



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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The 26th Minnesota Horse Expo will run April 25th through the 27th at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds with over 50 breeds/registries of equines on display represented by over 300 horses, donkeys and mules in the Horse Barn. The hour long Parade of Breeds each day at noon in the Coliseum, the afternoon breed demonstrations and the Stallion Review each morning offer plenty of opportunity to view the unique traits of each type of horse.

Vendors of horse products, equipment and services will set up over 600 booths outdoors in a ten block area and inside five large State Fair buildings for the benefit of shoppers looking to compare brands, features and prices. From equine essentials to hard to find specialty items, chances are someone at Expo can help you find them.

Keynote speakers at the 2008 Expo will include **Chris Cox**, a clinician whose proven styles and methods cross the borders of all riding disciplines and can be applied universally, and **Julie Goodnight**, a trainer and teacher, who travels coast to coast to teach horses and people about each other. **Tommie Turvey**, an "equine extremist," skilled in trick riding will demonstrate his training techniques during the day and perform daring feats of horsemanship at each of the rodeo performances. **Terry Nowacki**, author of *The Air Scenting Horse*, and trainer of publicly proven scent detection horses will explain equine sign language beyond the common knowledge of equine body language. Minnesota side saddle riders dressed in costumes from various historical periods and FeatherDance, a Friesian performance group,

are both part of the daily performance agenda at the Horse Expo.

Daily PRCA rodeo performances featuring the award-winning Barnes family rodeo stock, tours of the Leatherdale Equine Center--the brand new University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine facility, and free horse, pony and carriage rides all add to the Expo experience.

The 4-H Horse Association managed Horse Expo tack and clothing consignment sale promises to once again provide the public with thousands of items to buy and the opportunity to sell the things they no longer use. To request item tags prior to Expo and for all the consignment sale information, please visit www.mnhorseexpo.org and click on the Tack Sale at Expo link.

Attendance at the 2008 Minnesota Horse Expo is expected to exceed 50,000. Money raised at the Horse Expo is used by the Minnesota Horse Council to provide scholarships, grants and direct funding to individuals preparing for horse industry careers and to organizations involved in furthering equine experiences across the state. Since the Minnesota Horse Expo began 26 years ago, over three million dollars has been generated by this volunteer driven event.

For continuously updated information about the upcoming 2008 Minnesota Horse Expo, sponsored by the Minnesota Horse Council, please visit www.mnhorseexpo.org or call 952-922-8666, 1-877-462-8758. We always welcome suggestions, questions and volunteers.

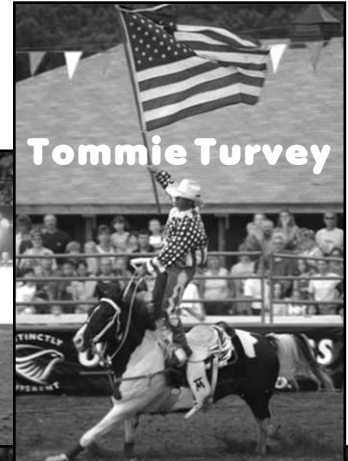
~ Submitted by Kathy Juhl, MN Horse Expo

PRCA Rodeo at Expo!

Three big rodeo performances in the Coliseum featuring the Barnes PRCA/MJM Rodeo stock and Tommie Turvey, the "equine extremist."



Friday, April 25 at 7:00 pm
 Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 pm
 Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 pm



Broncs!



How to Order your PRCA Rodeo Tickets

Rodeo tickets can be pre-ordered after 3/1/2008 using the form on page 3. Please send the completed form along with payment to Expo Rodeo Tickets, 13208 Henning Circle NE, Prior Lake, MN 55372-9033. You may also order your Expo tickets in advance at the same time, same form.)

Rodeo tickets can also be purchased inside the Expo grounds at the Coliseum Box Office.



Barrels!

Remember:
 Anyone attending the rodeo must also pay admission to the Expo.

Bulls!

FUN!

