



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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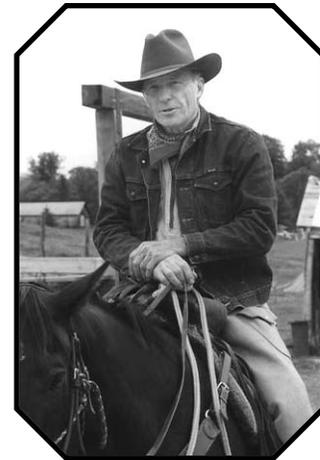
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2007 PIONEER HORSEMAN AWARD

EARLE DICKINSON

Aug. 20, 1928 to Oct. 8, 2006

The Minnesota Horse Council **PIONEER HORSEMAN** award honors those individuals from past years whose expertise and contributions made long-lasting positive changes in the equine industry. The seventh award recipient is Earle Dickinson of Bemidji, Minnesota.



Dickinson was involved in the horse industry from early childhood. His parents, former Senator and Representative Leonard and Agnes Jacobson Dickinson, owned the Buena Vista Ranch just north of Bemidji. They raised draft horses, Quarter Horses and Columbia sheep. Dickinson wanted to be a cowboy. His father bought him a pony named Dixie, a pair of boots and chaps, and a guitar. His life was filled with song. He pursued his education at various colleges including his studies in Agriculture at the University of Minnesota. While there, he sang in the men's choir. Dickinson showed horses and sheep locally and at the Minnesota State Fair. At the county fair, he would have his team and wagon to give rides and share stories about the older way of life. He also won many ribbons!

Dickinson and his father enjoyed horse trading and all the other aspects of the equine industry. Dickinson was a strong supporter of 4-H throughout his life, attending many shows in which his children and grandchildren participated. He was president of the Beltrami County Fair Board in the 1980s. During his tenure there, the 4H and Open horse programs were strengthened and expanded. Later he sponsored many Natural Horsemanship Clinics at his ranch to help others learn more humane and safe ways of handling of their horses.

He expanded the Buena Vista Ski Area, alongside the Buena Vista Ranch, and added a Logging Village. He recreated an old logging town which became the site for wagon trains,

trail rides, Logging Days and other community events. Along with his father and friend Benhart Rajala, he created the Annual Buena Vista Logging Days Festival. It is an event where live-action logging demonstrations are tied in with old time stories, an induction of real lumberjacks into the Hall of Fame and the combining of talents of local individuals.

Dickinson drove a covered wagon pulled by his Belgians, King and Jack, in the June 1991 Itasca State Park Centennial Wagon Train. He drove the Little Falls to Itasca State Park leg and his wife actually walked alongside the wagon for the exercise! He sponsored many trail rides where he would share stories of cowboys and loggers and share songs of the west. According to Joe Waslaski of Gold Mine Ranch, Dickinson was "a horseman, a woodsman, a logging historian... was loved for his genuine smile, engaging personality, his kindness, his diverse talents and his strong character. He was the archetype of a Minnesota... entrepreneur and a rugged individualist."

His legacy lives on in all of those whose lives were touched by his knowledge and kindness and his love of the equine world.

New Immigration Enforcement Measures

Memo from American Horse Council, August 13, 2007

The Departments of Homeland Security (DHS) and Commerce have jointly announced new immigration measures intended to improve border security, step up enforcement of immigration laws, streamline existing guest worker programs and address the failures of the current immigration system. The new requirements take effect in 30 days.

The announcement provides that new regulations will be proposed to simplify the process of employing aliens under the H-2A and H-2B programs, which may prove beneficial to the horse industry. But the plan to more forcefully pursue enforcement of sanctions against employers for employing alien workers with faulty documents is raising concerns among employers of these low-skilled workers. Many employers in the horse industry use the H-2A and H-2B programs to employ willing alien employees.

The Senate could not agree on comprehensive immigration reform legislation earlier this summer. It has been suggested that the Departments did not adopt the new rules while Congress was debating broad immigration reform. But when Congress could not pass broad legislation, the Administration decided to move forward with the new rules.

Worksite Enforcement – Stepped-up Employer Sanctions

The cornerstone of the new requirements is the announced crackdown on employers who “knowingly” hire undocumented workers. This is the so-called “no-match” regulation. Under current law an employer must ask for documents that confirm an individual’s identity and ability to work when employees fill out the required Form I-9. These documents include a social security card. Each year employers send the Social Security Administration (SSA) earnings reports (W-2 Forms) in which the employee name and the social security number do not match. If an employer has more than 10 employees with inaccurate personal identity information, the SSA will send him/her a “no-match” letter stating that the social security information submitted by the employer for his/her employees does not match the records in the SSA database.

