



**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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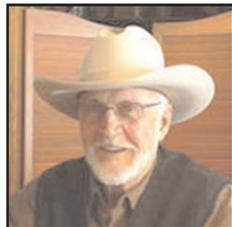
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**Minnesota Horse Council Honors Two Pioneers at State Fair**  
**Dr. Richard Bol ♦ Selmer Jacobson**



*Dr. Richard Bol*

have helped get others involved in equine activities. This year, two well respected horse people were recognized and honored with this award-- Dr. Richard Bol and Selmer Jacobson.

**Dr. Richard Bol**

During the English Horse Show, on Saturday, August 27, 2011 the MN Horse Council recognized 2011 Pioneer Award honoree, Dr. Richard Bol, who passed away on July 14, 2011. The Tri-State Board of Directors along with many friends and family nominated Dr. Bol. On hand to present the award were Dawn Moore and Tom Tweeten from the MN Horse Council Board. Good friend Joleen Wallen, nieces Becky Hanson and Rachael Hyenhuis, and son Todd Bol and his wife Susan were in attendance to represent Dr. Bol's friends and family.

Dr. Bol more often than not was referred as 'Doc' by fellow horse owners and close friends. Most knew him as a horse trainer, trail boss, humorist, and a body care giver. He participated in a range of sports activities.

Born in North St. Paul, Richard was a part of a first generation family whose parents emigrated from Holland. He had his first pony at about 10 years of age and then owned Quarter Horses until his brother, Gerald, introduced him to Tennessee Walkers. Richard had been involved in raising and showing his Tennessee Walking Horses since the early 1970s when he also became a member of the Minnesota Walking Horse Association. Richard and his wife, June, lived at Stone Hill Farm just south of Lake

Elmo. He owned and raised some excellent show and trail horses through the years. Richard originally showed the padded performance horse to great success and then went on to use his horses for trail and pleasure riding. He purchased 'Halelujah's Mr. Perfect'



*Selmer Jacobson*

as a two year old and even showed him a year ago in May as a 29 year old Lite Shod Pleasure Horse at the MWA Early Bird Show. In 2009 the Washington County Fair honored him for his lifetime of showing by presenting him a "40 Year Participation" Award.

Dr Bol was known for sharing his horses with beginners and guests at the farm. He never missed an opportunity to spread the word about the excellence of the Walking Horse as a trail, pleasure and show mount. Doc mentored a number of young riders into the show ring where they too enjoyed the success and thrill of winning classes on his horses.

Doc absolutely loved trail riding and had been known to log over 500 hours in the saddle each year. This trail riding reputation won him the MWA "Iron Butt" award several times. Along with family and close friends, he would spend two weeks each September enjoying the rugged terrain of the Black Hills. Without exception, he made the trip this year, only it was taken in late May because of his illness.

Richard had leadership roles in chiropractic organizations, equestrian association and community service groups. He was a Board member for Tri-State well over 25 years. Through his active involvement he was rewarded with many awards. He received the MCA Chiropractor of the Year Award, Minnesota Walking Horse

*MHC Pioneer Award--continued on page 5*

## Aisle of Breeds at Minnesota State Fair!

The Aisle of Breeds, managed by the Minnesota Horse Expo and Minnesota Horse Council, at the 2011 Minnesota State Fair was a huge success with hundreds of people coming by to view the horses and talk to the owners about the various breeds. Also many questions were asked about various Committees of the Horse Council and what is coming for the 2012 Minnesota Horse Expo being held April 27, 28, and 29 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. The Aisle of Breed stalls were full for the whole State Fair. We even had a person who had a horse at the Aisle of Breeds propose to his girl friend in the large aisle in front of the Aisle of Breeds. We also worked with the State Fair to provide a Parade of Breeds in the Warner Coliseum during the first three days of the fair. Some of the Aisle of Breeds horse exhibitors participated in the daily State Fair Parade throughout the fairgrounds. SEE YOU AT THE 2012 EXPO.

The following owners and breeds were part of this year's Aisle of Breeds: Michelle Jungers, Meadowwood Stables, **Morgan**; Jennifer Coleman, **Hungarian Horse**; Heather Braun, Hidden Oaks Farm, **Friesian**; Barbara Anderson-Whiteis, **American Warmblood**; Tony Glover, **Tennessee Walking Horse**; Trudy Reiersen, Rinabows End Paso Finos, **Paso Fino**; Karen & Leon

