



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 Know How

How to Get a Farrier to Return Your Phone Calls

Kim Otterson is a Farrier and Minnesota Horse Council Director. In response to our request for members to share with other members, she has submitted this farrier article.

I'm a farrier and have been for quite awhile. What follows is kind of how to get ME to return your phone calls, but I think the same ideas probably apply to most professionals in my field. The list is kind of in order of importance to me. The order might vary, and there might be some individual differences, but I'd be willing to bet the list is pretty much the same for everyone.

First, it's good to ask how and when your farrier prefers to be contacted and then listen to and respect the answer. I tell people the best way to get me to get back to them is to email, rather than call. Typically, I listen to a message while I'm driving. I think, "Oh good, Penelope called! I can't wait to get back to her. She's so nice and old Flopsy is a pleasure to work on. I'll call her back first chance I get!" Then stuff happens, my brain moves on to other things, and, at the end of the day, I think it's the end of the day because I've forgotten there are calls to return. I check my email twice a day. Seeing your email will remind me to get back to you. Trust me when I say this! I know not everyone does email. That's fine. I do my best with phone calls, but I do better with email. This is just me, though. Ask your farrier what they prefer and how much lead time they usually need, then do that.

1. Have your horses and the work area clean and dry. Seriously! I know that getting dirty is part of the job, but no one likes handling muddy feet. It's also dangerous, because they are slippery. Dirt is hard on my tools and they are expensive. I like to be able to clean a foot once, not have to keep cleaning it each time the horse yanks it out of my hands and puts it back down in the mud.

2. Be there and be prepared. Once in awhile I'm actually going to be on time. (I'm doing my best!) If I'm going to get to my next stop on

time, I can't spend a bunch of time waiting for you to chase horses down (and clean the mud off them!).

3. Train your horses to stand for the farrier. You aren't paying me to train your horse. To a point, I'm willing to do it, but this is my business and time is money.

4. Keep extra critters out of the way--especially dogs, kids, and poultry. I don't want anyone or anything to get hurt. I don't want to get hurt, tripping over a dog when jumping out of the way of a problem.

5. Remember that holding the horse is an important job. You should be an active participant. Your job is to encourage the horse to stand quietly and to help keep your farrier from getting hurt. You need to be more than a fence post.

6. Pay on time, or make arrangements BEFORE the work is done.

7. Realize that I have a schedule and that I might not be able to drop everything and do your horse tomorrow, especially if I haven't been to your place in a year. Emergencies happen, but "failure to plan" is NOT an emergency.

8. Kind words are nice and much appreciated!

Beyond that, for me anyway, ask all the questions you want. Be interested and involved in your horse's care. I like horses and I like people who like horses.





MINNESOTA 4-H

Northwest Minnesota 4-H Horse Project Receives MHC Direct Funding

Press Release - June 6, 2014

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 County 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 Horien will be the clinicians for the Gaming Clinic scheduled for June 10 at 7 pm. Topics will include 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 is slated for Tuesday, July 1, at 7 pm. The theme will be Grooming and Showmanship (Halter). In addition to covering correct attire and tack for showmanship and grooming to win, clinician Miranda Carlson will provide tips for showmanship in addition to a quick review of information covered at previous clinics. Carlson will also answer questions regarding the upcoming 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. Additionally, an open show is scheduled for August 10.

Equipment funded by the direct funding 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 Horien at 218-686-4163.

Prairie Riders Saddle Club Receives Grant from the Minnesota Horse Council

We have good news, the new announcers stand will be complete for our Ranch Rodeo, June 28th. We thank you very much for the \$7000 grant to help build it.

As you can see, it is coming along nicely. Once again thank you for your help with this project, it was much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Janice Petersen, Treasurer
Prairie Riders Saddle Club, Lynd, MN



National Forest Trail Bill Introduced

On June 19, Congresswomen Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) and Tim Walz (D-MN) introduced the National Forest Service Trail Stewardship Act of 2014 (H.R. 4886). The bill would direct the Forest Service to take several actions to help address the current trail maintenance backlog that is adversely impacting all trail users on many national forests, including equestrians. The AHC, Backcountry Horsemen of America, and the Wilderness Society were significantly involved in the creation of this bill.

A June 2013, study by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that the Forest Service trail maintenance backlog exceeds a half-billion dollars, and only one-quarter of the agency's 158,000 miles of trails meets agency standards for maintenance. This maintenance backlog is causing access and safety issues for equestrians and all trail users on national forests.

The National Forest Service Trail Stewardship Act would direct the Forest Service to develop a strategy to more effectively utilize volunteers and partners to assist in maintaining national forest trails. It will also provide outfitters and guides the ability to perform trail maintenance activities in lieu of permit fees. Additionally, the bill would address a liability issue that has discouraged some national forests from utilizing volunteers and partner organizations to help perform trail maintenance and would direct the Forest Service to identify and prioritize specific areas with the greatest need for trail maintenance in the national forest system.