In addition, DHS’ U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement will send a similar letter to an employer if an audit indicates that an immigration status document or employment authorization document presented or referenced by the employer in the Form I-9 cannot be confirmed. The new regulations spell-out what an employer can do to avoid “knowingly” hiring or continuing to employ the individual and avoid liability for employer sanctions.

If an employer receives such a letter from either SSA or DHS, he/she must take the following actions or risk penalties. The steps that will insulate an employer from liability include:

Within 30 days of receiving the letter, the employer must check the information against his/her own records, make any corrections of errors and verify them with SSA or DHS. If the employer does not find errors in its records, the employer must inform the worker of the discrepancy within 30 days. The worker then has until 90 days after the employer received the letter to contact the appropriate agency and correct the error.

If the employee does not resolve the issue during that period, he/she has three days to fill out new paperwork and provide all necessary documentation. If the worker cannot provide the documentation, the employer must fire the worker immediately or be liable to sanctions and fines for “knowingly” employing an undocumented alien and failing to act.

Under the new regulations, fines imposed on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants will be raised 25%. Current fines are \$2,200 for the first offense and up to \$10,000 for repeat offenses. The 25% increase is the maximum allowed under current law.

The Administration will be proposing additional regulations to reduce the 29 categories of documents that employers may accept to confirm the identity and work eligibility of their employees. These are expected in the near future. The purpose is to eliminate those documents that are most susceptible to fraudulent activities.

Streamlining Existing Guest-Worker Programs

The announcement also provides that the Administration has directed the Department of Labor (DOL) to review the existing regulations implementing the H-2A program and to institute changes intended to provide agricultural employers with an orderly and timely flow of legal workers.

In the H-2B program, the Department will be issuing regulations intended to reduce the time for processing applications by moving from a government-certified system requiring DOL to issue labor certifications to an “employer-attested” system. This will allow employers to attest that they have followed the procedures and could not find willing American workers.

Finally, the Administration will be exploring ways to expedite background checks on alien workers in order to permit visas to be issued more promptly. All these reforms are intended to make the temporary worker programs more responsive to the needs of employers.

Border Security

The announcement states that the Administration will strengthen security at the U.S. border by building 370 miles of fencing, 300 miles of vehicle barriers, setup 105 camera and radar towers, and provide 18,300 border patrol agents. The current policy of “catch and return” – sending illegal aliens apprehended at the border back to their country of origin - will be maintained and expanded. The US-VISIT exit requirement will be expanded, including the establishment of a new land-border exit system for guest workers starting on a pilot basis. This is intended to ensure that temporary workers in the U.S. will leave when their work authorization expires.

Interior Enforcement

The Administration will also be training hundreds of state and local law enforcement officers to address illegal immigration in the states and communities. 75 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Teams will be trained by October to work with local authorities to remove fugitive aliens.

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American Horse Council Study Finds Horse Show Industry Has Significant Economic Impact

AHC Press Release ♦ June 28, 2007

WASHINGTON, DC - For anyone that has participated in a horse show, be it at the national, state or local level, there is no doubt that these activities generate a lot of money. The American Horse Council's Economic Impact of the Horse Industry on the United States study includes some impressive statistics that confirm the significant impact of the horse show industry.

Among horse owners, 481,238 are primarily involved in competition. That accounts for 10.33 percent of the total number of people who participate in equestrian activities, be they horse owners, employees or family members or volunteers.

To take a closer look at the population of the showing segment of the horse industry, the Economic Impact Study breaks down the number of horses by breed. There are more than one million Quarter Horses being used specifically for showing purposes. Meanwhile, 336,992 Thoroughbreds and another 1.3 million horses belonging to "other" breeds are involved in showing and competitions.

The owners of all of these horses spend and generate a lot of money to stay in the show ring. The resulting effect on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the showing industry alone is \$28.8 billion - \$10.8 billion are direct effects and \$18 billion are indirect and induced effects.

We can break this economic information down even further by specifying the effect by horse breed. Thoroughbreds used for showing have a \$2.2 billion direct effect and a \$6 billion total effect (including indirect and induced effects) on the GDP. Competition Quarter Horses have a \$4 billion direct effect and \$10.8 billion total effect. The rest of the breeds have a \$4.4 billion direct effect and \$11.9 billion total effect.

The revenues and expenses for an individual show can vary widely based on location, size and number of participants.

However, the Economic Impact Study concluded that the average show generates \$158,724 in revenues and has \$135,740 in general operating costs. There are also federal, state and local taxes to be paid, which total an average of \$604. These numbers do not even include the revenues and expenses related to any show that cannot be tracked by those organizing the event.