2008 Rodeo Ticket Prices

Box seats	\$9.00
Reserved A (Sections 1,2,3,13,14,15)	\$8.00
Reserved B (Sections 16-28)	\$6.00
Reserved C (Sections 4-12)	\$4.00

MN Horse Exposition 2008

Advanced Ticket and Group Advanced Ticket Order Form - Gate Admission

MN Horse Exposition 2008 Gate Admission

_____ Adult Tickets @ \$8.00 each = \$ _____
 _____ Child's Tickets @ \$5.00 each (ages 6-12) = \$ _____
 _____ Senior Tickets @ \$5.00 each (over 62) = \$ _____

Advanced Group 2008 Gate Admission (10+ tickets)

_____ Adult Tickets @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____
 _____ Child's Tickets @ \$4.00 each (ages 6-12) = \$ _____
 _____ Senior Tickets @ \$4.00 each (over 62) = \$ _____

Shipping and Handling Charge = \$ 2.00

TOTAL \$ _____

2008 PRCA Dodge Rodeo Advanced Ticket Form

	<u># of Tickets</u>		<u>Total</u>
Friday, April 25 ♦ 7 pm			
Box Seats	_____	@ \$9.00	_____
Reserved "A" Sec 1,2,3,13,14,15	_____	@ \$8.00	_____
Reserved "B" Sec 16-28	_____	@ \$6.00	_____
Any Seats in Sec 4-12	_____	@ \$4.00	_____
Saturday, April 26 ♦ 7 pm			
Box Seats	_____	@ \$9.00	_____
Reserved "A" Sec 1,2,3,13,14,15	_____	@ \$8.00	_____
Reserved "B" Sec 16-28	_____	@ \$6.00	_____
Any Seats in Sec 4-12	_____	@ \$4.00	_____
Sunday, April 27 ♦ 3 pm			
Box Seats	_____	@ \$9.00	_____
Reserved "A" Sec 1,2,3,13,14,15	_____	@ \$8.00	_____
Reserved "B" Sec 16-28	_____	@ \$6.00	_____
Any seats in Sec 4-12	_____	@ \$4.00	_____
Subtotal		\$	_____

SPECIAL

**Order tickets for all 3 days and
receive \$1 discount per ticket**

Discount per ticket for special \$ - _____
 # of tickets x \$1.00

Shipping and Handling Charge \$ 2.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State: _____
 Phone #: _____

Please send order form and check (written out to MN Horse Exposition) for full amount to:

MN Horse Exposition Advanced Tickets
 Brenda Miller
 13208 Henning Circle NE
 Prior Lake, MN 55372



Horses Galore at the State Fairgrounds


April 25-27, 2008

for the 26th annual


Minnesota Horse Expo 2008

Sponsored by the Minnesota Horse Council








Chris Cox



Tommie Turvey



Julie Goodnight



- 300 Horses from over 50 Breeds, Parade of Breeds
- Stallion Presentations, Training Demonstrations
- Educational presentations on horse health, care training, riding, horse organizations, and more
- 600 Vendor Booths with horse products, services
- Free horse, pony and carriage rides, kids area
- PRCA Rodeos Each Day • And Much More!

Expo Hours: Friday & Saturday: 8:30am-9:30pm,
 Sunday 8:30am-5:00pm

Daily Expo Admission: Free ages 5 & under;
 \$8 Adults(13-61); \$5 Seniors(62+) and Youth(6-12)

PRCA Rodeo Admission ranges from \$4 to \$9 depending
 on section plus daily Horse Expo Admission

www.mnhorseexpo.org
 952-922-8666 • 1-877-462-8758

LIKE TO TRAIL RIDE?

Minnesota Horse Council Trailblazer Committee



Darrell Mead used to dread seeing another vehicle coming toward him on the narrow road leading into the horse camp at McCarthy Beach State Park. "It was one-way in and one-way out," he says, "but [you] had to use it both ways." That changed last year though, when the Minnesota Horse Council stepped in and provided the funds to widen the road.

It was just one of several projects the Council has undertaken over the year to increase and improve horseback riding opportunities throughout the state. Founded in 1935, the 300-member Council sponsors an annual Horse Expo at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds every April, reinvesting the proceeds from that event in efforts to make exploring Minnesota on horseback more accessible and fun.

"In the early '90s, the Horse Council formed a Trailblazers Committee that decided we needed to do more in state parks and forests with horse camps and horse trails," says Mead, who has been riding horses since he was a kid and served on the Council's board for more than 15 years. "Sine then, we have been working directly with the DNR and parks."

Many of the Council's projects have taken place in state parks, 19 of which have horse trails and 13 of which also have horse campsites.

To help raise additional funds for the upkeep of these trails and facilities, the Department of Natural Resources this year began requiring everyone age 16 and older to pony up \$21 for a horse trail pass, which must be visibly displayed when riding on state trails and in state parks and forests.

