

**MINNESOTA
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QUARTERLY

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NEW DIRECTORS

The following were elected the four new directors of the MHC at the November 18th annual meeting: George Rice, Karen Humphrey and Margaret Streadwick (for 3-year terms); and Bill Anderson (for a 2-year term). George owns Meadowpond Farms and raises both Arabians and drafts. Karen has a background in horse management and riding instruction, and is also Superintendent of the County Fair Horse Shows with the Minnesota Agricultural Society, working closely with this state's 4-H equine program. Margaret Streadwick has been an ever-present representative at MHC meetings for the Minnesota Saddle Horse Association. Congratulations to you all.

RETIRING DIRECTORS

A special note of thanks should be added to the retiring directors: Dr. Wes Schroeder, Fran Reker and Chuck Malkerson. Their contributions have been many and are very much appreciated. The Council feels sure, however, that they won't be too far away to continue to help in the future, if needed. (The fourth position was created by Sue Eaton-Kennedy who resigned due to conflict of schedules.) Note too that Bill Anderson, a former student of Fran Reker's, has agreed to chair the Stables Committee now that Fran has left the Board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MHC directors is scheduled for December 16th at 7:30, Medina Ballroom. Election of new officers by the Board of Directors will be held at that time and a large list of items need to be discussed. As usual, the meeting is open to all those interested.

1980 MINNESOTA HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR

This year it is Lavarre Hollingsworth of Prior Lake. She, rather casually, began her equine activities over 20 years ago with horses for her daughters, but competition became a growing interest. She progressed to acting as show secretary for Tri-State Horsemen's Association (the major regional all-breed horse show organization in the USA) for over 15 years. She also served on their Board of Directors for a similar period, is a former secretary-treasurer, and the first and only woman president of that organization to date. As a long-time member of the Tanbark Riding Club, she is deeply involved with its Calvalcade of Roses (all-breed) horse show committee, spending countless hours each year to "grease the wheels" behind the scenes at each event. Lavarre has been seen doing exactly the same thing at a number of other horse shows too, including the Walking Horse Celebration. At home she now raises Arabians, but she also owns "Alexander's Emerald", a five-gaited horse which has shown in championship divisions and has won the highly coveted Open Five-Gaited Tri-State Championship for two years in a row. Congratulations, Lavarre. You will now enter the Horsemen's Hall of Fame at the University of Minnesota as the tenth winner of this annual award.



NEW MEMBERS

New members: Don Ledin (St. Paul); Sharon Domjahn (Long Lake); Minnesota Equine Associates, Ltd. (Maple Plain). J & R Stables (Chaska) and Meadowpond Farms (Hugo) have been added as certified stables.

HORSE PARK

Representatives from South St. Paul were to present some sort of a proposition at the November meeting with regard to a "horse park" in that city. Due to a conflict of their schedules, this appearance had to be postponed. We will keep you informed.

SPRING CLINIC

The University of Minnesota/MHC co-sponsored Spring Clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 1981, at the St. Paul Campus. This event is becoming quite popular. It's an all day affair and there is a growing number of equestrians that take advantage of it each year.

HORSE INDUSTRY STATISTICS

The American Horse Council has some interesting figures for 1979 regarding the horse industry. Included are the following: 71,506 show-days; more than 5.8 million exhibitors and more than 6.4 million horses in competition; 24.5 million persons paid in excess of 45.3 million for attendance; total revenues generated by horse shows nationally exceeded \$317.6 million. Note: these were "sanctioned" shows only.

Nationally sanctioned shows incurred expenses of approximately \$84.8 million in organizing and conducting 7,348 shows, paid out more than \$18 million in salaries and wages to over 55,000 employees, rented facilities at a cost of more than \$14 million, paid out approximately \$1.5 million in sales and property taxes, and donated more than \$8.6 million to charity. In summary, the expenses for nationally sanctioned shows totaled over \$84.4 million and revenue amounted to over \$96 million. Locally sanctioned shows' expenses exceeded \$187.3 million, paid wages of more than \$39 million to some 176,000 employees, rented facilities at a cost of approx. \$23 million, paid out more than \$2.7 million in sales and property taxes, and contributed more than \$19 million to charity. The totals here were \$187.3 million for expenses and \$221.6 million for revenue. However, \$19.1 million as donated to charity, resulting in revenue exceeding expenditures by \$15.2 million for the year.