Thousands of employees are required to keep all of the money flowing and these horse shows running. The Economic Impact Study converts part-time and seasonal employees into a full-time equivalent basis to accurately determine the number of jobs generated by the horse industry. The showing industry generates 99,051 full-time equivalent positions. Jobs associated with competition Thoroughbreds equal 27,107, Quarter Horses 35,067 and "other" breeds 36,877.

When you add the number of jobs generated directly by the industry and add indirect and induced employment, those numbers go even higher. Indirect employment represents jobs provided as a result of spending by industry providers and induced employment represents jobs provided as a result of spending by industry employees. The showing industry has a total effect on full-time equivalent employment of 380,416 jobs.

The American Horse Council's Economic Impact of the Horse Industry on the United States study contains all of these statistics and more. The comprehensive study also analyzes the racing and recreation industries, as well as breaking down all of these numbers by state for the 15 states that participated in breakout studies.

The national and each individual state study are available for purchase from the American Horse Council at www.horsecouncil.org or by phone at 202-296-4031.



Thank You from the Minnesota/Iowa Arabian Horse Club Freeborn County Fair ♦ Albert Lea, MN

Thanks so much for the opportunity to improve our local showgrounds. We are fortunate to have a nice indoor arena, but over time improvements have been needed. Your grant has made it possible to brighten our indoor arena and make it safer for horses and their handler/riders.

To the left are two photos, one of our board members, Rod Zimmerman, utilizing a new gate where just a hole in the arena wall had been. Another photo shows how nice and bright the indoor arena looks with its new coat of paint. Much more inviting to the horses and their humans.

This group was awarded a \$2,350 grant from the Minnesota Horse Council at their Annual Meeting held January 13, 2007.

Tips from the Vet on the Hill

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



Hello from Washington, DC. This past year I've had the opportunity to participate in a Congressional Science Fellowship sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association and administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

As a fellow I've been working as a legislative assistant for US Congressman Rob Andrews (D-NJ-1) where I've handled his arts, agriculture, energy, environment, homeland security, postal, and transportation issues. How is this a tip from the vet? With many horse related issues ending up in Congress, advocacy is one way to have your concerns heard.

The United States legislative process is a complex system. The House, with 435 Members is very different from the Senate with 100 Members. While understanding this process is challenging, I've learned a few things about the House that make up this month's "tip from the vet."

The House is driven by the Majority: There are multiple sets of procedures that are under control of the Leadership (Majority Party).

The House is driven by jurisdiction. Once a bill or piece of legislation is introduced into Congress, it is referred to the committee of jurisdiction. If the committee of jurisdiction is not interested in the idea it will never move out of committee and onto the House floor for a vote.

While the Members cast votes and drive the ultimate decisions, many initial decisions regarding legislative ideas are made at the

staff level. This is perhaps the true tip from the vet.

The office I work in is truly constituent driven. One voice from a constituent can make a difference.

If you are concerned about an issue, you can call the Member's DC office and ask to speak to the staff member who handles this issue. "Lingo" on the Hill would be something like, "Hi, my name is...and I live in the district. I would like to speak to the staffer who handles issue xyz."

Following the above advice doesn't guarantee a response, however it is likely to at least get you to the staff member's voicemail.

When you do reach the staffer, it is important to be clear about your message. Each House staff member typically handles multiple issue areas. They receive hundreds of e-mails and faxes a day. Lengthy documents are often not read. Short, bulleted points that identify exactly what the requested action is will be more helpful than lengthy discussion.

I have truly enjoyed my year in DC. I have a greater appreciation and respect for the hours of work and efforts of our Members of Congress. I highly recommend getting involved in the legislative process at the local, state and/or federal level. Your voice is important!

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

PATIENCE - Have patience on the trails with children, the elderly, handicapped individuals, and puppies.

ANNOUNCE YOURSELF - When you pass someone on a bicycle or in-line skaters, pass to the left. Slower traffic should stay to the right, and should announce, "Passing left."

PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN - Plan on carrying your own garbage out with you. There is no budget for maintaining and emptying trail receptacles.

ANIMAL ETIQUETTE - Pets should be on a six foot leash. "Pack out" your pet's waste. Horseback riders should stay off the blacktop path during all four seasons. Horse hooves and droppings disrupt winter skiers and summer bicyclists.

YIELD - Horses yield to carriages.

MOVE ASIDE TO CHAT - Move off the trail to converse with friends so you don't block traffic behind or in front of you.

SINGLE FILE - When someone is approaching you from either direction, single file is advised where necessary.

