



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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Aisle of Breeds at Minnesota State Fair a Big Success!

The 2010 Aisle of Breeds at the Minnesota State Fair, managed by representatives of the Minnesota Horse Expo and the Minnesota Horse Council, used the main aisle in the Horse Barn to showcase different breeds and types of horses, answer questions, hand out Council and Expo information and provide photo and petting opportunities to the State Fair crowds. Most of the horses in the Aisle of Breeds this year have been featured at the Minnesota Horse Expo, Minnesota's largest equine trade show and breed exhibition held at the State Fairgrounds each spring and next scheduled for April 29, 30 and May 1, 2011.

The following owners and breeds were part of this year's Aisle of Breeds: Sandy and Mike Mozer, Peruvian; Kit Davis, Norwegian Fjord; Mary and Jim LaRue, Appaloosa; Sylvia and Jeff Passow, Appaloosa and Quarter Horse; Gary Wagenaar, Donkey and Mule; Ward Holasek, Percheron; Trudy Reirson, Paso Fino and Donkey; Melanie Kucera, Gypsy Vanner; Sharon Sloper, Belgian Warmblood; Melissa Strege, Palomino Quarter Horse; Kim Wycislak, Shetland Pony and Arabian; Mary and Bryan Hagen, Percheron; Pam and Albert Barthel, Gypsy Vanner; Pamela Zushin, Rocky Mountain Horse; Stacy Gust, International Spotted Sport Horse; Jennifer Coleman, Hungarian Horse; Terry Hurley, Mule; Allison Goodman, Foundation Appa-

loosa; Jerry Halverson, Bashkir Curly; Leon and Karen Lustila, Gypsy Vanner; Julie Knutson, Gypsy Vanner; Vickie Hartman, Friesian; Jena Donahue, Miniature Horses; Cherlyn Olson, Morgan; Katherine Fuller, BLM Mustang; Jenny Buskey, Quarter Horse; Tony Govin, Tennessee Walking Horse; Kristin Hay, Quarter Horse; Rebecca Mienien, Paint. Special thanks goes to Trudy, Halle and Sondra Reirson for help with photos and parade.

Glen Eaton was chair of the Aisle of Breeds Committee and arranged for the horses, stalls, bedding, and volunteers. Trina Joyce, Tim Bonham, Kathy Juhl, Sue McDonough, Marian Robinson, Carol and Rick Dobbelaire, Missie Schwartz and Angela McNally helped staff the table with Glen. Judy Jensen, Darrell Mead, Tom Tweeten, Tim Bonham, Trina Joyce and Glen Eaton did the set up and/or take down of the stall decorations. Without the help of so many, the Aisle of Breeds would not be the successful outreach it is.



**APRIL 29, 30
& MAY 1**





WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES NEWS

Largest Commercial Airlift of Horses Takes-Off Ahead of the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™

The largest commercial airlift of horses ever undertaken for a single event takes off from Belgium heading for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™, which is taking place in the United States for the first time in its 20-year history.

Almost 450 horses are departing from Europe between September 16-29. Ten specially fitted out charter flights leave from Belgium's Liege airport and one flight will depart from Amsterdam.

The European charter forms part of an even larger worldwide airlift of horses which will compete in eight different disciplines at Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ in Lexington, Kentucky between September 25 and October 10.

As well as the 445 horses departing from Europe, another 19 will fly from Australasia and 35 from South America. The airlift is the largest ever undertaken for one event and has come about following the decision to hold the World Equestrian Games outside Europe for the first time. The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ will be the largest sporting event in the United States this year.

The horses will be flown to Cincinnati where they will spend a minimum of 42 hours in quarantine ahead of the World Equestrian Games.



During the nine-hour journey from Europe, the horses will be cared for by an in-flight crew of 24,

including grooms, attendants and vets, many of them professional flying grooms who make their living tending to the needs of their equine passengers.

Flying grooms are supplied by Peden Bloodstock, the company responsible for arranging the air charters. Head Groom Tim Rolfe, who has overseen six Olympic and five World Equestrian Games airlifts, explained that the grooms must spend many months in training to undertake such journeys.

"Most of us come from racing or grooming backgrounds but we have to undertake similar training to commercial airline cabin crews, particularly as we have to look after the human passengers as well."

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"Cowboy Man" Lyle Lovett to Headline 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games Closing Ceremonies

One of America's finest songwriters Lyle Lovett will bring the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Lexington, KY, to a vibrant finale at the October 10 closing ceremonies.

Known for moving with ease across the Americana songbook from country and bluegrass to swing and folk ballads to gospel and blues, the four-time Grammy Award winner and his Large Band will provide a musical bookend to the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games' opening ceremonies celebration of iconic moments in U.S. history and culture.



