rescue can certainly benefit from the topics covered in this book. Dr. Williams has left no stone unturned and has shared a wealth of knowledge from years of experience in the industry," said Ericka Caslin, UHC Director.

The author, Dr. Jennifer Williams, has started and run two successful rescue organizations, Lone Star Equine Rescue and Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society. She obtained a Masters and Doctorate degree from Texas A&M University in Animal Science with an emphasis on equine behavior, learning, and welfare.

The UHC is offering *How to Start and Run a Rescue* for \$20 including shipping and handling. Every dollar of each sale goes directly toward funding the UHC's Operation Gelding Program. This grant program is the UHC's effort to help prevent indiscriminate breeding in our nation.

"The UHC is thrilled to be able to offer an amazing, irreplaceable resource to our nation's rescues, while supporting such



an amazing cause as Operation Gelding. It's important for every rescue to be well versed on the topics covered in this book, so we can help adopt more horses into loving homes and help more horses in need. The more successful rescues we have, the more horses we can save," said Caslin.

To order *How to Start and Run a Rescue* through PayPal, please visit our homepage or call 202-296-4031. Email orders can be placed by emailing Ericka Caslin at: ecaslin@horsecouncil.org. Each book is \$20, including shipping and handling.

The Unwanted Horse Coalition

The mission of the Unwanted Horse Coalition is to reduce the number of unwanted horses and improve their welfare through education and the efforts of organizations committed to the health, safety and responsible care and disposition of these horses. The UHC grew out of the Unwanted Horse Summit, which was organized by the American Association of Equine Practitioners and held in conjunction with the American Horse Council's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in April 2005. The summit was held to bring key stakeholders together to start a dialogue on the unwanted horse in America. Its purpose was to develop consensus on the most effective way to work together to address the issue. In June 2006, the UHC was folded into the AHC and now operates under its auspices.

Equine Genetics and Genomics Laboratory

College of Veterinary Medicine



The University of Minnesota Equine Genetics and Genomics Laboratory is investigating the genetic basis of the mealy (or pangaré) coat color. This color trait causes lightening of the main body color around the flanks, behind the elbow, around the muzzle, and sometimes around the eye. The mealy color variation is common in Norwegian Fjords, Halflingers, donkeys, and Belgians. Researchers are looking for horses (all breed types) with and without the mealy coat color, and are especially interested in Norwegian Fjords, Halflingers, donkeys, and Belgians both with and without the mealy coat color. Horse owners interested in helping with this research are asked to contact Dr. Jessica Petersen at jlpeters@umn.edu

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LUNCH AND LEARN WEBINAR

Thursday, July 26 at noon (CDT)

Dr. Julie Wilson, from Turner Wilson Consulting, will discuss "Ticks and Horses: What Horse Owners Need to Know."

To join the free webinar log onto <https://umconnect.umn.edu/tick/>

Unified Equine Missouri LLC to Open Meat Processing Facility at Rockville, Missouri

A Missouri-based company is on track to re-open an existing meat processing plant in Rockville, Missouri, by summer's end. Rockville is in Bates County in western Missouri, a rural area hard-hit by job losses when the plant closed almost a year ago.

The Rockville facility is currently being renovated and reequipped in order to humanely process horses. The facility will be regulated and inspected by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to ensure all horses are humanely transported and slaughtered under federal humane slaughter regulations, which provide one of the highest standards in the world. USDA will oversee and verify the food safety of all products.

"We are excited to be bringing jobs and opportunity to rural Missouri," says Sue Wallis, company CEO, "and even happier to provide a humane and viable option to the horse industry, decimated by misguided efforts to end humane horse slaughter."

Unified Equine Missouri will adhere to standards that go above and beyond minimum government requirements, standards developed by the International Equine Business Association. These standards include video surveillance to ensure humane handling and a sophisticated and fail-safe market-driven testing and traceability protocol. These systems ensure to the extent possible no stolen horse is mistakenly processed, and that all horses processed for human consumption are verified free of drug residues or other contamination.

The Rockville facility was a USDA-inspected meat processing facility for many years, and as such has the advantage of having all environmental waste water handling systems in place and was previously approved by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and other state agencies.

Unwanted or unusable horses are at particularly high risk of abandonment and neglect, or being transported thousands of miles to other countries where neither the U.S. horse industry nor USDA, has any jurisdiction over how horses are handled. There is a thriving foreign market for horse meat which is widely used in Canada, Mexico, Europe and Asia. A robust niche ethnic market for horse meat existed in the United States prior to 2007, and is eagerly awaiting the reopening of the equine meat industry.

"We believe this is a win-win-win for both horses and people," says Wallis, "By ensuring every horse has value we ensure they are handled appropriately at every stage, that they are used for good purposes that contribute to the overall economy, that owners have the option of selling a horse they no longer want or need for a good price, and that as many as fifty good jobs that were lost almost a year ago are restored to a deserving rural community." Unified Equine Missouri will be providing competitive wages with benefits and the opportunity to gain shares in the company upon becoming fully vested to their employees.

