



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

The Minnesota Horse Council announces several funding programs available this year. These are made possible by the success of the Minnesota Horse Expo.

Scholarships: The twenty-first annual MHC/Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarships are offered for both high school seniors and undergrads, and for grad students (considered separately), 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 1. At least ten \$2000 scholarships will be presented at the MHC annual meeting next January. For more info, contact Trina Joyce at 612-729-7798 for questions.

Grants: A maximum of \$7,000 is 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 1. Grants are presented at the MHC annual meeting next January. Funds will be paid out as your project progresses. Contact Tim Bonham at 612-721-1007 or T-Bonham@scc.net for info.

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 are accepted at any time during the year, responses generally within 30 days. Contact: Christie Ward, malaz002@umn.edu, 612-625-6733

Other Awards Available
(different time schedules)

Horseperson Award: Each year, MHC honors someone as the "Minnesota Horse Person 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 1 to be considered this year. The person selected will be announced at the MHC annual meeting next January. Contact: Miriam Tschida, MITschida@horses-mn.org, 651-773-8991 with any questions.

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 1 each year. Contact Miriam Tschida, MITschida@horses-mn.org, 651-773-8991.

Further info about any of these programs, including application info, is available from the Minnesota Horse Council web page at www.MnHorseCouncil.org or by writing to Minnesota Horse Council, 13055 Riverdale Dr #202, Coon Rapids, MN 55448-8403.



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Strangles: A Contagious Equine Disease

Written by Josie Traub-Dargatz, DVM, MS, DACVIM
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What is "strangles?"

Strangles is a highly contagious disease of equids including horses, donkeys and ponies. It is caused by the bacteria *Streptococcus equi*, often abbreviated *Strep. equi* or *S. equi*. It is called "strangles" because of the strangled breathing sounds the ill horse makes as a result of profuse nasal discharge and the swellings that form in the head and neck region.

How serious is it?

Most animals fully recover from strangles in two to four weeks. Although enduring immunity against re-infection is variable, in some equids it can last for years. However, not all horses develop a protective immunity upon recovery. Some horses, although they appear healthy, shed the bacteria for a prolonged period and can infect nearby horses. Horses can die from strangles due to asphyxiation or "strangling," as well as from other complications.

How common is strangles?

Because strangles is highly contagious, it spreads rapidly from animal to animal and is one of the more common bacterial infections of horses.

How does it spread?

The disease is spread via nasal secretions (snorting, coughing, physical nose-to-nose contact) and pus from draining abscesses. It also is possible for humans to spread the disease through contaminated clothing, hands or equipment, etc.

What should I do if I have a strangles outbreak in my horses?

Contact your veterinarian, stop horse movement until the outbreak is resolved, and work with your veterinarian to determine a possible need for follow-up visits to check for bacterial shedding.

What should I watch for?

Typical clinical signs begin with mild lethargy, reduced feed intake, slight cough, nasal discharge and a fever. For adults a rectal temperature over 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit or for foals over 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit would be considered a higher than normal temperature or a fever.

In most cases, a few days after the onset of fever and more mild signs, the lymph nodes swell and form abscesses around the throat, as well as in some cases under or around the base of the ear.

At first, the nasal discharge is clear then becomes cloudy and whitish. After the abscesses have ruptured and drained into the nasal passages the discharge usually becomes purulent (thick white to yellow). Horses are often seen positioning their heads low and extended in order to relieve the throat and lymph node pain. Some of the abscesses may rupture through the skin. Be aware that the pus from the nose and draining abscesses is highly contagious to other horses. Not all cases develop the "classic"

abscess formation. Without complications recovery begins, in most cases, after abscesses drain or infection begins to be resolved by the body.

If I suspect my horse has strangles, what should I do?

The first thing to do is to isolate any horse with signs of strangles from other horses. Supportive care of the animal includes:

- ◆ Keeping the horse dry and protected from extreme cold or heat
- ◆ Providing soft, palatable feed
- ◆ Monitoring the horse's body temperature
- ◆ Contacting your veterinarian to describe the signs being shown by the horse, and get their advice on further management of the horse's illness including treatment options
- ◆ Apply hot compresses to abscesses to promote rupture and drainage

Finally, if complications arise such as purpura, internal abscesses or muscle problems, the best course of action is to contact your veterinarian for assistance.

