



For Horse's Sake



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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MENDOTA HEIGHTS RIDER NAMED TO THE OLYMPIC EVENTING SHORT LIST

The United States Equestrian Federation approved horse/rider combinations to the Eventing Short List for the 2008 Olympic Games in Hong Kong August 8-14, 2008. One of these horse/rider combinations is Becky Holder, age 39, who is from Mendota Heights, MN. Her equine partner is Courageous Comet, a 12-year old Thoroughbred gelding.

Along with sailing, equestrian is the only Olympic sport where men and women compete against each other. It is also the only Olympic sport in which humans and animals are teammates. Riders compete in three disciplines—dressage, jumping, and eventing—and are awarded individual and team medals.

In dressage, a horse-and-rider team receives scores based on a series of set movements. The movements test the horse's strength, suppleness, and obedience and the rider's ability to guide the horse through the test with subtle cues. The horse-and-rider team should present harmony, lightness, and free-flowing movement. The competition is held in three rounds. The third round is a freestyle test set to music, first introduced in 1996, that is scored both for technique and artistry.

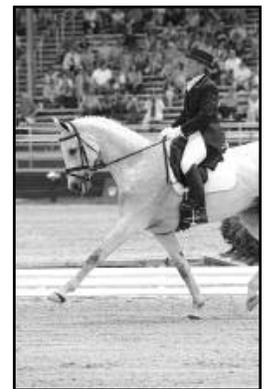
In the jumping event, competitors complete a course of 15–20 obstacles within a specific time. The object is to navigate the course with the fewest penalties, which are given for knocking down obstacles, balking at jumps, or falls by rider and/or horse. The obstacles include fences up to 5-1/4 ft high and 6 ft wide. A tie for first place is settled by a jump-off over

a shorter, faster course.

Three-day eventing is the most grueling of the Olympic equestrian events, combining dressage, show jumping, and a cross-country phase.

On the first day, riders demonstrate the training and obedience of their horses in a dressage test. The next day they compete in the exciting cross-country phase where they gallop 5,700 m over varying terrain and jump up to 45 obstacles. While these obstacles are not as high as those in show jumping they are more solid and include ditches and fences in water. On the final day horse-and-rider teams compete over a show jumping course.

This last phase demonstrates the fitness of the horses and how quickly they can recover from the previous day's trial. Eventing competitors do not win points, but instead incur penalty points during each phase. The winners are the rider and team with the fewest penalty points.



Olympics Venue

For the 2008 Olympics, equestrian will be one of the few events not to be contested within the city limits. Instead, such events will be held in Hong Kong at the Hong Kong Sports Institute. The jumping and dressage events will be held at the Shatin Olympic Equestrian Venue, an 18,000-seat outdoor arena that was once part of Shatin Racecourse. Air conditioned stables four blocks long, and with the capacity to hold up to 200 horses were constructed for the competition, along with a number of other amenities for competitors. The cross country events will be held at a venue constructed on the Bead River Country Club and Hong Kong Golf Club.



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GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 1

The Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) uses the revenue from the Minnesota Horse Expo to offer grants to charitable/non-profit equine-related organizations in Minnesota. Grants of up to \$7,000 are given as "seed money" to inspire new projects, capital improvements, or expansions of existing projects or services.

Schedule

All applications must be received by October 1. During December, Grants will be chosen by the MHC and all applicants notified. Grant recipients will receive a Letter of Award signed by the MHC Treasurer. At the MHC Annual Meeting in January, the Grants will be formally announced. Monies will be paid only upon actual initiation of the project. This will be arranged between the recipient and the MHC Treasurer. Funds must be used within the year.

Eligible Organizations

- ♦ Equine related
- ♦ Charitable Organizations: Non-profit, Federal 501c3 or State of Minnesota registered charity
- ♦ Non breed specific
- ♦ Non discriminatory practices followed, with equal opportunity for all
- ♦ Must not have received an MHC Grant in the past 3 years
- ♦ Operations congruent with MHC Goals and Objectives:
 - Improve communication with the general public for all horse-related activity.
 - Gather information of value for horse-related activities and disseminate that information to horse owners via printed material, online, or clinics and seminars. Sample equine-related topics: public and private trails, zoning regulation, stable safety, legislation, veterinary health, vehicle safety, legal concerns of horse-owning, humane treatment.
 - Provide expertise, consultation, and advice in horse-related matters.
 - Promote and support equine educational activities

Eligible Proposals

- ♦ Capital expenditures to build or expand facilities on non-profit owned property
 - ♦ New projects or services
 - ♦ Expansion of existing projects or services
 - ♦ Research projects
- Proposals will NOT be accepted for day-to-day operating expenses, normal maintenance and upkeep, year-end or hi-point awards, or improvements to private property.