Lustila, **Gypsy Vanner**; Terri Hurley, MN Mule and Donkey Assoc., **Mule**; Melissa Bieber, Biebers Red Willow Ranch, **Quarter Horse**; Jerry Halvorson, **Bashkir Curly**; Colleen Greiman, Cowgirl Ventures, **Akhal-Teke**; Stacy Gust Todd, **Paint, Fjord**; Vicki Hartman, Carisbrooke Farm, **Friesian**; Carolyn Peterson, **Miniature Horse**; Nancy Determan, **Quarter Horse**; Gary Wagener; Catherine Fuller, **BLM Mustang**; Laurie Andies, **Spanish Mustang**; Melissa Streep, **Palomino Quarter Horse**; Allison Goodman, AAA Appaloosas, **Appaloosa**; Shawn Sodren, Feather King Ranch, **Gypsy Vanner**; Mike and Sandy Moszer, Northern Lights Peruvian Horse Club, **Peruvian Paso**; Jim and Mary LaRue, **Appaloosa**; Molly and Shawn Brown, **Buckskin**; Jane Greenwood, American Heritage Horse Assn, **Spanish Mustang**; Sylvia & Jeff Passow, Brush Poppin Ranch, **Quarter Horse**; and Bryan and Mary Hagen, Lazy K Ranch, **Percheron**.

Glen Eaton was chair of the Aisle of Breeds Committee and arranged for the horses, stalls, bedding, and volunteers. Thank you to all who helped set up/take down the stall decorations and staff the table for the Aisle of Breeds. Without the help of so many, the Aisle of Breeds would not be the successful outreach it is.



*Hundreds of people enjoyed visiting the horses and owners at the Aisle of Breeds at the State Fair.*



*Kids enjoyed petting horses*



## WISCONSIN TO HOST COALITION OF STATE HORSE COUNCIL'S MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM

Make plans now to attend the fall meeting of the Coalition of State Horse Councils. This national meeting of horse councils is being hosted by the Wisconsin Horse Council and will be held in Madison, WI on the weekend of November 4th, 5th and 6th at the Comfort Inn & Suites.

To register and for more information, see [http://wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/index.php?page=detail&post\\_id=2615](http://wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/index.php?page=detail&post_id=2615).

# Cavalía in Minneapolis!

Cavalía is an artistic and poetic tribute to horses. This multimedia extravaganza features 86 two- and four-legged artists, including the beautiful horses, riders, acrobats, aerialists, dancers and live musicians. Cavalía is the brainchild of Normand Latourelle, co-founder of Cirque du Soleil.

Within Cavalía, the horses are the stars. They range in age from two five-month-old colts to a Lusitano stallion named Edros, who is the eldest at 19 years old. There are no mares in the Cavalía stables. In fact, half of Cavalía's horses are stallions--no other show features as many stallions. While stallions are more difficult to train than geldings or mares, they are far more spirited performers.

The stage is the full width of a regulation football field. This allows these exquisite horses enough space to gallop and play with the artists. The unique use of lighting and colorful backdrops facilitates the audience's enjoyment of the fascinating connection that is created between the human and horse--one filled with trust and a genuine sense of partnership.



Horses arrive

Members of the media and the Minnesota Horse Council were invited to greet the horses when they arrived September 15. Tracy Turner, MHC President and equine veterinarian, and Darrell Mead, Minnesota Horse Expo Barn Manager visited the barn area. According to Darrell, "No other stable in the state compares to how these horses are stabled." The feed, hay, and footing are transported from location to location to make the horses feel as comfortable as possible.



Horses are turned out each day

Darrell was impressed with the versatility of these horses. The same horse might be used both as a trick horse and for roman riding.



MHC Sign

Many members of the Minnesota Horse Council and Minnesota Horse Expo Boards attended the opening night performance on September 21st. It was an awe-inspiring experience. Many commented that it is a truly great equine performance and should not be missed.



Tack Tent



Photograph by Shelley Paulson Photography



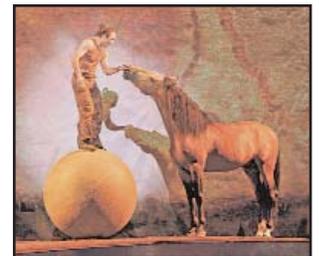
## - Thoughts on the Cavalía Horse Arrival -

To be honest, I had never heard of Cavalía until it was mentioned to me by a friend many, many weeks ago. She asked if I was planning to attend the show. Shoulder shrug, along with a 'we'll see'. My polite response meaning highly doubtful. I consider myself to be more of a working horse person. In my world horses and people are real. We all get dirty and wet. We are bitten by bugs and have our legs smacked on trees or poles, our jeans mussed by cattle and our hair belongs under a helmet or a hat! Pretty, neat and clean is for, well, others.

As part of the MHC newsletter staff, I was invited to the formal arrival for the Cavalía horses. OK, horses arriving in a truck or two or three. Big deal. Well, it was. Not so much the arrival but the genuine affection and pure joy of the reunion of the horses and their human. The performer met each of their own horses as they were unloaded. Hugs and pats from the human and nuzzles from the equine. These were very happy reunions and a warm sight on a chilly day.