SMELL THE ROSES - But not on private property.

CODE OF ETHICS

RESPECT - I will respect the landowners and their property.

LITTER - I will not litter the land, and will pick up litter along the trails and dispose of it properly.

BEHAVIOR - I will behave with decorum so as not to endanger the lives of myself, my companions, landowners, pets or livestock. I will avoid becoming a nuisance to the landowners.

LEGALITIES - I will assume full responsibility for my own welfare and that of my horse when crossing land with the landowner's permission. I will adhere to the rules of the facility.

ALCOHOL OR DRUGS - I will not ride while intoxicated.

DOGS - I will not allow a dog to accompany me while riding across private property.

CROP RESPECT - I will treat landowners crops with respect, not trampling them or allowing my horse to eat them.

TRAILS - I will ride so that a designated trail will not be made unnecessarily wider.

WEAPONS - I will not carry or use weapons of any kind.

RESPONSIBILITY - I will accept full responsibility for the actions of children under the age of 18, and those of my guests.

PRIVATE TRAILS - I will ride on private trails only in small groups with respect to the landowner.

MAINTENANCE - I will spend a given number of hours per year helping establish and maintaining trails to which the group has been granted access.

DAMAGE CONTROL - I will not cut fences, vandalize property, or leave gates other than the way they were found. I will notify the landowner if I discover broken fences or loose livestock and help in any way I can.

WINTER COURTESY - I will avoid messing ski trails with hoof-prints or droppings. Skiers should leave room for a horse to pass alongside.

SMOKING - I will be cautious when smoking or building fires.

Taken from the Minnesota Horse Council website

New Jersey Horse Council President Wins American Horse Council's 2007 Van Ness Award

AHC Press Release ♦ June 21, 2007

JASHINGTON, DC –The American Horse Council (AHC) presented the Van Ness Award to Jane Gilbert, president of the New Jersey Horse Council, at the annual AHC National Issues Forum in Washington, DC this week.

Each year the Van Ness Award is given to a person in the equine industry who embodies the dedication and service of the late Mrs. Marjorie Van Ness.

“Marge was a vital force in the formation of the New Jersey Horse Council, the formation of AHC’s State Horse Council Advisory Committee and a devoted member of the AHC Executive Committee,” said AHC President Jay Hickey.

An extremely well-rounded equestrian, Jane Gilbert has been involved with hunters, jumpers, dressage, combined training, thoroughbred racing and breeding.

Mrs. Gilbert was the New Jersey Horse Person of the Year in 2001. She has shown her leadership abilities time and again, holding the following positions at one time or another. She has been President of the New Jersey Bred Hunter Association, President of the Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association, a member of the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board, Board Member of ReRun Thoroughbred Retirement Organization, Trustee of the Horse Park of New Jersey and a member of the RUBEA Committee for the Equine Sciences Center at Cook College.

“While most of us would consider these obligations a full-time job, Mrs. Gilbert also maintains a 36-acre breeding farm, races homebred thoroughbreds and assists local Thoroughbred adoption groups when she can. Additionally, she was a Blue Bridle Insurance Agent for 23 years. No stranger to the legislative process, she worked tirelessly for the passage of the New Jersey Equine Liability Law and for expansion of the state Farmland Assessment Law,” said Hickey during the award presentation.

Minnesota Horse Trails Map Available

To obtain a copy of the trail map please send a #10 or 4"x9" self addressed envelope with \$0.60 postage to the Minnesota Horse Council address and one will be mailed to you. For more copies please add additional postage and send a larger envelope.



If Horses Were in High School...

Quarter Horses: Definitely jocks. Strutting around flexing those muscles, showing off their butts. Not real bright. But get passed on since they are responsible for all the trophies in the glass cases.

Thoroughbreds: Preppies. They are athletes, never 'jocks'. Monogrammed blankets, leather halters, Nike eventer shoes, the latest custom trailer and tack.

Connemaras: Gorgeous chicks with sultry eyelashes, sexy curves, devil-may-care attitudes. NOT into studying or anything to do with geometry. Great fun to be around, delightful senses of humor, and the world's best pranksters. Can usually be found in the nearest pub, entertaining the masses. Fast and easy.

Appaloosas: Could only be the stoners. They like to drop acid so they can watch their spots move.

Arabians: RAH! RAH! SIS BOOM BAH! Need I say more?

Shetland Ponies: Frightening, spiky hairdos, snotty attitude and any color of the rainbow. Gotta be PUNKS. Some even sport tattoos.

Friesians: Big, buff, and always in black, they are the biker clique. Cigs hanging out of the corner of their mouths, dangerous glint in the eyes, daring anyone to cross their path.

