



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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HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1

The Horseperson of the Year program was started 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
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- 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
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- 1985 Judy Jensen
- 1986 Everest F. Speltz
- 1987 Orville A. Volkmann
- 1988 Valera R. Purcell
- 1989 Pat Jenson
- 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
- 2012 Gary Raak

MHC IMPORTANT DATES

MN State Fair	August 22 - September 2
Horse Barn Aisle of Breeds	Horse Barn is closed Wednesday
Grant Applications	Due October 1
Scholarship Applications	Due November 1st
Horseperson of the Year Nominations	Due November 1st



MHC 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.

Common Mistakes on MHC 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?

New Liability Waiver Law Takes Effect August 1, 2013

The Minnesota Legislature just passed a new law regarding liability waiver agreements. It will take effect August 1, 2013, and it prohibits as "against public policy and void and unenforceable" any agreement for consumer or recreational services that purports to waive liability for "damage, injuries, or death resulting from conduct that constitutes greater than ordinary negligence."

The good news: it doesn't really change Minnesota law, it just codifies the law as upheld by courts for a long time. You cannot require customers to agree not to sue for gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional harm, because courts won't enforce

such an overreaching agreement. You can only have them agree not to sue for claims "up to and including ordinary negligence." That has been true for a long time, and now there will be a statute that says so.

Liability waivers can be tricky; the devil is always in the details. Make sure yours are customized to your activities, and be sure to run them by your insurance rep, too.

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FINDING A FARRIER THAT WORKS FOR YOU

By Krishona Martinson, PhD, University of Minnesota and Kim Otterson, County Line Farm

One of the best ways to find a farrier is word of mouth. Your veterinarian, industry professionals, and other horse owners are often your best resources. Looking for more options? The Minnesota Horseman's Directory lists local farriers, and the Minnesota Farrier's Association lists their members. Considering the following points will also help horse owners find a farrier that works for them.

Education. Some farriers enter the profession through formal education, some through apprenticeship, and some through a combination of the two. Regardless, a farrier should be knowledgeable about their field. Anyone can trim and shoe horses in the U.S. because no licensing or certification is required. Farriers should be well-versed in equine anatomy, physiology, and biomechanics and should be able to read a radiograph of the foot. Many good farriers will continue their education through reading and or attending clinics, seminars, and conferences. Ask if the farrier belongs to any organizations, for example the Minnesota Farriers Association.

Experience. A farrier's experience is also important. Be sure to ask how long they have been trimming or shoeing horses, whether they have been doing it regularly, and if they have any areas of specialization. It is important to match the farrier's education and background to your needs. A normal, sound horse, used for occasional trail rides does not need the same level of expertise as an upper level show horse or a horse with lameness problems. Keep in mind that some farriers specialize in a particular breed or riding discipline.

Horsemanship. Observe how the farrier interacts with horses. Does the farrier spend time watching how the horse moves and lands on his feet; do they carefully look at and assess the foot; and does the farrier work quietly and calmly around the horse? These considerations not only affect the quality of the farrier's work, they can impact the safety of all involved. Equally important is ensuring your horse stands well for the farrier and is well behaved.

Attitude. Make sure a prospective farrier enjoys their work, does not rush, pays attention to detail, and seems to care about the welfare of the horse and owner. Ensure the farrier is punctual and reliable with appointments, and calls when running late. Finally, make sure they are willing to work in cooperation with a veterinarian, if necessary.

Communication. Choose someone who is easy to communicate and get-along with. This should include conversations regarding the owner's goals, the horses' needs, and the owner's financial situation. Your farrier should be willing to discuss and or explain the trimming or shoeing process. Make sure they are easy to reach during an emergency situation. Farriers and horse owners should work together cooperatively and share mutual respect.

Cost. Cost will vary by region and the horse's needs. Ask other horse owners in your area or discipline what they are paying for similar services. Never choose a farrier based on cost alone. The

important issue is not the cost, but the quality of service received. A more experienced farrier can be expected to charge more than someone new to the profession.

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Maintaining the relationship. Once you find a farrier that works for you and your horse, the following suggestions will help you keep and maintain a good working relationship with that farrier.

Scheduling. Maintain a regular trim schedule (usually every 6 to 8 weeks), even during the winter.

Work space. Make sure you have a flat, clean, well-lit area for your farrier to work in. This will help insure everyone's safety and will allow for better inspection of your horse's hooves. A rubber mat can add traction and comfort for both the horse and your farrier.