Lovett has celebrated nearly 30 years of hits including "If I Had a Boat," "Nobody Knows Me," "South Texas Girl," "That's Right (You're Not from Texas)," "She's No Lady," and his groundbreaking single "Cowboy Man." On his 14th album, "Natural Forces" released last year, Lovett croons a poignant line that speaks to his equestrian spirit, "Home is where my horse is."

Lovett's connection to the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games is not limited to the closing ceremonies. A Texan, he breeds and raises Quarter Horses for reining, competes non-professionally as a rider, and is involved in equestrian charity work. One of his horses, Smart and Shiny, is slated to be ridden by Marco Ricotta for Italy in Reining.

"Lyle Lovett is one of America's greatest living singers and songwriters," said Dr. Everett McCorvey, executive producer of the opening and closing ceremonies. "As the curtain closes on the World Equestrian Games' debut in the United States and we bid farewell to newfound friends the world over, no one could bring us to a better concluding note than the iconic Lyle Lovett."

In addition to his music, Lovett has appeared in twelve feature films, including several directed by the highly-acclaimed Robert Altman.

The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games will be broadcast on NBC Sports, which has marked the largest commitment to network coverage of equestrian sport in U.S. television history. The 2010 Games are expected to have a statewide economic impact of \$150 million, and current sponsors include Alltech, Rolex, John Deere, Ariat International, Inc., Meydan and Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. For more information on the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, please visit www.alltechfeigames.com.

AAEP Enters Global Spotlight During 2010 World Equestrian Games

Students, members and staff take on a variety of roles to promote equine health care



When elite equestrians compete for world titles this month, the American Association of Equine Practitioners will be working behind the scenes and before the cameras to ensure the health of equine athletes.

The 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™, held Sept. 25-Oct. 10 in Lexington, KY, is anticipated as the largest sporting event to take place in the United States this year. As the nation's leading organization dedicated to equine health care, the AAEP and its members will participate in many ways during the three weeks of the Games. The AAEP will actively promote the equine veterinary profession to an international audience, involve its student membership in learning opportunities and provide crucial equine medical information to the numerous media outlets covering the Games.

The AAEP's participation during the Games includes:

Veterinary student volunteers. Thirty-three fourth-year veterinary student members of AAEP student chapters will monitor biosecurity, help assess competition horses and provide general veterinary care alongside the Games' official veterinarians.

The AAEP On Call program. AAEP members Drs. Alan Ruggles and Larry Bramlage will be prepared to respond to equine medical emergencies and answer equine health care questions as part of the AAEP's award-winning On Call program. Events will be telecast on NBC Sept. 26, Oct. 3 and Oct. 10.

The Equine Village. AAEP staff and member volunteers will be on hand to offer equine health care resources and help promote the AAEP at the Equine Village, a unique venue for equine industry groups.

AAEP Headquarters. The AAEP's home office is conveniently located at the National Horse Center on the grounds of the Kentucky Horse Park.

In addition, the AAEP, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and Alltech are sponsoring a Veterinary Sport Horse Symposium held Sept. 22-24 in conjunction with the Games. A Sport Horse Owner Workshop will be held Friday, Sept. 24. For more information about the two educational events, visit www.aaep.org.

Aisle of Breeds Horses in Parade at Minnesota State Fair!



Aisle of Breeds horses promoted the Minnesota Horse Expo and the Minnesota Horse Council by participating in the daily Minnesota State Fair Parade.



SOME COUNTIES STILL CHALLENGING AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION OF HORSE PROPERTIES

The Minnesota Horse Council's success in effecting legislative change to strengthen horse boarding property's eligibility for agricultural classification has not prevented some counties from continuing to wrestle with the issue at taxpayers' expense.

Sherburne County has demanded copies of private boarding contracts to verify the absence of any commercial services provisions that might warrant split classification as commercial-industrial. Washington County recently sent out letters with questionnaires requesting detailed information about property, zoning, horse ownership, boarding income, and contracts.

Many taxpayers are wondering whether they must respond to these detailed and burdensome requests for information - some of it unrelated to classification and available from the counties' own records. MHC's government relations attorney, Allison Eklund, will be contacting Washington County to discuss reasonable alternatives to ensure that taxpayers provide the County all the information necessary to determine that their property remains agricultural without unnecessarily burdening people with requests for duplicate, public, or irrelevant information.

Property owners with questions about their individual situation may contact Allison Eklund directly at 651-592-7858 or allison@eklund-law.com.



MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL NEWS

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, 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 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

HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1

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

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

Horseperson of the Year Criteria

- ◆ Long term, serious commitment to equine activity in the Midwest
- ◆ May be professional or amateur
- ◆ Should have contributed in many areas, i.e., western shows, English shows, 4-H, Rodeo--Little Britches and High School, trails, legislation, clinics and other equine related activities
- ◆ Usually the individual will have been a horse owner for many years although it certainly is not a requirement. (The person could have worked "behind the lines" to great achievement)
- ◆ A mature individual, "long term commitment"
- ◆ The individual should have excellent character.
- ◆ The individual will likely be recognized by members of many horse-related groups, and perhaps by the general population.

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

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

HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

Dawn Moore, Chairperson
PO Box 1095, Minnetonka, MN 55345-0095
dmoore834@comcast.net

SIX MHC BOARD POSITIONS OPEN NEXT ELECTION

There are going to be six board positions up for election, each for a 3-year term. The election will be held at the Minnesota Horse Council Annual Meeting, January 15, 2011 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park.

The following Directors are running for reelection:

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| ◆ Dawn Moore | ◆ Darrell Mead |
| ◆ Lynn Wasson | ◆ Christie Ward |
| ◆ Tim Bonham | ◆ Tracy Turner |

NEW MHC DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

Please welcome our newest Minnesota Horse Council Board of Directors member, Jennifer Willey. Jennifer is taking the board position and chair of the promotions committee recently vacated by Teresa Hanson.



Jennifer is excited at the opportunity to promote the Minnesota Horse Council. In her capacity as Promotions Chair, she will manage the marketing calendar, oversee promotions and keep track of the promotions budget. Her goals will include developing a plan based on previous trends, expanding upon current promotional activities and brainstorming ways to make the Council and its missions and resources more salient to horse owners in Minnesota. She has experience in almost all facets of marketing, advertising and sales including grassroots, trade shows, media, contracts, events, and creative. She also has a broad understanding of the horse industry and the diverse group of people it draws.

Her education includes the University of Minnesota – Carlson School of Management (Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing), Miller Heiman Strategic and Conceptual Selling, and Karass Effective Negotiating.

She is a Master Instructor, 2007 Instructor of the Year, and Assistant Clinic Instructor with the Certified Horsemanship Association. She is a member of the Dead Broke Saddle Club, MN Horse Council, and National Versatility Ranch Horse Association.

Her activities and interests include trail riding, cutting, versatility, jumping, dressage, fishing, canoeing, camping, and cooking.

2011 MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The MHC has chosen to hold the Annual meeting on the third Saturday in January each year going forward. This will help members remember the date, and allow other organizations to plan their meetings and banquets without a date conflict.

Please mark your calendars for January 15, 2011 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park.



STATE FAIR TASK FORCE

September 20, 2010

Board of Directors
Minnesota Horse Council,

On behalf of all the exhibitors at the 2010 Minnesota State Fair Horse Show and the Tri-State Horseman's Association State Fair Task Force, we would like to thank the Minnesota Horse Council for its generous support this year. Your matching donation of \$25,000 was instrumental in the increased participation of more than 20% over the last two year; plus, creating an air of excitement amongst the exhibitors.

Along with the \$50,000 added prize money this year there have been numerous improvements including:

- Free shows to the fair goes the last two years filling the coliseum.
- Horse lanes and ushers to get horse to and from the coliseum through very large crowds.
- Improved cooperation between exhibits and the fair to make the show bigger and better.

The Task Force will continue to work with the Fair to bring further improvements along with more horses to the show over the next years. The important point is the momentum has moved from a declining show to one of interest to both the horse exhibitors and the spectators.

Thank you again for your support in making the Minnesota State Fair Horse Show an even Greater Get Together.

For the Tri-State Horseman's Association State Fair Task Force

Lowell Holden
Chairman

Secretariat Movie in Theaters October 8



Based on the novel "Secretariat: The Making of a Champion" by William Nack, SECRETARIAT chronicles the spectacular journey of the 1973 Triple Crown winner. Housewife and mother Penny Chenery (Diane Lane) agrees to take over her ailing father's Virginia-based Meadow Stables, despite her lack of horse-racing knowledge. Against all odds, Chenery—with the help of veteran trainer Lucien Laurin (John Malkovich)—manages to navigate

the male-dominated business, ultimately fostering the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years and what may be the greatest racehorse of all time.

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Like most commercial passenger flights, the horses get to travel in a specified cabin class, with the majority travelling business class.

The class of cabin is determined by the number of horses in each "air stable." Those travelling economy will be three to a container, two horses will share business class containers and those in first class have the air stable all to themselves. Only one horse will get that luxury on the flight from Belgium, but the high-flyer's identity is staying firmly under wraps.

Ticket prices range from €8,500 to €13,000 depending on the class selected, but considering most of these horses are worth several million Euro, it's money well spent.