In the current fiscal environment it is unlikely Congress will appropriate additional funds to directly address the trail maintenance backlog. This bill will help improve trail maintenance without the need for additional funding.

The bill is supported by the AHC and many other recreation organizations.

Ask the Expert: Hay Soaking

By: Krishona Martinson, PhD, University of Minnesota

Question:

Should I always be soaking my horse's hay, or is this something reserved for horses with respiratory problems or other health conditions such as laminitis?

Answer:

Soaking hay in water is a common strategy used to manage horses diagnosed with laminitis, equine metabolic syndrome (EMS), polysaccharide storage myopathy (PSSM), and hyperkalemic and periodic paralysis (HYPP). Soaking hay should not be done, and is not necessary, for healthy horses because essential nutrients are leached during the hay soaking process.

Hay is soaked for horses diagnosed with PSSM, EMS and laminitis to remove some of the nonstructural carbohydrates (NSC) from the forage; NSC are water soluble. Horses diagnosed with PSSM should have an overall diet of less than or equal to 10% NSC, and horses diagnosed with EMS and/or laminitis should have an overall diet of less than or equal to 12% NSC. Although forage is the major component of a horse's diet, when feeding horses diagnosed with these diseases, make sure to account for NSC content in any grain, supplements, and treats the horse is also receiving.

Before soaking hay, it is critical to have the hay tested for nutritive value. Legumes (i.e. alfalfa) tend to be lower in NSC compared to coolseason grasses (i.e. Timothy), and hays containing legumes may not need to be soaked. Soaking most grass hays for 15 to 30 minutes will remove enough NSC for horses diagnosed with PSSM, EMS, and/or laminitis. However, testing forage both before and after soaking is necessary to ensure recommended lev-

els of NSC are being met. Soaking forage for greater than 60 minutes is rarely necessary and may actually be detrimental due to excessive leaching of essential nutrients and loss of dry matter.

For horses diagnosed with HYPP, soaking hay in water is necessary to leach potassium (K), which is water soluble. Unfortunately, legumes and cool-season grasses tend to be very high in K and often exceed the recommended 1.1% maximum overall diet for horses diagnosed with HYPP. For horses with HYPP, soaking hay for 60 minutes is often necessary. If soaking hay for 60 minutes does not achieve the recommended amounts, owners may need to consider feeding a complete feed that is formulated for horses diagnosed with HYPP.

For horses diagnosed with respiratory disease, including heaves, thoroughly wetting the hay is sufficient. Wetting the hay is different from hay soaking. The goal of wetting hay is to weigh down mold and dust particles so they are not inhaled. Horses diagnosed with respiratory problems do not have nutrient restrictions (unless they have a secondary diagnosis), and therefore, hay soaking is not necessary. Wetting the hay will have a minimal impact on leaching of essential nutrients.

Bottom line, hay soaking should only be done if the horse has been diagnosed with laminitis, EMS, PSSM, and/or HYPP, and a hay analysis indicates specific nutrients are in excess of recommendations. Thoroughly wetting the hay is necessary for horses diagnosed with respiratory disease. Soaking hay in water is not necessary for healthy horses. For more information on hay soaking, see <http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/horse/nutrition/hay-soaking/>

We Can Ride has some exciting news to share!

We Can Ride is partnering with leaders from Blue Rose Capital Advisors and a fantastic group of volunteers to pursue an exciting opportunity – We Can Ride in Edina (WCRIE).

The Fred Richards Golf Course in Edina is closing and there is a proposal on the table to build a community-centric equine park that includes a therapeutic riding center (WCRIE), a youth program, and other equine related activities/events.

We Can Ride plays a big part in this hopeful project!

The additional site would include therapeutic riding and programming opportunities, as well as collaborations with other local organizations.

We wanted YOU, our volunteers, riders, friends, and supporters to hear about this exciting adventure FIRST!

There is likely to be a lot of media attention, public awareness campaigns, and discussion about this venture in the community. We wanted you to know, first hand, that We Can Ride is both excited and supportive of We Can Ride in Edina (WCRIE).

Soon, there will be a website to learn more about this project and we invite you to check our website often to learn more! We will keep you posted.

Thank you so much for being a part of making a difference in our community!



Info from www.wecanride.org.



Equine Herpesvirus 1 (EHV-1) Reporting

Equine Herpesvirus 1 (EHV-1) can cause respiratory infections, abortions and neurologic disease in horses. The neurologic form of EHV-1 is called Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy (EHM), and can be caused by two different strains of EHV-1. Previously, only one of the two strains was a reportable disease in Minnesota.

Several veterinarians and horse owners attended the quarterly meeting of the Minnesota Board of Animal Health in April 2014 and asked that both strains of EHM be added to the list of reportable diseases in Minnesota following an outbreak of seven EHM cases caused by the non-reportable strain in Minnesota in March and April of 2014. The Minnesota Board of Animal Health voted unanimously to make both forms of EHM reportable diseases in Minnesota.