Morgans: They're the nerdy teacher's pets, running around doing everything from yearbook to decorating the gym and ratting out the bikers, stoners and jocks. They have perpetual wedgies.

Drafts (all breeds): No real clique, they're just the big guys who sit in the back of the room and fart a lot (and then laugh). Who's going to STOP them?

Icelandics and Paso Finos: They're the little squirrely geeks who run around a dance trying to fit in and fail miserably. The kind who wear Toughskins jeans from Sears (or would that be ripoff WeathaBeetas??).

Ahkle Tekl (Akle Taki? Ackle Tackle !! Akhal Teke!!): Foreign exchange students. And no one can spell their names either.

Hackney Ponies: A breed this manic would have to be a band geek. Marching along with their knees and heads held high even going to the bathroom.

Warmbloods: The school staff and faculty. Looking down their noses with righteous indignation and disgust. Secretly wishing they were having half as much fun as everybody else.

Ask the Vet: Equine Dentistry



Make sure your horse is on the right path this season with his dental care.

Answers by Dr. Richard Vetter for AAEP.

Question: My 23-year-old Arabian gelding is having a hard time keeping his weight. In fact, it seems as if he's losing weight even with all that I am feeding. I give him Purina Equine Senior, corn oil and beet pulp twice a day. The vet has checked his teeth, and she says that there is just not much left to float anymore. Is there something that could be going wrong with him internally? He acts as if he is starving to death every time I go out to make him his meals. I just am at a loss; I want him to be happy and healthy, because 23 isn't too terribly old, is it?

Answer: No, 23 is not an old horse at all for today's horse. More like older middle aged. I would begin my quest with a thorough oral exam by a qualified dental practitioner. Your next step is a thorough physical exam including fecal and blood work. Your feeds/feeding program should be evaluated by an equine nutritionist. Are you feeding hay? What quality? What amounts if concentrates? Have you weight taped your horse and are you weighing your concentrates and supplements? Your de-worming program: Are you following a veterinarian's advice on this? There is a parasite form; encysted larvae, that may not show up on a fecal sample and may require a specific worming program, i.e. Panacur Power Pack. A "clean fecal" is not indicative of a nonexistent parasite problem.

Question: I just bought a 12-year-old mule. She's wonderful except I notice that on the sides of her muzzle, the bulge is larger than on horses. I had our veterinarian examine her and he said that her teeth are slanted on the sides. He also said that she would need a lot of "grinding down". Are mule's mouths different than horses? Do they have any side affects to sedation vs. a horse?

Answer: In my experience, mule's mouths are similar to horses in terms of the care needed.

Question: I have an 8-year-old mare. Being a new horse owner, I am not too familiar with the amount of dental care a horse needs on a regular basis, monthly/annually. Also, do you know of any specialty feed that helps strengthen the horse's teeth or reduce cavities? Or is this even something to be concerned about?

Answer: To briefly summarize, in the young horse, the initial exam should be performed at 18-24 months of age. By this time, he is developing sharp enamel points that have already caused ulcerations in his cheeks. He may also be developing hooks that can affect the maturation of his jaws. This is also a good time to remove wolf teeth if they are present. From two to five years of age he is going through the "cap phase". That is, shedding baby teeth from his incisors and premolars. I recommend semi-annual (every six months) maintenance exams. Now you have established the basics for a good mouth for the rest of his life. Annual maintenance will suffice for most horses into their twenties and beyond. Some disciplines, i.e. dressage, requiring greater sensitivity from the horse, may find that 6 month maintenance is still needed.

Regarding feeds: Quality feeds and forages are an important part of good, horse husbandry and to your horse's overall health. "Cavities" tend to be more a result of individual tooth development, rather than a result of something that was either fed or not fed. Periodontal disease is a more frequent problem and is best dealt with regular occlusal equilibration (meaning a correct balancing of the mouth, again further explained on our website) by an experienced dental practitioner with advanced dental training.

Question: My 5-year-old Quarter horse's teeth were overdue for a float, as he had been rolling his tongue and stretching out his neck, as well as bulling on the bit. His teeth were done just a month ago, but he still stands there, stretching out his neck and flopping his tongue around! Is there still a problem, or is he just a goof?

Answer: Without the opportunity to personally examine your horse, I am not able to address your question in the manner that I would like. However, here are some points to check.

1. Your dental practitioner; is this a veterinarian or equine dentist with advanced training or a qualified certification? See questions below for detailed information. I emphatically believe that a dental practitioner should have advanced training and a focus on dentistry. Otherwise many conditions are missed. A thorough dental exam is essential.