Is there a vaccine against strangles?

Yes, there are several different vaccines and they can be used to help protect horses from strangles. However, they do not fully protect every horse. Discuss vaccination as an option with your veterinarian to determine if the benefits of vaccination outweigh the risks and cost.

How can I minimize the risk of strangles at my facility?

- ◆ Have a biosecurity policy for people and horses coming onto your operation, and avoid contact with horses of unknown health status or those that are ill.
- ◆ Don't overstock your equine facility.
- ◆ If new horses are introduced, request a statement by a veterinarian regarding their health status and recent exposure to contagious diseases. Keep them isolated for a few weeks to observe them for signs of illness.
- ◆ Personnel attending to horses must take great care not to move from isolated horses to the other horses on the establishment, without taking appropriate precautions.
- ◆ Don't share tack, feed tubs, water containers, trailers, pens or stalls used by horses of unknown health status.
- ◆ The organism is not thought to have extended persistence in the environment, however the exact duration of persistence is not known, surfaces that are nonporous can be cleaned with soap and water, rinsed and then disinfected. Consult with your veterinarian regarding how best to disinfect surfaces in an equine facility. Special attention should be paid to the water containers that may have been contaminated with pus from ill horses.
- ◆ Horses with a history of strangles can be tested to determine if they are shedding *Strep. equi*. Ask your veterinarian about the need for such testing of new arrivals.

Sawtooth Mountain Riders Saddle Club

c/o Lilean Nicolaison
5 County Road 44
Grand Marais, MN. 55604

August 2, 2007

Dear Minnesota Horse Council:

On behalf of the Sawtooth Mountain Riders Saddle Club in northeastern Minnesota, I am writing to thank you for your recent grant for arena panels and your generous donation of hay for the evacuation of horses from the Ham Lake Fire this summer.

I considered sending you a standard little thank you note, but that would, in no way, explain to you how much your dedication of hard work and time, hay donation, and ultimately the grant monies you awarded to us have been helpful to us up here in the far northeast reaches of our state.

Our saddle club members, under the direction of our club's emergency coordinator, Jennifer Fenwick, pulled together two separate horse evacuation operations this summer. The Ham Lake Fire began May 5 and ravished nearly 80,000 acres, spanning from the U.S. into Canada. Over 130 structures, including homes, cabins, businesses, retreats and outbuildings were burned. Hundreds of people were evacuated. With the intensity of the winds, some property owners were only given 15 minutes notice to evacuate. I am one of the lucky ones. My log home on Gunflint Lake was saved from the wildfire by the heroics of the fire-fighters.

As the fire spread rapidly along the 6 mile north shore of Gunflint Lake, members of our saddle club transported 18 horses from Gunflint Lodge out of the fire zone. Gunflint Lodge's wrangler, a young lady by the name of Mandy, broke into tears as she received our help. She had been shouldering the responsibility of caring for 18 horses in the fringe of the fire zone, while assisting in serving over 1000 meals a day to firefighters at the main lodge. She was going on reduced sleep and keeping an incredible schedule.

The following day, the fires roared south-westerly, crossing the Gunflint Trail, further endangering the mid-Gunflint Trail area. Our club members returned to the Gunflint Trail to evacuate four draft horses from Camp Okontoe. It was only by the grace of God that those big 2200# boys decided it was a good idea to cram their huge bodies into our little stock trailers for a ride to safety!

Nancy Gustafson of Schroeder, generously set up an emergency holding area at her ranch near the Cook County/Lake County line, well out of range of the fire. With the grant monies you supplied, our saddle club quickly purchased the arena panels in order to safely contain evacuee horses. The arrival of the hay you sent was a godsend in the care of numerous horses, as there was no time to be able to transport hay out of the fire zone.

Thank you for supporting us with your generous gifts, support and prayers as we have undertaken the task of trying to meet some of our community's needs in a time of trial, yet at the same time, a time of thanksgiving.

In Sincere Appreciation,

Lilean Nicolaison for
Sawtooth Mountain Riders Saddle Club
Cook County, Minnesota



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Autism and North Country R.I.D.E.

