



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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Expo Board Presents \$225,000 Check to Minnesota Horse Council



Left to right: Tom Tweeten, Allison Eklund, Linda Dahl, Glen Eaton, Dan Dolan, Missie Schwartz, Jenniy Buskey, Del Bauernfeind, Laura Lyseng, Darrell Mead, Brenda Miller

At the Minnesota Horse Expo Board Meeting on September 30, 2008, Expo President Glen Eaton presented a check for \$225,000 to Minnesota Horse Council President Dan Dolan. This check represents the proceeds of the 2008 Minnesota Horse Expo. Most of this revenue is returned to the horse community by the Minnesota Horse Council in the form of educational scholarships, equine facilities development, grants, direct funding support, and individual recognition awards.

Don't miss the 2009 Minnesota Horse Expo which will be held April 24-26, 2009, at the

Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN. Two of the clinicians scheduled are Stacy Westfall and Craig Cameron, along with many other great speakers. A PRCA Rodeo will again be held Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon.

For the latest information on the Minnesota Horse Expo, see www.mnhorseexpo.org.

For more information on the Minnesota Horse Council, see www.mnhorsecouncil.org.



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SENIORS HAVE UNIQUE WAY TO STAY FIT

When you think about "fit and active seniors," the images that usually come to mind are people who walk a lot. Or maybe those who go to local yoga classes. Not very many people would guess that some seniors are so active and fit that they ride horseback for more than three hours at a time and also load and unload the animals into trailers and drive up to an hour or more before and after the ride. And do it every week!

But that's exactly what a group of senior citizens do every week from May through October. Average attendance for the ride is estimated at about 25. Most of the riders are age 70 and up with the oldest rider about age 83.

Since almost all of the people have been riding all of their lives, it isn't necessarily horseback riding that has gotten them fit. But it certainly is keeping them fit. It's called "four-legged fitness," according to Elizabeth Haryman in American Fitness magazine at FitnessHigh.com and that doesn't mean the fitness of the horses!

According to Haryman, riding improves and/or helps riders retain almost everything that is important as people age. It helps

improve balance, coordination and confidence in physical movement. It's a great workout to maintain a fit body. It addresses many of the core issues of fitness, including fat burning, limbering up, strengthening core muscles, boosting flexibility and quicker reflexes.

Weightwatchers.com calls riding an aerobic activity, providing moderately low-intensity exercises for long periods of time, burning up calories and using major muscle groups in the process. It helps joint suppleness and flexibility, and motivates you to work on flexibility between rides. It gets you out in the fresh air while burning 240 calories while riding, and 480 calories per hour when you are "mucking out the stable!"

The whole process of riding also enhances mental fitness. It is challenging, so it provides brain exercise. It helps chase boredom, provides no "exercise blues," and is a great stress reliever. Another great benefit is that it can improve relationships.

~ Excerpted from an article by Dr. Jan Meyer, Young at Heart, Bluff Country Newspapers, July 30, 2008



Seniors enjoy staying fit with horseback riding

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.

Mark your
calendars now and
join us next year

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Minnesota Horse Council News

CERTIFIED STABLE PROGRAM

It is the goal of the Certified Stable Program of the Minnesota Horse Council to:

- ♦ Facilitate through established standards and continuing education, the improvement of quality and safety in the stable industry in Minnesota.
- ♦ Act as a resource and liaison between the horse industry and other areas of agriculture to decrease the costs and increase the quality of the products for the stable owner.

A certified stable has concern for the care of the horse, and keeping their facility up to the Certified Stable Program standard. They are proud of their facilities, and are constantly seeking ways to improve.

Criteria evaluated to achieve certification include the following categories:

- ♦ Condition of animals on the premises
- ♦ Condition of shelter facilities
- ♦ Fire Safety
- ♦ Feed and forage selection and maintenance
- ♦ Condition of paddocks and pastures

Steps to become a certified stable:

1. Review our evaluation criteria Evaluation Form
2. Contact the Minnesota Horse Council for an inspection

When applying for certification, stables may be certified, not certified, or placed on a plan of improvement. Stables placed on a plan of improvement have the right to appeal the evaluation by contacting the Chairperson of the Certified Stable Program and scheduling a re-inspection.

