



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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Minnesota Horse Council Offers Scholarships, Grants, Funding & Awards

These programs are funded from the proceeds of the Minnesota Horse Expo.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

The MHC/Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarships are offered for high school seniors, undergrads, graduate, and vocational students, to be used toward education that would further the applicant's career in and contributions to the horse industry in Minnesota. Applications are due by November 1st. At least ten \$3000 scholarships will be presented at the MHC annual meeting in January. For more info, contact Trina Joyce at 612-729-7798 or TrinaJoyce@MnHorseCouncil.org.

GRANTS:

\$7,000 maximum per grant are given to Minnesota charitable/non-profit equine-related organizations as *seed money* to inspire new projects or capital improvements, or for expansions of existing projects or services. Applications are due by October 1st. Grants are presented at the MHC annual meeting in January. Funds will be paid out as your project progresses. For more info, contact Tim Bonham at 612-721-1007 or Treasurer@MnHorseCouncil.org.

DIRECT FUNDING:

The Minnesota Horse Council offers direct funding assistance (up to \$500) to any non-profit horse related organization that develops or organizes any public clinic, program activity, or publication that advances the goals of the Minnesota Horse Council. Applications accepted any time during the year, response generally within 30 days.

For more info, contact Mark Ward at 651-436-6557 or MarkWard@MnHorseCouncil.org.

SPONSORSHIPS:

As part of the MHC advertising budget, the MHC will sponsor your event in exchange for advertising. Events can be horse shows, club dinners, trail rides, educational events, and fundraisers, etc.

For more info, contact Dawn Moore at 952-949-6659 or DawnMoore@MnHorseCouncil.org.

HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Each year, MHC honors someone as the *Minnesota Horseperson of the Year* and places his or her photo in the Horseman's Hall of Fame at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. The Council is seeking nominations of people for this award. This person should be an outstanding person in the horse industry -- someone who stands above the rest for long-term contributions to many areas of equine activity. Nominations are accepted all year, but must be received by November 1st to be considered each year. The person selected will be announced at the MHC annual meeting in January.

For more info, contact Dawn Moore at 952-949-6659 or DawnMoore@MnHorseCouncil.org.

PIONEER AWARD:

This award is given to a deceased person who was a Minnesota horse pioneer -- someone who led others to horses. Nominations are due by March 1st each year.

For more info, contact Doug Persian at 763-242-5570 or DougPersian@MnHorseCouncil.org.

Further info about any of these programs, including application info, is available from:

- ♦ Minnesota Horse Council web page at www.MnHorseCouncil.org.
- ♦ by writing to Minnesota Horse Council, P.O. Box 223, Plato, MN 55370-0223.

MHC IMPORTANT DATES

MN State Fair Horse Barn Aisle of Breeds	Aug. 21 - Sept. 1
Grant Applications	Due Oct. 1
Scholarship Applications	Due Nov. 1
Horseperson of the Year Nominations	Due Nov. 1
MHC Board Candidate Bios & Photos	Due Nov. 1
MHC Annual Meeting	Jan. 17, 2015



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: Grants@MnHorseCouncil.org

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?

First Call for MHC Board of Director Candidates

Each Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) Director is elected to a 3-year term. That means that the MHC membership has the opportunity to vote to fill one third of the board positions each year. This year five board positions are up for election. Current board members whose current terms expire on December 31, 2014 include: Doug Persian, Marian Robinson, Jan Schatzlein, Missie Schwartz, and Jennifer Willey.

Any MHC member in good standing is eligible to submit their name as a candidate for a MHC Board of Directors. A candidate biography and picture must be submitted to the Nominations Committee Chairperson, Tom Tweeten, by November 1st. Each candidate biography and picture will be included with election

materials that will be distributed to MHC members in December prior to the MHC Annual Meeting in January 2015.

The Nominations Committee encourages all perspective candidates to attend monthly board meetings to meet current board members and get a feel of Board activities. The Nominations Committee will also provide each candidate with a copy of the MHC Bylaws and other pertinent material to help a perspective candidate learn what is entailed in contributing to the success of the MHC Board of Directors and the Minnesota Horse Council.