Horse behavior. Ensure your horse stands well, is clean, and well behaved. Tie your horse and practice picking up the hoof; cleaning the hoof should be done on a daily basis. Kicking, biting, leaning, or pulling the leg away should never be tolerated. One bad move from an unruly horse can put a farrier out of business.

Horsemanship. Learn how to properly handle and discipline your horse. Ask for help from an experienced or professional horseman if necessary.

Be prepared. Be prepared, have your horse caught, brushed, and ready for the farrier. This is especially important if multiple horses are scheduled to be trimmed or shod.

Payment. Make sure you understand your farrier's fee structure, that your payments are prompt, and you schedule appointments in advance. Although emergencies can occur, scheduling in advance will help everyone plan.

Communication. Finally, remember that communication between a horse owner and farrier is key to developing a good relationship and ensuring your horse has healthy feet.

Group of Princesses & their Mounted Patrol Friend at the 2013 MN Horse Expo



Photo by Trina Joyce

BE A GOOD CUSTOMER

Follow these tips when your farrier comes to visit

1. Have your horse(s) ready before they arrive. Get them out of the pasture and have them in a stall waiting or tied waiting when your farrier/vet arrives. Farriers sometimes run behind schedule. This is just part of working with animals; they don't run on our schedules. However, it is good practice to be ready for them at the appointed time.
2. Make sure the horse(s) are reasonably clean. They don't need a full bath, but hose and dry muddy feet, pick hooves and clean loose hair/dirt from the body.
3. Have fly spray available and apply (if necessary) before they arrive.
4. Have a place set up at your location for the farrier to work on your horse. This can be as simple as a hitching rail under a tree or in your barn aisle. It should be level, dry, well lit and if outside, preferably in the shade and/or next to a wind block. If shoeing is required, a power source should be readily available.
5. Put your pets away. They can be a distraction for the horse and therefore harder on the farrier.
6. If you have small children, have an extra person with you to hold the horse or watch the kids.
7. Always have someone hold the horse; do not plan to have the horse tied when being worked on. It is safer if your horse is untied while being worked on.
8. Do not allow additional horse traffic down the aisle or near the horse during the visit.
9. Do not allow other horses to interact with the horse being worked on; do not allow them to smell each other.
10. If the visit is near feeding time, try to coordinate so the horse isn't being worked on when grain is being poured/hay is being thrown.
11. Don't allow distractions like a tractor, a wheel barrow, etc., to come by until your farrier has finished their work or is at a convenient stopping point. When someone is standing under a horse, it is not a good time to add commotion.
12. For safety, when your farrier is working on a front foot, stand on the opposite side of the farrier. When your farrier is working on a hind foot, stand on the same side.
13. Other distractions such as allowing the horse to eat grass while being worked on make the job more difficult due to weight distribution. The horse should be standing square, head off the ground and facing forward.
14. Work on preparing your horse to stand quiet for a period of time and pick up feet in preparation for farrier visits. Anxious or fractious horses can create additional stress while being worked on. Hire a trainer if you need help - it is worth the money spent to have a horse that stands quietly.
15. Be sure the halter fits well for the horse being worked on. A poorly fitting halter can give the horse additional room to move and may easily slip out of it. If your horse runs through the halter, try a bridle. Do not tie a horse with a bridle.
16. Don't make your farrier or veterinarian ask you about payment. Be proactive and have payment ready or have an agreed upon payment plan.

Brought to you by the Minnesota Horse Council Education Committee. This information is intended for guidance purposes.

Sights from the Sunday Afternoon Parade at the 2013 MN Horse Expo



Photos by
Trina Joyce

Horses Get Sunburned Too

By Jennifer Willey, Minnesota Horse Council

Get out the sun block

A sunburn on a horse can really be a bad thing as the more severe burns will blister. These blisters are very painful to the horse and it is not uncommon for them to cause a horse to become head shy.

During the summer months, put SPF 30 or higher sun block on horses with bald (white) faces and on those who have white on their face and nose with pink skin. The nose is the most sensitive place and more susceptible to sunburn, however, horses can be sunburned in other areas too. Foals, weanlings and yearlings are especially sensitive to sunburn. Pink skinned horses can have issues with skin cancer (squamous cell carcinoma).

Application

Putting sun block on a horse is not always the easiest thing to do. Please remember, you do not need to rub it in. In fact, it will give better protection if put on thick, so it shows white. Also, trying to rub it in can be irritating to the horse and give more headaches to you than necessary.