The biggest thing that strikes me about Cavalía as a whole is the emotion. The cast members, the horses, the behind the scenes technicians and barn workers were all so happy. Very truly happy. They have fun! They smile with their whole being and laugh so enthusiastically they have the audience smiling and laughing with them--enjoying themselves and what they do. The depth of love and caring for their equine and human partners was truly a joy. Cavalía is a wonderful memory to cherish.

Missie Schwartz, MHC Director, Communications Chair



Photograph by Shelley Paulson Photography



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## MHC Grant Sponsors Roping Clinic

Thank you so much for helping fund our roping clinic we held on July 16th in Pipestone, MN with Casey Wilson as the clinician. The MN Horse Council banner was hung by the barn for the morning events and then it was moved to the arena when we switched to the riding events so that you were the known sponsor. The MN Horse Council was announced as the sponsor for the event throughout the day also. The flyer that went out inviting kids to attend also had the MN Horse Council listed as the sponsor.

We had 15 kids, ages 8-18, attend the clinic to learn the proper techniques of roping. In the morning at 9:00, we started out with ground work. This consisted of learning how to safely work with the rope, the correct way to head/heel the calf, and dallying. After lunch break Casey gave a short presentation on the tack needed and the uses for them associated with calf roping, break-away, and team roping. We spent the majority of the afternoon roping the heel-o-matic machine Casey brought. As you can see in the pictures, the kids all were able to rope the heel-o-matic and that really boosted their confidence. Since the heel-o-matic is pulled by a 4-wheeler you can adjust the speed for the level of the person roping. The newer kids that aren't fast enough coming out of the box to catch a live calf were able to take their time and concentrate with the heel-o-matic and catch it. At around 4:00, we ran some live cattle through the chute and ended the day about 5:00. Casey was very knowledgeable in all aspects of roping and had a great attitude with the kids. After the clinic, I had numerous parents and kids ask when we can do the next clinic and the possibilities of doing a 2-day clinic. So thanks for your support and we will be having another clinic next year and I know it will be successful!

On behalf of all the kids, parents, organizers, and horse owners "Thank you" for supporting the horse industry and helping us out!

Sincerely,

*Melissa Rosendahl*

Melissa Rosendahl

### MHC BOARD ELECTIONS

Each year a number of positions on the Minnesota Horse Council Board are up for election. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on January 21, 2012.

If you are interested in running for a Board position, you are encouraged to attend the the Council meeting to familiarize yourself with activities of the board.

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## MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2012



**MARRIOTT MINNEAPOLIS WEST**  
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St. Louis Park, MN 55426  
952-544-4400

\$79 per night Standard Room  
\$99 per night Suite  
Reserve by 12/31/11 - Mention MHC

## MHC Pioneer Award--continued from page 1



MHC Board Members Dawn Moore and Tom Tweeten presented the 2011 Pioneer Award to members of Dr. Richard Bol's family during the MN State Fair English Horse Show



MHC Board Members Dawn Moore and Glen Eaton presented the 2011 Pioneer Award to members of Selmer Jacobson's family during the MN State Fair Western Horse Show

Association Horseperson of the Year Award, The Tri-State Horseperson of the Year Award, and most recently the Tri-State Lifetime Achievement Award.

At Stone Hill Farm, there was a lawn sign outside the back door of his home. It summarized the sentiments that he often shared with many of us when we would visit: "Live well, Laugh often, and Love much".

### Selmer Jacobson

On Sunday September 4, 2011 during the Western Horse Show at the MN State Fair the second Pioneer Award for 2011 was presented to Selmer Jacobson. Glen Eaton, MN Horse Expo President and MHC Board member along with Dawn Moore, Executive Secretary, MHC were on hand to do the presentation.

Selmer Jacobson was a professional horse trainer in Minnesota for over 40 years. Selmer was born May 27, 1914 and passed away September 15, 2002. His horse career started as a child, working draft horses on the farm where he was raised. When he was a young man, Selmer decided to get some extra knowledge on breaking and training horses. He took courses by mail and obtained a diploma as a Master Equestrian from the School of Applied Horsemanship in October of 1948.

Selmer purchased a gray mare and trained her in dressage movements. This special thoroughbred type mare, known as "Ginger" was the start of his career in training horses. Selmer performed at many functions with "Ginger." He led and carried the flag in the Corn Show in Kenyon, and in 1939, was the special exhibition at the Minnesota State Fair.

Selmer decided to move into another field of training, which led him into a different discipline. Selmer trained an old broodmare of his to excel in reining, sliding, spinning, and stopping with the best. With the success of his broodmare, he started training for others. He started with *Hot Foot Annie* owned by the late Irving and Daisy Crotten. This mare was his first state champion, receiving the MQHA Reining High Point award. Selmer trained *Boots Top Pride* owned by Marvin Sorby of Duluth for reining and became his second state champion in 1964. Marvin also had Selmer train *Poco Discount*--1967 state champion.