The horse trail pass is similar to other DNR passes, such as the pass required to use cross country ski trails. Other states, including Wisconsin, also require trail passes.

TRAIL PASS

The Minnesota Horse Council supported the trail pass and was involved in the writing of the legislation to insure that there was a committee formed to work with the DNR on how and where this money would be spent. The DNR has issued 5,900 annual trail passes, 1,100 daily trail passes and has collected \$126,000. The Equine Advisory Group meets on a regular basis. At the February meeting, they should finalize where the 2007 monies will be spent.

The Horse Council supported the legislation requiring the new trail pass in Minnesota, Mead says, because it directly benefits the local horse community. "The way it's written" he says, "all of the trails money has to go back to trail maintenance, campground security, and a few other things."

Passes, valid for one year beginning January 1 and ending December 31, may be purchased anywhere fishing and hunting licenses are sold. Self-registration envelopes are also available at trailheads.

No one knows quite how much revenue to expect from the sale of trail passes this first year, but as the money comes in, horse owners and riders will help determine how it is spent.

"Part of the legislation called for a committee to be formed to work with the DNR on priorities of where this money would go," says Mead, one of five people serving on the committee.

As chair of the Trailblazers Committee, he will also continue to help allocated Horse Council resources for needs that have already been identified. For example, the Council recently spent \$30,000 on trail improvements at Sand Dunes State Forest, Oak Savanna County Park, Pillsbury State Forest, St. Croix State Forest, Fort Ridgley State Park, Hole in the Mountain County Park, Pine Island State Forest, City of Big Falls, and McCarthy Beach State Park. The Committee, along with the DNR, has also been working with the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area and Greenleaf/Cedar/Sioux Lakes Recreation Area Complex, which will add a number of miles of horse trails when completed.

Mead encourages riders to saddle up and see some of these improvements for themselves by hitting the trails at St. Croix State Forest with the Horse Council on the first two weekends in May. Just don't forget your trail pass!

To find a DNR-authorized trail pass vendor near you, visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/horseback_riding. For more information about the Horse Council, visit www.mnhorsecouncil.org.

VOLUNTEER

Be part of the MN Horse Expo Experience!

When you volunteer as an individual (must be 16 or older) for a shift of 4 or more hours, you will receive free admission to the Horse Expo on the day you work UNLESS you work on Thursday, the set-up day, in which case you will get a pass for another day at Expo.

Earn Money for your Club!

If a group (can be a horse-related group but doesn't need to be) comprised of 10 people (must be 16 or older) agrees to work a minimum of 40 hours during Expo, that group will earn \$10 per 4 hour shift for their group. Hours must be verified as worked by Expo Staff prior to payment. Check will be mailed after hours are verified.

Call Missie Schwartz, MN Horse Expo Volunteer Coordinator, at 952-451-9581 or e-mail her at bmschwartz@msn.com for available jobs and shifts



American Horse Council Publications

Publications can be ordered at <http://horsecouncil.org/publications.html> or calling 202-296-4031

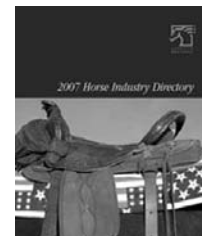


The Economic Impact of the Horse Industry on the United States

The horse industry in the United States contributes \$39 billion in direct economic impact to the US economy and supports 1.4 million jobs on a full-time basis, according to the study. When indirect and induced spending are included, the industry's economic impact reaches \$102 billion. The study also estimates the horse population in this country has reached 9.2 million. In this study you can find out the Number of Horses by State, Industry Spending Activity and a Comparative Analysis of the Break out states and much more!

2007 Horse Industry Directory

This resourceful guide puts the entire equine industry right at your fingertips. The Directory includes both national and international contacts covering every segment of the equine community. Updated every year, the 2007 Directory is the most definitive source of equine industry information available. The 2007 Horse Industry Directory includes breed registries; racing, rodeo, show, sport, and trails organizations; equine health and welfare organizations; interstate health requirements; statistical information on the horse industry; and an index of all the listings and telephone numbers are provided for easy access. The 2007 Horse Industry Directory is available for \$25 per copy or free with certain levels of membership. *Directory Sponsored by American Live Stock Insurance Co.*



2006 Horse Owners and Breeders Tax Handbook

This 1000-page book explains the Internal Revenue Code as it pertains to the U.S. horse industry. No one commercially involved with the horse industry should be without it. 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! Free with certain levels of membership or available for \$85.00 (plus \$4.50 shipping and handling).