Try to make sun block application a 'non-event' by doing it quickly and without a lot of fuss. Keep it in a warm place so it does not feel cold going on. Do not slap it on the horse's nose as that will create a negative memory that may stay with the horse a long time. Remember, it doesn't have to be perfect when they are out in a pasture - they don't care what they look like.

It is also suggested that you completely untie your horse before applying sunscreen - if the horse has a problem with the application, it could easily turn into a panic pull (which is dangerous to you and them).

At Risk Horses

Some horses, primarily bald faced horses, get severely sunburned and blister all over because they have a sensitivity to the sun. Much like some people, some horses sunburn easily and need added protection.

If you have a horse that has a history of bad sunburns, or your horse has a severe burn (blisters, healing blisters), this horse should be kept in the shade during the summer daytime hours between about 9am - 3pm. This is the easiest way to prevent further burning, if you have this option available. If you do not have a way to pen in or stable a horse during the day, then a full-faced mask is necessary for healing.

Facial sunburn is tough on horses because we (humans) often want to put things on their head to handle and ride them. When that becomes a painful experience, it can be one the horse carries with them for a long time - in some cases for life.

Photosensitivity

If you are keeping your horse in during the day and also applying sunscreen before turn out (even late-day turn out) and your horse is still blistering, this could be an allergic reaction, or other bacteria or virus, and then the best thing to do is call your vet for further investigation.

Keep in mind, horses with a sensitivity to sun may actually have photosensitivity (not uncommon), which is related to liver disease. This can be caused by mold infected clover (increased risk this year).

Horse owners need to make sure to evaluate their pastures, remove horses if they see mold on clover (only clover - not grasses) and keep horses inside (out of UV light) for 24-48 hours after exposure to lessen injury. For complete information on photosensitivity and this year's high risk, please see the article on page 7.

Bottom line: Protect your horses from the sun. A horse with a sunburn that does not readily heal should be assessed by a veterinarian.

This article brought to you by the MN Horse Council Education Committee. Please direct questions or comments to jenniferwilley@mnhorsecouncil.org.



MHC SPONSORSHIP



Minnesota Pinto Horse Association

Minnesota Pinto would like to thank MHC for sponsorship of our morning coffee, donuts and fruit at all four of our shows this year.

We are so grateful for your donation and as you can see, our exhibitors old, young and even furry appreciate it too.

Complications With Feeding Clover

Mike Murphy, DVM U of M

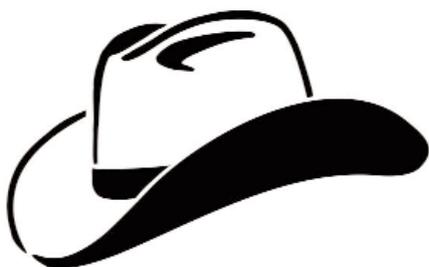
Clover is a desirable feed source for most horses whether used in pasture or in hay because it provides useful energy and acceptable protein and fiber. Problems may rarely arise with clover, just as they can with most desirable feed sources. Clover may be "too rich" at times for horses. The early rapid growth phase of some clovers, like other forages, may contain high amounts of soluble sugars. The soluble sugar content of the plant will decrease as it matures. These soluble sugars and other carbohydrates are sometimes associated with colics and founder in horses fed only pasture in the early spring.

Growth of mold on clover is occasionally encountered. Two mold problems are generally associated with the common pasture clovers (red, white and alsike). They are associated with weather above 80°F and humidity above 60%. The most well characterized problem is "slobbers." Horses can literally fill several 5 gallon buckets full of saliva in one day. This condition is caused by slaframine, which is produced when red clover is infested with a mold. The mold is generally a rust color seen on the upperside of the leaf. This mold normally "runs its course" in 2 to 4 weeks, depending on weather conditions.

The second problem in these clovers, black blotch disease, is not quite as well characterized, but has been reported in Minnesota, Washington, and areas of Canada. The mold literally causes black blotches to occur on the underside of the clover leaves, usually closer to the ground where the humidity is higher. Horses ingesting clover with black blotch have been known to develop excessive "sunburn," which is really a thickening and reddening of the white areas of skin due to liver damage. Black haired horses also get the liver damage but the "sunburn" is not visible.