Chairperson:
Sue McDonough
1314 Fairmount Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105
(651) 699-8117

Minnesota Horse Council Sample Certified Stable Evaluation Form

Horse Evaluation:

- Horses look well fed given the condition of work
- Horses have daily access to water
- Hooves are of the appropriate length and free from injury
- Coat condition is free from parasitic infection and pliable
- Overall appearance looks healthy
- Animals with obvious health problems or injuries are being treated

Barn Evaluation & Fire Safety:

- No Smoking signs displayed
- Hose in barn reaches all areas
- Fire extinguisher is readily accessible
- Grain, hay dust is minimized
- No discarded equipment or supplies are stored in neglected corners
- Hay storage is in a well ventilated area
- Flammable materials are away from electrical outlets or appliances
- Visible wiring appears in good repair
- Aisles free of debris
- Stall doors easily opened
- Well understood evacuation plan

Stall/Run-in Shed Condition:

- No strong ammonia smell
- No protruding objects seen
- Stalls appear to be in good repair
- Drainage keeps stalls free from puddles
- Bedding clean and appropriate for sub-floor
- Breakables (lights and windows) are horse proofed

Feed Supply:

- Feed room secured from horses, rodents, etc.
- Feed kept in rodent proof containers
- Grain free from mold and debris
- Hay green and smells fresh
- Hay free from dust and mold

Pasture/Paddock Evaluation:

- Wire and cable fencing is stretched tight
- Board fence is in good repair
- Some portion of the enclosed area is dry ground
- Paddocks and pastures are free from old equipment
- Areas of sufficient size to ensure adequate access to feed
- Does pasture look adequate for grazing

Understanding Your Horse Insurance Responsibilities

Whether a horse is purchased for personal or business reasons, ownership represents a significant investment of time, money and resources. While no one likes to think about the potential for tragedy, horses seem to be prone to illness, accidents and injury. Should some peril befall your horse, nothing may ease the emotional burden, but wise planning can help reduce the economic impact.

Insurance policies are legal contracts between the underwriter (the company) and the insured (horse owner). While individual policies vary so much from company to company and circumstance to circumstance, it is important to note is that each policy has its own terms, conditions and requirements, which may necessitate action from you, your veterinarian and your insurance company. To better safeguard yourself and your horse, follow these guidelines from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP):

- ◆ Read the contract thoroughly before you apply for coverage.
- ◆ Ask the insurance representative to explain any words, phrases or provisions you do not understand completely.
- ◆ Know your responsibilities. What is required should your horse fall ill, become injured or die?
- ◆ Understand any specific guidelines for emergency situations. A crisis is not the time to be trying to interpret your policy's fine print or to look for contact phone numbers.
- ◆ If euthanasia is recommended, know what steps must be taken in order for a claim to be valid.
- ◆ Make a list of questions to ask your insurance agent or company.
- ◆ Define your needs.
- ◆ Comparison shop. Besides cost, buyers should look at the longevity and reputation of both the agency and the insurance carrier.



Common types of coverage available for horses include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Mortality: Paid if the horse dies.
- ◆ Loss of Use: Paid on a percentage basis if horse is permanently incapacitated for its intended use or purpose.
- ◆ Major Medical: Like health insurance, offsets costs of veterinary care for catastrophic conditions.
- ◆ Surgical: Policies that cover only specific procedures such as colic surgery.
- ◆ Breeding Infertility: Covers stallions or mares for reproductive failure.
- ◆ Specified Perils: Includes any number of things such as lightning, fire or transportation.

For more information about equine insurance, ask your equine veterinarian for "Understanding Horse Insurance Responsibilities: Guidelines to Consider," a brochure provided by the AAEP in conjunction with Bayer Animal Health, an AAEP Educational Partner. Additional information is available on the AAEP's horse-health Web site

www.myHorseMatters.com

Be Prepared for an Equine Health Emergency

If you own horses long enough, sooner or later you are likely to confront a medical emergency. From lacerations to colic to foaling difficulties, there are many emergencies that a horse owner may encounter. You must know how to recognize serious problems and respond promptly, taking appropriate action while awaiting the arrival of your veterinarian.