The equine industry representatives in attendance at the Minnesota Board of Animal Health meeting also requested that the Minnesota Board of Animal Health quarantine premises with positive cases of EHM, conduct epidemiological investigations, and post related information on the Minnesota Board of Animal Health's website. Minnesota Board of Animal Health officials will be working with equine industry leadership to create response guidelines for reporting EHM cases in Minnesota.

These steps will help ensure future outbreaks of EHM are communicated to the horse industry in Minnesota, will allow for collection of disease frequency, help identify disease trends, and track outbreaks.

To view a complete list of reportable diseases in Minnesota, visit www.mn.gov/bah/reportable-diseases.html
Source: Minnesota Board of Animal Health and Stephanie Valberg, PhD, DVM, University of Minnesota

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Biosecurity Tips for Show Season

By: Krishona Martinson, PhD, University of Minnesota

As we enter into horse show season and County Fairs, it is critical to practice biosecurity measures, including:

- ♦ Work with your veterinarian to ensure horses are current with recommended vaccines.
- ♦ Keep sick horses at home. Watch for signs of fever, nasal discharge and diarrhea.
- ♦ Wash your hands frequently! Bring water, soap, hand sanitizer, and paper towels with you.
- ♦ Clean and disinfect stalls at fairgrounds and show facilities. Spray-on commercial disinfectants are readily available. Diluted bleach (8 ounces bleach to 1 gallon of water) is an inexpensive disinfectant; it works best on a surface that has been thoroughly cleaned.
- ♦ Do not share feed and water buckets, hay bags, grooming tools, tack, or manure forks. Disinfect these items after arriving home from an event. To learn how to clean and disinfect horse equipment, see <http://www.thehorse.com/videos/30357/how-to-cleandisinfect-horse-equipment>
- ♦ Limit exposure. Do not allow horses to have nose to nose contact. Limit the general public's contact with your horses and your contact with other horses.

Upon returning home from a show, wash your hands, shower, and change clothing and shoes before working with horses kept at home. Isolate returning horses from resident horses for 14 days. Monitor horses daily for signs of fever, nasal discharge, and diarrhea.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. For more information on biosecurity, see <http://www.thehorse.com/videos/30357/how-to-cleandisinfect-horse-equipment>.

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MHC'S AISLE OF BREEDS

The Minnesota Horse Council will once again have the Aisle of Breeds in the Horse Barn at the Minnesota State Fair August 21 to Labor Day September 1. If you are interested in bringing a horse or participating in any way, please contact Glen Eaton at 952-356-2090 or glen@mnhorseexpo.org.

Thank You Received by the Minnesota Horse Council



Feds Waive Mandatory 30-Minute Break Period for Drivers Hauling Livestock

The Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA) has announced they are granting a limited one year exemption from the mandatory 30-minute rest period in the hours-of-service regulations for commercial motor vehicle drivers transporting livestock, including horses.

Last July, the AHC supported the FMCSA decision to give a 90-day exemption for the 30-minute rest period for drivers of commercial vehicles hauling livestock in order to minimize the potential of rising temperatures inside the trailers that could harm the animals. Before this exemption, drivers were required by law to take a 30-minute break for every eight hours of service.

Due to the success of the 90-day exemption in 2013, the FMCSA had sufficient experience to provide a one-year exemption. The hours-of-service exemption is specifically for drivers transporting livestock as defined in the Emergency Feed Assistance Act of 1988, which includes horses. Under current regulations, this will only affect drivers moving horses commercially. Hours-of Service exemptions already exist for those occasionally transporting their own horses within a 150 mile radius of home and not crossing a state or international boundary.