Selmer had many clients over the years from the five state region. In the sixties and early seventies, he had young men coming to learn from him, one who was Jerry McRae of Red

Wing. Jerry was interested in the Arabian breed. With the help of Selmer, Jerry's stallion became a winner. Jerry went on to become a great trainer in the Arabian breed and held many national titles. Selmer also trained another Arabian stallion, "Silver Transistor," owned by the late Fred Groth of Wanamingo, MN. One year at the state fair, Selmer rode this stallion in the open reining class. He left the Hippodrome (as it was called back then) to a standing ovation from the crowd!

In the seventies, Selmer enjoyed many successes with Quarter Horses, *Dan River*, *Joak Sugar Bars*, *Heza Wimpy Step*, and others. Selmer also helped the 4-H project in Goodhue County, where he did small clinics and coached the horse judging team. Several kids would come to his farm to learn the fine points of judging top horses. He judged many local saddle club shows as well as County fairs. Selmer helped start the Kenyon Saddle Club and organized trail rides for members. Selmer has been recognized by many as the *grandfather of reining* in Minnesota, along with good friend Jack Brainerd who now resides in Texas.

In the eighties, Selmer worked with Steve DeFrang from Zumbrota. After working with Selmer, he bought the right horse, trained it, and won the reining Novice Open at the Derby when it was held in St. Paul. Steve now resides in Eyota where he has become a very successful reining trainer.

Selmer shared his love of horses with his family and friends. On hand to receive the award for Jacobson were daughters Helen Haugen and Barb Totten, grandson Aaron Haugen and his wife tara, granddaughter Amanda Pyfferen, cousin Carol Johnson and several great grandchildren.

Please make sure to submit your nominations early for the 2012 MHC Pioneer Award! Deadline is March 1, 2012 for awards to be given at the 2012 MN State Fair. Visit [www.mnhorsecouncil.org](http://www.mnhorsecouncil.org) for more information and nomination guidelines.



Great granddaughters hold photo of Selmer Jacobson

## H.R. 2966 Introduced in U.S. House of Representatives

*Yet Another Attempt to Ban Horse Slaughter in the U.S.!*

Take action! **Contact your Congressmen today** and let them know that you oppose this seemingly eternal money-making scheme by the corporate animal rights organizations.

The consequences of eliminating a slaughter option for horses without establishing a viable alternative should be very clear to experienced horsemen in all disciplines - horsemen who understand the human motivations, economic drivers and limitations of their industry; horsemen who put the needs of their horses above their own; and caring people who daily do what it takes to do what's right for their horses.

Let us be very clear, too: we all should be intolerant of animal suffering in whatever form it takes. HCI is, and will continue to be, a strong advocate for the welfare of horses. We will not compromise that stance for personal or professional popularity, current trends, political correctness or under force of intimidation. At HCI, horses come first. Period.

The suffering of horses has become so apparent and so acute, and the outcry from concerned horsemen is now substantial enough that it cannot be ignored. Those who would like us to believe that the appalling rise in horse starvation, neglect, abandonment and abuse is due solely to the economic downturn, or to our lack of responsible breeding and management of our horses, or to the purported greed of horsemen, were plainly called wrong by the recent findings in a congressional-requested report on the issue from the General Accounting Office (GAO). Those who maintained that horse sanctuaries and mandatory euthanasia restrictions could solve the problem of unwanted horses were also proven wrong. Those alternatives have proven to be woefully inadequate, and a true working solution to the problem of unwanted horses cannot be achieved through these methods alone.

These proposed prohibitions do nothing to help horses. After sixty years of fundraising by groups such as HSUS and ASPCA we have not solved the problem of unwanted dogs and cats in the U.S. Now we are faced with the "new problem" of unwanted horses...a problem created by these organizations, a problem of their own making and design. Send money, they say, and they promise they will "save the horses." Yet they offer no workable solutions.

It is our opinion that these poorly-conceived policies have resulted in increased horse suffering. Every recognized and accredited equine welfare expert in the country tells us banning slaughter is the wrong thing to do.

Here are a few links to information on this topic and ways to help you help us in helping horses:

- ◆ [www.esgmidwest.org/MLC/documentsResolutiononSustainabilityofHorseIndustryMLCJuly2011.pdf](http://www.esgmidwest.org/MLC/documentsResolutiononSustainabilityofHorseIndustryMLCJuly2011.pdf)
- ◆ [www.naiashelterproject.org/state\\_shelters.cfm?state=IL](http://www.naiashelterproject.org/state_shelters.cfm?state=IL)
- ◆ [www.aaep.org/Current\\_Issues.htm](http://www.aaep.org/Current_Issues.htm)
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- ◆ [www.united-horsemen.org/summit-of-the-horse/](http://www.united-horsemen.org/summit-of-the-horse/)
- ◆ [www.user1.org/](http://www.user1.org/)

## NEW MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL ARENA

The Wright County Fair Board in Howard Lake improved their horse facilities by expanding the warm-up area and outdoor arena, redoing the fencing and hauling in better footing, and added lighting so shows can run past sunset. A \$5,000 grant provided by the Minnesota Horse Council helped fund electrical work to add lighting to the arena & warm-up ring.