Thomas Tweeten, 1st Vice-president
Nominations Committee Chairperson
952-226-4190 ♦ thomastweeten@minhorsecouncil.org



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
dmoore834@comcast.net

PAST RECIPIENTS OF HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR

1970 Louie Klugman	1992 Bill Walsh
1971 Oscar Danielson	1993 Vickie Inget
1972 Win Rockwell	1994 Mona L. Bonham
1973 Keith Bartz	1995 Milton Strand
1974 Lloyd Borg	1996 "Big Ed" Dauphinais
1975 Fred Kroger	1997 Joan & Roger Berg
1976 Rev. Lloyd Fortin	1998 Dan Dolan
1977 Verlin Balfanz	1999 Dr. Robert Jordan
1978 Fran F. (Dahl) Reker	2000 Dan Ramberg
1979 Tony Gasser	2001 Ken Bohlman
1980 Lavarre Hollingsworth	2002 Walt Westman
1981 Dr. Wes Schroeder	2003 Dr. William Sweeney
1982 Elmer R. Jones	2004 Roy & Carolyn Shumway
1983 Duane A. Chinander	2005 RaeDell Robbins
1984 Edwin J. Anderson	2006 Dale Froyum
1985 Judy Jensen	2007 Miriam Tschida
1986 Everest F. Speltz	2008 Guy Warner
1987 Orville A. Volkmann	2009 Lloyd Anderson
1988 Valera R. Purcell	2010 Mary Abbott Taylor
1989 Pat Jensen	2011 Vee Ann Wood
1990 Benny Van Cleve	2012 Gary Raak
1991 Ernie Wood	2013 Bev & Dick Lindeman

Vet Mobility Act Passed by Congress

The MHC supported the passage of this legislation.

On July 8, the House of Representatives passed the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act (H.R. 1528) by voice vote. The bill is sponsored by Representatives Kurt Schrader of Oregon and Ted Yoho of Florida, both of whom are veterinarians. It was passed earlier this year by the Senate. The AHC has strongly supported this bill.

The Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act amends the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) to clarify that veterinarians are allowed to transport, administer and dispense controlled substances and medications outside of their registered offices and hospitals. It would ensure equine veterinarians have the ability to provide mobile or ambulatory services in the field to the horse community as they traditionally have.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) changed its interpretation of provisions of the CSA regarding what veterinarians may carry with them and has stated it now believes it is illegal for veterinarians to transport controlled substances and medications for use outside of their registered locations, such as an animal hospital.

But equine veterinarians often provide mobile services and treat horses at farms, training facilities, horse shows, or racetracks. In many cases it is not possible for owners to bring their horses to a clinic or hospital. For this reason, veterinarians have for years carried any medications they may need with them secured in their vehicle. Their ability to do this and provide care to horses in the field is in jeopardy without this legislation.

This bill will now go to the President and he is expected to sign it into law in the near future.



TONY GASSER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1

The Minnesota Horse Council is currently accepting applications for Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarships. Several educational scholarships of at least \$2,000 are offered each year.

Who is Eligible?

- ♦ Applicants majoring in, or planning to major in, any equine-related field of study
- ♦ High school seniors and college students
- ♦ Minnesota residents

Additional Requirements

- ♦ Three letters of recommendation (no more than one page, please) from individuals who are familiar with the applicant's equine experience and ability, leadership ability, and/or scholarship
- ♦ Proof of acceptance or enrollment from the school in which the scholarship will be used (required only after the scholarship is awarded).

General Selection Criteria

- ♦ Equine background
- ♦ Leadership capability
- ♦ Scholastic achievement
- ♦ Sense of direction in furthering education
- ♦ Financial need

Comments

- ♦ All scholarship applications and letters of recommendation should be mailed or delivered directly to the address below. Please DO NOT send your application by Priority or Express Mail.