Care and Handling Guidelines for the Horse Owner

The relationship between human and horse is one that goes beyond breed, type, purpose, or sport. The horse, although willing and domesticated, is dependent upon our stewardship. Because of these circumstances the American Horse Council Animal Welfare Committee has endeavored to outline practices for good horse management. The Care & Handling Guidelines covers issues such as: shelter and horse facilities, feed and water guidelines, health management, identification, equine transportation. This handbook is full of useful information and basic guidelines for the novice and experienced horseman. Free with certain levels of membership or available for \$10 per copy.



Tax Tips for Horse Owners

This 18-page booklet includes, in outline form, the major tax issues affecting those involved with horses as a business. Free with certain levels of membership or available for \$10 per copy.



American Horsepower

This full-color booklet includes an overview of the 2005 Economic Impact study of the Horse Industry on the United States. It is an excellent educational tool that gives an entertaining and informative look at the nation's horse industry. Free with certain levels of membership or available for \$10 per copy.



AHC News

This quarterly newsletter is packed with important information; giving you a legislative and regulatory update on issues that affect you and your horses. The AHC News is only available through membership with the American Horse Council.

AHC Tax Bulletin

A must for the equine business person. A bi-monthly publication featuring timely articles on equine tax and business issues written by an editorial board of tax professionals, as well as updates on the latest tax court decisions, IRS regulations and legislation that might impact your ability to run a profitable business. The AHC Tax Bulletin is only available through membership with the American Horse Council.





AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL
Your Unified Voice in Washington



Benefits in the Economic Stimulus Act for Horse Industry

President Bush signed into law the Economic Stimulus Act on February 13. The bill is intended to provide a jump-start to the lagging U.S. economy.

"The new law includes two tax incentives that would allow a much bigger write-off for horses and other depreciable property purchased and placed in service during 2008," said Jay Hickey, President of the American Horse Council. "This should provide an additional incentive for people to invest in more horses for racing, showing and breeding as part of their business activities."

The first incentive would increase the so-called Section 179 expensing allowance for horses purchased and placed into service in 2008 from \$128,000 to \$250,000. This expensing allowance also applies to farm equipment and most other depreciable property. Once total purchases of horses, and other eligible depreciable property, during 2008 reach \$800,000, the expense allowance goes down one dollar for each dollar spent on eligible property over \$800,000.

"The horse industry almost lost the Section 179 expense deduction in 1996. The House of Representatives passed legislation taking this deduction away from the horse industry," said Hickey. "But we were able to convince the Senate to remove this restriction before passing the final bill and the deduction was preserved. It was worth \$17,500 then. Over the years it has been increased and will now go up to \$250,000 for 2008. That is a real benefit to horse owners."

To illustrate the expensing allowance, assume a horse business purchases \$750,000 of depreciable property in 2008, including \$650,000 for horses. That business can write off \$250,000 on its

2008 tax return and depreciate the balance. If instead, purchases were \$900,000, the expense allowance would go down by \$100,000. In either case, the amount of the purchases not expensed may also be eligible for bonus depreciation, which is reinstated for 2008 in the new tax stimulus package.

The second incentive brings back 50% first-year bonus depreciation for horses and most other depreciable property purchased and placed in service during 2008. "Bonus depreciation was first passed in 2002 as a way to stimulate the economy. It phased out at the end of 2004," noted Hickey. "It was a benefit for the industry then and it should be again." It does not apply to property that has a depreciation life of over 20 years.

Also, as was the case when bonus depreciation was available in 2003 and 2004, the property must be new, meaning that the original use of the horse or other property must begin with the purchaser for the property to be eligible. "Original use" means the first use to which the property is put, whether or not that use corresponds to the use of the property by the purchaser. "There is no limit on the amount of bonus depreciation that can be taken, as there is with the expense deduction," noted Hickey.

To illustrate bonus depreciation, assume that in 2008 a business pays \$500,000 for a colt to be used for racing and \$50,000 for other depreciable property, bringing total purchases to \$550,000. The young colt had never been raced or used for any other purpose before the purchase. The business would be able to expense \$250,000, deduct another \$150,000 of bonus depreciation (50% of the \$300,000 remaining balance), and take regular depreciation on the \$150,000 balance.