Five-Star Service

The horses' safety and welfare are paramount, with the pilots specially briefed to ensure that the take-off and landings are smoother than usual. The take-off will involve a more gradual climb, while a much slower braking system is adopted for the landing.

The horses have a constant supply of in-flight food. They can snack ad lib on their hay nets and will also be offered a diet of nuts, oats and bran. Over 1,500 litres of water will be taken on board to ensure the equine passengers are kept well hydrated while in the air.

In-flight entertainment is taken care of by the flying grooms, according to Peden Bloodstock Director, Henry Bullen.

"It is too loud on board to warrant anything like soft music, but there are plenty of bad jokes from the flying grooms to keep everyone entertained. The flight, once in the air, is generally smoother than on the road however, unless of course there is the odd patch of turbulence."

Once the horses arrive in Cincinnati, they will spend up to 42 hours in a purpose-built quarantine facility near the airport, before departing on the 90-minute road-trip to the Kentucky Horse Park, venue for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™.

Where can I get my hay tested for nutritional value and for unwanted matter?

Hay can be analyzed or tested to determine the following: moisture, protein, minerals, sugar, energy, mold content, and more. DHIA (320-352-2028), Dairyland (320-240-1737) and the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic laboratory (612-625-8787), all based in Minnesota, can test hay for these qualities. Be sure to request an equine analysis and remember that the analysis is only as good as the sample you submit. Its probably a good idea to call the company you choose to get their recommendations for sample collection. The tests run around \$20/sample (for a basic analysis) and takes a few days to run, once the sample is received.

~ From U of M Extension website



Unwanted Horse Coalition Materials Available

The Unwanted Horse Coalition (UHC) continues its efforts to educate the industry about the issues relating to unwanted horses and owning responsibly. The UHC has prepared and distributed a variety of materials that will educate horse owners on various topics. The materials describe the efforts of the coalition, offer alternatives for horse owners to consider for their horses when they can no longer care for them, and detail ways the horse community can get more involved. With the number of unwanted horses increasing, the industry and horse owners must step up their efforts to educate themselves about potential solutions. The materials suggest options an individual or an organization can take so that the number of unwanted horses does not increase.

The following is a list of materials currently offered by the UHC:

- ◆ **UHC brochure, The Problem of the Unwanted Horse**, which explains the Coalition and its activities.
- ◆ **UHC handbook, Own Responsibly: Guidance for current and potential horse owners from the Unwanted Horse Coalition**, which includes chapters on the responsibilities of horse ownership; options for owners with unwanted horses; programs that extend the useful lives of horses; questions to ask when trying to place a horse; and the tax ramifications of contributing your horses to a charitable organization.
- ◆ **"Own Responsibly" flyers**, which describe what it means to act responsibly regarding the long-term needs of your horse.
- ◆ **2009 Unwanted Horses Survey**, the results of a national survey taken by more than 27,000 horse owners, equine industry stakeholders, rescue and retirement facilities and non-horse owners regarding the issue of unwanted horses, its importance, causes, solutions and effects.
- ◆ **UHC handbook, Best Practices: How Your Organization Can Help Unwanted Horses**, which details initiatives and activities organizations can undertake to help reduce the number of unwanted horses.
- ◆ **Rehabilitating the Neglected Horse: A Caregivers' Guide**, a brochure covering basic care for rehabilitating a neglected horse. Subjects include nutrition, farrier care, vaccination and de-worming.

"The UHC hopes that horse owners and breeders will use the materials offered to educate themselves and spread the word about unwanted horses to their colleagues. Once educated about the issues facing unwanted horses, individuals and organizations can help to implement programs that assist horses in need," said Ericka Caslin, Director of the UHC.

All materials are available for download on the UHC website: www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org or they can be purchased in hard copy by contacting the UHC. Contact Ericka Caslin at ecaslin@horsecouncil.org or 202-296-4031.



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Crystal Brumme-Kimball Wins 2010 Van Ness Award

Crystal Brumme-Kimball of Lisbon, MD received the 2010 Van Ness Award at the American Horse Council's recent annual meeting.

Each year the Van Ness Award is given to a person who embodies the dedication and service of the late Mrs. Marjorie Van Ness. Mrs. Van Ness was a vital force in the formation of the New Jersey Horse Council and in the formation of the AHC State Horse Council Committee. As in years past, this year's Van Ness award was sponsored by the New Jersey Horse Council.



Jay Hickey, AHC President presents Van Ness Award to Crystal Brumme-Kimball

In presenting the award, AHC President Jay Hickey noted that Crystal started working for the Maryland Horse Council nineteen years ago. "She believed that the horse people in Maryland could be brought together as a community to have a voice in the state capitol and she made it happen," Hickey said.