Minnesota Horse Council Scholarship Committee
c/o Trina Joyce, Chair
3035 34th Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55406-2103

- ♦ All application materials must be received by **November 1**
- ♦ Scholarships will be awarded at the Minnesota Horse Council annual meeting in January.
- ♦ Scholarships will be paid in the name of the recipient and the school involved.
- ♦ The names and fields of study of each scholarship recipient will be published in press releases and on the MHC website www.horses-mn.org

Information Required in Your Scholarship Application

Identifying Information

- ♦ Date of application
- ♦ Name
- ♦ School mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address (if available).
- ♦ Home mailing address and phone number
- ♦ Date of birth
- ♦ Name and address of the school you are currently attending or plan to attend
- ♦ Present educational status (i.e., high school senior, college freshman, etc.)
- ♦ To help us in distributing information and application blanks, please tell us how you found out about this scholarship.

Selection Criteria Information

- ♦ Describe your past and present involvement with horses and the horse industry.
- ♦ State your reasons for deciding to study in your chosen field, your future educational plans, and how this scholarship will help you to achieve them
- ♦ Describe your leadership experience (type of activities, offices held, etc.)
- ♦ Outline your educational history and field of study, or degree major
- ♦ Provide your grade point average for the most recent academic year
- ♦ List any other scholarships you have received previously, including the name of the scholarship, year received, and dollar value.
- ♦ List any other scholarships you are applying for this year
- ♦ Describe how you plan to finance your education.

For further information, contact Trina Joyce, Chair, MHC Scholarships Committee by phone at 612-729-7798 or
Trina Joyce
3035 34th Ave. S. ♦ Minneapolis, MN 55406-2103



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Industry Leaders Meet at AHC Conference in Washington

The 45th annual meeting of the American Horse Council was held in Washington, DC in late June. It drew nearly 200 attendees, including industry leaders from 50 organizations, members of Congress and staff, and federal regulatory agency staff. Photos from the meeting are posted on the AHC's website.

"We had our best attendance in quite a few years," said AHC president Jay Hickey. "We think that is because of the importance of the issues facing all segments of the horse industry before Congress and the federal agencies. We also think the topic of this year's National Issues Forum, 'Where Have All the Horses Gone,' attracted great interest."

The first day of the AHC's annual meeting is an opportunity for all of the AHC's advisory committees to meet face-to-face and discuss federal issues affecting all segments of the horse industry. Those committees include the Animal Welfare Committee, Health and Regulatory Committee, Horse Show Committee, Racing Committee, and Recreation Committee. The AHC's Coalition of State Horse Councils also meets, as does the Unwanted Horse Coalition.

Probably the most-discussed legislation was the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act (PAST Act), which was before the AHC's Animal Welfare Committee and Horse Show Committee, but brought up at several others too. "The AHC, along with all major breed registries and horse show organizations, supports the bill, which now has 296 cosponsors in the House of Representatives and 57 cosponsors in the Senate. That position of support was reaffirmed at the meetings," noted Hickey, "So we will redouble our efforts to get it passed. But even with that number of Congressional cosponsors, we still need more help from the horse community at large to get it over the finish line."

"Taxes are always an important topic," Hickey noted. "and were again at this annual meeting." Several favorable tax provisions applicable to horses and assets used in the horse business expired or dropped in value at the end of 2013. This includes the Section 179 expense deduction, which went from \$500,000 to \$25,000; bonus depreciation, which went from 50% to zero; the ability to depreciate all race horses over three years, rather than over seven; and the higher limits for contributions of real property for conservation purposes by farmers and ranchers. "Legislation to extend all these provisions is being considered by Congress and the AHC supports such extensions. We are hopeful any extensions will be retroactive to January 1, 2014," said Hickey.

In addition to the reinstatement of three-year-depreciation for all race horses, the AHC Racing Committee also discussed efforts to have the Department of Treasury re-characterize the definition of a wager so that fewer wagers are subject to withholding. Current federal bills to legalize and regulate, or simply prohibit,

Internet wagering were reviewed. The AHC was directed to ensure that if any legislation is considered in Congress it protects what the racing industry is now offering under the Interstate Horseracing Act.