A third mold condition affects a different clover both white and yellow sweet clover. These clovers are not common in pasture mixes, but are more frequently seen along roadways. The problem arises not from clover in pastures but if sweet clover is harvested for hay AND gets moldy as the hay is baled. Crimping the sweet clover at cutting reduces, but may not entirely eliminate, this problem. An unknown mold converts the naturally occurring cumarol in the sweet clover to dicumerol a blood thinning drug. Horses may bleed if moldy sweet clover hay is a substantial amount of a horse's diet over a number of days. Dicumerol clears quickly, so taking the horse off the hay is the best choice. Injections of vitamin K or blood transfusions may be necessary in extreme bleeding situations.

However, even with these potential problems, clover is still considered a desirable forage for horses.

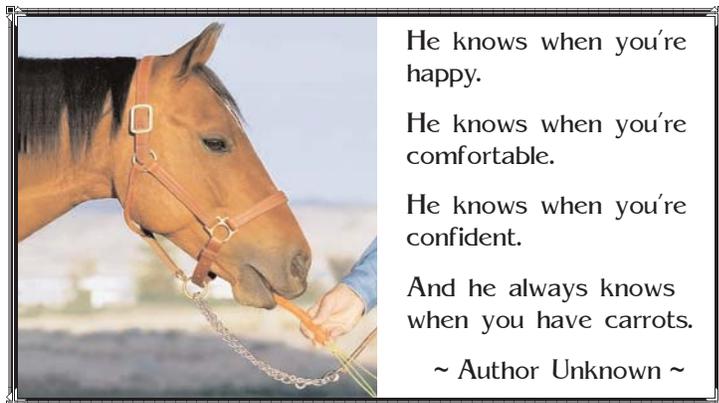


Minnesota Horse Council Grant Helps to Provide a New Madelia Saddle Club and Watonwan County 4H Arena



The Watonwan County Fairgrounds is much improved with its new horse arena. Thanks to the Minnesota Horse Council this overdue project is now complete. Gina Hall, Madelia Saddle Club member, applied for the grant. Laura Koenig, one of the horse project leaders, kick started the project with some major fundraising. Daryl Hall, Iron Horse Hauling, solicited donations from area farm businesses. He also used his skid loader, to help the 4Hers take the old arena down. Jim Sonius, sales rep for Hi-Qual fencing donated 10% of the cost of the fence towards the project and Dan Hall, Southwest K Fence, was hired to pound in the posts. Darwin and Amy Hall, D-N-A Quarter Horses, provided the transportation to get our fencing supplies from Iowa to the fairgrounds and also helped with fund raising. Madelia Saddle Club members, Stacey Busswitz, Bear Vogue, Darwin and Amy Hall, and Daryl and Gina Hall provided the labor for installing the panels. Sue Craig from our 4H extension office saw to it that we had a sign recognizing the Minnesota Horse Council for their major contribution to our arena. There has been some discussion on improving the footing and this may be possible yet this year.

We truly appreciate being able to provide a safe, beautiful arena for our area riders. Several residents of St. James have expressed how much of an improvement it has been for the fairgrounds "curb appeal" so we are glad that non-horsemen are also pleased with the change. In addition to the Minnesota Horse Council, there were approximately 30 additional contributors that made this possible. We are grateful for all of the donations and the volunteers that worked hard on this project. Without the Minnesota Horse Council, this project would not have happened, thank you.



He knows when you're happy.

He knows when you're comfortable.

He knows when you're confident.

And he always knows when you have carrots.

~ Author Unknown ~

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - May 14, 2013

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

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

Absent: Tom Tweeten

Members/Visitors: Doug Persian, Tim Wampfler, Allison Eklund, Meg Sax, Harlan Anderson, Kim Otterson

I. Meeting called to order: 6:31 PM by President Darrell Mead.

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Jennifer Willey added Promotions to Committee Reports.
2. Judy Jensen added a presentation on the Hay Industry by Harlan Anderson to New Business

IV. Treasurer's Report for May was presented by Tim Bonham. Discussion and review followed. Assets total \$824,175.52 with total liabilities of \$406,018.20. Mark Ward motioned to accept the March treasurer's report with corrections to the membership year-to-date funds received. Tracy Turner seconded, motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes - Tim Bonham motioned to approve the April minutes as presented. Missie Schwartz seconded, motion carries.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore advised there was an executive board meeting held. These minutes will be presented to the board electronically. Dawn Moore also advised that committee procedures are being requested from all committee chairs. The executive board has requested the Treasurer update and supply the procedures for that position for the approval of the board.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. MN Hay Market - Harlan Anderson presented the current status of the hay industry as it has evolved into a global market. This market is driving the current production and sales of hay and corn. Currently a large amount of the corn and hay is being exported. Mr. Anderson requested the MN Horse Council's support for horses in the next farm bill and with spreading the word of the current hay industry situation. Tracy Turner was charged with working with Harlan Anderson on both a Legislative and an Educational level. Tracy Turner will report back on the progress after the American Horse Council meeting in June.