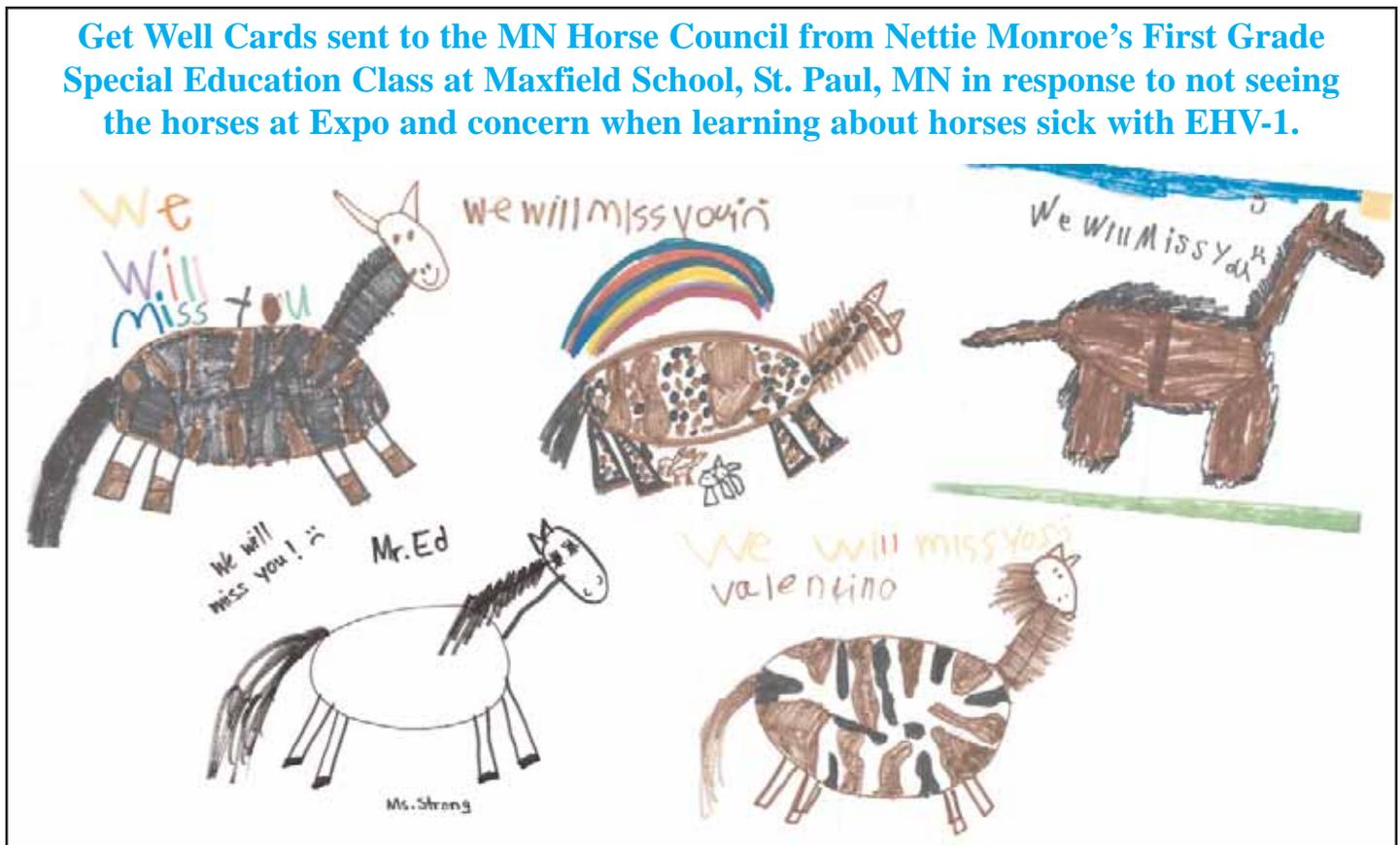
The AHC supports the FMCSA's decision to put the health and welfare of the horse in the hands of the driver during transport to assure that it arrives at its destination safe and well.

Thank you for your support & donations for swag bags @ the Jammin' with the Judges event @ FASH Spring Horse Show. It was our first youth focused event and the kids loved all the goodies!

We are looking forward to continuing with this event next year since it was a great success!

Sincerely,
Shira & Ashley

Get Well Cards sent to the MN Horse Council from Nettie Monroe's First Grade Special Education Class at Maxfield School, St. Paul, MN in response to not seeing the horses at Expo and concern when learning about horses sick with EHV-1.





USDA Releases 2012 Census of Agriculture Findings

Press Release ♦ 5/22/2014 ♦ U. S. Department of Agriculture

National Agriculture Statistics Service (USDA-NASS) released its findings from the 2012 Census of Agriculture earlier this month. Every 5 years USDA-NASS conducts a census to provide uniform and comprehensive data for agriculture in every State and county.

USDA-NASS defines farms or ranches as producing more than \$1,000 in agricultural products or sales each year. Using this criteria, USDA-NASS compiled a database of approximately 3 million individuals and sent them surveys to complete. USDA-NASS estimated around 80 percent of respondents completed the survey.

The USDA census does not count all horses in the United States, only those on farms or ranches producing more than \$1,000 in agricultural products or sales annually. The census does not count horses used solely for racing, showing or recreation. For example, a horse breeding farm that breeds and sells horses for racing would be included in the census because an agricultural product (a horse) is being produced and sold. A stable that only boards horses would not be counted because no agricultural product is produced or sold. Horses regardless of use can be counted if they reside on a farm or ranch that meets USDA-NASS criteria for farms or ranches.

What the Ag Census Found:

1. There were 504,795 farms and ranches with horses, a decrease of 71,146 from 2007.
2. These farms and ranches had a total of 3,621,348 horses, a decrease of 407,479 from 2007.
3. 98,379 farms and ranches had a total of 292,590 mules, donkeys and burros, an 8,782 increase from 2007.
4. The total value of sales for all equines in 2012 was \$1.391 billion, a decrease of approximately \$691 million from 2007.
5. 114,255 farms and ranches had sales of equines.
6. The most common size of farms and ranches with horses was 10-49 acres, with 184,743 in this size range.
7. 489,961 farms and ranches have fewer than 24 horses.
8. Over 1,000 farms and ranches reported more than \$1 million in equine sales.
9. More than 54,000 farms and ranches reported sales in the \$10-\$24,999 range.
10. Over 110,000 farms and ranches registered more than 1.3 million horses for tax purposes.
11. There were 79,188 farms and ranches owned by individuals over the age of 65, which own more than 620,000 horses.