In the equine health area, attendees received reports on the Equine Veterinary Mobility Act, which would allow veterinarians to transport medications deemed "controlled substances" to farms, tracks, shows, and events without fear of violating the Controlled Substances Act. "This critical legislation has passed the Senate and should get to the House floor for a vote," said Hickey. "If we can get it to the floor, it should pass and eliminate veterinarians' concerns about the Drug Enforcement Agency finding a violation should vets take medications out of their offices to administer to horses."

In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has proposed several changes to the import-export regulations. The Health and Regulatory Committee was updated by USDA staff on the latest rule change proposal that would eliminate Saudi Arabia from the list of countries with African Horse Sickness and make it easier for horses to be imported from that country. As with any changes to the import rules, the industry wants to facilitate the international movement of horses, "but not at the expense of protecting the U.S. horse population," said Hickey. "This meeting allowed the AHC Health and Regulatory Committee to discuss this proposal and prepare to submit comments to USDA by mid-August on the proposed rule change."

Finally, the AHC's Recreation Committee discussed the recent introduction of the National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act (H.R. 4886), which would direct the Forest Service to address the current trail maintenance backlog that is adversely affecting trail users, including equestrians. "The AHC, along with the Back Country Horsemen of America and the Wilderness Society, was significantly involved in the drafting and introduction of this bill. We are all for it," said Hickey.

The AHC annual meeting also was an opportunity for the AHC's Coalition of State Horse Councils to meet and discuss state issues and activities thoroughly. The AHC's Van Ness Award, presented to an outstanding person associated with state councils, was presented to Paul Briney of Illinois at the luncheon on Tuesday.

The AHC's National Issues Forum was held on the second day of the convention and heard three panels discuss "Where Have All the Horses Gone." Tim Capps, Director, Equine Industry Program, University of Louisville, was the keynote speaker. Attendees heard representatives of racing, showing and other stakeholders explain in detail how the dramatic fall-off in registered horses affected them and what they were doing about it.

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"Clearly, this is a critical issues for the future of the horse industry," said Hickey. "But just as clearly the leaders of the industry are acutely aware of it and taking steps to reverse it."

One effort is the AHC's "Time To Ride" program and convention attendees heard an update on the "100 Day Horse Challenge" intended to attract 100,000 new people to an equine experience this summer. Various stables, events, and facilities will be competing for \$100,000 in cash and other prizes. Patti Colbert of PCE Enterprises gave an update on the Challenge.

Dr. Nat White updated all on the current status of the National Equine Health Plan and the formation of the Equine Disease Communication Center, which will be operational later this year and provide accurate and up-to-date information on disease outbreaks.

The AHC annual meeting was also an opportunity for the Unwanted Horse Coalition, which operates under the AHC, to meet. Members present reaffirmed their commitment to the UHC and its various ongoing educational programs.

The AHC's convention also included the AHC's Congressional Reception, which allowed industry people to visit informally with Members of Congress to renew old friendships, make new ones, and discuss industry concerns.

The annual Congressional Ride-In took place all day Wednesday, June 25. The Ride-In brought horse people to Capitol Hill to meet with their elected representatives to discuss important issues affecting them.

"As always, the AHC's annual meeting brings together the horse industry's leaders, stakeholders, service providers and rank-and-file to discuss common federal issues of importance," said Hickey.



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5th Annual Horse Forage Field Day

Wednesday, August 20

6:30 to 8:00 pm

University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus

\$15 per person

To register, visit: www.regonline.com/HorseFieldDay2014

Lunch and Learn Webinar

September 10, 2014

"Equine Winter Care"

presented by Abby Neu,

University of Minnesota Extension

75th Annual Minnesota Nutrition Conference

September 17 and 18, 2014

Mystic Lake Casino

Prior Lake, MN

For more information, visit
www.mnnutritionconf.umn.edu

Full day equine session on
September 18, 2014

Report on the 2014 AHC Annual Meeting and National Issues Forum

By Tracy Turner, MHC President

Day one of the meeting consisted of several committee meetings. MHC was represented at the Unwanted Horse Coalition meeting as well as the Welfare and Horse Show Committees.