Preparation is vital when confronted with a medical emergency. No matter the situation you may face, mentally rehearse the steps you will take to avoid letting panic take control. Follow these guidelines from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) to help you prepare for an equine emergency:

1. Keep your veterinarian's number by each phone, including how the practitioner can be reached after hours.
2. Consult with your regular veterinarian regarding a back up or referring veterinarian's number in case you cannot reach your regular veterinarian quickly enough.
3. Know in advance the most direct route to an equine surgery center in case you need to transport the horse.
4. Post the names and phone numbers of nearby friends and neighbors who can assist you in an emergency while you wait for the veterinarian.
5. Prepare a first aid kit and store it in a clean, dry, readily accessible place. Make sure that family members and other barn users know where the kit is. Also keep a first aid kit in your horse trailer or towing vehicle, and a pared-down version to carry on the trail.

First aid kits can be simple or elaborate. Here is a short list of essential items:

- ◆ Cotton roll
- ◆ Cling wrap
- ◆ Gauze pads, in assorted sizes
- ◆ Sharp scissors
- ◆ Cup or container
- ◆ Rectal thermometer with string and clip attached
- ◆ Surgical scrub and antiseptic solution
- ◆ Latex gloves
- ◆ Saline solution
- ◆ Stethoscope
- ◆ Clippers

Many accidents can be prevented by taking the time to evaluate your horse's environment and removing potential hazards. Mentally rehearse your emergency action plan. In an emergency, time is critical. Don't be concerned with overreacting or annoying your veterinarian. By acting quickly and promptly, you can minimize the consequences of an injury or illness. For more information about emergency care, ask your equine veterinarian for the "Emergency Care" brochure, provided by the AAEP in partnership with Educational Partner Bayer Animal Health. More information also can be obtained by visiting the AAEP's horse health web site, www.myHorseMatters.com.



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Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008 Reported

September 23, the House Judiciary Committee approved the Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008 (H.R.6598). The bill was introduced in July by Representative John Conyers (D-MI). Mr. Conyers is chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

There were a number of amendments offered during the Committee's consideration of the bill, but only one was adopted. Under the legislation, the Attorney General would take custody of any horses seized and provide for their placement or disposition. The amendment adopted was offered by Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and would require that the Attorney General consult with the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the disposition of any such horses.

Mr. Goodlatte also indicated during the markup that the House Agriculture Committee had requested sequential referral of the bill since it dealt with the slaughter of livestock, an activity generally under the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee. It will be up to the House Parliamentarian to decide if the legislation is also within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee. If it is, the bill will go to that committee for consideration. If not, it will be available to be placed on the House calendar for a vote by the full House.

The bill would criminalize the possession, transport, sale, delivery, or receiving in interstate or foreign commerce of a horse or horse meat with the intent that it be used for human consumption. It would apply to the transport and sale of horses for slaughter in the U.S. or into a foreign country.

Penalties would include fines and/or one year imprisonment for a first offense or one involving five or fewer horses. Offenses involving more than five horses or repeat offenders would face increased fines and/or up to three years imprisonment.

Additional Internet Legislation

On September 16, the House Financial Services Committee approved the Payments System Protection Act of 2008 (H.R. 6870). The bill, introduced by Congressmen Barney Frank (D-MA) on September 11, would suspend the rulemaking process undertaken last fall by the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve Board (the "agencies") under the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA), except with respect to wagering on professional and amateur sports games and events.

The agencies proposed regulations last fall to require the financial services industry to identify and block unlawful Internet gambling transactions. Those regulations have been opposed by many banks and credit card companies as onerous and unenforceable. Mr. Frank and others believe that adoption of these regulations would harm the banking and credit card system.

This bill would allow the agencies to adopt the regulations already proposed under UIGEA as they apply to sports betting, which is prohibited under the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act. But application of any UIGEA regulations to other forms of wagering, including pari-mutuel racing, would be held in abeyance until Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board conduct an administrative hearing and develop new regulations that include a definition of "unlawful Internet gambling" and a list of unlawful Internet gambling businesses. The agencies would also have to conduct an economic impact study of the to-be-proposed regulations. In effect, this legislation would allow the agencies to move forward with the regulations regarding sports betting, while starting anew on regulations applicable to other forms of wagering, including horseracing.