## BUDWEISER CLYDESDALES VISIT MINNEAPOLIS

The Budweiser Clydesdales made their way through downtown Minneapolis and into Target Field before the September 22 Minnesota Twins game against Seattle. They traveled along the warning track during the pregame ceremony.

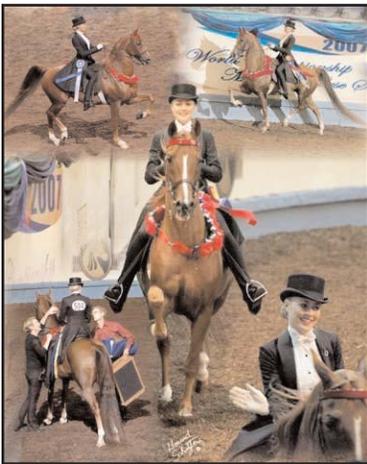


Budweiser Clydesdales at Target Field

## ALYSSA WICK, HARDWOOD CREEK FARM TO COMPETE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Alyssa Wick has been selected to be part of the United States Saddleseat Invitational Team that will compete later this year in Parys, South Africa. She will be one of six riders on the 3-gaited team from the USA.

In July, while attending the Junior League Horse Show in Lexington, KY, Alyssa met Jane Jacobs. Along with her husband Brent and daughter, Brooke, they were making plans to put together what is called the United States Saddleseat Invitational Riding Team. Jane was referred to Alyssa by Gayle Lampe, professor at William Woods College where Alyssa is a student.



*Alyssa & Hylees By George winning the AMHA Saddleseat Gold Medal Finals*

Professor Lampe had suggested to Jane that Alyssa would be a good addition to the team. Several weeks after the Lexington show, Alyssa received a call from Brent Jacobs inviting her to be part of the team. Without hesitation, she said she would be thrilled and honored to represent the US as a team member.

Alyssa departs from Minneapolis November 30 and will arrive in Johannesburg on December 1. The first three days in South

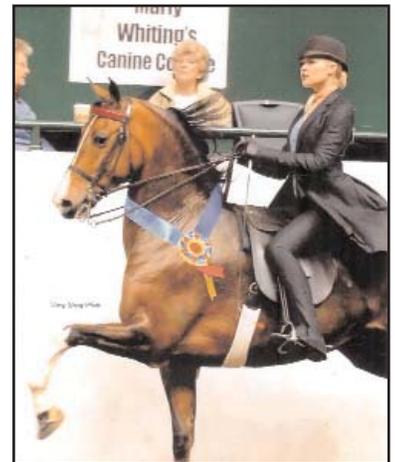
Africa will include touristy things including safaris, shopping, etc. Team members then practice until the competition begins. There are two US teams that will compete, the 3-gaited team and

the 5-gaited team. Alyssa will be member of the 3-gaited team along with Emily Chapman, Caitlin Donohue, Alex Lawson, Abby Mutrux and Kristen Smith. Their coach is Brooke Jacobs from Lexington, KY.

Alyssa Wick is the daughter of Lyle and Colleen Wick, trainers and owners of Hardwood Creek Farm, Hugo, Minnesota. She has ridden Morgan and American Saddlebred horses both regionally and nationally since she was a small child. Alyssa is a 2008 Minnesota Horse Council Scholarship Awardee. Her father, Lyle, has served on the Minnesota Horse Council Board of Directors and is currently on the TriState Horseman's Board of Directors.

It is an honor to have a Minnesota Equestrian again competing at the international level. Alyssa is extremely grateful to all who have expressed support for her success at the competition in South Africa. We wish her well!

Thomas Tweeten, PhD, MHC Board  
Alyssa Wick, Hardwood Creek Farm



*Alyssa & Flash Dawson during a championship pass at the North Star Morgan Show*

### AHC is Rounding Up New Listings and Advertisers for its 2012 Horse Industry Directory

The American Horse Council (AHC) has announced that it will be offering a new section for *Equine Businesses* in its 2012 Horse Industry Directory. Now your equine business can be included in the most complete equine related registry and will reach the horse industry's most diverse audience. This new section will include attorneys, accountants, farriers, feed companies, shippers, stables, trainers, veterinarians, and miscellaneous.