Applying for a Grant

Please send the information listed below directly to the Grants Committee at following address:

MHC Grants Committee
 4309 30th Ave. S. ♦ Minneapolis, MN 55406-3710
 612-721-1007 ♦ fax 612-721-4000
 Email: T-Bonham@scn.net

1. Short cover letter which must include:
 - a. Full name and address of your organization
 - b. Name, address, phone number and email of a contact person within your organization
 - c. Short summary of the organization's history, including a statement of goals and objectives.
 - d. Short description of the organization's current activities including indication that they are equine-related and not breed specific.
 - e. Location of the facilities where activities will be conducted
 - f. Description of facilities, including whether they are owned, or leased (from whom and how long a lease)
 - g. Short summary of the project you are proposing
 - h. Short description of the people served by the project (who and how many)
 - i. Dollar amount of grant requested
2. Additional page with general information about your organization
 - a. Summary copy of your most recent operating budget or financial plan.
 - b. List of officers, directors, and managing employees
 - c. Proof that your organization is non-profit/charitable, such as a copy of IRS 501c tax status, Minnesota Sales Tax exemption approval, or MN Secretary of State Registration for Business Corporations (M-SS1) indicating non-profit charter number. (If not yet received, send a copy of your application.)
 - d. Proof that your activities are available to all people regardless of race, religion, age, gender, disability or sexual orientation, e.g., copy of publicity describing your activities which includes such a non-discrimination statement.
3. Additional pages with detailed information about your proposed project
 - a. Clear and specific description of the project (not more than three pages).
 - b. Proposed schedule for the project
 - c. Detailed budget giving expenditures to start the project
 - d. Description of anticipated operating and maintenance costs for future years, and details of what income you will use to meet these costs.
 - e. Clear statement as to who will own and operate this project.

Please include all this information so we can give your proposal our full consideration. We will attempt to notify you if some required information is missing, but our volunteer time is limited so it is your responsibility to include all requested information. Remember to be brief and succinct. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the grant application.

Further information is also available at
www.MnHorseCouncil.org.

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Common Mistakes on Grant Applications

♦ *Not saying how much money you are requesting*

We can guess, but it's better if you say so specifically.

♦ *Pages and pages of information* on club history, bylaws, etc., but only two sentences describing the \$6,000 project you are proposing. We are much more interested in details about the specific project than in club history.

♦ *Asking for permanent improvements to private property*

We can NOT pay for permanent improvements to someone's privately owned property. We will sometimes stretch this if there is a long-term lease arrangement. We can pay for improvements that are movable if you relocate to another property, e.g., we can pay for a PA system, but not for running underground electric wiring to the ring to power the PA system. We can pay for arena fence panels (which can be moved), but not for the in-ground posts that they are attached to. Basically, we want to know that the project we pay for will be available to horse people for some years to come.

♦ *A vague description of people served*, e.g. "all exhibitors at the county fair".

We want to know (approximate) numbers. How many horse exhibitors are at the county fair? How many riders in this therapeutic riding program? How many volunteers? How many horse shows use this facility each summer, with about how many horses per show? Don't exaggerate your numbers -- we know horse people all over the state who know other horse people, so you'll likely get caught. We don't decide just on the biggest numbers; often the need is greatest in the smaller areas. We do want an idea of how many people will be served by this project.

♦ *Asking for normal operating expenses*

Our Grants are for funding new projects, or expansions of existing ones. We might help buy another horse for a disabled riding program, but feed, vet and farrier costs are normal upkeep costs, and should be covered in your own budget. We can pay for developing a website, but the annual fee and monthly charges are normal operating expenses you must pay. In the end, we want to see that our Grants have provided new or additional things for Minnesota horse people.

♦ *Project benefiting only (or mainly) your own members*

We want to provide for all Minnesota horse people, so projects that benefit only or mostly your own members are low priority. For example, if it's an improvement to your own club grounds that are used mostly for your own club shows and only used infrequently for an open horse show, 4-H horse clinics, or other public events, then a project making improvements at the county fairgrounds might get more consideration than your project.

♦ *Not talking about the rest of the money needed*

Our maximum grant is \$7,000; many projects take much more than that. If you ask us for \$7,000 toward a \$20,000 project, give some indication where the remaining \$13,000 will come from. If you have plans to raise the money elsewhere, mention them. If you will have to split the project into phases and do only part of it this year, explain that. If you have pledges from local people to contribute once the starting funds are raised, state that (and how much). But don't leave off any mention of the remaining money needed. We want to invest in projects that will actually get built. Not mentioning the rest of the money needed makes us nervous.