**Horse Expo
Tack & Clothing
Sale**

April 25-27, 2008

Minnesota State Fairgrounds

All Consignments Welcome!

20% Consignment Fee

Proceeds going to the MN 4-H Horse Program

Sponsoring the State 4-H Horse Show and
all other 4-H Horse Project Events

One of the Largest Tack Swaps in Minnesota with over 12,000 items sold in 2007

Check-in Time

Thursday noon - 10 pm
Friday 8:00 am - noon
Saturday 8:00 am - noon

Check-out Time

Sunday only 5:15 - 7:00 pm

Check-in on Underwood St. Only

All items left after 7:00 pm on Sunday April 27 will be donations to the MN 4H Horse Program

Consignment Information - Contact Curt Baumgart (320) 252-3542
Volunteers Needed - Contact Laurie Arco rides2bits@msn.com

Sale is managed by Minnesota 4-H Horse Association
www.mn4horse.com



TRI-STATE HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Tri-State Horsemen's Association is pleased to announce an exciting new opportunity for students in grades 8-12 to earn their high school letter in equestrian sports.

The Minnesota High School Equestrian Association (MSHEA), founded in 2001, has been working with high schools to provide recognition and awards for youth participating in equestrian competition. The student will be able to help their high school equestrian team win trophies for their school. In addition, each student will be competing to win individual championships and may be able to earn their high school letter.

Tri-State has worked with MSHEA to expand the disciplines offered to include Saddleseat riders. We have worked with them to develop the discipline specifications for our first year and designated Octoberfest Horse Show 2008 as the horse show that will host the Saddleseat Team Championship.

MSHEA disciplines offered are Dressage, Eventing, Hunters and Jumpers, and new for 2008, Saddleseat, Western Pleasure and Polo Cross. In 2007, 115 students and 22 high schools participated in this program. In 2008, they estimate 200 students will participate and 25 new schools have shown interest in adding equestrian sports to their high school athletic program.

We encourage you to find out more about this exciting program. For more information about the organization and the program visit their website, www.mhsea.org. You will find the list of participating schools and participation requirements and membership opportunities. The program may vary with each individual high school.

Approximately sixty Tri-State youth members could be eligible for this program. We feel that this is such an important opportunity for our youth that Tri-State is making a commitment to continue to support and work as an advisor to MSHEA as they expand this program throughout the state. The 2008 competition season is March 1st through October 31st. Tri-State youth interested in participating this year should begin now to investigate the opportunity.

For over 50 years, Tri-State has promoted the enjoyment and improvement of the total horse. A non-profit, the organization isn't restricted to a specific breed or discipline. We encourage horsemanship and sportsmanship. Visit our website:

www.tri-state-horse.com



APRIL 25♦26♦27

Tips for Controlling Infection in Your Horse

by Josie L. Traub-Dargatz DVM, MS
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When you ask most horse owners about controlling infection in their horses they say "Oh, you mean do I vaccinate and worm my horses?" Certainly immunization of horses with vaccines to prevent or reduce the severity of infectious diseases is a very important part of any infection control plan. However, it is important for horse owners to realize that vaccination is only one part of a complete infection control plan for their horses. First, very few vaccines will protect 100 percent of the horses that receive them from the disease caused by the infectious agent(s) and second there are diseases of the horse for which there are no licensed vaccines. Certainly the dewormers we have today appear to be very effective, but there are opportunities to reduce parasitism even further by considering additional means of control. So what else can horse owners do to help protect their horses from infectious diseases?

This article will provide an overview of the major concepts in infection control for horse owners. The details of such a control program must be tailored to the individual horse based on factors like age, use, housing, health status of other animals nearby, and risk aversion of its owner.

There are two main components of an infection control plan. One part strives to optimize the horse's resistance to disease if exposed to the infectious agent. The second part should be targeted at prevention or reduction of exposure of the horse to infectious agents.

Many horses, like people today, live a fast-paced life. Horses are on the road to shows, breeding farms, race tracks and trail rides. It is critical to manage each horse to avoid an illness that could compromise performance in the short run or even result in permanent impairment of their ability to perform or result in loss of life. An even larger impact would be felt by the horse owner if an infectious disease outbreak occurs on their farm. If many horses become ill, this can result in substantial financial cost of treatment, lost use and potentially loss of business if horses are unable to move on or off of the facility for a time. A farm that has had an infectious disease outbreak in their horses can become stigmatized, which in turn can affect their business for a long period of time, even after the outbreak is resolved.