B. We Can Ride Accountability - Tom Tweeten posed the question regarding the accountability of groups whom receive MHC funds. A consensus of the directors was to request a reporting of their general financial health and the impact of the donation on their operations. Dawn Moore will invite an individual to represent We Can Ride at the MHC June meeting.

C. TEEFA Procedures - Charlyn Cadwell advised the procedures are complete and have been submitted to both the secretary and the administrative assistant electronically. These procedures will be presented to the entire board electronically and offered for approval at the June meeting. Charlyn Cadwell advised no new applications for assistance have been received since April.

D. Horse of the Year - Jennifer Willey advised the procedures are not yet complete. Jennifer Willey advised the procedures could be prepared before the June meeting. Darrell Mead asked that they are prepared a week before the meeting and submitted to the administrative assistant so they can be sent to the board with the June agenda and May minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo - Glen Eaton reported: NEED REPORT/NAMES Marian Robinson motioned to accept the board as presented. Tim Bonham sec-

onded, motion carries. Glen Eaton requested Brenda Miller be reelected to the position of Treasurer Mark Ward motioned to elect Brenda Miller to the position as treasurer. Marian Robinson seconded, motion carries. Mark Ward nominated Glen Eaton to serve as the President of the MN Horse Expo. Charlyn Cadwell seconded, motion carries.

B. Direct Funding - Mark Ward advised the following:

- ♦ \$500 to fund a Northern Lakes Region - US Pony Club horse camp with mounted instruction
- ♦ \$500 Approved in May, \$440 to fund a Meeker County 4H Horse Project to be held June 11, 2013
- ♦ Under Review, \$500 to fund a Horses Helping Humans benefit program, to be held at the Leatherdale Center on August 23rd, 2013. The program that they are seeking funding for features David Lichman (see VIDEO), who does a horses at liberty performance for entertainment. 50% of the proceeds from ticket sales will go to Horses Helping Humans

In summary, in 2013, our total budget includes \$6,000 for direct funding grants, which would allow for a total of twelve \$500 grants. So far we have approved five grants for a total of \$2406.26. Our new committee procedures were approved at the April MHC Board of Directors meeting and are on file on the MHC website storage site.

C. Promotions - Jennifer Willey advised that Expo was great and there were a lot of visitors to the booth. Jennifer Willey shared some of the results of the surveys and an example of a bag donated to a recent horse show. Many sponsorships are slated in 2013. Also shared were two recent posts on Facebook. Jennifer Willey passed around a survey inquiring into the feelings of the board on jackets for the directors and where the funding should come from. Jennifer Willey asked directors to provide the name of their first horse for a future project. Darrell Mead asked the Promotions committee to promote the Horseperson of the Year Program specifically.

I. NEW BUSINESS

A. Facebook Page - Executive Board met about the Promotions Committee some time since the previous MHC meeting without telling or inviting the chair of the committee. Jennifer Willey was questioned at today's meeting by the Secretary about Facebook posts in general and one in particular. It was suggested that she send future Facebook posts to the Executive board prior to posting. Jennifer Willey gave a thorough explanation of how Facebook works for organizations, including that only a small proportion of a post can be text and that posts do not go to everyone that is connected as friends. The suggestion was withdrawn. Jennifer Willey was asked to specifically supply educational and news items more regularly.

B. Website Membership Process - Executive Board asked for an update on the system. Mark Ward advised the system is still in the creation process and some issues with the alert emails are being worked out. Discussion followed on the fee schedule for membership. Allison Eklund advised that the difference in fees between the mailed versus online options needs to be transparent to the person joining.

Announcements:

May 17th is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter.