♦ *Asking again too soon*

Once an organization gets a Grant, we won't give them one again until 3 years later. If you apply earlier than that, we won't even consider your application.

Finally, don't count too much on our money.

Each year, we get several dozen grant applications, asking for a total of 3-4 times as much money as we have available to give. We have to choose between all these proposals. So each year we have to leave out several worthwhile projects, give projects only part of the money they asked for, or only match the amount of money they can raise locally. So keep that in mind, and make some plans for this situation. What would you do if we can only fund part of the project -- can you do that part alone, or can you raise the rest of the money needed for the whole project? What if we could match up to half the money needed, provided you raised the other half -- could your club do that?

2009 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 17, 2009 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park.

MHC TONY GASSER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

There is an old saying that goes "From the tiny acorns grows the mighty oaks." In 1985 a gentleman named Tony Gasser was on his way home from the International Shrine Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. He was traveling with some friends. We do not know the content of the conversation but as a conclusion, Tony decided to put into his will that \$5,000 would be left to the Minnesota Horse Council to start a Scholarship Fund. Around 1987 Tony passed away and as a result of his will, \$5,000 came to the Minnesota Horse Council to start the Scholarship Fund.

The Board of Directors of the Minnesota Horse Council decided to put the money in a separate fund and to award one \$200 scholarship out of the general funds. Over the years two things happened. Interest rates were high and the board made the decision to put 5% of the net proceeds of the Minnesota Horse Expo into the Tony Gasser Scholarship Fund each year. The decision was also made to cap the fund at \$100,000. Most thought that this amount would take forever to achieve. The Minnesota Horse Expo started to grow. In 2005 the Minnesota Horse Expo turned over to the Minnesota Horse Council \$250,000. This meant that \$12,500 was added to the Tony Gasser Fund and we hit the \$100,000 cap.

HORSE BREEDS BEING SOUGHT FOR THE AISLE OF BREEDS AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR



The Minnesota Horse Council and the Minnesota Horse Expo, in conjunction with the Minnesota State Fair, has a display in the south entrance to the Horse Barn during the Minnesota State Fair. Horse owners volunteer to bring different breeds of horses to the Aisle of Breeds (at no charge) for display and for the general public to view and learn more about the different breeds of horses. Horses usually stay from one to three

days and a current negative Coggins is required (Health Certificate if out of State). The owner of the animal (horses, mules, and donkeys) are encouraged to have a display table in front of stalls to give breed information, info on their farm or ranch. TVs are welcome. Two State Fair tickets are given each day to the animal owners and there is free parking for horses trailers (no motor homes).

The 2008 Minnesota State Fair is August 21st through September 1st. If you would like to bring a horse and participate, applications will be accepted starting July 15th. Please contact Glen Eaton at (952) 922-8666 or (952) 356-2090, MnHorseExpo@horses-mn.org.

Miriam Tschida, a board member for many, many years and a school teacher was a strong proponent of the Tony Gasser Fund. I believe that Miriam knew Tony when he was on the board. Miriam was successful in convincing the Board of Directors to remove the cap. In the meantime Trina Joyce had taken over as chairperson of the scholarship committee. Trina convinced the board to continue to fund the scholarships from the operating budget so the Tony Gasser Scholarship Fund could continue to grow. In 2008, twelve \$3,000 scholarships were awarded. Twenty-eight requests for scholarships were reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. But the best news of all is that Tony Gasser's original gift of \$5,000 has grown to \$143,000.

I am sure that Tony would be proud to know what an impact he has had and will continue to have over the many years to come. His vision, compassion and action have bore fruit that has impacted many, many students from the state of Minnesota. We should all have such an impact. Thank you Tony Gasser.

Submitted by Dan Dolan

RESEARCH UPDATE: PELLETED BEDDING

Controlling ammonia and dust in barns can be a challenge. A study at North Dakota State Univ. recently looked into different bedding types and their ability to reduce ammonia smell and dust.

Bedding treatments consisted of an aspen and wheat based pellet and wood shavings. Ammonia levels were lower for stalls bedded with the pelleted product (3.9 ppm) than with the shavings (8.4 ppm). Also, ammonia levels increased to a greater degree over the length of the treatment period in stalls bedded with shavings compared to stalls bedded with pellets.

Stalls bedded with pellets were easier to clean than stalls bedded with shavings, however, they were dustier. Stalls bedded with pellets tended to have more waste removed during the trial period. Also, the amount removed remained similar each day for stalls bedded with shavings, while in contrast, bedding removed from stalls bedded with pellets increased throughout the trial period. It was hypothesized that this was due to increased absorbency of the pelleted product.