Autism is a spectrum of developmental disability and behaviors. People are sometimes highly functional but see and learn in an unusual way (i.e., Temple Grandin, who was at the Minnesota Horse Expo this year and who is an author and expert in the humane treatment of farm animals). More often people who have autism are less functional. They may be non-verbal, intensely dislike being touched, won't make eye contact, or engage in self stimulation (i.e. rocking) or self-destructive (i.e., biting themselves) behavior.

North Country R.I.D.E. received a grant from the Minnesota Horse Council in the summer of 2006, to develop a therapeutic horseback riding lesson program for children with autism, and document its results. The Minnesota Horse Council recently received a very detailed report from one of our grantees, North Country R.I.D.E., on riding programs for people who have disabilities near Duluth. They wanted to create a specific program for children who have autism and they needed to do a pilot project. They hired a specialist in autism to consult and specially trained a number of volunteers and staff who worked with 21 children for 6 weeks.

One of the adaptations they made was to have the volunteers not talk to each other or the rider (talking is stimulation which wasn't desirable). Another was that volunteers wore "aprons" with velcro across the chest. Small sign language pictures were used for communication. The horses were always in motion which benefitted the riders. Only bareback pads were used so the riders could move their bodies easily on the backs of the horses. Slow classical music was played to calm and soothe the riders. The goal wasn't to learn to ride--it was to change behaviors.

Parents filled out a pre- and post- evaluation questionnaire. Improvements that were measured in the Pilot Program:

- ◆ Children interacted well with others - 11% showed improvement
- ◆ Will child look AT you to get your attention before requesting something - 28% showed improvement
- ◆ Does your child seek out swinging, swaying, etc., throughout the day - 33% showed improvement
- ◆ Does your child have fears of specific things - 28% showed improvement
- ◆ Does your child repeat questions or conversations over and over - 39% showed improvement
- ◆ Does your child sleep well at night - 33% showed improvement
- ◆ Does your child seek out tight places to sit or lay or request hugs a lot - 50% showed improvement
- ◆ Does your child insist on keeping a rigid routine - 22% showed improvement



- ◆ Does your child avoid people - 22% showed improvement
- ◆ Does your child cover ears to avoid sounds - 17% showed improvement



These are some of the specific outcomes reported by parents:

- ◆ He has been calmer overall.
- ◆ His language has increased with attempts to verbalize most simple syllable words.
- ◆ Eye contact has improved.
- ◆ He is becoming less fearful of animals and guests to our home.
- ◆ He knew it was time for horses. I forgot he had a lesson and when I remembered I found him in the back yard riding the dog, saying "Let's go!"
- ◆ He responds to his name!
- ◆ He requested a hug from staff, which is unusual.
- ◆ Was avoiding people when over-stimulated. Now he prefers to be with people and tries to interact.
- ◆ One of the most wonderful benefits of the lessons is that he was able to learn and have fun in a setting that was a little less stressful. And he wasn't always comparing himself to another child.
- ◆ He tends to slap his own hands, pound on his chest, and bite his own knuckles when he's frustrated or over-stimulated. These behaviors have significantly decreased.

- ◆ She has more specific complete sentences. Her vocabulary is expanding.
- ◆ After the second lesson, she focused on coloring a picture of her horse Penny. It was the first time she has ever completed a coloring page.
- ◆ He wanted to read after the lesson-generally it's a fight to get him to read.
- ◆ He's playing very well with his brother, which is odd.
- ◆ One day after riding he sat for a haircut and wanted to get one. Normally he screams the entire time and hates it.
- ◆ Singing-never used to sing.

All of the parents expressed gratitude for the program and the chances it provided for their child. Some of these children continued to ride with North Country R.I.D.E. The Minnesota Horse Council is proud to have been a part of this research. It's common knowledge now that animals can have a huge positive impact on people. Wasn't it Winston Churchill who said that "the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man"? The Minnesota Horse Council helped provide evidence that this is so true.