The Unwanted Horse Coalition (UHC) was a review of the past year. The most significant updates were the major breed groups have all adopted a "full circle" program where at the end of the horse's career an individual can list themselves as a contact if the horse needs a home. In addition, the American Quarter Horse Association has started a Grade Horse Registry. If interested you should contact the AQHA. Another program update was from the Equine Network, a group of equine magazines and on line sites. This group sponsors "A Home For Every Horse," a website where rescues can post animals up for adoption and can get access to a nationwide audience. The site is free to rescues. To date, the site has helped find homes for thousands of horses.

The UHC will continue to update and distribute its educational materials. The UHC will continue to support Operation Gelding, which, to date, has supported projects that have castrated nearly 1000 stallions. An action item for the Minnesota Horse Council, we should have posted a list of Minnesota's Equine Welfare Laws on our website. This would give an easy access to all our members so that they are knowledgeable with regards to the laws and it will help us make sure all our programs are in compliance with Minnesota State laws. There is a program called Equine Protection Registry--microchip your horse and put it in a national database to find horses lost in disasters or stolen.

The welfare and horse shows committees began with a status update of legislation on Capitol Hill. The only legislation that is close to coming to a vote is the PAST Act, Prevent All Soring Tactics. The bill has over 51 co-sponsors in the Senate and over 268 co-sponsors in the House. The bill has excellent bi-partisan support with having a majority of the majorities in the House and Senate.

The second day was the National Issues Forum with this year's topic, "Where Have All the Horses Gone." These series of lectures had many frightening statistics. All across the industry the theme was that 2014 is the smallest foal crop since the 1960s and ownership has declined 25% over the past decade. Further, since the recession started in 2008, the number of horses has declined by 13 % and their value has declined 35%. The number of horse farms has declined by 10%. So the question arises, how do we re-invigorate the industry? Several ideas and statements were made. (1) Better use of social media, (2) industry must attract more diverse and younger demographics, (3) horse organizations must have a strong welfare statement, (4) classes for novices. Time to Ride is a project sponsored by major equine stakeholders (12 partners, each sponsoring \$25K/year) to re-invigorate the market, see timetoride.com.

Northwest Minnesota 4-H Horse Project Receives MHC Grant

Northwest Minnesota 4-H Horse Project was the recent recipient of \$500 in funding from the Minnesota Horse Council Direct Funding Committee. Proceeds from this reimbursement funding have been used to purchase equipment which will be used for 4-H and other horse shows at the Pennington Country Fairgrounds.

Clinics are among the activities held at the horse arena on the fairgrounds. The theme of the first clinic held May 29 was Riding Basics - Western Pleasure/Horsemanship. Clinicians for the event were Carolyn Paulson and Miranda Carlson. Topics included western pleasure/horsemanship tack and attire, an explanation of the differences between pleasure and horsemanship, and gaits, leads, and turns/pivots.

Terhya Anderson, Tanya Mickolio, and Shirley Horian were the clinicians for the Gaming Clinic scheduled for June 10 at 7 pm. Topics included correct attire and tack, a review of patterns, including barrels, pole weaving, key race, figure 8, and jump, as well as suggestions for improving times.

A final clinic was held Tuesday, July 1, at 7 pm. The theme was Grooming and Showmanship (Halter). In addition to covering correct attire and tack for showman-

ship and grooming to win, clinician Miranda Carlson provided tips for showmanship in addition to a quick review of information covered at previous clinics. Carlson also answered questions regarding the Pennington County Fair.

An open horse show is planned for June 22. Shows during this year's Pennington County Fair will include a 4-H show on July 17, a barn show for fair exhibitors on July 19, and an open show on July 20.

Equipment funded by the grant includes new pole weaving poles and a wireless, hands-free microphone. This new equipment will complement the new arena fence, which was made possible through a larger direct funding grant received last year from the Minnesota Horse Council.