2. Have you closely examined your feed for grass awns or fox tails? I recently spent time with Dr. Richard Miller, a dental veterinarian in southern California. One of his clients brought in several horses with oral lesions. Through questioning, we learned that the hillside that her horses were grazing on had a considerable amount of foxtail awns and they were embedded under the tongue and around the teeth. I also see this often in hay. Check the floor of your hay storage area for awns that fall out of your hay. If you find them, you might want to change your hay.

(An "awn" or "fox tail" are terms for a seed that has "feathers" like little quills attached to it like the quills on an arrow. This is one way that nature spreads her seeds. The little seeds with their sticky "feathers" on them, attach to animals and are spread wherever the animal goes and eventually falls off and becomes a new plant. Great idea, Mother Nature, but those play havoc when the horse gets them stuck in their gum or cheek tissue through grazing or eating hay. Painful.)

3. I have also seen this behavior in a couple of horses that had pieces of wood wedged across the roof of their mouths that were obviously were painful.

4. And then, he may just be a goof.

Question: When should I be concerned about the wolf teeth in my horses and when should their teeth be floated? They are both 2-years-old.

Ask the Vet: Equine Dentistry - continued on page 9

Horse Owners and Breeders Tax Handbook Is the Gift That Keeps On Giving

This year, give your favorite horse owner the gift of a stress-free tax season with the American Horse Council's 2006 Tax Handbook. This 1000-page guide for horse owners and breeders explains the Internal Revenue Code as it pertains to the U.S. horse industry.

Horse owners and breeders have invested a lot of time and money into their businesses. This effort should be protected through tax season. No one commercially involved with the horse industry can afford to be without this handbook.

"There is an old saying that in life there are only two things you can count on - death and taxes," said Jay Hickey, President of the American Horse Council. "The Horse Owners and Breeders Tax Handbook is the most comprehensive tax publication available."

The 2006 Tax Handbook was written by Thomas A. Davis, Esq., who has been the American Horse Council's tax counsel for over 25 years and is a nationally-recognized authority on equine tax laws. Davis received his Masters of Law in Taxation (LLM) from Georgetown University and later served as an attorney for the Internal Revenue Service.

Topics covered in the Handbook include: business versus hobby - including summaries of important court decisions; forms of doing business; sales, exchanges and involuntary conversions; tax planning; depreciation; record keeping and accounting rules; and much more.

The 2006 Horse Owners and Breeders Tax Handbook is available for \$85.00, plus \$4.50 shipping and handling. It is also a free benefit for certain levels of membership with the American Horse Council.

Order your copy today by visiting us online at www.horsecouncil.org. Or you can contact the AHC Offices at 202-296-4031 and your order will be processed right over the phone between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time. If you prefer to pay by check, send your UPS shipping address (no PO Boxes) and payment to:

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FDA Warning on Fumonisin in Horse Feed

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine has issued a warning to horse owners about a toxin called fumonisin that can be found in corn or corn byproducts. A number of horses die each year from eating products that contain the toxin. Fumonisin are produced by an endophytic mold found in corn kernels, typically when the corn plant is growing in the field. Levels of the toxin can increase after harvest if put in improper storage conditions.

The danger from ingestion of the fumonisin toxin is dose related, and can cause leukoencephalomalacia in horses, which is a fairly uncommon but deadly neurological disease. FDA recommends that corn screening not be used in horse feed because they are involved in most of the investigated cases of fumonisin poisoning.

In order to prevent the levels of fumonisin and other mold toxins from increasing, corn and feed that contains corn needs to be kept dry and protected from moisture when stored. FDA recommends that corn and corn by-products used in horse feed should contain less than 5 parts per million (ppm) of fumonisins and should make up no more than 20 percent of the dry weight of the total ration.

More information on fumonisin levels in feeds, including the official FDA warning, can be found on the following websites:

http://www.fda.gov/cvm/CVM_Updates/Horsefumonisin.htm

<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fumongu2.html>

<http://www.fda.gov/cvm/fumonisin.htm>

Victory Riders 11th Annual Horse Show



Held in conjunction with the 4th Annual Silent Auction

When: Sunday, September 9, 2007

Where: Victory Riders

Times: * Silent Auction bidding times from 1 to 3 pm

* Food served starting at 2 pm

* Horse Show will start promptly at 3:30 pm

Friends and family welcome!

21315 Territorial Rd, Rogers, MN

Directions: I-94 west to Rogers exit (101). Turn left at lights. Go through Rogers to Stop sign at a T in the road. Turn left onto Territorial Rd. 3rd house on the right. Has pole barns, arena with white fencing.