AHC's Horse Industry Directory has thousands of equine listings and resources that will help any user find important information relating to the horse industry including breed registries; racing, rodeo, show, sport, and trails organizations; equine health and welfare organizations; interstate health requirements; statistical information on the horse industry; and an index of all the listings and telephone numbers are provided for easy access.

Business listings and advertising space are available through certain levels of membership with the AHC, or can be purchased



separately starting at \$175. Listings will include your company name, contact information, website, and up to a thirty word description of your business. Advertising space will be available to anyone that would like for their business to have additional exposure in the directory. For a limited time only- secure your space before October 15, 2011 and receive a 15% discounted rate! Download Rate Sheet and Specs (PDF) at [www.horsecouncil.org/sites/default/files/2012%20rate%20sheet%20and%20specs.pdf](http://www.horsecouncil.org/sites/default/files/2012%20rate%20sheet%20and%20specs.pdf).

The Horse Industry Directory is sent to AHC members as a member benefit, is available for easy access online on AHC's members only page, and is also available to purchase on the AHC website.

To find out more about how you can reach thousands of horse owners and breeders please contact Bridget Harrison at [bharrison@horsecouncil.org](mailto:bharrison@horsecouncil.org) or 202-296-4031.

## Horse Adoption & Rescue Webinar on theHorse.com

Dr. Julie Wilson, President of Turner Wilson Equine Consulting, was one of two experts that hosted a live webinar on Wednesday evening, September 21st. It was hosted on the website: [www.horse.com](http://www.horse.com). The live question and answer session centered around the topic: Horse Adoption and Rescue.



Dr. Julie Wilson

There is considerable concern about horse welfare this year because of the range of weather conditions that different states have experienced. This has resulted in people wanting to place horses for adoption as well as rescue facilities being inundated with horses from people with insufficient resources to care for their horses. The webinar attempted to answer questions related to 'homeless' horses including finding the right horse to adopt, what to look for in a reputable rescue, and what type of health issues to be aware of. Anyone can listen to a rebroadcast of the webinar by going to the website: [www.thehorse.com/Videos/Webinars.aspx](http://www.thehorse.com/Videos/Webinars.aspx), logging in with user and password, and then selecting the webinar from a list of past webinar presentations.

Dr. Wilson has been a member of the Minnesota Horse Council since she moved to Minnesota to teach at the University of Minnesota. She serves as advisor to the Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue Foundation and helps organize Minnesota's Gelding Project each year. She is also a co-founder of the Equitarian Initiative, which educates veterinarians to provide community service and health care to working donkeys, mules, and horses in poor areas.

Thomas N. Tweeten, PhD, MHC Board of Directors

## U OF M EXTENSION WEBCASTS

### Reducing Hay Waste

September 27 ♦ 6 PM

### EMS and Ponies (Equine Genetics Series Pt. 6)

October 18 ♦ 6 PM

### Winter Care and Feeding for Your Horse

November 29 ♦ 6 PM

Can't make it to one of our presentations? Don't worry! All MHU Webcasts are recorded and archived for FREE viewing from anywhere at any time! Go to <http://myhorse-university.com/resources/webcasts/archived>

## Fecal Clinic on Thursday October 13th

Location:

Waconia Farm Supply--Dayton Location  
11810 Brockton Lane N ♦ Maple Grove, MN 55369

This Fecal Clinic provides livestock producers with the opportunity to learn to do their own fecal tests. Come and receive hands on instruction on preparing samples, identifying parasite eggs and doing an egg count.

Hands-on training starts at 2 pm and will continue throughout the day until the 7 pm presentation. Training is informal--you do not have to be present the entire afternoon to benefit but plan at least an hour to go through the process and learn how the samples are prepared, how to use a microscope to identify eggs and to do an egg count.

At 7 pm, Dr. Bliss will do a presentation on *Parasites, Deworming Protocols, and Ridding Your Pastures of Parasites*.

**Sponsored by:** Merck Animal Health

**Presented by:** Minnesota Meat Goat Producers, U of M Extension, Waconia Farm Supply

**Cost:** Free! Merck Animal Health is covering the cost of the clinic plus the cost to evaluate fecal samples.

**For more info contact:** Lynne Shonyo, Minnesota Meat Goat Producers 612-810-0534 or Laura Lyseng, Waconia Farm Supply 763-428-2257

**Instructor and Presenter:** Dr. Don Bliss, Veterinary Parasitologist, Mid America Ag Research

Producers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to find out what the parasite load is for your herd or individual animals. If samples are provided ahead of time the results can be ready and producers will receive them at the meeting. Fecal samples can be dropped off at the Waconia Farm Supply store in Dayton up to one week prior to the clinic or they can be sent to: Mid America Agricultural Research, 3705 Sequoia Trail, Verona, WI 53593.