For more information about activities sponsored by the Northwest Minnesota 4-H Horse Project, contact Miranda Carlson at 218-686-5185, Tanya Mickolio at 218-686-6412, or Shirley Horian at 218-686-4163.



AHC Presents 2014 Van Ness Award to Illinois' Paul Briney



Each year, the American Horse Council presents the Van Ness Award to a person who has shown leadership and service to the horse community in his or her state. It is awarded in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Van Ness, one of the founders of the New Jersey Horse Council and the AHC's Coalition of State Horse Councils. This year's award was presented to Paul Briney of Chatham, IL for his great service to the horse community in Illinois.

"As a founding member of the Horseman's Council of Illinois, Mr. Briney has made his state council effective and critical to the industry's health at the state and national level," said AHC president Jay Hickey in presenting the award at the recent AHC annual meeting. "For over 50 years, he has been the embodiment of education and outreach. In fact, he was such a fixture in the Illinois state capitol that many of the legislators knew him as 'the horse man.' His 27 years of service to the Horsemen's Council of Illinois has been exemplified with a smile and a kind word. He has been an inspiration to many, and a tireless advocate for the horse industry, for education, and for promoting all that is good about the horse."

During his time in the industry, he has had tremendous influence on the development of state policies as they apply to horses. He was instrumental in passing the Illinois Equine Infectious Anemia regulation that resulted in near eradication of the disease in Illinois. He helped to pass the Illinois Equine Activity Liability Act, one of the first such laws, leading other states to follow their lead. He was also a driving force behind the renovation of the Illinois State Fair Grounds, ensuring that horses and horse facilities were an integral part of the plans and still a fixture at the fair.

Mr. Briney has been a member of the Illinois Farm Bureau horse committee, Illinois Livestock Advisory Board, and was the Founder and Past-Chair of the Illinois Equine Foundation. He is a lifetime member of both the American Saddlebred Horse Museum and the Illinois American Saddlebred Pleasure Horse Association, and was instrumental in initiating Saddlebred judges clinics. In 2013, his family received the Gillenwater Family award for Lifetime Service to the Saddlebred horse breed and association.

"For the last 40 years I have admired the great people and friends that have received this award, and I am honored to have been chosen as this year's recipient," said Briney. .

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - June 10, 2014

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

Board Members Present: Marian Robinson, Trina Joyce, Mark Ward, Glen Eaton, Missie Schwartz, Tom Tweeten, Kim Otterson, Doug Persian, Tracy Turner, Kris Kelly, Tim Bonham, Dave Fleischhaker, Darrell Mead

Absent: Dawn Moore, Sue McDonough, Jan Schatzlein, Jennifer Willey
Members/Visitors: Meg Sax, Allison Eklund

I. Meeting called to order: 6:30 P.M. by President Tracy Turner.

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Marian Robinson added Region 10 Arabian Show to New Business

IV. Treasurer's Report for June was presented by Tim Bonham. Assets total \$809,029.04. Liabilities total \$398,381.82 with a net available funds \$410,647.22 Discussion and review followed. Tracy Turner charged the Treasurer's Ad Hoc committee with finding an easy to use and understand reporting system and reconciling the 2014 treasurer's reports. Tracy Turner also authorized the use of an external accountant or business professional to assist the committee. Kim Otterson motioned the ad hoc committee present options, costs and a proposal for reconciling the treasurer's reports at the July MHC meeting. Tom Tweeten seconded, discussion followed. Dave Fleischhaker was appointed Co-Chair to the Treasurer's Ad Hoc Committee. Kris Kelly was added as a member to the Ad Hoc Committee. Vote on the motion on the floor, carries.

V. Approval of Minutes - Minutes from the April meeting were presented to the board electronically prior to the meeting and in hard copy at the June meeting. Mark Ward motioned to approve the April minutes as presented. Missie Schwartz seconded, motion carries. Tim Bonham motioned to accept the May minutes with corrections to the outline format. Mark Ward seconded, motion carries.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore absent. No report. The administrative assistant dispersed periodicals received by the MHC from various Equine groups.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resources for Commercial and Private Stables - Board discussion regarding the MHC taking on a stronger role in providing resources for owners of both commercial and private stables within the state of MN. Mark Ward presented an idea to have the education committee provide additional materials to MN stables via the website, printed materials and the MN Horse Expo. The Certified Stables committee will continue to operate as previous, the Education will head this initiative.

