

**MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL
BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2006**

Meeting location: Maple Grove Community Center

Board Members: Tim Bonham, Dan Dolan, Glen Eaton, Teresa Hanson, Trina Joyce, Sue McDonough, Darrell Mead, Dawn Moore, Keith Payden, Marian Robinson, Missie Schwartz, Laurie Slater, Miriam Tschida, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Jesse Vouk, Christie Ward

Members/Visitors: Rick Dobbelaire, Irene McMillen, Vickie Inget, Cherie McKenzie, Faith Kingman

- I. Meeting called to order: 6:35 p.m.
- II. Introductions
- III. Additions and changes (Additions to Old and New Business)
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Keith Payden
Motion by Tracy Turner, seconded by Darrell Mead, to approve the November Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Please find attached the Treasurer's report (December).
- V. Approval of Minutes –
Motion by Glen Eaton, seconded by Tracy Turner, to approve the November minutes. Motion carried.
- VI. Secretary's Report – Trina Joyce
MHC received thank you notes for two grants issued to Intermediate District 287 – Venture Students and Ride Ability. The procedure for covering the administrative assistant's office while she is away has been working well. The MHC Board members (Tom Tweeten, Trina Joyce, Dan Dolan and Glen Eaton) picture was featured in the "U's" newspaper for the ground breaking of the new Equine Center. Trina has written a job description for Philanthropy Chair that will be reviewed under Old Business at the February meeting. Job review of administrative assistant was completed.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Travel Reimbursement Procedure – Tom
There was a discussion regarding the proposed Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement for MHC Business procedure. Many additions/changes

were added to the proposal. Please find attached the updated proposal that is to be discussed under Old Business in February.

- B. Membership Procedure – Dawn
Tabled until February meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. EXPO – Glen Eaton
Promotions for the 2007 Minnesota Horse Expo are in or will be in Horse Publications shortly. Ads will be in the next issue of Horse N Around and Family and Friends newspapers. Speakers are Charmayne James, Richard Shrake, Dr, Temple Grandin, Curt Pate, Rick Lamb, and Brenda Imus. Kathy is working to get one more Key Note Speaker. We are ahead of 2006 Expo in booking of stalls and vendor booths. We stand at 324 completed contracts at this time. In coming contract are slower this time of year but will pick up after the first of the year. Ads for the Program are coming in and will pick up after the first of the year. The planning of the 07 Minnesota Horse Expo is in fine shape. Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

No State Fair or Aisle of Breeds report.

- B. Direct Funding – Christie Ward
Please find attached the report for Direct Funding.
- C. Communications – Missie Schwartz
The new newsletter got great reactions from the Board.
- D. Horseperson of the Year – Miriam Tschida
One has been selected and the plaque and jacket has been ordered. Dawn will purchase the flowers.
- E. Legislative – Tracy Turner
 - Horse Slaughter Bill – added to Ag Appropriation bill. Status unknown.
 - Passed – Animal Terrorism Act
It makes it an act of terrorism to damage furs, research activities etc. with the exception of legal protest (1st amendment rights).
 - USDA National Id – strictly voluntary only
 - State of Minnesota is exploring making a bid for 2020 Olympics. At this time feasibility study is in progress, pending selection of 2016 Olympic sites. If Los Angeles or Chicago gets the bid, Minnesota will not make a bid.

- F. Scholarships/Grants – Trina Joyce/Tim Bonham

It was decided that there would be 10 scholarships awarded at \$3,000 each. College and high school students were judge separately. The deadline for the review is December 15, at which time all results should be given to Trina. It was suggested that the Scholarship Committee should have a meeting. All members of the committee were polled and it was the consensus of the committee that it was not necessary. The chairperson is in contact with all members and the process is in place. Grant notices have been sent out and all winners have been invited to the Annual Meeting. Tim was asked to look at the list of 2006 grant winners to remind them to submit their invoices. This will be discussed under Old Business (Grants) at the February meeting.

G. Annual Meeting – Dawn Moore

This is a reminder that Board members need to get their dinner reservations and membership dues into Dawn and Mary.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Trademark MHC Logo – Tom Tweeten

Motion by Jesse Vouk, seconded by Trina Joyce to proceed with the process of registration of the MHC logo at the \$275 price quote. Motion carried.

B. Minnesota State Fair Ag Society Annual Meeting – Tom Tweeten

The MHC will be sending the following people to the meeting:

Dan Dolan, Tom Tweeten, Glen Eaton

Alternate: Marian Robinson

Meeting date: January 12-14, 2007

Information regarding the meeting can be obtained from Tom Tweeten.

C. Accomplishments – Tom Tweeten

Please find attached a list of MHC accomplishments for 2007.

D. Computer Depreciation – Miriam Tschida

Motion by Tracy Turner, and seconded by Dawn Moore, to stick to the original agreement that the Payden's will own the computer after one year. Motion carried.

E. Nomination Procedures –

Updated and changed copy attached.

F. Website Status – Keith Payden

I have been in contact with Dan Dolan to discuss the contract for Horsemen's Directory. There was a meeting of Dawn Moore, Miriam Tschida, Tim Bonham and myself to discuss changes/updates to the

website. Cherie McKenzie was unable to attend but sent her suggestions by email.

G. Resignation of Keith Payden

X. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: Annual Meeting
January 13, 2007

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6:30 p.m.
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