Stalls bedded with shavings required additional bedding to be added sooner than stalls bedded with the pelleted product. A substantial difference in total bedding used was observed, with an average total weight of 45 kg/stall for shaving and 136 kg/stall for the pelleted product. This could possibly be a hindrance to horse owners who have limited storage capacity. However, a benefit of the pelleted bedding is that it did not require additional bedding through the trial period.

Overall, the pelleted product performed well. Researchers thought it was easy to clean and handle, and no adverse affects were observed in any of the horses bedded on this material. Authors: J. Thorson & C. Hammer, NDSU.

HORSES AND THE LANDOWNER

By Katy Bloomquist

What responsibilities does a landowner with horses have to people who get injured on the land? The answer to this question is complicated. Consider, for example, how horses attract children. Children are usually not aware of the dangers they may encounter with horses. Put the two together and you have the potential for liability. How do you evaluate your potential liability? Many different factors must be considered, which makes it imperative that you consult with an attorney.

Many variables must be considered in considering potential liability, but there are some factors that are always reviewed. First, for liability to exist, the person being sued must have a legal interest in the land, whether they are a landowner, lessee, lessor, or have some other interest.

Second, what is the relationship of the person being sued to the injured person. Was the injured person invited onto the property where the injury happened? Was the person someone that had some type of permission, or consent from the landowner to be on the property? Did the person trespass? Traditionally the law has created a hierarchy of duties toward persons on the land based on the answer to the question of how they came to get onto the land. For instance, the duty toward trespassers is less than those that have been invited onto the land. (A few states, led by California, have strayed away from this rule to try to simplify the analysis.)

Third, is the injured person an adult or a child? Children can fall harm to risks that adults are more likely to see and understand, and courts recognize this. Many courts have considered the question of whether horses are considered an "attractive nuisance" to kids. As an example, what if a three year old child is visiting your neighbor, and she wanders underneath the wire fence surrounding your pasture and gets kicked by your 20 year old docile Quarter Horse that has never harmed anyone before? The problem becomes even more complicated if the child is a trespasser. Other complications the courts look at are whether the horse has dangerous propensities or the landowner tried to contain his horses by having a fence around his property. If the landowner does contain his horses with a fence, must the landowner make the fence "child proof?" Much debate has occurred on these topics, although many courts follow the rule that the keeper of a domestic animal is not liable for injuries to

persons and property unless the owner had some reasons to know the animal was a probable source of danger. In other words, the liability only attaches if the animal's past behavior has been such as to require a person of reasonable prudence to foresee harm to the person or property of others.

Fourth, what was the cause of the injury? Was it related to activities on the land, or a condition of the land itself?

Finally, was the injury the result of negligence (carelessness), an intentional act, or was the injury a result of hazardous activities, and if so, by whom?



Besides these questions, other issues need to be considered. Does an equine activity statute apply. Most states now have an equine activity statute that limits the liability of equine providers, professionals and others from injuries that occur to horses. However, these statutes generally do not include protection for the landowner for the type of injury that we are discussing here. Most of the state statutes include an exception for "latent dangerous land conditions."

Minnesota has an even more limited livestock activity statute, applying only to non-profits.

Some states also have recreational use statutes that encourage the landowner to open the property to the public for recreational uses and, in exchange for that privilege, grant immunity (limit liability) for the landowner. A good example of the application of this statute involves the diver who dove into a shallow pool on someone else's property and breaks his neck. Is the pool owner responsible? Not usually, although exceptions do apply.

When a landowner has horses on the property, the results of the analysis of potential liability often varies. Horses are unpredictable, and the outcomes in these cases are similarly so. To understand your potential liability, consult with an attorney that is familiar with this area of law.

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Welcome to the Minnesota Horse
Council's new Administrative Assistant

Andrea Dubay

AAEP Endorses Thoroughbred Safety Committee Recommendations



The AAEP has endorsed the three initial recommendations of The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Safety Committee. The committee announced on Tuesday, June 17 that it is recommending the elimination of steroids in race training and racing, a ban on toe grabs, and a series of whip-related reforms, all aimed at improving safety and integrity in Thoroughbred racing.

Said AAEP President Dr. Eleanor Green, "The AAEP strongly supports the implementation of the Thoroughbred Safety Committee's initial recommendations and appreciates the committee's leadership at this critical time for the racing industry. Uniform medication rules combined with uniform testing procedures will ensure consistency in the administration of therapeutic medications and will bring tremendous benefit to the health and welfare of the racehorse. The AAEP strongly encourages the continued pursuit of uniformity by the racing industry and stands ready to contribute the expertise and perspective of race-track practitioners to the dialogue."