Chairman Frank is likely to try to get a vote on the bill by the full House before it recesses for the elections or adjourns for the year.

The American Horse Council Welcomes Two New Sponsors

The American Horse Council is excited to announce that Markel Insurance Company and GH2 Gralla Equestrian Architects have become the Sponsors of the AHC.

Markel Insurance Company develops and underwrites specialty insurance products and programs for a variety of niche markets, including horse farms, riding and show animal clubs, dude ranches, guides and outfitters, and private horse owner's liability. Markel is known as "the insurance company with horse sense" for good reason--they've been insuring horses, farms, and other equine-related activities for over 40 years. With their combined knowledge and longevity in the horse industry, Markel and the American Horse Council will put the best interest of the horse industry in front of lawmakers in Washington.

GH2 Gralla Equestrian Architects has designed more than 380 equestrian and livestock facilities across North America, Latin America, Europe, and Southeast Asia for individuals, corporations, universities and governmental organizations. Through nearly three decades of experience, they have elevated equestrian and livestock facility master plans and designs to unparalleled levels of functionality, safety and efficiency. "As horse owners, competitors and preeminent architects to the horse industry, we are keenly aware of the important role the American Horse Council plays in Washington on behalf of all equestrians. Horses are both our personal and professional passions and GH2 is very pleased to continue more than 15 years of Horse Council support," said Todd Gralla, Director of Equestrian Services.



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Comments on the Americans with Disabilities Act

Recently the Department of Justice (DOJ) proposed new rules under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including modifications to existing definitions and requirements. A number of these changes could impact trails, state parks and wilderness areas used by equestrians.

Among these proposed changes was the creation of a new category consisting of "other power-driven mobility devices" that could also be used by disabled individuals. The DOJ suggests, that such devices include "any of a large range of devices powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines-whether or not designed solely for use by individuals with mobility impairments for the purpose of locomotion, including golf carts, bicycles, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), or any mobility aid designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes."

The DOJ recommended commercial, state and local public accommodations, including parks, allow persons with disabilities to utilize these "other power-driven mobility devices" when possible and to develop policies to accommodate these mobility devices.

In response to the DOJ proposed rule the AHC submitted comments that affirmed the equestrian community's strong support for ensuring an enjoyable experience for disabled individuals when they visit trails and public recreation areas. The AHC also stated its commitment to working with the DOJ to achieve this goal. However, the AHC raised concerns that many trail users have expressed and pointed out some deficiencies in the proposed rule.

The AHC noted that not only do many individuals with disabilities recognized by the ADA rely on horses to take them to areas they would not be able to reach otherwise, but that many Americans who have limited mobility due to arthritis, heart disease, lung problems, and peripheral problems rely on horses for the same purpose. The horse is by far the most common and most environmentally friendly means of access to trails for physically challenged individuals.

For these reasons the AHC asked the DOJ to specifically recognize horses, mules and burros as a vital means of access to trails by physically-challenged individuals and should encourage land managers to consider the role of equines when formulating plans to accommodate physically-impaired individuals. The AHC emphasized the importance of preserving existing equine access to cross country trails to maintain accessibility to physically-impaired individuals and the need for trails, trail heads for the horses, access routes, mounting blocks and ramps, picnic and camping facilities, rest rooms and stables that accommodate their special needs.

Additionally, AHC expressed concern that the broader definition of "other power-driven mobility devices" could raise serious safety and other concerns for equestrians and other trail users. Specifically, AHC believes the proposed definition of "other

power-driven mobility devices" is overly broad and could conceivably include a number of devices which could be hazardous not only to equestrians, but to pedestrians, bicyclists and even wheelchair users of recreational trails.

Furthermore, the AHC asked that the DOJ make sure that the definition for "other power-driven mobility devices," while broad enough to permit a range of mobility devices for the disabled, limits the size and speed of such devices on trails. Speed, size and weight restrictions are absolutely necessary to ensure that any mobility devices will not imperil other trail users, the AHC noted, while access to trail systems for disabled individuals should be a top priority, it cannot come at the safety of other users.