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - JUNE 12, 2007

Meeting Location: Maple Grove Community Center

Board Members: Tim Bonham, Dan Dolan, Trina Joyce, Judy Jensen, Sue McDonough, Darrell Mead, Dawn Moore, Marian Robinson, Missie Schwartz, Miriam Tschida, Tracy Turner, Christie Ward, Mark Ward

Absent: Glen Eaton, Teresa Hanson, Laurie Slater, Tom Tweeten

Members/Visitors: Carol Dobbelaire, Rick Dobbelaire, Irene McMillian

I. Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m. - Dan Dolan

II. Introductions

III. Additions and Changes (Additions to Old and New Business)

IV. Treasurer's Report - Tim Bonham

Motion by Miriam Tschida, seconded by Tracy Turner to approve the April Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Tim handed out a copy of the May Treasurer's report for the Board to review before July meeting.

V. Approval of Minutes - May

Motion by Mark Ward, seconded by Tracy Turner to approve the May minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Miriam Tschida, seconded by Tim Bonham to add to the Membership List a paragraph stating how this list may be used. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Ward, seconded by Miriam Tschida to hand out the Membership List to Directors twice a year (April-October). Motion carried.

Motion by Tim Bonham, seconded by Miriam Tschida for the secretary to have permission to send the Expo President a copy of the Membership list starting in January/February and to send updates as needed until Expo.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore - No report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Membership Procedure - Dawn Moore

Please find report attached.

B. Nominations & Voting Committee Procedures

Tabled until July meeting.

C. Selection of Committee Chairs - Dan Dolan

The following list contains the committees and their chairpersons:

Annual Meeting	Dawn Moore
Aisle of Breeds	Glen Eaton
Certified Stables	Sue McDonough
Communications	Missie Schwartz
Direct Funding	Christie Ward
Disaster Response	Marian Robinson & Miriam Tschida
EXPO	Glen Eaton

Facilities	Tom Tweeten
Grants	Tim Bonham
Horseperson of the Year	Miriam Tschida
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State Horse Council	Glen Eaton

VIII. Committee Reports

A. EXPO - Glen Eaton

Final figures are not in for the 2007 Minnesota Horse Expo as recounts are taking place on attendance. The attendance and revenue are up for the 2007 Expo and a final report will be made at the July meeting. The bill from the State Fair was just received this past week and copies of the bill will be sent to various Directors and Committee persons. In all accounts, I estimate the funds to be turned to the Expo. More is being done to speed up the reports for the 2008 Expo. The next Minnesota Horse Expo meeting is June 26th at Pearson's Restaurant in Edina.

State Fair Aisle of Breeds

Teresa Hanson and Glen Eaton will meet the first week in July to discuss the Aisle of Breeds. Glen plans to have all of the horse stalls spoken for by the end of July. Final update will be at the July meeting.

B. Direct Funding - Christie Ward

The committee has received five requests for funding. They will review them and we will have the results at the July meeting.

C. Communications - Missie Schwartz

The newsletter is in need for articles from the Directors. Mark Ward has volunteered to submit an article for the next newsletter. A copy of the newsletter after the annual meeting should be sent to the Horseperson of the Year, Grants, Scholarships and Direct Funding recipients. The procedures for each committee need to reflect this change.

D. Certified Stables - Sue McDonough

Tabled until July meeting.

E. Trail Blazers - Darrell Mead

Darrell Mead has attended many meetings with the DNR and the Trail coordinator along with the Advisory Committee for Trail Passes. The Advisory Committee is made up of MHC and MTRA members. To date there is \$50,000 in the account.

F. Disaster Response - Marian Robinson

Gun Flint Trails Fires - 34 summer camp horses, 4 draft horses (logging camp) and 7 quarter horses were removed from the fire area. The camp horses were put in a nearby hockey rink until the owner could pick them up. With MHC's help eight round bales of hay were delivered so the horses could eat

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Ask the Vet: Equine Dentistry - continued from page 6

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Horseman's Directory - Dan Dolan

Dan contacted a gentleman who does contract programming. Tim Bonham and Miriam Tschida also attended the meeting. The gentleman was interviewed and asked to put together a proposal to be presented to the Board. He is not a graphics guy he is a programmer.

Motion by Dawn Moore, seconded by Mark Ward to have Tim Bonham secure the following URLs:

Minnesotahorsemandirectory.com
Minnesotahorsemandirectory.net
Minnesotahorsemandirectory.org

Motion carried. Horseman's Directory ad/hoc committee:

Dan Dolan
Tim Bonham
Dawn Moore
Mark Ward
Miriam Tschida

X. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: July 10, 2007 - 6:30 pm
Maple Grove Community Center

Taking Your Horse to Wisconsin?