To read the Thoroughbred Safety Committee's recommendations in their entirety, visit www.jockeyclub.com/mediaCenter.asp?story=338

Anticipate Higher Hay Prices

By Krishona Martinson, PhD, U of M

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released several crop reports that indicate the number of hay acres will be down (2%) in 2008. The USDA also reported that the existing hay supply is lower than previous years. This information combined with higher input costs (fuel, fertilizer, land rent, etc...) and higher grain demand and prices (corn, soybean, etc...) will likely lead to increased hay prices. Through the fall of 2007 to the spring of 2008, the Sauk Center Quality Tested Hay Auction recorded record hay prices. Average hay prices were \$100 a ton higher in 2007-2008 than the previous five year average. To prepare for higher prices, horse owners should:

1. Remember, quality forage should be the backbone of your horse's diet (forage should be a minimum of 2/3 of their nutritional needs).
2. Have a good working relationship with a hay supplier to ensure a consistent and reliable source of hay.
3. Consider adding hay storage space to reduce the effects of price and seasonal fluctuations (i.e. hay is sometimes more expensive in the winter vs. the summer).
4. Buy hay early. Do not wait until late summer or fall to buy hay.
5. Plan in advance. Budget for the price increase and re-evaluate how many horse you can afford to feed.
6. Finally, try to keep your hay type (i.e. grass or alfalfa) consistent. Constantly changing hay types can lead to horse health problems, specifically colic.



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HIPPA Legislation for Recreational Riders Introduced in Congress

Legislation protecting the insurance rights of employees injured while participating in legal recreational activities such as horseback riding, was introduced in Congress.

Representatives Bart Stupak (D-MI) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) introduced H.R. 1076 in Congress and Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Russ Feingold (D-WI) introduced identical legislation (S.616) in the Senate.

"The HIPPA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act" provides that a group health plan or a health insurance issuer offering group insurance may not deny benefits otherwise provided under the plan or coverage for the treatment of an injury solely because such injury resulted from the participation of the insured in a legal recreational activity. Those activities include horseback riding, motorcycling, ATV riding and snowmobiling.

The AHC, along with a coalition of other recreational groups, supports and will work for the passage of this legislation, which would clarify a gray area concerning exactly what exclusions health insurers can establish.

Regulations adopted in 2001 by the Internal Revenue Service, the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration and the Health Care Financing Administration concerned recreational riders (and other forms of recreation) because the federal provisions permit health insurers to exclude coverage for injuries resulting from riding and other forms of "dangerous" recreation.

While the rules state that an employer cannot refuse health-care coverage under a group plan to an employee based on participation in recreational activities, they permit health insurers to deny coverage for injuries sustained in connection with such recreational activities, effectively reaching the same result.

In 1996, Congress passed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. As the AHC reads this Act, it was intended to prohibit health insurers from denying health coverage based on a worker's pre-existing medical condition or participation in legal recreational activities.

The Senate passed identification legislation to the 108th Congress but the House failed to act on it.

Riding a Cushing's Horse

By Julie Wilson, DVM, U of M

Published in U of M Horse Newsletter, Vo. 4, Issue 7, July 2008

Recently, we have received several questions regarding riding and exercising horses with Cushing's Syndrome.

First, it is important to work with your veterinarian to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your horse. Generally speaking, horses with Cushing's can be ridden like any other horse, particularly if the disease is well controlled with medication. Still, it is wise to consider just a few precautions:

1. **Overheating** - if the affected horse has not shed out, a body clip may be needed to keep the horse cool during exercise. Appropriate medical treatment for the disease will also facilitate more
2. **Laminitis** - if the Cushing's horse has previously foundered, it can be ridden so long as the founder has been addressed and the horse is comfortable on its feet.
3. **Vision** - a few horses with very advanced Cushing's can develop blindness due to impingement of the pituitary on the optic nerves. If there is any question about the horse's vision, a veterinarian should be asked to verify its vision status. Well trained horses with vision loss can very occasionally still be used for limited riding on very smooth surfaces, at a walk, or in a therapeutic riding program with a person leading the horse.

First Successful Reverse Vasectomy on Endangered Species Performed at the National Zoo

Veterinarians at the Smithsonian's National Zoo performed the first successful reverse vasectomy on a Przewalski's horse. Przewalski's horses are a horse species native to China and Mongolia that was declared extinct in the wild in 1970. Currently, there are approximately 1500 of these animals maintained at zoological institutions throughout the world and in several small reintroduced populations in Asia. This is the first procedure of its kind to be performed on an endangered equid species.

The genes of *Minnesota*, the horse who underwent the surgery, are extremely valuable to the captive population of the species, which scientists manage through carefully planned pairings to ensure the most genetically diverse population possible. The horse was vasectomized in 1999 at the Minnesota Zoo so that he could be kept with female horses without reproducing. He came to the National Zoo in 2006.