Emergency Preparedness for Your Barn and Stable

Dr. Heather Case, DVM, MPH, Case by Case Veterinary Services



The month of September has been declared National Preparedness Month. According to the US Dept. of Homeland Security's website, (see the end of the article for address and additional resources) the goal of National Preparedness Month is to increase the public's awareness of the importance of planning ahead and preparing for unforeseen emergencies. Realizing you will be reading this in October, it still seems fitting to think about being prepared for an emergency or disaster involving your horses. Nobody really likes to think about disasters. Taking a few moments to consider how prepared you are may serve you well in the event something unexpected does occur, from an unexpected evacuation to a tornado or worse.

For your consideration:

- ♦ Familiarize yourself with potential hazards in the location of your horses:
 - Hurricanes are not likely in the Midwest, however; obviously horse owners in the Gulf Coast region will be paying attention closely to the development of potential hurricanes.
 - Brush fires are common in certain regions of the US.
 - Do you live near a chemical plant or railroad track, which may have the potential for a hazardous material spill or release?
 - Is your facility located in a flood plane?
 - Are there fire hazards on your farm or in your barn, which you can correct?
 - Hay storage location
 - Electrical
 - Do you have fire extinguishers?
- ♦ Maintain identification records for each of your horses:
 - Consider permanent identification such as a tattoo, microchip, brands or documenting unusual markings or scars
 - Keep current photographs of each horse (consider a photo with you in the picture for ownership verification in the event you are separated-this may not matter if your horse has unique color patterns, however; as you know, there are numerous solid colored Morgan horses making identification more of a challenge)
 - In the face of an evacuation, additional temporary identification could include:
 - Braiding a luggage tag into your horse's mane
 - Livestock marking crayon
 - Identification tag on your horse's halter
- ♦ Consider including two phone numbers on this tag, one for you locally, a second for a contact outside your immediate area
- ♦ Make sure you have a halter and lead rope available for each horse:
 - For safety reasons, many people do not leave a halter on a horse when in the stall or turned out. Make sure the horse is easy to halter and that a halter is available in the event you need to move the horse out fast (e.g., barn fire)

- As an aside, horses are known to seek safety in their stalls and may run back into a burning barn
- Make sure you have trained your horse to lead and wear a halter

- ♦ Consider transportation options AND routes:
 - Do you own your own trailer?
 - Do your horses load in a trailer?
 - Do you have enough trucks and space in the trailer to evacuate your farm quickly?
 - If not, do you have a plan in place to access additional trailers if needed?
 - Do you have a location identified to evacuate to if needed? Consider identifying a suitable location 60-90 miles from home (friend or colleagues farm) where you can evacuate if needed
 - Consider forming a network of farms and stables that can be contacted in the event of an emergency. Most disasters occur locally, in a defined region. If a tornado hits one part of Minnesota, who are the farms outside of the affected area which may be willing to assist in the care of displaced animals?
- ♦ Regarding potential horse friendly evacuation sites, consider:
 - Horse show facilities
 - Equine veterinary clinics
 - Veterinary medical colleges
 - Stock yards or auction facilities
 - Other horse boarding or breeding operations
- ♦ Develop a list of contact numbers. Maintain the list with your horse's photo identification and records (Coggins test, registration papers, vaccination records). Consider including:
 - Your contact phone numbers. Include a relative or friend's number who lives outside of your immediate area
 - Number for a predetermined evacuation site
 - Local contact person who can be reached in the case of an emergency if you are not available
 - Your veterinarian's name, clinic name and phone numbers
 - Consider identifying an alternate veterinarian located 30-90 miles from your home location
 - Hotel phone numbers
 - Local Police Department
 - State Veterinarian
 - County Extension Office
 - Horse transporters
 - Feed distributors/hay suppliers
 - Equestrian facilities in your state

This is just a start to get you thinking ahead. Consider the items discussed, create a basic plan, practice the plan and make changes accordingly.

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Trophy Hill Sport Horses, LLC Reports Results of Fundraisers

Trophy Hill Farm of Cologne, MN had two fundraisers within the last month to benefit injured equestrian riders. The first benefit was on August 25, 2007 for Ralph Hill. Ralph is an internationally known eventer, competing at the world championships at the Kentucky Horse Park in 1978. Ralph was a regular at Rolex and rode internationally up until his tragic accident this winter. Ralph was in a competition at Poplar Place, Georgia when apparently his horse hung a leg over a corner obstacle, causing Ralph to fall off. The safety team and paramedics used heroic efforts to keep Ralph alive after which he was airlifted to a local hospital. Ralph sustained multiple fractures and most significantly, a serious brain stem injury. After many months in hospitals, in and out of patient rehab, Ralph is continuing his recovery while living with his sister and family in Kentucky. More information on Ralph is available on www.carepages.com.