Ms. Brumme-Kimball started a monthly magazine called the *Equiery* in 1990. The first edition had twelve pages; it has grown to over 100 and is still flourishing today. As the secretary of the Maryland Horse Council, she has generously donated her time and her services at the *Equiery*. Ms. Brumme-Kimball has overseen every transition of leadership in the Maryland Horse Council and played a major role in the legislative, regulatory, and public education accomplishments that few state horse councils can match.

"It is obvious that the Maryland equestrian community has benefited greatly from Crystal's loyalty and dedication," said AHC President Jay Hickey.

Crystal has been active on many committees and boards, donating her time not only to the Maryland Horse Council, but to the Maryland Steeplechase Association, the Maryland Horse Industry Board, the Maryland Department of Agriculture, the University of Maryland and Howard County/Iron Bridge Hounds.

"The Maryland Horse Industry Board would not be the major force within the Maryland Department of Agriculture that it is today without her work in passing the state feed fund bill that pays for its activities and without Crystal's presence on the board as a technical advisor," said Maryland Horse Council President Stuart Pittman.

AHC's Welfare Code of Practice Continues to Garner Support

The AHC's National Welfare Code of Practice continues to garner support from the horse community. The Welfare Code outlines in generic terms what it means for an organization to be committed to the responsible breeding, training, care, use, enjoyment, transport, and retirement of horses. Many associations have undertaken studies, reviews, and initiatives that show their commitment to the welfare of their horses. This generic code is simply a continuation of that effort.

The latest groups to support the National Welfare Code include the Arabian Horse Association, Florida Thoroughbred Breeder's and Owner's Association, League of Agricultural and Equine Centers, Master of Foxhounds Association, Pinto Horse Association of America, The Pyramid Society, U.S. Dressage Federation, and U.S. Equestrian Drill Team.

They join ten other national groups that have already endorsed the Welfare Code. They include the: American Association of Equine Practitioners, American Endurance Ride Conference, American Paint Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, National Cutting Horse Association, National Thoroughbred Racing Association, Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, U.S. Equestrian Federation, and U.S. Trotting Association.

"We are pleased with the positive feedback and continued interest we have received from a broad spectrum of equine organizations since the Welfare Code of Practice was announced this past November," said AHC President Jay Hickey. "This latest round of endorsements further demonstrates to the public the industry's unified commitment to the welfare and safety of horses, and we hope to build upon this momentum to bring in as many organizations as possible to further reinforce the industry's commitment to safety, health, care and welfare of all horses."

The Code is not intended to replace or pre-empt any activities, rules, or regulations specific to any segment of the industry. Rather it is another indication to the public, the media, federal and state officials, and the horse community that the equine industry "Puts the Horse First."

To view the complete Welfare Code of Practice please visit the AHC website at:

<https://www.horsecouncil.org/newsroom.php>.

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - July 13, 2010

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

Board Members Present: Darrell Mead, Missie Schwartz, Mark Ward, Jan Schatzlein, Tim Bonham, Tracy Turner, Dawn Moore, Glen Eaton, Lynn Wasson, Trina Joyce, Christie Ward, Carol Dobbelaire, Marian Robinson, Tom Tweeten, Judy Jensen

Absent: Teresa Hanson, Sue McDonough

Members/Visitors: Miriam McGurran, Allison Eklund, Barb Miller Fleischhaker, David Fleischhaker, Rick Dobbelaire

I. Meeting called to order: 6:33 p.m. by Mark Ward

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

Mark Ward introduced the aforementioned guests and had the directors of the MHC introduce themselves to guests.

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

Mark Ward added the following three items to Old Business: Attorney's Contract, MN DOT Rules for horse transportation, and MHC Federal Trademark.

IV. Treasurer's Report for July was distributed by Tim Bonham. Total assets: \$692,568.78 with total liabilities of \$279,546.80. Discussion followed regarding the legislative committee needing a line item named Government Relations Attorney and General Counsel for Allison Eklund's position. Discussion followed regarding outstanding Direct Funding funds in which Christie Ward clarified the positions of the remaining outstanding organizations. Carol Dobbelaire motioned to accept the June treasurer's report as presented. Marian Robinson seconded, motion passed.