Additionally, the AHC asked that the DOJ carefully consider the reasons Americans seek out recreational trails in its definition of and policies regarding the use of "other power-driven mobility devices." There is no doubt that the extreme array of such devices suggested in the NPRM could fundamentally alter the experience associated with trails that are currently limited to non-motorized users or equestrians alone, this is especially true for designated wilderness areas.

The AHC informed the DOJ that it opposes any rule that would in practice open all recreational trails to a wide variety of motorized vehicles based solely on a user's attestation of a disability. Any proposed rules must seek to strike a balance between accessibility for the disabled, safety for all users, and a realization that all mobility devices are not appropriate in all trail and recreation settings. A rule should specifically give state authorities the discretion to make determinations based on these considerations.

The AHC hopes that its comments will help the DOJ produce a final rule that increases access for the disabled and preserves the safety and experience of all trail users.

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How To Create A Profitable Horse Blog

You may have heard or read that one can earn money by writing a blog. You have decided to write a horse blog because you love horses and horse riding, but you are not quite sure how to go about it, nor do you know exactly what a horse blog is.

What is a horse blog?

A horse blog, or any blog for that matter is a type of journal, a bit like an old-fashioned diary or scrapbook. You use it as an internet-based record of your life, your thoughts, your experiences and your knowledge. Some people use it as a marketing tool, to sell their products or services. Blog is short for weblog; it's a bit like a training log where you note your and your horse's training goals and achievements.

Free and easy

It is extremely easy to start a horse blog and is absolutely FREE. All you need to do is to go to a site like Blogger for internet-novices, or Wordpress for internet-intermediates. You can set your blog up in 5 minutes flat by following the simple clear instructions on the website.

And then what? How do you earn money from your website once you have set it up?

Use good, old-fashioned word of mouth to get people to read your blog. Choose a subject for your blog that you are familiar with and feel passionate about. Write about it regularly, at least once or twice a week. Then tell every one you know about it. E-mail all your friends about your new horse blog. Tell your riding buddies, your vet, your farrier, your grand-mother. Spread the word. And then monetize this traffic with the following methods:

1. By adding Google AdSense to your blog. This is not too complicated either. Type the word AdSense into your browser window, open an account, wait until it has been validated and then add the code to your websites. There are some excellent e-books available on the net about how to get the most from AdSense.
2. By writing reviews about books you have read or equipment you have tried and encouraging your readers to get a copy or piece of equipment of their own. This is called affiliate marketing. It basically means that you agree with the merchant of the e-book you read or product you found useful that you would earn a commission on each sale they make from a client you referred to them. It may sound complicated, but due to the modern technology available on the internet it is in fact tremendously simple. Tons of e-books have been written on affiliate marketing, some more useful than others.
3. Promote your own equestrian e-book or short report on your blog. Add a mouth-watering description of your product, listing all the benefits that buying your e-book will bring riders who buy it. You can even sell your e-book from your blog.

Social Benefits

Not only can you earn money with your horse blog, but it is also extremely rewarding. As time goes by, you will meet lots of fascinating horse people, and learn an enormous amount, all from the comfort of your living room. (or wherever you keep your computer) Writing a horse blog is not difficult; it can be a lot of fun and help you earn some pocket money to spend on your horse.

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The American Horse Council Wants You!

The AHC continues to expand its grassroots program, the Congressional Cavalry, but it needs you! In January a new Congress will take office and now is the time to get ready.

The horse community is very diverse and has agricultural, sporting, gaming, entertainment and recreation components. Some national issues affect the entire community and some just a particular segments or discipline. However, it is true that taken as a whole the horse community is a much larger and more powerful constituency than any one of its individual parts. When the horse community speaks with one voice, its diversity is a strength not a weakness and it is a force to be reckoned with. All segments of the community enjoy the benefits this brings in federal legislation and regulation that keep opportunities open to expand our businesses and enjoy our horses.

All individual horse owners, breeders, veterinarians, trainers, competitors, recreational riders, service providers, or anyone who desires to join the grassroots efforts of the horse community in Washington are encouraged to join the Congressional Cavalry Program.