Over more than 15 years, Ralph has been coming to Minnesota to teach local riders eventing skills. His clinics were always oversubscribed and much enjoyed, both for the learning and the gregarious commentary provided by Ralph throughout the clinic. Ralph has a talent for understanding the horse and motivating the rider.

The Ralph Hill benefit employed the talented assistance of "Flair Bartender" Chad Larson and a live auction (where many equestrians generously and spontaneously contributed items and dollars,) to raise \$5,000.00. The donations were submitted to the Equestrian Aid Foundation for Ralph's continued medical costs.



The second fundraiser was for a local rider/teacher, Mary (Heil) Schenck, of Heiland Hill Training Center in Jordan. Mary has dedicated her life to teaching kids and adults, and has been very supportive of the local Pony Clubs. In June of this year, the floor gave way in Mary's hay loft, causing her to fall through and across the stall below. Mary sustained multiple injuries including a fracture of her C-2 vertebrae. Thankfully, Mary is expected to eventually make a full recovery. Trophy Hill opened its stadium and cross country jumping courses for schooling. The benefit raised over \$3,000.

Trophy Hill wants to thank the many volunteers who graciously supported both of these benefits with their time, talents and resources. Donations are always much appreciated, and for more information, please contact Katy Bloomquist Holub at kbloomquist@earthlink.net. We wish both riders a speedy and full recovery.

Officers Control Looting in Stockton, Goodview, Minnesota City

By John Weiss ♦ Post-Bulletin, Rochester MN



Joan Grove of Wanamingo, left, a member of the Goodhue County Sheriff's posse, and Jean Fredlund of Dakota County ride through Stockton on Friday delivering fliers with information about where people with homes damaged can get help.

STOCKTON -- Joan Grove and Jean Fredlund's horses clip-clopped through Stockton on Friday, the sound echoing off piles of flood-damaged mattresses, furniture and clothes.

The women were there to deliver fliers about phone numbers and services to help victims of Sunday's savage flood that ripped through the town, killing seven people, including two from Stockton.

But Grove and Fredlund did more: They helped keep law and order in the town, where most people have been leaving at night because most homes in the flood are uninhabitable for now.

Grove is a member of the mounted posse of the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office; Fredlund of the Dakota County posse. They came as volunteers to help with routine chores, such as delivering fliers or just going around to let people know that law enforcement is there.

"We just like to help people," Grove said. Besides volunteers from those two counties, deputies from Blue Earth and St. Louis counties have also been helping in Stockton.

In other towns hit by flooding, law-enforcement officers from surrounding counties as well as those in the Twin Cities, along with the Minnesota State Patrol, are working.

The National Guard was in the region Sunday or early Monday to rescue people and restore order. When that mission was done around Wednesday, they left.

The Guard's departure scared some people at a public meeting in Winona on Thursday. The meeting was called to let residents of Goodview and Minnesota City know what's happening. They

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First Microchip Approved for Equine Use in NAIS

Memo from American Horse Council, September 4, 2007

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced the approval of Digital Angel Corporation's (formerly Destron Fearing) Life-Chip equine radio frequency identification (RFID) injectable transponder for use in horses. The industry expects that in the future additional companies will apply for USDA approval of equine microchips to be developed and sold in the U.S.

Microchips are a valuable tool to the equine industry to identify horses, whether as proof of ownership if lost or stolen, or to identify horses in breeding or boarding operations, competitions or domestic and international travel. The LifeChip is not only compliant with all U.S. animal safety standards, but also with the International Organization of Standardization (ISO). This microchip fits the standards used across the globe. It contains a passive transponder programmed with a unique 15-digit number that can be read by any ISO-compliant reader. As long as the reader is ISO-compliant, it does not matter what brand it is, the microchip will be read.