V. Approval of Minutes - Jan Schatzlein moved to accept the June minutes with one addition (Darrell Mead will submit his Trail report to the administrative assistant). Tracy Turner seconded, motion passed. Miriam McGurran posed the question of publishing a recap of the minutes from the MHC meeting in another Equine newsletter. Discussion followed. Tim Bonham motioned that any official publication from the MHC must be reviewed by another MHC director; however, any item published regarding MHC business that is authored by a non-director should be labeled with the author's name. Carol Dobbelaire seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carries. Carol Dobbelaire requested the minutes reflect not only that corrections were made but what the correction was. Changes will be reflected in the future.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore reported a thank you letter was received by Teresa Hanson from MN Trail Riders Association that was shared with the board. This letter was circulated for the directors to read. Dawn Moore also reported the PO Box fee was due this month and has been paid.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Attorney's Contract - Mark Ward reported he is in possession of the contract from Allison Eklund. The contract will be reviewed by the executive board prior to Mark Ward signing. The contract is available for all directors to review here at this meeting or on the website in the secure director's only portion under Legislation. The cost to retain Allison as General Counsel and Government Relations Attorney is \$4500 with the exclusion of any litigation which would be billed separately. Allison Eklund advised that she had the opportunity to review the new guidelines for the tax bill the MHC sponsored and clarify the language contained therein. It was requested that a news release be distributed regarding this new tax law. Mark Ward requested Dawn Moore prepare such a release.

B. MN DOT Rules for Horse Transportation - Allison Eklund reported there is currently a disconnect between the state highway patrol and horse hauling individuals. Allison Eklund has attempted to contact the Department of Transportation with no results. She advised that she is recommending inviting a member of the state highway patrol to speak about

this issue at the next meeting. Allison Eklund will attempt to arrange such a presentation. Discussion followed regarding the distinction between commercial and personal hauling.

C. AHC Meeting June 20-22 - Tracy Turner reported the following: I attended all three days of the meeting, day 1: Unwanted Horse Coalition meeting, day 2 covered national issues, in particular, emerging diseases. Day three was spent "on the hill" where I visited the offices of Representatives Colin Peterson and Michelle Bachmann and Senators Franken and Klobuchar.

The Unwanted Horse Coalition meeting was very important. The Coalition announced their new strategic plan. There are four major areas to work on, (1) continue current educational mission, (2) expand awareness and enlist industry involvement through distribution of "Best Practices Handbook", (3) Collaborate with the horse industry to develop specific solutions through the development of haybanks/feedbanks, through the development of castration clinics nationwide (Minnesota is the model), through the development of Equine care facility wellness programs, and develop nationwide euthanasia/disposal clinics. Most importantly, the UHC has set up an ad hoc committee to look at funding these projects. (4) The UHC will develop resources for Equine care facilities, they will develop webinars on pertinent topics, develop informational materials for the facilities and start a list serve for the facilities to communicate to each other. There was also a horse welfare update in the afternoon. The "slaughter bill" house or senate versions have not had any action. There is an ongoing GAO study on the impact of closing the horse slaughter facilities, report will be finished early 2011. The horse transportation and safety bill prohibiting all double decker trucking of horses continues to slowly work its way through Congress, The Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Bill prevents the animals from being sold or used in any commercial way. This has led to unforeseen consequences according to the BLM. According to the BLM, 26,000-27,000 horses and burros can be appropriately sustained on BLM land. However, there are about 38,000 horses and burros on this land presently and there are an additional 32,000 head at long term holding facilities. These horses cost \$1.21-1.26/head/day to maintain. That is a yearly expenditure of >14 million/year. Finally, an up to date on the NAIS, National Animal Identification System, it has been scrapped for ADTP, Animal Disease Traceability Program.

Day two was the national issues forum with discussions on emerging diseases. Discussions were centered on the government's attempts to prevent these diseases from being established in the U.S. Two foreign animal diseases horse people must worry about, Equine piroplasmiasis, a tick borne blood disease and contagious Equine metritis and Equine venereal disease. Both diseases have USDA programs designed to eliminate them from the country. In regards to emerging diseases, the discussions were centered on the neurologic form of Equine rhinopneumonitis. The most important development has been the development of vaccines against this disease variant.

Day three, I visited a few of our representatives. All were pro horse and understood horses are an important part of the Minnesota Agriculture economy. I gave each representative a report about the MHC accomplishments. I also gave them information on the gelding project and information on how the MHC is assisting with the unwanted horse problem in Minnesota. I offered to each legislator the MHC as a resource for information on horses should they ever need it. Overall, I think the MHC can be very proud of our accomplishments on a national level.

D. Federal Trademark - Mark Ward reported the trademark has made it to Washington and others who wish to use the MHC trademark have 30 days to dispute.

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VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EXPO - Glen Eaton reported the following: Most of the reports are in for the 2010 Minnesota Horse Expo. Attendance figures show we were down 2,117 from the 2009 Minnesota Horse Expo most likely because of the rain Friday and Saturday mornings. From the Vendor Surveys, most were satisfied even though they were down slightly from 2009. August 31 is the end of the Minnesota Horse Expo fiscal year as far as records go but I feel we can call the 2010 Minnesota Horse Expo complete. On to 2011. The 2011 Minnesota Horse Expo will be held April 29, 30, and May 1. We will have a ad in the State Fair Program and will have a booth at the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days July 20, 21 and 22. We will also be at the Aisle of Breeds at the State Fair.