The Congressional Cavalry is composed of individuals who will contact their federal elected officials when national issues that impact the horse community arise. It works simply. Cavalry members are placed on an email or fax list so they can be contacted and activated quickly. When action is needed the AHC provides each cavalry member with whatever is necessary to productively lobby their elected official including background information, talking points, and sample letters. It is AHC's goal to eventually have members of the Congressional Cavalry Program from all segments of the horse industry and in every Congressional district. This will guarantee the horse community will be heard loud and clear in Washington.

If you care about the issues that impact the horse community join the Congressional Cavalry! Let's put more "Horse Power" in Congress!

If you want to sign up or have any additional questions about the program, please contact Ben Pendergrass of the American Horse Council at 202-296-4031 or bpendergrass@horsecouncil.org.

Horses change lives. They give
our young people confidence
and self esteem. They provide
peace and tranquility to troubled
souls--they give us hope!

- Toni Robinson -

ASIAN WILD HORSE AT MINNESOTA ZOO GAVE BIRTH TO COLT

The Minnesota Zoo is celebrating a significant conservation accomplishment with the birth of its first Asian wild horse since 1988.

Once extinct in the wild, these horses-also known as a Przewalski's or Mongolian wild horses-are making a comeback with help from the zoo.

Born July 5, Vladamir is a descendant of an imported stallion from the National Zoo in Washington, DC, and a female from Germany. The zoo says he is "very important genetically to the Species Survival Plan population."

The Minnesota Zoo sent a stallion to the Netherlands in 1990, which produced six offspring for release in Hustai Nuruu National Park in Mongolia. These offspring continue to produce offspring of their own. At last count, there were two harems directly descended from the Minnesota Zoo's stallion that were in the wild.

In 2004, the zoo supported the park financially so it could buy motorbikes, allowing rangers to patrol the park and protect the

horses. In 2006, the zoo supported a radio-collar tracking project coordinated by the National Zoo in Kalameili Reserve, China. The next move is to have the Asian wild horses released into this park.

Asian wild horses are about the size of a large pony; adults reach a height of 13-14 hands and are between 8 and 9 feet long.

Sporting a white muzzle, they are light brown, cream, or yellow-gray in color with black tails, manes, nostrils and lower legs.

Originally found throughout the steppes of Eurasia, this species was determined to be entirely extinct in the wild around the late 1950s. With the help of zoos, they were bred in captivity and eventually released in several parks throughout central Asia.

In the wild, they eat coarse, shrubby vegetation and tall grasses. In captivity, their

basic diet is hay, mixed grains and vitamins.

~ Article by Paul Walsh and published in the August 2, 2008 issue of the Star Tribune.



Horse Classifieds - Glossary of Terms

Event Prospect: Big, fast horse

Dressage Prospect: Big, Slow horse

Pleasure Prospect: Pretty color

Sporting Prospect: Short, fast horse

Barrel Prospect: Fast horse, which can turn.

Endurance Prospect: Fast horse which will turn sometimes

Flashy: White sock

15'2" hh: 14'3" hh

16'2" hh: 15'3" hh

Big Trot: Can't canter within a two-mile straightaway

Nicely Started: Longes, but we don't have enough insurance to ride him yet

Bold: Runaway

Athletic: Runaway

Quiet: Lame in both front legs

Dead Quiet: Lame in all four legs

Good in Traffic (Bombproof): Lame all around, deaf, and blind.

Pony type: Small and hairy

Arab type: Looks startled

Thoroughbred type: Looks terrified

Easy keeper: Fat

Easy to catch: Dead

Elegant: Thin

Black: Brown and/or dirty

Well-Mannered: Hasn't stepped on, run over, bit, or kicked anyone for a week

Professionally Trained: Hasn't stepped on, run over, bit, or kicked anyone for a month

Clips, Hauls, Loads: Clippity Clippity is the sound his hooves make as he hauls butt across the parking lot when you try to load him.

Should Mature to 16 hands: Currently 14 hands, dam is 14'2, sire is 14'3, every horse in his pedigree back 18 generations is under 15 hands, but this horse will defy his DNA and grow.

To Loving Home Only: Expensive

To Show Home Only: Very Expensive

To Good Home Only: Not really for sale unless you can 1) Pay twice what he is worth or 2) are willing to sign a 10 page legal document allowing the current owner to tuck in to beddy-bye every night

For Sale Due to Lack of Time: Rider cannot afford to spend any more time in the hospital

Any Vet Check Welcome: Please pay for us to find out what the !@#& is wrong with him!