Digital Angel's new LifeChip can also be used for participation in the NAIS, a voluntary program developed by USDA to enhance animal disease traceability through standardizing the identification of premises, livestock and animal movements. It is the first microchip to be approved for use in the NAIS.

One of the recommendations the Equine Species Working Group made to USDA when reviewing how the equine industry might fit into the NAIS suggests that the ISO/ANSI compatible RFID chip (11784/85, 134.2 kHz) be the recommended standard of electronic equine identification to control disease and for uniformity and compatibility necessary to achieve the goals of NAIS. The LifeChip satisfies this standard.

The LifeChip microchip also has a BioThermo temperature-sensing technology feature. This feature allows the horse's temperature to be read at the site of the microchip's implantation, an easy and safe way for owners, breeders, veterinarians, etc. to perform this common task. The recommended site for implantation is in the nuchal ligament on the left side, in the middle third of the neck, halfway between the ears and the withers.

Additionally, each microchip is capped with a patented, biocompatible material called BioBond which prevents migration from the site of implantation, an item that was necessary to gain USDA approval.

www.horsecouncil.org

Do You Know A Special Person Who Should Be Considered For The Honor Of Horseperson Of The Year?



Some 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 now nominating that special individual. Clearly write reasons why the individual meets the above requirements. Be accurate; facts will be checked.

Send your letter to: HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE Entries must be postmarked no later than November 1, of the current year. Entries can also be sent by email to mitschida@horses-mn.org. Current members of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Horse Council are not eligible for consideration.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL'S HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR

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

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wanted the National Guard there. They said they have to leave their homes after the evening curfew, giving thieves a chance to go in and take what's left.

Goodview and county officials said they would try to get more officers on the streets at night. Goodview City Administrator Dan Matejka said Friday afternoon that the problem has been taken care of.

In Stockton, there was one report of some missing firearms, said Winona Deputy Jerry Delaney, but that's all he's heard about. On Friday, there were 14 officers or posse members in Stockton, directing traffic and helping people.

At least five officers are patrolling the town around the clock, along with others in Elba and the Goodview-Minnesota City area.

"I think we've got a handle on it, yah," Delaney said.

JOB OPENING

The Minnesota Horse Council is looking for a

Part Time Administrative Assistant

Primary job duties include:

- ◆ Attending MHC monthly meetings
- ◆ Transcribing meeting minutes
- ◆ Updating MHC website
- ◆ Handling PO Box materials

Deadline for applicants is November 30, 2007

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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - JULY 10, 2007

Meeting Location: Maple Grove Community Center

Board Members Present: Tim Bonham, Dan Dolan, Glen Eaton, Teresa Hanson, Trina Joyce, Darrell Mead, Dawn Moore, Marian Robinson, Missie Schwartz, Laurie Slater, Miriam Tschida, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Christie Ward, Mark Ward

Absent: Judy Jensen, Sue McDonough. Also Administrative Assistant Mary Payden

Members/Visitors: Vicky Inget, Rick Dobbelaire

I. Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

II. Introductions

III. **Additions and changes** (Additions to Old and New Business)

IV. Treasurer's Report - Tim Bonham

Motion by Tracy Turner, seconded Glen Eaton, to approve the May 2007 treasurer's report. Carried.

Motion by Miriam Tschida, seconded by Tom Tweeten, to delay discussion on the treasurer's report until the next meeting to allow Tim time to update the format that he is using. Motion carried.

Dan Dolan requested that the updated report be done within two weeks if possible. Christie Ward suggested that the report be emailed to Board Members.

V. Approval of Minutes - June

Motion by Glen Eaton, seconded by Mark Ward, to approve minutes for June. Motion carried.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore

Information will be sent to MN Agri-Women regarding MHC.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Membership Procedure Task Force Report - Dawn Moore
Tim Bonham moved, Miriam Tschida seconded that the committee recommendations be accepted as written. Motion carried 14-1.