B. Direct Funding - Christie Ward reported:

Proposals to be considered today:

1. North Central Morgan Association, Pat Hartell, Carriage Coordinator
This organization is requesting \$500 to support a carriage driving clinic to be held July 4, 2010 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in association with the North Star Morgan Americana. Funds awarded will be used to pay expenses for the driving instructor and carriage expert, John Greenall from Windsor, Vermont.

2. Murray County 4-H Project, Darcie Heezen, Project Co-Leader
This organization is requesting \$500 to support a 3-day clinic taught by Lita Hottel. The clinic will be open to the public, and will be held July 7-9, 2010 at the Murray County Fairgrounds in Slayton, MN. It will focus on showmanship, horsemanship, western pleasure, trail, and English pleasure and equitation.

3. Mounted Eagles Therapeutic Horsemanship, Aggie Stroot, Exec. Dir.
This therapeutic riding organization is requesting \$500 to support purchase of construction materials needed to repair a particle-board wall to which program horses are regularly tied during lessons and therapeutic sessions. At present, the wall is chipping and represents a hazard to program horses. This structural problem could also prevent the organization from being re-accredited as a NARHA Premier Accredited Center on the basis of an upcoming site inspection visit.

Proposals approved at the May 2010 meeting:

1. Whips and Wheels Carriage & Driving Society, Pat Hartell

This organization was awarded \$500 to support the second annual Prairie Home Carriage Festival to be held May 1-2, 2010 at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington, MN.

2. Polk County 4-H Council, Jill Carlson, Officer

This organization was awarded \$500 to support a 3-day horsemanship clinic in Crookston, MN taught by Lita Hottel.

Direct Funding proposals approved for 2010 to date:

Victory Riders, Inc: \$500

Minnesota Mounted Shooters Association: \$500

Whips and Wheels Carriage & Driving Society: \$500

Polk County 4-H Council: \$500

Total Direct Funding approved for 2010: \$2000 to date

C. Website/Horsemen's Directory - Mark Ward reported the Horsemen's Directory has had many additions, averaging about one per day. Mark Ward requested any corrections or changes noticed by a director be brought to his attention. Allison Eklund mentioned a growing area (Equine Growth and Learning Association) and has noticed they do not have a category on the MHC Horsemen's Directory. Mark Ward will take this issue up with the committee and report back at the September meeting.

D. Pioneer Award - Dawn Moore reported there was a month long extension on submissions this year. Only one application was received. Lyle Anderson will be bestowed with the award in 2010. Dawn Moore shared the piece that will be used in the MN State Fair program to honor the recipient. Dawn Moore is currently speaking with Louise Miner to coordinate the date and time of the presentation. It is probably going to occur on the first Friday or Saturday and the daughter of the recipient will be on hand with an Arabian horse to participate in this presentation.

E. Promotions - Mark Ward shared a previous ad that was used in the MN State Fair Horse Show Program in 2009. He will update and modify the ad to be a full page ad for 2010. The directors requested the ad contain information regarding the new MHC sponsored tax bill.

F. SHCAC - Glen Eaton reported the Fall meeting will be in four months and requested Darrell Mead attend along with Glen Eaton. Mark Ward requested that anyone else interested in attending contact Glen Eaton or Mark Ward. Tracy Turner and I attended the American Horse Council meetings in Washington in June and came away mostly satisfied with the meetings. I attended the SHCAC meetings while Tracy attended more of the Council meetings. The SHCAC is setting up new committees and getting the finances together of which I am a part of. All in all the meetings were productive and worth the time and money. The next meeting of the SHCAC is November 6, 7, and 8 in Lansing, MI.

G. Aisle of Breeds - Glen Eaton reported: The Minnesota State Fair is August 26 - September 6. We will have the Aisle of Breeds in the Horse Barn and setup will be August 24. We will need a lot of help to set up and of course people to attend the information table for the Council/Expo. The stalls are about three fourths filled and should be complete by the end of the week.

H. Scholarships - Trina Joyce reported a thank you was received from a previous winner. She is preparing the press release at this time. Trina Joyce requested the press release information regarding the new tax law be to her prior to July 21, 2010.