More information is available by contacting Sue Wallis, CEO, sue.wallis52@gmail.com, 307-685- 8248 (ranch), 307-680-8515 (cell).

Moran Amendment to Ban Horse Slaughter Passes Appropriations Committee

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Washington, DC – An amendment introduced today by Congressman Jim Moran, Northern Virginia Democrat, to eliminate federal funding for USDA inspections of horse slaughter facilities passed the full Appropriations Committee. The amendment, adopted in the Fiscal Year 2013 Agricultural Appropriations Bill, would effectively prohibit the practice of horse slaughter for human consumption in the U.S. The bill now heads to the floor for a vote by the full House.

"When more than 80 percent of the American population opposes this practice, it is high time we put an end, once and for all, to industrial horse slaughter," said Rep. Moran. "Horses hold an important place in our nation's history and culture, treasured by all for their beauty and majesty. They deserve to be cared for, not killed for foreign consumption."

During debate, Moran noted that the Appropriations Committee cut back funding for USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) meat facility inspections by \$9 million below Fiscal Year 2012. He argued against expanding FSIS responsibilities to inspect meat shipped to foreign countries that would come at the expense of funding for inspections of chicken, pork and beef consumed by U.S. citizens.

U.S. horse meat may also contain chemicals harmful to humans if ingested. Unlike farm animals raised for their meat, horses are routinely given powerful medications, including the anti-inflammatory pain killing drug phenylbutazone.

"Adding millions of dollars to the federal budget to inspect foreign-owned horse slaughter plants would be a step backwards for America's iconic horses and a waste of tax dollars," said Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States. "We are grateful to Congressman Jim Moran for leading the charge to restore this critical horse protection provision, and to the House Appropriations Committee for reining in this multi-million-dollar subsidy that could pave the way for the needless killing of American horses for foreign gourmands."

Moran introduced similar language during debate over the fiscal year 2012 Agricultural Appropriations Bill. Though adopted in the House, the language was removed during conference committee in November. Moran's amendment today would reinstate the five-year ban on horse slaughter from 2006-2011.

Source:

<http://moran.house.gov/press-release/moran-amendment-ban-horse-slaughter-passes-appropriations-committee>

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - May 8, 2012

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

Board Members Present: Darrell Mead, Missie Schwartz, Tim Bonham, Charlyn Cadwell, Glen Eaton, Trina Joyce, Jan Schatzlein, Jennifer Willey, Dave Fleischhaker, Marian Robinson, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Mark Ward, Dawn Moore, Judy Jensen

Absent: Sue McDonough, Carol Dobbelaire

Members/Visitors: Doug Persian, Del Bauernfiend, Allison Eklund

I. Meeting called to order: 6:34 p.m. by President Tracy Turner.

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Tracy Turner added a Legislative report to Committee Reports.
2. Tracy Turner added Horse Industry Promotion to New Business.
3. Jennifer Willey added a Promotions report to Committee Reports.

IV. Treasurer's Report for March was distributed by Tim Bonham. This report reflected the total assets of \$812,603.31 with total liabilities of \$430,133.73. David Fleischhaker motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Missie Schwartz seconded, motion passed. *Marian Robinson noted an error under Promotions budget last month where the report states a budget of \$25,000 where the actual budget voted upon by the board was \$20,000, Tim Bonham has corrected this error. A concern was voiced at the Expo that there is a possible misappropriation of usage of a local arena.

V. Approval of Minutes: Jan Schatzlein motioned to approve the April minutes as presented. Mark Ward seconded, motion carries.

VI. Secretary's Report: Dawn Moore introduced a discussion on the privacy act. Dawn Moore advised there were 37 new members who joined at the Expo.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo: Glen Eaton reported. Even though no figures are in we feel we had a GREAT Expo. The Clinician and Demonstration areas were very well attended and we had great comments from Speakers. The Horse Barn was over flowing with stall requests even with the new stalls in the AgStar Arena. All Vendor booths were rented with exception of a few in the Sheep Barn. The total entries for Stall and Vendor space was the highest that it has been for years. Although we had bad weather early Saturday the people still came out. The rodeo was attended very well all three days with the Arena being completely full on Saturday night even behind the pens which is a first. The Ribbon Cutting for the AgStar Arena Friday morning went without a hitch with about 250 people attending the breakfast and everything went on schedule. The wedding also went very well and was colorful with the horses around the arena. All in all we had a great Expo and I should have figures by next meeting. I want to thank everyone who helped with getting the trailer and material to and from the locker. Also all of the volunteers, Board members, Staff and especially Deb Mead, Josh, Brandon and her crew for all the wonderful food that was served. Also a thank you the State Fair Staff. Election of Expo Officers: President Glen Eaton, Darrell Mead, Jennifer Buskey, Angela McNally, Charlyn Cadwell, Tracy Turner, David Fleischhaker, Missie Schwartz, Brenda Miller, Del Bauernfiend, Laura Lyseng, and Janet Schatzlein. Mark Ward motioned to accept the board as presented, Tim Bonham seconded, motion passed. Darrell Mead motioned to elect Glen Eaton as President and Brenda Miller as Treasurer. Missie Schwartz seconded, motion passed.