B. TEEFA Procedures - Allison Eklund and Dave Fleischhaker presented the TEEFA procedures to the board. Discussion followed. Tom Tweeten motioned to accept the procedures as presented. Mark Ward seconded, discussion followed. Vote of the directors carried the motion. Dave Fleischhaker abstained from the voting. Tim Bonham expressed an interest to clarify the volunteers are not to be paid for their time, however; they are able to be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses. Trina Joyce asked Dave Fleischhaker to clarify how applications are verified. Trina Joyce asked the directors to consider the anonymity of the applicants and recipients and clarify how that will be handled.

C. Treasurer's Ad Hoc Committee - Tim Bonham advised the committee has met and has split up portions of the income and expenses from January 1st through present. The committee has begun the process of reconciling the treasurer's report committee by committee. Tom Tweeten raised questions on expense reports and whether the current method utilized would be acceptable to government entities. Discussion then followed with regard to the current mileage reimbursement policy and the committee was charged with investigating the current national standards.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo - Glen Eaton advised the final numbers are not yet in as expenses are still being paid out and payments continue to come in.

B. Direct Funding - Mark Ward advised no new applications have been received in the past month. Here are the 2014 applications and committee actions to date:

1. Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse Association: \$500 to cover costs of clinician Lavert Avent at a ranch horse judged schooling show clinic (Aug. 1-3). Approved
2. Pennington Co. 4H horse Project: \$500 to purchase new pole weaving poles and a wireless mic for 4H clinics and other horse shows (May-Aug). Approved
3. Traverse Co 4H: \$500 to cover costs of clinicians for four clinics (June 10, June 24, July 15, & Aug 29). Approved
4. Great Prairie, Inc: \$500 to pay architect's fees to plan a future Pentathlon Park (no date planned). Not Approved
5. Lac qui Parle County 4H Horse Project, \$500 for clinician fees (Litta Hottel) for a 3-day horsemanship clinic, June 25-27, 2014 at the Lac qui Parle County horse arena. Approved
6. North Country Horsemen: \$500 for a new laptop computer and printer/copier to be used in support of their club functions. Not Approved (The committee considered this a "typical operating expense," which is specifically excluded from our criteria for funding.)
7. Northern Lakes Region United States Pony Club: \$500 for 4-5 instructors at a pony club "D Camp," June 26-29 2014. Approved (Despite the concern by two committee members that although east Minnesota riders are being served by this group, their rally is being held in River Falls Wisconsin, instead of in Minnesota.)

Our budget started with \$6,000 available, which would equal twelve \$500 direct funding grants. Now we have approved five \$500 grants, leaving \$3500 remaining in our budget.

C. Communication - Missie Schwartz advised the newsletter email address will only be used to distribute the newsletter from this point forward. Missie Schwartz also advised the newsletter could use content and asked the directors to contribute.

D. Inventory/Storage - Glen Eaton advised there is no report.

E. SHCC - Glen Eaton reported: the meeting of the States Horse Council Coalition will meet with the Annual American Horse Council meeting June 20-25. Tracy Turner and Glen Eaton will be attending to represent the MHC.

F. Certified Stables - Sue McDonough advised the following electronically: 2014 got off to a slow start with Certified Stable inspections. With the snow and rain creating mud so late into spring, it is not a good time for inspecting facilities. The Certified Stable Program will continue to do inspections and certifications along with re-inspections throughout the summer.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Region 10 Arabian Show - Marian Robinson advised the MHC will have a booth presence at the Region 10 Arabian Horse Show. Marian Robinson advised literature and information will be available throughout the weekend. Volunteers to help in the booth would be appreciated; the show runs June 12-15.