More information on the USDA Ag Census can be found at: <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>.

The top 10 States with the highest populations of Horses are:

State	Inventory		Sales		
	Farms With Horses	Horses	Farms With Sales	Horses Sold	Value of Horses Sold (\$1,000)
Texas	64,114	395,818	14,127	49,861	146,884
Oklahoma	24,045	158,918	5,315	19,879	41,755
California	14,932	142,555	2,959	10,452	62,000
Kentucky	19,012	141,842	4,256	17,369	178,314
Florida	13,755	121,034	3,442	15,119	161,025
Pennsylvania	16,426	119,900	2,963	10,177	37,956
Missouri	19,765	117,295	4,192	15,169	22,095
Ohio	16,252	114,127	4,165	23,328	46,624
Colorado	14,210	110,360	3,071	11,618	31,414
Wisconsin	17,054	103,481	2,285	7,081	11,404
Minnesota	9,537	66,384	2,151	9,642	15,039

The top 10 States with the highest populations of Donkeys, Mules & Burros are:

State	Inventory		Sales		
	Farms With Donkeys, Mules & Burros	Donkeys, Mules & Burros	Farms With Sales	Donkeys, Mules & Burros Sold	Value of Donkeys, Mules & Burros Sold (\$1,000)
Texas	20,939	62,517	2,181	6,359	2,218
Tennessee	5,101	15,468	679	1,971	1,340
Oklahoma	4,786	13,520	609	1,575	411
Kentucky	4,343	12,641	524	1,615	597
Alabama	3,341	11,401	290	822	275
Missouri	3,599	10,293	491	1,526	540
Pennsylvania	2,668	9,560	376	1,303	737
N. Carolina	3,029	9,083	417	1,437	425
California	2,102	6,698	150	461	241
Georgia	3,065	10,293	491	1,526	540
Minnesota	1,189	3,170	151	457	164



Speakers at AHC's June Issues Forum Set

The American Horse Council's National Issues Forum, sponsored by Luitpold, the makers of Adequan, on June 24 in Washington, DC has been finalized and will feature panels from across the horse industry on "Where Have All the Horses Gone." While this topic has been addressed at various organization's meetings, it is the first time it will be discussed so broadly with representatives from breed registries, racing, showing, trainers, disciplines, veterinarians and other stakeholders addressing the situation as it affects them. Anyone interested in attending the forum can sign up on the AHC's website at <http://www.horsecouncil.org>

With the precipitous fall-off in the number of registered horses over the last ten years, it will be interesting to get the perspectives of various organizations, breeds, disciplines, and stakeholders on why this is happening and what the ramifications will be. It may affect various parts of the horse industry differently, but it will affect the entire horse community.

Tim Capps, Director of the Equine Industry Program at the University of Louisville, will be the keynote speaker and will try to put the situation in context. Have we been here before? What does it mean? Does the industry even have the data to make such determinations and plan for the future? Mr. Capps has been involved with various sectors of the horse industry throughout his professional life and brings his experience and academic background to the issue.

The Forum will also feature three panels featuring a cross-section of leaders of breed registries, trainers and other stakeholders offering their thoughts on the drop. The panels will include racing leaders, showing leaders, breed registries and other sectors that support the industry and rely on a healthy industry for growth.

Scheduled to speak are: Jeff Blea, DVM, president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners; Debbie Fuentes, Registrar/Sr. Director of Registry and Member Services, Arabian Horse Association; Jim Gagliano, President & COO, The Jockey Club; Jim McGarvey, Chairman, Back Country Horsemen of America; Josh Pons, Maryland Horse Breeders Association; Lori Rawls, Executive Director, U.S. Equestrian Federation; Robin Richards, President, National HBPA; Cynthia Richardson,

President, Arabian Horse Association; Don Treadway, Executive Vice President, American Quarter Horse Association; Rick Violette, President, New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association; and Scott Wells, President & General Manager, Remington Park Racing Casino.

This year's National Issues Forum will be held on Tuesday, June 24, in Washington, DC during the AHC's annual convention. The annual meeting will run from June 22 to 25 at the Washington Court Hotel.

Attendees will also be provided an update on Time to Ride, an initiative of the American Horse Council's Marketing Alliance, by Patti Colbert, of PCE Enterprises. Time to Ride has launched an ambitious national campaign and contest with a goal of introducing 100,000 new people to a horse experience between May 31 and September 7, 2014. Nationwide, 1,000 members of the horse community will have the opportunity to compete for \$100,000 in cash and prizes in three different categories based upon size. Up to 1,000 "hosts" may enter Time to Ride's "100 Day Horse Challenge." This is an exciting and unprecedented effort to grow the industry and fits right in with the main topic of the Issues Forum.