B. Nominations & Voting Committee Procedures

Glen Eaton moved, Tracy Turner seconded that the word "incumbent" not be listed on the ballots. Motion carried 8-4. Dawn Moore suggested that the procedure be discussed further at the September meeting after the proposed procedure is mailed to Board Members with the minutes. It will be discussed in September. Previous motion to be discussed in September and then a vote taken. [See attachment.] Per conversation, the following 4 things need to be changed:

1. 'and an official blank ballot'
2. notice - proxy ballot is allowed
3. on ballot - incumbent not to be indicated
4. Chair shall appoint no fewer than two tellers plus self to count ballots

Discussed allowing voting by mail; only officers accept ballots, not Administrative Assistant.

C. Audit - Tom Tweeten reminded Dan Dolan that a second level treasury audit was requested.

D. By-laws/Procedures Review: -- Miriam Tschida

Miriam Tschida reported that a legal firm with experience in non-profit by-laws is currently reviewing the MHC by-laws and Articles of Incorporation. Report will follow.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Expo - Glen Eaton

The 2008 Expo dates will be April 25-27. The program will have some color pages. Rodeo seats will be \$9 for box seats and just \$4 for the added seats behind the pens. [written report to be sent to Administrative Assistant]

Aisle of Breeds Report

Set up will be August 21, Tuesday. Take down will be September 4. [See attached report.] Volunteers will be needed to staff the Aisle each day of the Fair. Teresa Hanson will contact MHC Board Members regarding scheduling.

B. Promotions - Teresa Hanson

No report.

C. Direct Funding - Christie Ward

The Committee received five new applications: four were approved. Written report to be sent to the Administrative Assistant.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Glen Eaton announced that nominees for the Van Ness award are being sought at this time.

B. Glen Eaton is retiring from his full time job June 30. (Several Board members noted that he'll have even MORE time to spend on the Expo!)

C. SHC Meeting

Glen Eaton and Tracy Turner reported on the States Horse Council meeting and the particular sessions that they attended. Written report to be sent to the Administrative Assistant. Tracy Turner moved, Tom Tweeten seconded, that the MHC join the Unwanted Horse Coalition as an Associate Member. It is a 501C6. The cost is \$2500. Motion carried. Written report to be sent to the Administrative Assistant.

D. Miriam Tschida moved, Tom Tweeten seconded, that Glen Eaton book the hotel for the next States Horse Council meeting. Rooms will be \$89. Cost of the meeting itself is borne by the States Horse Council. Previous meeting hosted by MHC was paid for by MHC. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: September 11, 2007 ♦ 6:30 p.m.
Maple Grove Community Center

*Emergency Preparedness for Your Barn and Stable -
continued from page 5*

Additional resources are available at the following websites:

The American Veterinary Medical Association's Disaster Preparedness materials can be found at the following link. Especially helpful is the online brochure, "Saving the Whole Family," which includes information on preparing to evacuate with your pets, horses and livestock:

www.avma.org/disaster

See the following website for a downloadable copy of a horse specific "Emergency Planning Workbook," provided by The Horse.com and EquineU.com as part of National Preparedness Month:

www.thehorse.com/pdf/emergency/emergency.pdf

The American Association of Equine Practitioners has additional resources available for horse owners at the following website:

www.aaep.org/emergency_prep.htm#own

The Department of Homeland Security's website:

www.ready.gov

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View www.mnhorsecouncil.org for additional events

Minnesota Horse Council Board Meetings

Maple Grove Community Center ♦ 6:30 pm
12951 Weaver Lake Road ♦ Maple Grove
Located at the intersection of Weaver Lake Road
and Pineview Lane, ½ mile east of I94 on the
Weaver Lake Road exit.

February 13	June 12	October 9
March 13	July 10	November 13
April 10	August - No meeting	December 11
May 8	September 11	
January 19, 2008 - Annual Meeting - Northland Inn		

Minnesota Horse Expo Board Meetings

Pearson's Resturant ♦ 6:30 pm
3808 W. 50th St. ♦ Edina

If you wish to order dinner, please be there by 6:00 pm.

January 30	May 22	September 25
February 27	June 26	October 30
March 27	July 31	November 27
April 17	August - No meeting	December 18

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April	3/15/07	October	9/13/07
May	4/12/07	November	10/11/07
June	5/10/07	December/January	11/15/07

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- Individual - \$15
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 Organization - \$25
 Corporation - \$25
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