I. Grants - Tim Bonham reported he is getting many emails and phone calls from grant recipients regarding the status of their project. A press release regarding grants will be distributed by August 1st.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kelly Vallandingham - U of MN project to improve facilities. Kelly Vallandingham presented a photograph of the plaque in the Leatherdale Equine Center that names the MHC as a contributor. She then discussed the progress on the idea of building a barn in the rear of the Leatherdale Equine Center. Kelly asked the MHC for a \$10,000 commitment towards building a 14 stall, four season barn in the rear area of the Leatherdale Equine Center. She stated hospital needs for current stalling as the reason for needing additional housing. Construction is estimated at 3 weeks. Rates to rent the facility will be raised as a result of the potential building of the new barn. It is anticipated that stall fees will go from \$35 to \$20. Research horses are going to be able to be stalled in the new barn. Kelly can be reached at the following email address: valla020@umn.edu. Tim Bonham requested this item be listed under Old Business on the September agenda.

B. Promotion Committee Chair Opening - Mark Ward reported there is an opening of this position due to Teresa Hanson's resignation. Mark Ward and Dawn Moore will be handling the duties for the interim. Tim Bonham moved to accept Teresa Hanson's resignation with regret and send her a thank you card. Carol Dobbelaire seconded, motion passed. Discussion followed regarding the position and the procedures. The executive committee is requesting any interested parties submit an application. It was suggested by Carol Dobbelaire to offer this position on the Horsemen's Directory with a detailed accounting of the position. Glen Eaton suggested adding this information to the newsletter. Also suggested was adding this information to the scholarships/grants press release, an e-blast and perhaps Craigslist.

Announcements:

No August meeting. Next meeting will be held in September.

August 1st is the deadline for submissions to the next newsletter.

X. Mark Ward adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING - September 14, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

University of MN, Leatherdale Equine Center

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EXTENSION

Wet Weather Workshop for Horse Owners

October 12, Tuesday 6-9 pm, Rogers, MN, Registration \$5

With average to above average rainfall this year, horse owners may find themselves addressing issues related to the rain and wet conditions. These may be mud management, moldy hay, and fungal infections on horses. Come visit Grace Farms in Rogers, MN with the University of Minnesota Extension to learn some management options for barns of all sizes in our wet conditions.

Our host farm is Grace Farms, a dressage training and instructional barn located south of Rogers, MN at 26080 Tucker Rd. See their website for a map, <http://www.gracefarmsmn.com/>

Topics will include;

- ♦ Types of mud management around the barn,
- ♦ Moldy hay - what to look for when buying hay, storage options to prevent molding, etc
- ♦ Short Dressage Demo by instructor and barn owner, Becca Leatherdale
- ♦ Veterinary discussion with Dr. Susan Hartley to discuss common health issues related to wet weather such as scratches and skin infections, thrush, and more.

Please register by contacting Betsy Wieland, Extension Educator, at 612-596-1175 or eliza003@umn.edu

Lunch and Learn Quarterly Webinars

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 ♦ 6:00 pm

Equine Metabolic Syndrome

Presented by Dr. Ray Geor, Michigan State University

There is no cost to join the webinar, but registration is necessary.

Fall Regional Horse Owner Programs

Saturday, November 6, 2010

Apollo High School ♦ St. Cloud, MN

Cost: \$20/person

Topics include: Research Updates, Nutrition Roundtable, Fly and Pest Control, Care of Elderly Horses, Winter Care, First Aid Away From Home, and Q and A with Presenters

Online registration available at:

<http://www.regonline.com/FallRegHorseStCl>

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Program Sponsors: ADM Alliance Nutrition and Purina Mills

2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

View www.mnhorsecouncil.org and www.minnesotahorsemensdirectory.org for additional events

Minnesota Horse Council Board Meetings

Leatherdale Equine Center ♦ 6:30 pm

1801 Dudley Ave ♦ St. Paul

Located on the U of M St. Paul Campus

February 9	June 8	October 12
March 9	July 13	November 9
April 13	August - No meeting	December 14
May 11	September 14	
January 15, 2011 - Annual Meeting - Northland Inn		

Minnesota Horse Expo Board Meetings

Byerly's Community Room ♦ 6:30 pm

3777 Park Center Drive ♦ St. Louis Park, MN

January 26	May 25	September 28
February 23	June 29	October 26
March 30	July 27	November 30
April 13	August - No meeting	December 28

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April	3/12/10	October	9/17/10
May	4/16/10	November	10/15/10
June	5/14/10	December	11/12/10

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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.

- ♦ Find a farrier, trail riding stable, boarding, lessons, tack stores, and much more! Use the Events Calendar to find shows, clinics and other horse-related activities. Use the new Jobs category to find a job or skilled job seeker.
- ♦ Find what you're looking for by choosing a category, or search the directory. Once you are in a category, browse the results alphabetically or by a sub-category or region.
- ♦ Help make this site comprehensive and accurate. Submit a free listing of your Minnesota horse-related business or organization. Once listed, you can edit your listing as often as you wish.
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www.minnesotahorsemensdirectory.com



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www.mnhorsecouncil.org

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- Corporation - \$25
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