There will also be an update on the industry's National Equine Health Plan and the Equine Disease Communication Center by Dr. Nat White, past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. Dr. White has been spearheading efforts to draft a National Equine Health Plan. Central to that plan is an Equine Disease Communication Center to coordinate and disseminate timely and accurate information about diseases in general and outbreaks when they occur. Plans have moved forward for such a communications center and Dr. White will update attendees on those efforts.

The AHC's convention will also include the AHC's Congressional Reception, the Congressional Ride-In, and meetings of all AHC committees and the Unwanted Horse Coalition.

Complete information on these Forums and the entire AHC annual meeting, including registration and hotel information, can be found on the AHC's website, <http://horsecouncil.org/events.php> or by contacting the AHC.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Gordon Nelson Memorial Foundation grants equine-related educational scholarships to students whose lives have been influenced by horses. Last year they gave out three \$2,000 scholarships, and this year they will do the same. The deadline to apply is July 15, 2014. Please share this info with any high school seniors, college or grad students who might be interested in applying. Please see their website with requirements and application info: www.gnfoundation.org

Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarships are offered by the Minnesota Horse Council. Availability is announced in July/August, and the deadline to apply is November 1, 2014. For more information, visit www.mnhorsecouncil.org/scholarships.

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - April 8, 2014

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

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

Board Members Absent: Tracy Turner, Sue McDonough, Jan Schatzlein
Members/Visitors: Kim Clovard, Meg Sax, Leda Mox

I. Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by First Vice President Tom Tweeten

II. Introduction of Board, Members/Visitors: Tom Tweeten led introductions of the board and the visitor.

III. Call for additions/changes to the agenda: Tom Tweeten added Book Opportunity to New Business

IV. Treasurer's Report: Tim Bonham distributed the Treasurer's report for the month of April. Discussion followed. The March treasurer's report was presented during the March meeting and is now ready for board approval. Mark Ward to approve the March Treasurer's report. Glen Eaton seconded, motion passed.

V. Approval of Minutes: Glen Eaton motioned to approve the March minutes as presented. Mark Ward seconded, motion passed.

VI. Secretary's Report: Dawn Moore advised the MHC has 278 members currently. The official MHC logo shirts and business cards have arrived and can be picked up at the conclusion of the meeting. Tracy Turner is available for an hour via phone.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee List: The committee list was distributed by Dawn Moore to the board of directors. Glen Eaton advised he has two changes to the Expo committee and will submit them to the Administrative Assistant.

B. TEEFA Procedures: Allison Eklund/Dave Fleischhaker tabled to May.

C. Education of Law Enforcement re: Horse Handling: Marian Robinson advised research was conducted on the Bart website regarding first responders animal handling. Kim Clovard is responsible for organizing the classes and can be reached at kim.clovard@bartsavedlives.org. Minimum class 10-24 at \$60, maximum class 25-30 at \$55. Marian Robinson expressed an interest in starting with the 10 metro counties. Cost for a location is being explored. BART is holding a class on Wednesday April 23, 2014 from noon to 1:00 at the Vet Medical Building in room 125 at 1988 Firch Ave, St. Paul, MN. It is open to medical students and vets only.

D. EHV-1 Update: Darrell Mead led the discussion on the impact EHV-1 is having on the 2014 MN Horse Expo. Darrell Mead advised the Expo has taken steps to try to protect the Equine community by implementing strict restrictions to the amount of horses that will be allowed at Expo, the level of sanitation of the facility, and the ability of the public to interact with the horses. Discussion followed. Information on EHV-1 will be shared with the membership via the website, email, Facebook, educational seminars at Expo and a pamphlet to be distributed at the Expo and other events.

F. Treasurer's Ad Hoc Committee Update: Tim Bonham, no report.

G. Expo Booth Volunteer Sign Up: Dawn Moore will distribute a sign up sheet to volunteer in the MHC booth at the Expo.

H. Director List: Tom Tweeten asked for all directors to review the current Director List and advise the Administrative Assistant of any corrections.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Expo: Set up will begin with the trailer coming over on Monday April 21st. Glen Eaton passed out director wristbands. There are no replacements so be careful with your wristband.

B. Direct Funding: Mark Ward reported. Four new applications were received during February, three of which were approved.

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.

Our budget started with \$6,000 available, which would equal twelve \$500 direct funding grants. Now we have approved three \$500 grants, leaving \$4500 remaining in our budget.

C. MN Horseman's Directory/Website: Mark Ward reported. Our Horse Council website and the Horsemen's Directory site continue to be frequently updated with current information and are visited by users from all over the world. Our membership payment and renewal through PayPal is bringing in new members. Recent stats on www.MnHorseCouncil.org show 718,878 hits by 130,702 visits to view 313,304 pages during the past 12 months through April 2014. That's a considerable boost up (about 30%) from last year. Our Minnesota Horsemen's Directory website, www.MNHD.org, now has over 950 users registered. That's an increase of about 220 from last year. www.mnhd.org supports about quadruple the activity of the MHC home site: over 2.9 million hits during the past year with over 247,000 unique visits viewing over 3.5 million pages. That's a solid increase (about 50%) over last year's activity level. In March 2014 alone, visitors come from about 75 different nations around the world. The Minnesota Horsemen's Directory continually updates its information with the help of committee members who search through the listings to confirm correct categorization and current information. If you find anything erroneous on the site, please contact me. MarkWard@MnHorseCouncil.org

X. New Business

A. Book: Tom Tweeten asked the board if they would like to promote the children's book he had presented previously. The board elected to pass on the opportunity at this time.