The first part of an infection control plan would include working with a veterinarian to develop a comprehensive vaccination program. A vaccination program needs to be tailored to the individual horse and the horses at a given facility. There is no one plan that will fit all situations. A veterinarian will be in the best position to consider all the necessary information about your horse's risk for exposure to disease agents and the most effective vaccination strategy to enhance their resistance to disease if exposed. The ultimate goal of vaccination is to maximize the horse's resistance to specific disease causing agents if exposed.

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Special Horses for Special People



Special Horses for Special people is a therapeutic/leisure program for individuals with developmental and/or physical disabilities of all ages. This program originated 6 years ago in Waseca County and has continued to grow every year.

The program is sponsored by ADD (Advocates for Developmental Disabilities Servicing Steele and Waseca Counties), Waseca and Steele County Mounted horse Posse and the Waseca County 4H Horse Project Members.

The purpose of this program is for individuals with disabilities to participate and experience horseback riding. We had 40 riders our first year and last year we had 135 participants. This program runs one evening for five consecutive weeks. Each rider steps up on a mounting block and mounts a horse and then is guided on a lead rope around the arena twice, is brought back to the mounting bloc, dismounts and returns to the line as they await another turn. Words cannot describe the excitement of our riders. There are smiles everywhere, squeals of delight, high-fives and hugs. We also have horse-drawn buggy rides for those who are too fearful to ride a horse. This allows them to share in another fun experience.

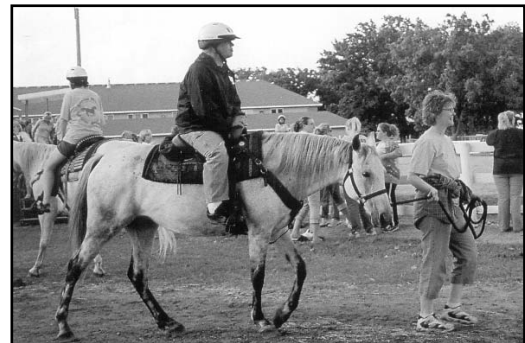
On our last evening, we have an awards night where each participant is recognized for his or her riding achievement. The first four years they received a large ribbon, certificate and picture. Last year each rider was presented a trophy--they were elated. They were so proud with many commenting that this was their first trophy ever.

Although this program has been successful over the years, we do have riders who can only come to watch and pet a horse because of their severe disability. It has been our goal for this program that everyone would have the opportunity to participate. We have found a "special saddle" that would allow unbalanced riders to ride freely, safely and independently. Through the grant from the Minnesota Horse Council, donations and fundraisers it is now possible for us to purchase this saddle for our 2008 riding sessions.

On behalf of the SHSP committee, we are very grateful to your organization for selecting our program as a grant recipient. We thank you for helping us to achieve our goal for 2008. It will be so much fun to share in the experience of participants riding a horse independently for the very first time. Special horses for Special People....where the Smiles are contagious!



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Another part of resistance to disease is so-called innate immunity or natural resistance. Since stress and nutritional deficiencies, especially trace mineral deficiencies, can result in degradation of innate immunity, it is important to address these areas in the overall infection control plan. Assuring that the horse is as comfortable as possible during transportation and when housed can help to minimize the adverse effects of stress. The horse owner should consider working with a professional to evaluate the horse's diet to be certain not only meet his need for protein and energy, but also meet his need for vitamins and minerals. These micronutrients can play a key role in his resistance to disease.

The second major part of an infection control plan should be focused on reducing or preventing exposure of the horse to infection causing agents. There is no question this is the part that

will require more work on the horse owner's part and will be more difficult to do. So you might say "do I really need to do it?" I believe the answer is yes.

Here are just a few examples of ways to reduce exposure of a horse to infection causing agents. It is important to recognize there are a vast number of ways to reduce exposure beyond the examples given here. One way to begin to develop the strategies to reduce exposure is to think of how the horse is most likely exposed and the disease agents of most concern.