Recently Vetted: Someone else found something really wrong with this horse

Must Sell: Spouse has left home and taken the kids

All Offers Considered: I am in traction for 6 months

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES

July 8, 2008

Meeting Location:

Nutra Conference Room - Leatherdale Center, U of MN, St Paul

Board Members

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

Absent: Teresa Hanson, (Andrea Dubay)

Members/Visitors: Dan Ramberg, Allison Eklund - Attorney

I. Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm by President Dan Dolan**II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors**

Dan Ramberg & Allison Eklund - re: legislative issues and resolution of Property tax issues in MN

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

IV. Treasurer's Report (June 10) - Motion to accept - Tim Bonham, seconded Marian Robinson, passed.

V. Approval of Minutes - June 10, 2008 Glen Eaton made motion to accept with corrections, Tim Bonham 2nd. Passed with corrections.

VI. Secretary's Report - Committee list passed out, will have at September meeting. Nothing much to report, transition is going well with Andrea.

Guest Speaker - Allison Eklund spoke on the property tax issue and concerns. She presented a written proposal/resolution. Motion made to adopt the resolution with the removal of specific county regarding MHC Property tax stance. Darrell Mead made motion to accept. Tom Tweeten 2nd. Passed.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Website/Horseman's Directory - No report

B. Committee Chairs - Board to approve committee chairs for 2008. Tim Bonham made motion to accept as listed, Sue McDonough 2nd. Passed.

VIII. Committee Reports**A. EXPO** - Glen Eaton

The books are mostly closed on the 2008 Minnesota Horse Expo and we are proceeding with the 2009 Minnesota Horse Expo which will be held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, April 24, 25, and 26. The insurance agent for the roofing contractor for the Cattle Barn called me last week and all claims caused by the leaking roof in the Cattle Barn have been satisfied with the exception of one and they are working with them to settle that one also. Kathy is in the process of getting speakers and some ads will start late summer and in the fall. The Vendor folder and contracts are in the process of being reviewed and changes made and the first mailing of contracts for the 09 Expo is August 29. The Minnesota Horse Expo will take part in the Aisle of Breeds at the State Fair August 21 through Sept 1. The planning of the Aisle of Breeds for the Minnesota State Fair is well under way. About one half of the stalls are filled with horses and we should have that part completed in about 10 days. Missie Schwartz will be calling to schedule people to attend the information table. Set up will take place on August 19 and will take down the display on September 2.

B. Grants - Tim Bonham - Paying out as receipts coming in

C. Scholarships - Trina Joyce - press release going out shortly.

D. Promotions - Teresa Hanson - absent, no report

E. Web oversight - Mark Ward - proceeding via email - updated who is on committee. Tim Bonham, Dawn Moore, Missie Schwartz, Christie Ward and Mark Ward (chair) and Dan Dolan

F. State Horse Council - Glen Eaton

Meetings have been held for the upcoming State Horse Council Achievement Committee to be held November 7, 8 and 9 at the Mall of America's Ramada Inn. Brenda Miller, Tom and myself met with the hotel concerning the food etc. Tom Tweeten and I met with the Leatherdale Equine Medical Center at the U of M concerning the Tour to take place on Saturday afternoon of the weekend meetings. Dan and I also talked to people from other states that have hosted the event when we were in Washington DC for the AHC meetings. Information packages were handed out at the business meeting in Washington. Everything is falling into place and there is a short meeting after the Council meeting tonight. Also the Committee will also meet sometime the first part of August to begin to finalize the event.

G. Direct Funding - Christie Ward - Slow season, total of 9 approved so far. Approved MN Linc, We Can Ride. Total \$4,168. Additional \$5,000 comes out of MHC Savings, motion by Tim Bonham, 2nd by Marian Robinson. Passed.

H. Certified Stables - Sue McDonough - Welcome to our newest Certified Stable HKL Stables in Cambridge MN. It was a pleasure to see Harlan and Kerry Lees' beautiful place. Stop in and see their new barn and indoor arena if you are in the area.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Aisle of Breeds Handout - Trina - proposed a brochure, work out with Teresa and needs to be created and get Steve Pooch's approval to hand out at MN State Fair to exhibitors.