As of July 5, horses going to Wisconsin for less than 7 days for the purpose of recreation or show DO NOT need a health certificate provided the horse has a current Coggin's test (EIA). However some horse shows will require a health certificate and you need to follow the show rules.

If a horse will be in Wisconsin for 7 days or longer or if it is changing ownership, then a health certificate is still required. Current negative Coggins tests are always required to cross state lines.

Wisconsin requires your Coggins to be dated within the same calendar year as your visit. Minnesota considers your Coggins to be current for 1 year from the actual date the blood was drawn.

This information was verified by the Sunrise Equine Veterinary Services in North Branch with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Animal Health and from the Minnesota Department of Animal Health. The recent agreement was included in ATCP 10.36 sub div 2.

Answer: I am going to address both of your questions in this answer. First, a good time to address the wolf teeth is at an examination between 18 and 24 months. At this age, the teeth are usually erupted (if they are going to) and are not tightly imbedded in the jawbone. The older the horse gets, the more difficult it may be to extract them. Remember to ask your practitioner to check for blind (unerupted and never will erupt) wolf teeth. I see these in approximately one horse out of 20 and they are usually missed by someone "floating" the mouth. Regarding when to "float" and how to know if a horse needs to have his teeth floated: For an "in-depth" discussion of this topic, I am going to refer you to our website, www.perfequinedentistry.com. Briefly, any 18 month old horse with a mouth full of baby teeth; will have hooks that can affect the maturation of the jaws and sharp enamel points that could be cutting into his cheeks. Can you say "ouch"? While he is suffering with this discomfort in his mouth, usually at this age he is being asked to start his training and even might be sent off to a trainer. We want a horse to have a positive training experience, not one that he relates to causing him pain. For that reason, I think this is when the first exam needs to be done. If not then, at least by the time he is 2 years old. (A word of caution though; make sure that your horse has had had enough training and handling to be safe to work with.) During the period from 2 years to 5 years, a horse is going to lose all of his incisor and premolar caps (baby teeth) and erupt his permanent teeth. I recommend checkups every 6 months to minimize eruption problems and to insure a healthy mouth as he moves into his adult life. For most horses 5 to 20 years old, annual maintenance is sufficient and then 20 on depends on the individual. Definitely no less than annual checkups. If your horse is involved in a discipline such as dressage, you may need semi-annual workups to keep him free from any developing sharp points that might come into contact with his cheek in a situation where he may be on the bit and needs to be precise in his movements and attention.

Question: As my warmblood gelding gets older, he is more inclined to develop large deposits of tartar on/around his canines that my veterinarian has to cut off with dental tools. What can be done to prevent this build-up?

Answer: Some tartar buildup on the canine teeth tends to be a normal occurrence. We often find local periodontitis when we chip it away. Some horses will have excessive buildup on the canines and occasionally on the molar arcades. It has been suggested that excessive build up might be caused by improper flow of food through the mouth. Small amounts can be removed at the time of an annual dental workup. You can also carefully remove it yourself. If you were so inclined, you could also brush his canines a couple times a week to keep them free of the buildup.



Empty Saddle

The equine world lost a good friend Monday August 13 with the passing of Rodger Nelson. Rodger farmed near Almelund, Minnesota for many years. In his earlier years he and his brother Marvin farmed with horses and both remained devoted teamsters to the end. As a testament to Rodger's kind and generous spirit, the entire town was full of cars on the day of his funeral. Rodger was a true nature lover and believed in sharing that as many ways as he could. He was a very active volunteer at Wild River State Park whether it involved trail riding or cross country skiing. Whenever there was a meeting regarding trail use at the park, Rodger was there, always supportive and part of the solution. Over the years, Rodger was a member of several saddle clubs: Brancheros, Dalles and Wild River Riders. He was always trying to make trail riding accessible for others. One of the many great stories is of him loaning his truck and horse trailer to enable a friend to take a trip to Custer State Park in South Dakota to go trail riding.

Anyone interested in donating to a memorial at Wild River State Park for Rodger can email maggiek@frontiernet.net They are currently exploring the possibility of a handicap ramp in the horse camp.

God forbid that I should go to any heaven in which there are no horses.

- R.B. Cunningham-Graham,
in a letter to President Theodore Roosevelt

The horse is God's gift to man.

- Arabian Proverb

Horses leave hoofprints on your heart.

- Anonymous

Show me your horse and I will tell you who you are.

- English Proverb



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2007 UPCOMING EVENTS

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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May	4/12/07	November	10/11/07
June	5/10/07	December/January	11/15/07

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