B. Direct Funding: Mark Ward reported since the April report, the Direct Funding Committee has voted to approve two more applications:

- ♦ Lac qui Parle 4H horse project, \$500 for a June 19-21 clinic
- ♦ Whips and Wheels, \$500 for a Carriage Festival on May 19, 2012

May Budget Summary \$1000 Paid in 2012 (Riders in Cahoots & Two Rivers)

\$1500 Outstanding liabilities (Cottonwood County 4-H & Lac qui Parle 4-H, Whips & Wheels)

Funds Remaining Available in 2012 Budget

\$5550.00 (total 2012 budget)

-1000.00 (grants paid)

-1500.00 (current 2012 liability)

\$3050.00 remaining

Four additional requests have been received and are being reviewed.

C. TEEFA: Carol Dobbelaire absent, no report.

D. Legislative: Tracy Turner advised the bill "Horses are Livestock" has passed. Tracy Turner also advised that the Racino did not pass; however, a compromise bill has been passed that will benefit the racetracks.

E. Promotions: Jennifer Willey advised the Expo was a great success and there were many compliments from members and directors on the new booth layout. General new memberships was increased by 27%. Two Facebook ads were done before and after Expo. The MHC Facebook page now has 2,319 "likes" and saw a 76% increase in page views over this time. Fans are from the Mpls/St. Paul metro areas as well as Duluth, St. Cloud, Fargo, Milaca, North Branch, Rochester, Buffalo, Mankato, River Falls, Des Moines, Crookston, Brainerd, Sioux Falls and Canada. New sponsorships include FASH, CSDEA, 4H and the Scott County Draft Horse Show.

F. SHCAC: Glen Eaton submitted. The next meeting will be held at the American Horse Council meetings in Washington DC June 4 through June 27. Some talk is in place as far as Committee meetings. etc. Up for election of the State Horse Council Coalition will be the Chair Person and the Vice Chair Person.

G. Aisle of Breeds: Glen Eaton submitted. Starting June 1st it will be full steam ahead for the Aisle of Breeds at the State Fair. New this year is that we will have both sides of the aisle going in the south door. We will be looking for help to install mostly during the week. More on this later.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Horse Industry Promotion: Tracy Turner led a discussion on promoting the whole Equine industry to the general public. Discussion followed. Tracy Turner requested Directors bring their ideas to the June meeting.

Announcements:

May 11th is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter.

X. Tracy Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m..

NEXT MEETING ♦ June 12, 2012 ♦ 6:30 p.m.
University of MN ♦ Leatherdale Equine Center



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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MEETINGS

Leatherdale Equine Center Center ♦ 6:30 pm
1801 Dudley Ave ♦ St. Paul
Located on the U of M St. Paul Campus

September 11, 2012	Annual Meeting	June 11, 2013
October 9, 2012	February 12, 2013	July 9, 2013
November 13, 2012	March 12, 2013	September 10, 2013
December 11, 2012	April 9, 2013	October 8, 2013
January 19, 2013 -	May 14, 2013	November 12, 2013

MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO BOARD MEETINGS

Byerly's Community Room ♦ 6:30 pm
3777 Park Center Drive ♦ St. Louis Park, MN

September 25, 2012	February 26, 2013	July 30, 2013
October 30, 2012	March 26, 2013	September 24, 2013
November 27, 2012	April 16, 2013	October 29, 2013
December 18, 2012	May 28, 2013	November 26, 2013
January 29, 2013	June 25, 2013	December 31, 2013

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November 2012	10/12/12	May 2013	4/12/13
December 2012	11/16/12	June 2013	5/17/13

April 29, 2012

Dear Directors of the Minnesota Horse Council,

River Valley Riders is honored to be awarded the \$6,000.00 grant for the lighting for our outdoor riding arena in Afton. Enclosed are copies of the check to Xcel Energy and the contracts with Xcel Energy and the electrician who will install the lighting.

Because of your gift, many more people with special needs are able to experience therapeutic horseback riding. We are serving 60 riders this year compared with our previous capacity of only 40 riders a few years ago and we will continue our efforts to further expand programming.

With sincere gratitude,

Kathy Jo Hanson

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Riding:
The art of keeping a horse
between you and the ground.
~ ANONYMOUS

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.
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- ♦ 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.

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