While surveying the captive North American population of Przewalski's horses, scientists realized *Minnesota's* genetic value. Based on his ancestry, he is the seventh most genetically valuable horse in the North American breeding program. Zoo scientists were confident that if they could successfully reverse the vasectomy, *Minnesota* would be able to sire a foal through natural mating.



Photo by Suzan Murray
Smithsonian National Zoo

"The major challenge we faced was that this procedure had never been performed on an equid, let

alone a critically endangered species," said Dr. Budhan Pukazhenthil, a reproductive scientist at the National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, Va. "We had to develop all new protocols ourselves."



Photo by Ann Batdorf
Smithsonian National Zoo

National Zoo scientists hope to pair *Minnesota* with a suitable female later in the coming months. His genes will infuse genetic diversity in a Przewalski's horse population that is based on genes from only 14 original animals. National Zoo scientists are researching ways to improve fertility and produce more offspring in the aging, captive population. Bolstering the population translates into more horses for future reintroduction programs, essential for a critically endangered species. Currently, National Zoo scientists are working in remote areas of China using radio collars and Geographic Information System technology to map the movements of Przewalski's horses reintroduced by Chinese colleagues into their former habitat.

This breakthrough also has important implications for how endangered species in captivity are managed. The new knowledge could allow males and females of a species to be exhibited together but temporarily prevented from producing offspring if the Species Survival Plan--a cooperative breeding program among zoos--does not recommend them for breeding.

For more info, see <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Publications/PressMaterials/PressReleases/NSP/2008/PHorse.cfm>

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES ♦ May 13, 2008

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

Board Members

Present: Tim Bonham, Dan Dolan, Glen Eaton, Teresa Hanson, Judy Jensen, Trina Joyce, Darrell Mead, Marian Robinson, Missie Schwartz, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Christie Ward, Mark Ward, Lynn Wasson

Absent: Sue McDonough, Dawn Moore, Laurie Slater

Members/Visitors: Miriam E. McGurran - MAHA Liaison

I. Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm by President Dan Dolan

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors -

Miriam McGurran representing MAHA

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

IV. Treasurer's Report (April 8) - Motion to accept - Dan Dolan, seconded Mark Ward, passed.

V. Approval of Minutes - April 8, 2008 Tracy Turner made motion to accept Tim Bonham 2nd. Carried with correction to logo.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore

1. Phone line has been transferred to my home number and can be retrieved with a password, so we should be OK.
2. I brought home a box of trail pass holders from EXPO, sent out over one hundred 2 weeks ago and continue to get daily requests sent in. They are a real hit!
3. Make sure everyone, even those coming late, sign the attendance sheet.
4. Anyone who has committee reports - please email them to Secretary/Admin Assistant so we have them for the minutes.
5. Mailing List and Membership list are being worked on, needs cleaning up now that 2007 members drop off if not paid. We may attempt one more renewal notice, due to the fact that MHC had some internal issues this Winter/Spring.
6. Lots of calls prior to, during and since Expo.
7. WI Horse Council sells an EQUINE Liability sign, which lists the statutes. I have had several requests as to where to get one, and perhaps we should look into this. They also are split into districts and this is the 2nd year. There are growing pains, but it seems to be getting better each time they meet. They also get involved with the youth - mostly through shows and 4-H groups, but they do have youth members that are involved. They seem to focus on the shows, and I believe they try to sponsor a class at several horse shows in the State, as far as WSCA and other types. It gets their name out and makes people aware of them.
8. Mail has been light. Mostly just newsletters and solicitations. Two former HPY members have passed away recently, Roy Shumway and Ev Speltz.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Bylaws - Mark Ward has contacted Richards Pinns regarding how many directors we can have - Articles of Incorporation vs. Bylaws and should have an answer within a week.

B. Website/Horseman's Directory - Lynn Wasson - need to find a central location to meet, no report

C. Board Members Vision for Council - Tracy Turner -

- i. 5 yr plan to make MHC the spokes group for the horse industry
 - ii. 1 yr plan to get more visibility with the legislative representatives
- Ideas include: Improve website, reach out to more of state, promote organization, grow memberships via working with other organizations, Youth directors, web links, allow input and discussion groups, link with 2010 world games, have locally centralized meetings - and be more open to members, seminars, open houses, add more scholarships and give in other areas, be a better resource for horse people in MN, hold organized meetings for our various groups like CS, drive and provide opportunities to gather together, do what we talk about, grow for a sense of ownership and a common thread, bring in someone that can tie together our website, printed literature, horseman's directory.
- iii. Mark Ward to make a proposal for website at June meeting.
- D. Administrative Assistant - Dan Dolan/ Judy Jensen
- i. 6 people interested, interviewing 3 who appear to be very well qualified.
 - ii. Dan, Judy and Dawn to make decision and extend an offer.