Forms and instructions for sending samples are available at [www.midamericaagresearch.net](http://www.midamericaagresearch.net). Click on menu for Lab Services for Parasite Diagnosis and then click on Instructions for Small Ruminant/Wildlife submission form (or the appropriate form for species of livestock sample is from). Forms must be completed and included with samples - add note: 'for Minnesota Meat Goat Producers clinic' on the form so the results will be available the day of the clinic. This notation will also assure that you will not be charged for the evaluation. Samples can also be brought in the day of the clinic but due to time restraints they may not be processed and evaluated that day (results for samples not processed that day or before will be sent out later).

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**MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - July 12, 2011**

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

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

**Absent:** Jennifer Willey, Carol Dobbelaire

**Members/Visitors:** Brenda Myer

I. Meeting called to order: **6:37 P.M. by Tracy Turner**

**II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors**

Tracy Turner introduced the aforementioned guest and had the directors of the MHC introduce themselves to guest.

**III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda**

**IV. Treasurer's Report** for July was distributed by Tim Bonham. This report reflected the total assets of \$783,382.42 with total liabilities of \$348,168.61. Jan Schatzlein motioned to accept the June treasurer's report as presented. Mark Ward seconded, motion carries.

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

**VI. Secretary's Report:** Dawn Moore, no report.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. By Laws Change:** Marian Robinson presented two possible versions of a by law change with regards to directors. Marian Robinson motioned to adopt the first of the two versions which reads: "Directors: those people who are interested in being nominated and voted onto the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Horse Council should at least attend 1 or 2 meetings before coming onto the Board of Directors. Reason: To acquaint themselves to what the Minnesota Horse Council does, meet the other Directors so they can get to know you and you get to know them." Sue McDonough seconded, discussion followed. Voting followed with one for the motion, one abstain (Dave Fleischhaker) and thirteen against. The nominations committee is to present their procedures to the board of directors at the September meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Expo:** Glen Eaton reported. The final figures of the 2011 Minnesota Horse Expo are in and we a just slightly above 2010 Expo. We feel part of the attendance with the bad weather was that we had Pat Parelli as a speaker. As for the weather, we have had bad weather for about four years. Maybe that is not all bad. The Horse Barn was full of horses and just about all the vendor spaces were full. The speaker areas were very well attended and good reports are coming back from the surveys being received from the public and the vendors. All in all we had a great Expo. On to 2012 which is our 30th anniversary. The dates of the 2012 Expo are April 27, 28 and 29. Clinicians being interviewed and the vendor folders and contracts are being reviewed for mailing on August 26. New for 2012 is the new Judging Arena which will be under construction starting in October and will be finished for Expo 2012. Ames Construction is the contractor. The new Judging Arena will be good for the Expo and all of the animal shows

**B. Direct Funding:** Mark Ward reported. No new requests have been received since the last meeting. We approved both requests previously reported:

\$500 to Pipestone County 4-H for a roping clinic

\$500 to Whips and Wheels for a driving clinic

The following groups have been contacted with the notice that their direct funding requests from previous years have expired and they have all been invited to submit a new application for any new projects they need funded.

MN POA Club \$500, Cass/Pillager County Fair \$500, Cottonwood County 4-H \$500, Steele County 4-H Horse Project \$500, MN LINC \$350, We Can Ride \$350, Rum River Equestrian Farm \$500.00

Here is a sample letter:

To: XXX, XXX Equestrian Farm

From: Mark Ward, Chairman, Minnesota Horse Council Direct Funding Committee

Dear XXX,

Hi. I haven't seen you in a while, but I remember you of course and remember the last couple of times you visited our MN Horse Council meetings. I hope everything is going smoothly with your new horse activities at your Equestrian Center.

I have on record an old (2009) request from group for a \$500 grant. I just wanted you to know that while the date for that grant has expired and the funds for that grant are no longer available, you are welcome to submit an application for funding for a new project. The Minnesota Horse Council admires the service you provide our community. Information about our direct funding program may be found at: <http://www.mnhorsecouncil.org/direct-funding-application-procedures.php>. You can find an application at: <http://www.mnhorsecouncil.org/docs/dirfund-applic-2011.pdf>.

Sincerely,

Mark Ward

**C. Scholarships:** Trina Joyce received a thank you letter from Casey Rabbe, which she read aloud. Scholarship mailings will be going out shortly. Trina Joyce and Tim Bonham will work together to update the mailing materials and the website.

**D. Grants:** Tim Bonham advised the combined mailing of grants, scholarship, Horseperson of the Year and Direct Funding information is being prepared at this time. Many of the grants awarded in January are being claimed at this time. Discussion followed on the grant recipients who have not claimed their awarded funds from previous years.

**E. Promotions:** Jennifer Willey absent, report submitted electronically. As of July 12th the MHC has sponsored 11 events representing 10 breed groups, 9 general disciplines and reaching over 3000 people involved with horses in MN. If anyone has any associations they think might make a good fit for sponsorship, please contact Jennifer. The MHC has been present at three industry trade shows and will be at two more by year's end. Reminder--we have space for a news article once a month in the Midwest Horse Digest. Please send articles to Jennifer Willey.