IX. Adjourn

University of Minnesota Extension Featured YouTube Video of the Month

Now that pastures are growing and horses are grazing, have you ever wondered how much nutrients a pasture provides to your horse? Our "Pasture Sampling" video featuring Craig Sheaffer, PhD (University of Minnesota Forage Agronomist) explains how to sample pasture plants for forage nutritive value and why sampling is important.

You can view the video at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1c5571Bo2TA&list=UUGKrdVlbGmFtwWDqII_h87Q

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - May 13, 2014

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

Board Members Present: Jan Schatzlein, Marian Robinson, Trina Joyce, Jennifer Willey, Mark Ward, Glen Eaton, Missie Schwartz, Tom Tweeten, Kim Otterson, Doug Persian, Tracy Turner, Kris Kelly, Sue McDonough, Tim Bonham, Dawn Moore, Dave Fleischhaker

Absent: Darrell Mead

Members/Visitors: Meg Sax, Allison Eklund, Judy Jensen

I. Meeting called to order: 6:35 PM by Vice President Tom Tweeten. Tom Tweeten led a discussion on the positive impact the MHC has brought to the Directors on an individual basis. Meeting was then turned over to President Tracy Turner.

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors.

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda: Tim Bonham added Trails to New Business.

IV. Treasurer's Report for May: Presented by Tim Bonham. Assets total \$831,048.86. Liabilities total \$424,494.86 with net available funds \$406,554.00 Discussion and review followed. Tim Bonham was asked to check on a \$1300.00 payment made for insurance. Allison Eklund was asked to investigate the current insurance policies for both the MHC and MN Horse Expo to be certain they are adequately insured. Allison Eklund and Tim Bonham are to report their findings at the June meeting. The Ad Hoc committee was also charged with reconciling \$551 in misc income from the Expo and the Welfare liabilities as it relates to the current budget. Tracy Turner asked Dawn Moore to chair the Treasurer's Ad Hoc committee. He then charged the committee with reconciling the treasurer's reports. Tom Tweeten motioned to table approval of the April Treasurer's Report until reconciled and reported on, by the Treasurer's Ad Hoc committee in June. Glen Eaton seconded, motion carries. Tim Bonham reported a new laptop was purchased for the administrative assistant after a hard drive crash on the current laptop. The new laptop did not come with the MS Office package and will cost an additional \$99 to add. Kim Otterson motioned to purchase the MS Office package. Jennifer Willey seconded, motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April meeting will be presented to the board at the June meeting.

VI. Secretary's Report: Dawn Moore advised catalogs are available for anyone interested in placing an order to utilize the \$50 MHC sponsored merchandise. Fourteen new members joined the MHC at the MN Horse Expo. Dawn Moore is currently exploring the cost of MHC raingear for the 2015 Expo. Dawn Moore presented a brochure from WI called "Horses Have Road Rights" and a pamphlet from "Healing Through Horses" that cited the MHC. Dawn Moore also shared a meeting that she and Tom Tweeten attended with Dr. Hankio Kim. Dr. Hankio Kim is from Korea and was in the United States to seek alternative uses for horses beyond the realm of racing.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Disaster Procedures: Dawn Moore motioned to accept the Disaster committee's revision to their policies and procedures with the removal of the word natural as it relates to disaster and a spelling correction on page 3. Jennifer Willey seconded, motion carries.

B. TEEFA Procedures: Allison Eklund advised the procedures have been updated and presented to the committee for approval. After approval by the committee they will be presented to the board for the final approval.

C. Treasurer's Ad Hoc Committee: Committee is slated to meet and report back at the June meeting.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo: Glen Eaton advised: regardless of the virus and the rain on Sunday we feel we had a great Expo. Attendance was down and of course we had only about 50 horses. We have had some complaint about no horses for the public to see. We had great Clinicians and the weather was great Friday and Saturday. Most of the vendor booths were filled with vendors and we have had very little complaint that they didn't do well. We have always said we are going to have a bad year and I hope this is the only one. I want to thank the people that helped bring the trailer from the locker and returned namely Darrell Mead, Tom Tweeten. Tim Bonham, Dawn Moore, and Marian Robinson. The bottom line on all of the figures is not available at this time but will be available at the June meeting. At this time I recommend the following for the 2015 Minnesota Horse Expo Board of Directors: Darrell Mead, Glen Eaton, Kim Otterson, Jennifer Buskey, Missie Schwartz, Brenda Miller, Del Bauernfeind, Tracy Turner, Angela McNally, Dave Fleischhaker and Leslie Stewart. The proposed board of the MN Horse Expo was accepted by the directors of the MHC. Dave Fleischhaker motioned to elect Glen Eaton to the role of MN Horse Expo President. Mark Ward seconded, motion carries. Tom Tweeten motioned to elect Brenda Miller to the role of MN Horse Expo Treasurer. Marian Robinson seconded, motion carries.