Announcements:

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

X. Tracy Turner adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.

NEXT MEETING - July 8, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.
University of MN - Leatherdale Center

MTRA Loses Former President Irv Parker 1939-2014



As a Minnesota Trail Riders Association (MTRA) member, director, and leader, Irv Parker from Farmington, MN was a friend of every equine rider in Minnesota. Irv died July 4, 2014 from complications of a stroke at the age of 75. He and his wife of 51 years, Dee, have four grown children with several grandchildren. The funeral service was July 11th at Faith United Methodist Church in Farmington, MN. They planned to leave July 5th for a riding and family reunion trip to South Dakota.

Irv and Dee were MTRA members for many years serving as directors on the MTRA Board for the past several years. Irv led the Board as President for 4 years sharing his thoughtful insight based on his many equine connections and years of riding experience. He was dedicated to MTRA's mission of preserving and enhancing the riding opportunities and experiences of equine riders and campers. He loved camping and riding.

Irv referred to us as "horsemen/horsewomen" when he represented us in discussions with riders, government agencies and the general public. He served several years on the MTRA Legislative/Public Relations Committee. He understood the importance of working with public policy to keep horse trails open and taken care of for all riders into the future. This meant working with legislation, land management agencies, and citizens. His dedication to this cause led him to champion legislation to establish the Minnesota State Horse Trail Pass in 2006. With well over \$500,000 raised from the pass, horse trails have received more attention from the DNR and made many trail improvements. Irv served on the Equine Advisory Group that recommended projects for the use of these funds. He was a doer!



*At the Zumbro Bottoms bridge dedication,
Irv led the ride across the bridge.*

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Leatherdale Equine Center Center ♦ 6:30 pm
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Sept. 9, 2014	Annual Meeting	June 9, 2015
Oct. 14, 2014	Feb. 10, 2015	July 14, 2015
Nov. 11, 2014	March 10, 2015	Sept. 8, 2015
Dec. 9, 2014	April 14, 2015	Oct. 13, 2015
Jan. 17, 2015	May 12, 2015	Nov. 10, 2015

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6:30 pm
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Sept. 30, 2014	Feb. 24, 2015	July 28, 2015
Oct. 28, 2014	Mar. 31, 2015	Sept. 29, 2015
Nov. 25, 2014	April 21, 2015	Oct. 27, 2015
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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.

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Out the Back Door . . .

Experience or Influence

Do you think your ideas, values and sense of right and wrong were set in place by experience or influence? Do you prefer a car or truck? Cake or ice cream? Western or English?

I happen to like mares. I do not recall a time when I didn't. Through experience I have been influenced that there is no bad gender, color or breed of horse. Ok now - how many of you just said to yourself - oh she's wrong - mares are crazy or geldings are lazy? Are you basing that on experience or influence? Experience? Did you allow one good or one bad situation to set that preference? Influence - your parents, cousin or instructor spoke to the positive or negative to set your mind?

Horses learn the same way. They are influenced by experience. Throughout their learning and training, they experience good and bad. Some influence never changes. A solid foundation goes a long way to having a good solid horse. It's up to us humans to determine if they will be nervous about being saddled or going out alone on the trail. A negative experience can be overcome to a point. However, I find that while a horse will forgive, they don't forget.

My gelding paws when he eats. His influence was his mother. When we purchased her at 10 months old, she was sadly in need of groceries. She could never eat fast enough and pawed while she ate. In the 27 years she lived, she never changed. Yes, it was very frustrating at times that we could not make her understand she didn't have to hurry to get her portion. But in the end, it was just part of who she was. Both of her colts picked up that trait. My gelding knows if I tell him to quit, that he should. But it's part of who he is and at every feeding, he paws at least once. Yep - I could give him a few "experiences" that will influence him to stop the behavior 100%. But it's part of who he is and is so reminiscent of his dam.

For my experience, I have been influenced by the kind and gentle horse she was. Her equine companions would tell a different story. She was one of the biggest alpha mares I've ever met. We lost her 7/15/13. My experiences with her influenced my life. I really miss seeing her out my back door.

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