VII. Committee Reports

A. EXPO - Glen Eaton

Through the wind, cold, rain, snow they came to the Minnesota Horse Expo. Surprisingly with the weather, the total attendance is about the same as 2007. The vendors worked through the rain etc. setting up their booths and all were ready for the general public by 8:30 Friday morning. Long lines were at the ticket booths early to buy tickets to see the demonstrations, clinicians, buy products from the vendors and go see the horses in the horse barn. We had some problems with a leaky roof in the cattle barn but it was taken care of. From the questionnaires being returned, the vendors had a good year and no one has stated they will not be back for 2009. The clinician areas were full most of the time as we had great clinicians and the rodeo was well attended. I want to thank the directors and staff of the Minnesota Horse Expo for a job well done for the 2008 Expo. Also, I want to thank the volunteers, clinicians, security, vendors and horse stall renters, and the State Fair staff for their dedication to the Minnesota Horse Expo. A post Expo meeting with the State Fair personnel was held May 11th for discussion of any problems and how to make the Expo better. The 2009 Minnesota Horse Expo will be held April 24, 25, and 26. Clinicians are being interviewed at this time and the revised vendor folder and contract is being reviewed. The first contracts for vendor and stall space will be mailed August 29th.

As stated in the April report I recommend Linda Dahl, Del Bauernfeind, Laura Lyseng, Darrell Mead, Brenda Miller, Missie Schwartz, Tom Tweeten, Jennifer Buskey, Dan Dolan, Tracy Turner, and Glen Eaton for Directors for the 2009 Minnesota Horse Expo.

At this meeting the Treasurer and President of the 2009 Minnesota Horse Expo are elected and I recommend Brenda J Miller for Treasurer.

Glen G. Eaton
President

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*MHC Board Meeting Minutes - continued from page 8***AISLE OF BREEDS REPORT**

Planning for the Aisle of Breeds for the 2008 Minnesota State Fair is well under way. Several people having horses at the Expo have expressed interested in bringing horses for the Aisle of Breeds. More at the June meeting.

STATE FAIR REPORT

The reworking of the Judging Arena area is being revised and we will know more as the plans proceed.

SHCAC

A meeting of the SHCAC will be held following this meeting. The Committee is Tom Tweeten, Darrell Mead, Glen Eaton, Dan Dolan, Tracy Turner, and Brenda J Miller.

B. Direct Funding - Christie Ward

i. Approved three applications:

a. Fillmore County 4-H Horse Project, Tracy Peterson, Harmony, MN

This organization has requested \$500 to support a horsemanship clinic with Lita Hottel to be held June 28 - 29, 2008 at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds in Preston, MN.

b. Cass County Agricultural Society, Anne Ness, Director, Pillager, MN

This organization has requested \$500 to improve the footing in the Pillager Fairgrounds Horse Arena in Pillager, MN, and to support the purchase of a timer for use in speed events held as part of the annual Fair.

c. Cottonwood County 4-H Horse Project, Crystal Reith, Windom, MN

This organization has requested \$500 to support a horsemanship clinic to be held June 17 - 19, 2008 at the Windom Arena in Windom, MN. The clinic will feature three different instructors: Shawn Martin (fundamentals), Virginia Schenck (showmanship, horsemanship, trial, and halter), and Mary Fradenburgh (barrels and poles).

ii. Five more applications have come in to be considered.

C. Disaster Response - Marian Robinson has been in contact with Arkansas Horse Council and the problems they are having getting hay and people turning horses loose. Motion by Marian Robinson for MHC to send \$250 to Arkansas Horse Council to help out with the flooding and tornado equine relief efforts. Judy Jensen seconded. Passed. Teresa requested an article be added to our newsletter communicating to our membership that to the best of our knowledge, there is no known formal disaster response group within AHC.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual meeting Date January 17, 2009 (third Saturday of month) not in same room, unavailable. Deposit has been paid.

B. Sherburne County Topic - Commercial vs. Agricultural - discussion - email from Attorney

a. Dan Dolan read letter, property tax appeal in Sherburne County, regarding boarding facility zoning.

b. Attorney is looking for MHC to give a formal statement on behalf of boarding facilities.

c. No decision made at this time

IX. OTHER

A. Request from Girl Scout member for an Eagle Scout project
a. Trina will mentor and handle

B. Calls from people needing help with loose horses - various plans and organizations out there.

C. Three Rivers Park Board candidate seeking endorsement

a. Invite to June 14th trail ride, or perhaps a meeting, and we will endorse issues but not candidates

D. American Horse Council - Glen Eaton made motion to send Dan Dolan to the American Horse Council meeting in June. Tim Bonham seconded. Passed.

X. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING ♦ June 10, 2008 ♦ 6:30 p.m.

NUTRENA CONFERENCE CENTER

Leatherdale Center - U of MN - St Paul MN



Legislation Banning Transport of Horses in Double-Deck Trucks

The Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2008 was introduced in the House of Representatives on June 17 by Congressman Mark Kirk (R-IL). The bill would prohibit the interstate transport of any horse in a vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another. The bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The legislation was prompted by the accident in Wadsworth, Illinois last October involving the overturning of a double-deck cattle truck carrying 59 Belgian draft horses. Eight horses died at the scene and ten were later euthanized.

The bill calls for civil penalties of \$100 to \$500 for each violation. A separate violation occurs for each horse transported. The bill would prohibit the transport of all horses in double-deck trucks. There are thirteen cosponsors of the legislation.

If you have any questions or comments on this legislation, please contact the American Horse Council at 202-296-4031
AHC@horsecouncil.org ♦ www.horsecouncil.org

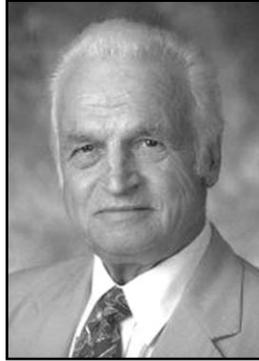
KING RETIRES FROM SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MOUNTED RESERVE UNIT

During his years with the Mounted Reserve Unit, Bob King, 89, teamed with Sheries, a bay Arabian mare who adored working with and around people. King said that the highlight of his Mounted Reserve career was when he and Sheries worked security for President Bill Clinton at a Shakopee farm in May 2000. After Sheries' unexpected death from colic, King rode Sajah, a sorrel Arabian mare, for his remaining years in the unit.



Stan Sahlstrom Passes Away

Stanley Sahlstrom, a Minnesotan of Swedish heritage who started life on a backwoods farm in Mille Lacs County and grew up to become a giant of the state's university system, died June 2 at age 87. Remembered by many as the father of the University of Minnesota's Crookston campus, Sahlstrom served as a University of Minnesota regent for 12 years after 19 years as provost at Crookston, from 1966 to 1985.



"If you were in the state Legislature in the '70s and '80s and anywhere associated with higher education and you didn't know Stan, you didn't know anything, because he knew everybody," said Roger Moe, former Senate Majority Leader. "He was an extremely good politician, a first-rate public relations person and a fabulous ambassador for the university in general, but particularly for the Crookston campus."

After graduating at 16 from high school, Sahlstrom worked for neighboring farmers to pay for college. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in agricultural education and then enlisted in the Army and served in the Army Corps of Engineers in Salzburg, Austria, during World War II. There, in 1946, he met and married his wife, Ludmilla, who is of Russian descent.

When the couple returned to Minnesota in 1946, Sahlstrom helped start a program in Milaca for returning veterans who wanted to be farmers. In 1951, he returned to the university as an instructor.

Sahlstrom went into administration at St. Cloud State University, serving as special assistant to the president, said Stephen Sahlstrom.

Dr. Sahlstrom was one of the founders of the North Central Morgan Association. Dr. Sahlstrom, who is also known as the "founding father" of the University of Minnesota-Crookston, and who served as Provost of the Crookston campus and on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, was instrumental in bringing Morgans to the region. In the late 1940s he gathered together a group of investors and purchased fifteen horses at auction from the Vermont Morgan Horse Farm when the government decided to phase out the breeding program there. Dr. Sahlstrom was not only one of the key founders of the NCMA, he also served as the organization's first president. He spent over forty years on the NCMA Board of Directors, as well as having been on the National Board of Directors for the American Morgan Horse Association from 1965-1970. If you wish to contribute to a memorial in memory of Dr. Sahlstrom, there are two options:

- ♦ Stanley D. Sahlstrom Agricultural Educational Fund at the University of Minnesota
- ♦ Stanley D. Sahlstrom Scholarship Fund at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

2008 UPCOMING EVENTS

View www.mnhorsecouncil.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

January 19 - Annual Meeting - Northland Inn

February 12	June 10	October 14
March 11	July 8	November 11
April 8	August - No meeting	December 9
May 13	September 9	

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 29	May 20	September 30
February 26	June 24	October 28
March 25	July 29	November 25
April 15	August - No meeting	December 30

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June	5/16/08	December	11/14/08



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