A few examples of ways to reduce or prevent exposure of your horse to infection causing agents:

1. Collect and discard manure at least once a week. Do this in both the paddock and pasture areas. This simple, albeit time

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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES

December 11, 2007

Meeting Location: Maple Grove Community Center

Board Members

Present: Tim Bonham, Dan Dolan, Glen Eaton, Teresa Hanson, Judy Jensen, Trina Joyce, Sue McDonough, Darrell Mead Dawn Moore, Marian Robinson, Missie Schwartz, Laurie Slater, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Christie Ward, Mark Ward

Absent: None

Members/Visitors: Miriam Tschida, John Dahl, Rick Dobbelaire, Vicky Inget, Tim Wampfler, Lynn Wasson

I. Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm by President Dan Dolan**II. Introductions: of Visitors****III. Additions and changes** (Additions to Old and New Business)**IV. Treasurer's Report** - Tim Bonham

November statement, with some changes, will be emailed (or mailed as needed) to Board members before the next meeting for a vote at that meeting.

V. Approval of Minutes: Tim moved, Tracy seconded, to approve the November minutes as corrected. Carried. Dawn will send out the corrected minutes.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore: Annual Meeting agenda is prepared.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Audit - Dan sent the appropriate information to Secretary of State.
- B. Bylaws: Miriam will email copies of the attorney's suggestions to Board members before the February meeting.
- C. Proposal for Website/Horseman's Directory - Mark Ward will join committee.
- D. Horseman's Directory (Print Edition): The Council will buy Vicky Inget's business, copyright, etc, for a nominal amount. Tim Bonham moved, Missie Schwartz seconded, that the "nominal amount" be \$100. Carried. Mark Ward will handle registration so that it doesn't expire. He will also draw up a sales agreement.
- E. The weed book: Missie Schwartz will have them available at Annual Meeting. Sue McDonough will distribute books to Certified Stables. Missie will put a note in the Newsletter that members can get a copy of the brochure by paying the postage. Postage will be determined before the note is inserted; that information will be included in the note. Missie will handle the mailing. A message will also be included in the note: Please, one per membership. Additional copies can be purchased at the University of Minnesota. Tracy moved that the brochures be processed in the above format, Darrell seconded, carried.
- F. Unwanted Horse Coalition: Dawn announced that brochures are available from the Coalition. Copies will be available at the Annual Meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Horse Person of Year Committee - Dawn Moore announced that the committee had selected an honoree. Plans are moving forward. Teresa added that an MHC jacket had been ordered for the recipient.
- B. Communications: Missie Schwartz, Chair: The next issue of *For Horse's Sake* is the January/February 2008 issue. This is the issue that has the Horseperson of the Year and scholarship and grant recipients. Linda would like to get that information and photos ASAP after the annual meeting. If possible it would help to have text part of the info sent to Linda Dahl as early as possible (even before the meeting). Group photos would help to save space! Linda and Missie would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to contribute items to the newsletter.

C. Legislation: Tracy Turner: Tracy discussed some slaughter issues. He pointed out that at least one Mexican plant meets European Standards which are more stringent than those in the United States.

D. Discussion: Promoting MHC to horse people and the public.

E. Nomination & Voting procedure. Nominations - Mark

F. Expo - Glen Eaton: To date three hundred and seventeen (317) completed contracts have been received for Vendor Booths and Horse Stalls which is about par with 2007. At this time of the year everything seems to slow down with the Holiday shopping etc but will pick up right after the first of the year. Chris Cox and Julie Goodnight's signed contracts have been received and Kathy is working with other Clinicians to be a part of the 2008 Minnesota Horse Expo. Ads for the Program are coming in and we have went to some color pages in the Program and they are all sold. Promotion is on schedule with Trade Journal ads etc. Of course everything picks up after the first of the year as we are then less than four months from the Expo Event. The next meeting for the Minnesota Horse Expo is December 18th at Pearson's Restaurant in Edina.

G. State Fair: Judy Jensen: Judy met with Steve Pooch and others to discuss increasing entries at State Fair.

H. AHC State Committee meeting: Glen will get an agenda for the meeting in November. There are about 75-100 participants expected.

I. Direct Funding: Christie Ward: So far the committee has granted seven awards for a total of \$3145. Six applications will be considered after this meeting this evening. If all are approved, the committee will need \$1200 more. Marian moved, Trina seconded, to allow Direct Funding \$1200. Carried. (Funds from the Reserve Funds.) Christie said that the committee reaches decisions within 45 days of receiving an application. The recipient has six months from approval date to use funds. This statement will be added to the application, on the web, and in the procedures.