**F. Aisle of Breeds:** Glen Eaton reported: The Aisle of Breeds will be a part of the State Fair again. The dates of the State Fair are August 25 through September 5. We will meet at the Storage Locker at 10:30 Tuesday, August 23 to get the material to set up the Aisle of Breeds to be part of a Parade of Breeds in the Coliseum. About 4 horses of different breeds will be taken each day for about fifteen minutes for the parade and will be much like the Parade of Breeds at the Expo. We are filling in the final details at this time. We hope as many people as possible can be a part of the Aisle of Breeds.

**G. CSHS:** Glen Eaton reported: Tracy and I traveled to Washington DC for the American Horse Council meetings of which the States Horse Council Coalition is part. The Coalition had meetings all day on Monday after a reception on Sunday evening. Speakers were the Farm Bureau, Land Conservation and three from France for the 2014 World Equine Games in Normandy, France. They estimate the cost to be about \$1,000 plus air fare. A good meeting took place for the advancement of the Coalition. The fall meeting is in Madison, Wisconsin on November 4, 5 and 6. Tracy attended many of the other meetings of the AHC. Tracy Turner reported: Unwanted Horse Coalition estimated the number of unwanted

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horses has increased to 170,000/yr. Their future plans are to continue sponsoring Operation Gelding, take position on broader issues, ideas: euthanasia vouchers, vaccination clinics, hay/feed banks, information for rescues being better adoption facilities. Donations are made through the American Horse Council Foundation. Tracy Turner presented ideas other groups are using to address the unwanted horse issue. Breed roundtable: 50% decline in registrations, 20% decline in memberships. Legislation: Farm Bill \$17.25B, of that 62-75% entitlements (nutrition programs/food stamps). APHIS funding: 2010: \$905M, 2011: \$863M, 2012: \$783M (house) \$832M (pres). Visits on the hill: Tracy Turner met with MN legislators (Senators and House members) and universally all understand the importance of horses to the economy of MN. Rep Colin Peterson met with me personally. He is one of the best advocates MN has for horses in the legislature.

**H. Pioneer Award:** Dawn Moore had received one nomination thus far. The committee will meet after the meeting tonight to discuss the nomination. Dawn Moore is preparing a write up for the 4-H program which is due by July 15th.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Sibley Equine Conservancy and MN Horse Park:** Brenda Myer presented a proposal for the Conservancy who intends to purchase land as a 501(c)3 that currently has horse trails and build an Equine event center and horse park in the Pequot Lake area of MN. The 297 acres of land in consideration is currently being offered for sale at a price of \$665,000. Discussion followed.

**B. Discussion regarding the MN Horse Council and the Government Shutdown.** Tracy Turner led a conversation on whether the MHC should become involved in any capacity. Darrell Mead motioned to have Tracy Turner draft a letter stating the concerns of the MHC with regard to the negative impact the government shutdown is having on the Equine industry. Judy Jensen seconded, discussion followed. The motion passes by a vote of the board.

**C. Changes to Committee policies and procedures:** Tracy Turner reported that one chairperson has turned in their five year plan for their committee. Tracy Turner read this plan from Marian Robinson's Disaster Committee as a good example of what he would like to see from the rest of the MHC committee chairs.

**D. US Pentathlon committee:** Tom Tweeten shared the US Pentathlon committee has selected two individuals from Minnesota. They will compete in Istanbul, Turkey August 18th- 21st.

**Announcements:**

July 15th is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter.

**X. Tracy Turner adjourned** the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING** - September 13, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.  
University of MN - Leatherdale Equine Center

## HORSE HAY

Read a great article on what you need to know about horse hay at:

<http://www.myhorseuniversity.com/resources/eTips/September2011/Didyouknow>

## 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

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### MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MEETINGS

Leatherdale Equine Center Center ♦ 6:30 pm  
1801 Dudley Ave ♦ St, Paul  
Located on the U of M St. Paul Campus

February 8	June 14	October 11
March 8	July 12	November 8
April 12	August - No meeting	December 13
May 10	September 13	
January 21, 2012 - Annual Meeting - Marriott West		

### MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO BOARD MEETINGS

Byerly's Community Room ♦ 6:30 pm  
3777 Park Center Drive ♦ St. Louis Park, MN

January 25	May 24	September 27
February 22	June 28	October 25
March 29	July 26	November 29
April 19	August - No meeting	December 27

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January/February	1/21/11	July/August	6/10/11
March	2/11/11	September	8/12/11
April	3/11/11	October	9/16/11
May	4/15/11	November	10/14/11
June	5/13/11	December	11/11/11

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