B. Animal Disaster Coalition Meeting - Marian Robinson - July 30th, Wednesday, the Animal Disaster Coalition will hold it's monthly meeting at the Golden Valley Humane Society on Hwy. 55. Meeting starts at 10 am and goes until at least noon. This meeting we will cut the meeting short by 45 minutes at the end and go out in the parking lot and show folks how to put up corral pens to hold larger animals like horses after a disaster. Several horses will be brought and we will be shown how to halter a horse and hopefully be treated for 'wounds' sustained in a 'disaster'. Meeting is on the 2nd floor at the back of the building in one of their training/exercise rooms

C. AHC Meeting - Unwanted Horse Coalition, Trails, Tuesday - Election process, Lobbying process.

X. OTHER

Pioneer Award - Need nomination, or we do not have one. Tim Bonham and Tom Tweeten mentioned they would nominate Stan Sahlstrom.

XI. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING September 9, 2008 6:30 pm

NUTRENA CONFERENCE CENTER

Leatherdale Center - U of MN - St Paul MN

How to Make Horse Body Glitter

Horse glitter gel is an inexpensive way to make a statement at any horse show or just for fun.

The benefits of making horse glitter gel outweigh buying the product. You know what is going in the product, and can avoid things that might be allergic to your horse. It is also simple. You save a heap of money. You can make as much as you want, because it is cheap to make.

First, buy a tub of human hair gel. Spot test on your horses coat to make sure that he isn't allergic to this. You also need to buy a packet of loose glitter. You can buy any color you want and you can also buy glitter with little hearts and stars in it. You can add as much as you want to the tub of hair gel. If you just want fine glitter, add a little bit, and vice versa. Keep the horse glitter gel in the tub of hair gel. This is a benefit as it is easy to get a brush or a finger in the tub and it comes with a cool screw on lid!

If you want to, you can buy a couple of tubs of hair gel and different colored glitter. With these you can make patterns on your horses coat, or you can make a multicoloured mane masterpiece! You can even buy a stencil to make patterns with the glitter gel on your horses rump. you can buy these stencils in shapes such as stars or checkers, at any craft shop. To make the patterns last longer, spray some human hair spray over the top of the glitter to set it in place.

To remove the glitter, all you need to do is wash it off. If it is too cold to give your horse a bath, use a bucket of warm water and a sponge instead.

From www.wikihow.com

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Grants - applications due October 1

Grants are offered to charitable/non-profit equine-related organizations in Minnesota as "seed money" to inspire new projects, capital improvements, or expansions of existing projects or services..

Scholarships - applications due November 1

Educational scholarships are offered each year for Minnesota residents majoring in equine-related fields of study.

Pioneer Award - nominations due March 1

The Minnesota Horse Council honors worthy individuals posthumously with the Pioneer Award, and places his or her photo on a special wall in the Warner Coliseum on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds for that year. The person to be nominated should be special, someone who has contributed in the past to the horse industry in Minnesota, and who was a model for others.

Horse Person of the Year - nominations due November 1

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

For additional information, please contact the committee chairperson (see page 11) or visit www.horses-mn.org.

2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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| February 12 | June 10 | October 14 |
| March 11 | July 8 | November 11 |
| April 8 | August - No meeting | December 9 |
| May 13 | September 9 | |
| January 17, 2009 - 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.

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| 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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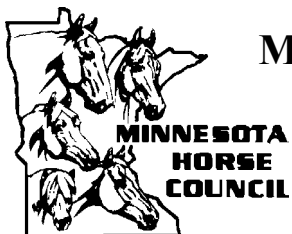
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| January/February | 1/23/08 | July/August | 6/13/08 |
| March | 2/15/08 | September | 8/15/08 |
| April | 3/14/08 | October | 9/12/08 |
| May | 4/11/08 | November | 10/17/08 |
| June | 5/16/08 | December | 11/14/08 |



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- Individual - \$15
- Family - \$20
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Name _____

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Address _____

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The MHC Communications Committee would like to offer members the option of receiving the newsletter in an electronic format.

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Thank you for your input!

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