B. Direct Funding: Mark Ward advised the Direct Funding Committee has approved two groups for funding recently. 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. Northern Lakes Region United States Pony Club: \$500 for 4-5 instructors at a pony club "D Camp," June 26-29, 2014. (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.)

C. TEEFA: Dave Fleischhaker requested the TEEFA report be tabled until the June meeting.

D. Education: Jennifer Willey presented the policies and procedures to the board for review. Discussion followed during which the MHC directors requested all policies and procedures to follow the same general format. Jan Schatzlein motioned to accept the policies and procedures of the Education committee with the only change to be a conversion to the standardized format. Trina Joyce seconded, motion carries.

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. Two people will be going from the Expo and Council.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Meeting video: Dawn Moore will email a link to all directors so they may view the video made at the 2014 MHC Annual Meeting.

B. Member's email use policy: Missie Schwartz opened a discussion on the use of members email addresses. Missie Schwartz asked for authorization to create a policy to avoid overuse. Tracy Turner charged the newsletter committee with exploring options and to then report back to the board in June. Mark Ward motioned to advise the newsletter editor regarding the appropriate use of the email system (any eblasts to go to the membership must be approved by the board or authorized by the executive board). Missie Schwartz seconded, motion carries.

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California Chrome Inspires Regular People to Seek a Connection with a Horse

1,000 stables nationwide are opening their doors to welcome newcomers to horse activities as part of the 100 Day Horse Challenge

California Chrome's story is an inspiration that confirms the transformational power of the horse. The Martin and Coburn families, who co-own *California Chrome*, started out as casual racing fans who then moved into breeding and owning racehorses. Though not everyone goes to a racetrack, gets so inspired that they decide to get into the racehorse business and finds themselves with a Triple Crown contender on their hands, everyone can find their own joy in a horse experience.

Time to Ride, an initiative of the American Horse Council, is opening up opportunities for people to experience horses across the country. From horse racing to trail riding, riding lessons, and everything in between, Time to Ride is designed to help newcomers connect with horses. Starting May 31, more than 1,000 stables across the country are participating in the Time to Ride 100-Day Horse Challenge. They are all offering a variety of fun horse experiences to newcomers and possibly inspiring the next Triple Crown owners or even Olympic hopefuls.



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C. Certified Stables/Expo: Judy Jensen opened a discussion on providing more resources for private and commercial stables. Judy Jensen raised the question of whether this was a task the Certified Stable committee was interested in pursuing; or should a separate entity be established to help stable owners with questions from insurance to employees, facility safety to zoning. Discussion was tabled until the June meeting.

D. Trails: Tim Bonham advised there was recently major damage to one of the trails at Lake Rebecca as a result of several young men out in four wheel drive vehicles.

Announcements:

May 16th is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter.

X. Tracy Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

NEXT MEETING: June 10, 2014 ♦ 6:30 p.m.
University of MN ♦ Leatherdale Center

MEETING SCHEDULE

www.mnhorsecouncil.org and
www.minnesotahorsemensdirectory.org

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MEETINGS

Leatherdale Equine Center ♦ 6:30 pm
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MHC Board Meetings are open, MHC members welcome to attend.

July 8, 2014	Jan. 17, 2015	May 12, 2015
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

MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO BOARD MEETINGS

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July 29, 2014	Jan. 27, 2015	June 30, 2015
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
Dec. 30, 2014	May 19, 2015	Nov. 24, 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 . . .

My way - or the wrong way

How many times have you heard "oh I will just do it myself" or "That is not right."

We have grown up with or learned one way to do or accept things and everything else is *wrong*. Really. Think about it. The great bathroom debate - over or under? Salt or sugar on a tomato? Samich or sandwich? Let's not even get started on the right way to clean (house or barn)!

Time marches on. Science progresses. Medical discoveries are made. We grow up.

There are other ways to do things. I listened as a friend took a lesson a few weeks ago. I found it truly fascinating. That is, once stopped to consider the instructor was not wrong. There is not only one way to saddle or bridle a horse. More than one way to lead a horse!

As horse people, we tend to be rather opinionated in our beliefs and our ways. While we need to respect tradition, we do need to be more open minded. Strike the phrase "we have always..." and "We used to..." Yes always and used to have a place but if that is the way everyone felt, we would still be living in cold caves or wearing fig leaves. Think about how nice that would have been this past winter!!

Give some thought to taking a riding lesson. Attend an event of a discipline you have never tried. Tour a farm you have never visited. Offer a new idea at a meeting instead of mumbling to yourself.

Consider the other way - out your back door.

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