J. Grants- Tim Bonham said that all letters were mailed for current recipients. Previously approved recipients who had not yet sent in documentation to receive funds were notified by mail to do so. There were twenty-six grants approved this year. Only the recipients with the highest dollar amounts in each category will speak at the Annual Meeting. Tim will draft a letter to be sent to all recipients explaining the process for the speakers. Many will have displays in the general display area.

K. Scholarships: Trina Joyce: Twelve scholarships were granted. Each scholarship was for \$3,000. Twenty-one applications were received; seven were in high school; fourteen were in college. Trina announced that one of the 2006 scholarship recipients has married. Name: Brianna McKenzie. She will continue her education on line. The scholarship still applies. (Informal consensus of the Board.) Trina will send a biography on each of the scholarship recipients to the administrative assistant. Each will be typed and placed on the tables at the Annual Meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election Terms: Mark Ward: Two years remain on the recently vacated Board seat. Tim moved, Trina seconded, that 6 people will be elected to fill three year terms. Carried.

B. Election nominees: Mark Ward: One name was omitted from the list of nominees. Dawn moved, Tom seconded, to send out another mailing with the corrected ballot. Carried. Mark moved, Tracy seconded, to accept any ballot unless it is replaced in which case the replacement is the accepted ballot. Carried. Mark Ward will consult with an attorney before the corrected mailing goes out to be sure the procedure followed is correct.

C. Location of future meetings discussed. Dawn will check to see if the current location is contracted and/or available. Current location cost is \$48/meeting. Christie Ward reported that the University of Minnesota Leatherdale Equine Center will be available. The parking, which would be \$6 per car, will be paid by the college. She will have 30 passes available. Fee for facilities use will be \$40. Tim moved, Mark seconded, to meet at the Leatherdale facility in February and March. Carried.

D. Mileage: Tom Tweeten announced that last year the mileage fee was \$0.485. In 2008, the allowance will be \$0.505 per mile. (Medical deductible allowance is \$0.19 and service for charitable organizations which is not reimbursed is \$0.14.) Tom moved, Sue seconded, to change the Minnesota Horse Council reimbursement to \$0.505. Carried.

E. ADJOURN 8:55 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dawn Moore, Secretary.

NEXT MEETING - Annual Meeting and Banquet ♦ January 19, 2008 ♦ 5:30 pm ♦ Northland Inn

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consuming, practice will reduce the horse's exposure to internal parasites, bacteria that cause diarrhea and help to reduce flies and other insects in the horse's environment.

2. Consider segregating horses based on the risk they may pose for infectious diseases. Horses that have traveled to sites where horses congregate, have been at a veterinary hospital or those that are new to your farm may be more likely to shed infectious disease agents. Keep horses that are new to the facility and those returning from outside events such as shows separate (quarantined) from the resident or home-based horse population. It is critical to work with a veterinarian to determine how far away and for how long horses should be kept apart to avoid spread of disease agents. Generally keeping horses at least 35 feet apart is recommended to avoid spread of respiratory pathogens. (Figure 2) Be sure you do not spread disease agents by sharing equipment such as feed tubs, water buckets, tack and grooming equipment between horses being kept separate. Also, take precautions to clean hands, boots or clothing between contact events with groups of horses you want kept separated.

3. Design the facility to have a place to keep certain groups of horses separated away from other horses on the farm. Be sure to have high traffic areas for visiting horses such as palpation stocks away from where the resident horse herd is kept.

4. Be sure to secure horse feed to keep out rodents and other wildlife that may spread disease agents such as those that cause diarrhea and Equine Protozoal Myelitis (EPM).

5. Design the horse facility to make it as easy to clean as possible. Porous surfaces and dirt floors will be impossible to clean adequately if they become contaminated with certain bacteria that can cause disease in horses.

6. Plan to reduce exposure to mosquitoes that can carry the West Nile Virus. Eliminate mosquito breeding areas by eliminating standing water where possible, cleaning water troughs at least once a week, controlling weeds, using fans on horses stabled in stalls, and applying insect repellent to horses.



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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April	3/14/08	October	9/12/08
May	4/11/08	November	10/17/08
June	5/16/08	December	11/14/08

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- Individual - \$15
- Family - \$20
- Organization - \$25
- Corporation - \$25
- Certified Stable -
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