X. Darrell Mead adjourned the meeting at 8:56 PM.

NEXT MEETING ♦ June 11, 2013 ♦ 6:30 p.m.
University of MN ♦ Leatherdale Center

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - June 11, 2013

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

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

Absent: Dawn Moore, Mark Ward, Sue McDonough, Charlyn Cadwell

Members/Visitors: Allison Eklund, Meg Sax, Doug Persian

I. Meeting called to order: 6:34 PM by President Darrell Mead.

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Trina Joyce added TEEFA Policies and Procedures to Old Business
2. Trina Joyce added Lobbyist Dispersement to New Business

IV. Treasurer's Report for June was presented by Tim Bonham. Discussion and review followed. Assets total \$808,292.77 with total liabilities of \$379,864.95. Glen motioned to accept the May treasurer's report as presented. Judy Jensen seconded, motion carries. Tim Bonham advised corrections have been made to the line item for meals at the Annual Meeting to show them as income. Dave Fleischhaker moved to accept April's treasurer's report with the aforementioned corrections. Missie Schwartz seconded, motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes - Tim Bonham motioned to approve the May minutes with corrections to New Business item "Facebook Page". Tracy Turner seconded, motion carries. It was requested to follow up with We Can Ride for a representative to present at the MHC July meeting. The minutes from the Executive Board meeting held in May were passed out to the board.

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Horse of the Year Procedures - Jennifer Willey advised the committee has approved their policies and procedures and she will email them to the board.

B. Director Jackets - Darrell Mead opened a discussion on the results of the director survey conducted at the May meeting; she stated the survey ended in a dead heat. Jennifer Willey shared the options for style and payment. Jennifer Willey advised the Promotions committee has not budgeted to purchase the jackets in 2013, but could do so for 2014. Judy Jensen motioned to have the MHC offer each director \$50 towards the purchase of MHC logo wear per year per director. Tim Bonham seconded. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo - Glen Eaton reported: Six weeks have past and we don't have a final report on attendance or financial. Statements for payment are still being received and some funds are still being received. July will have a full report.

B. Direct Funding - Mark Ward advised the following: No new applications were received since the last report. The Meeker County 4H Horse Project, which was approved for a \$440 grant, has cancelled their camp and so we are not funding that request. The committee approved the \$500 grant to Horses Helping Humans for their program at the Leatherdale Center on August 23, 2013. In 2013 we have so far approved grants totaling \$2906.26.

C. Certified Stables - Sue McDonough submitted the following electronically: Welcome to Cornerstone Horse Complex, Hastings, MN, ;Owner: John Dusek. Stable Focus: High service boarding with proactive conditioning on Aqua Pacer and with consultation of a vet rehabilitation for injured horses. It was a pleasure to meet John and have a tour of the Cornerstone facility. This facility is unique to the CS Program as it offers the Aqua Pacer and vet rehabilitation for injured horses. We continue to recertify stables along with scheduling the inspections for stables inter-

ested in joining the CS Program.

D. Communications - Missie Schwartz requested information from the Directors for the newsletter. Missie Schwartz shared that a source for the newsletter has changed their policy and now only allows links to their material and no longer will allow printed copies even with proper credit given to the source of the material. Tracy Turner offered to contact the aforementioned source and ask them to reconsider.

E. Inventory/Storage - Glen Eaton has a desire to clean up the storage area of old paper materials. Tom Tweeten requested Allison Eklund to look into the responsibility of the MHC and Expo with regard to accepting credit cards for payment and the requirements regarding the storage of such information. Allison Eklund will report on her findings at the July meeting.

F. SHCAC - Glen Eaton reported he and Tracy Turner will travel to Washington, DC for the American Horse Council meeting which the State Horse Council Coalition is a part of. full report at July meeting.

I. NEW BUSINESS

A. National Equine Legislation - Tracy Turner advised there are seven Equine related legislative issues that will be presented to the legislature: (1) The Race Horse Cost Recovery Act, (2) Equine Tax Parity Act, (3) Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, (4) Prevent All Soring Tactics Act (Whitfield Amendment), (5) Safeguard American Food Exports Act, (6) Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act, and (7) Rehabilitative Therapy Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act. Tracy Turner advised the third piece of legislation is being looked at by the AAEP and he will advise of their view as soon as it becomes available. Tracy Turner is keeping a close eye on the current Farm Bill as it moves through the legislature, he will advise of any changes that occur to the current bill. The Directors discussed and have decided to support acts 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7. Act 5 will not be supported by the MHC.

B. TEEFA Policies and Procedures - Board Dave Fleischhaker motioned to table the motion to approve until the July meeting. Glen Eaton seconded, motion carries.

C. Lobbyist Dispersement - Allison Eklund has filed this information with the State of Minnesota in June.

D. Education Committee - Tom Tweeten advised the Education Committee had a very successful meeting via phone today.

Announcements:

June 14th is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter.

X. Darrell Mead adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

NEXT MEETING ♦ July 9, 2013 ♦ 6:30 p.m.

University of MN ♦ Leatherdale Center



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