Data for nationally and locally sanctioned shows (combined totals) suggests a national economic impact, excluding charity donations, of \$317.6 million. Breaking it down a bit, expenditures were \$272.1 million, contributions to charity exceeded \$27.7 million, revenue from sponsors was more than \$35 million, revenue from concessions was more than \$15.5 million, and stall rentals produced \$35.5 million. The AHC admits that a large element of figures is missing -- that of breeding and training of these horses, to date undocumented.

COMPARE KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Horse Council's recent equine directory values that state's horse industry at \$1 billion dollars. It is interesting to compare that state to Minnesota (with no pari-mutuel) estimated to be approximately one quarter of that figure. Further, Kentucky estimate 204,000 head of horses, valued at nearly \$2 billion. (Dr. Jordan of the U of M, last year estimated

Minnesota's population at 200,000.) Equine use in Kentucky is centered around pleasure riding (46.1%) with more than 90,000 head; breeding horses represent 18.6%; there are approximately 20,000 show horses, and only about 14,200 are used for racing. Kentucky has 63,000 equine operations with more than 500 studs with fees ranging from \$100 to \$40,000. The racing segment provides more than \$13 million to the state each year in pari-mutuel taxes. (New Jersey, another pari-mutuel state claims a 1/3 billion dollar industry, with over 40,000 horses.)

TRAILS MEETINGS

The DNR will be conducting meetings throughout the state in early December generally regarding a statewide trail plan for 1981. Your opinions and ideas are being solicited by that office as to where and what kinds of trails are needed. It is extremely important that horsemen be represented in each of these areas. PLEASE try to have at least one trails interested person attend the meeting in your locale. (See map and schedule listed elsewhere in this Quarterly.) A report of some type back to the MHC after the meeting in your area would not only be appreciated but helpful to our Trails Committee.

EQUESTRIAN REPRESENTATION AT DNR TRAILS MEETING

Last January the DNR held three public meetings regarding the Minn. Valley Trail System. The top number of individuals attending those meetings, by far, were horsemen (19) and snowmobilers (14). A total of five equine-related groups were represented.

FORT SNELLING STATE PARK

-- has extended its boundaries to Cedar Avenue. The park is bounded by the Minnesota River, Cedar Avenue and Chicago North Western railway along Hwy. 13. The area is open, however, only to hikers and skiers.

ALBERT QUIE TRAIL RIDE

The 1980 Albert Quie Trail Ride was again an apparent success with around 600 riders at Camp Ripley in September. Next year's site has not yet been picked for certain but it might be at St. Croix.

PARKS IN EAGAN

The City of Eagan is pushing "parks". The City now has, or will have, 3,045 acres of parkland, or 14% of the City's total area. Included in these plans is the recent dedication of the Rahn/Thomas Trail (from old Cedar Avenue to Pilot Knob Road). This trail is intended for use by pedestrians, bicyclers, and X-C skiing. However, plans are underway for a separate trail within the highline easement for horseback riding and snowmobiling.

LAKE ELMO TRAILS

The Soo Line Railroad has agreed to sell 9.8 miles of its abandoned right-of-way to the DNR, over the objections of landowners. A suit is being brought by the Washington Wildlife Preservation Committee contesting said sale. They claim the DNR was limited under state law to bid only \$452,000 but, with an additional contribution from the Minnesota Parks Foundation, they bid \$460,000. Said trail would run from Oakdale to Carnelian Junction (north of Stillwater); an important connection to the St. Croix trail system. Note too that DNR held workshops on November 24 & 25 in Lake Elmo and Mahtomedi regarding planning of these same trails. At the time of this writing, it is known that the MHC, Trail Riders, Unltd., and a number of other horsemen attended the meeting in Lake Elmo. There were

more than 200 people in attendance. Only five objected to horses using these trails. Prime concerns of those present included enforcement, maintenance, landowner protection, hunting and no hunting, access, fencing, fire protection, support facilities, non-motorized use (motor-bikes, cars), snowmobiles and no snowmobiles, cost, no night use, pro-horse, fees, pro-X-C skiing. More information to follow in a later issue of the Quarterly.

SCOTT COUNTY TRAIL

The Metropolitan Council's Physical Development Committee has recommended approval of a master plan developed by the Hennepin County Park Reserve District and Scott County for an 8.7 mile trail from Shakopee to Cleary Lake Regional Park.

WOLFELD WOODS

This small park of 220 acres is located near north of Long Lake in Hennepin County. The Park came under the control of the DNR in 1978 and is used as a scientific and natural study area. Because of the presently surrounding trail system and local demand, the DNR is presently allowing part of the area to be used as equestrian trails. These trails have not been clearly marked in the past. However, signs have now been posted stating that riding is not to take place in certain scientific areas. If riders violate these regulations, horseback riding in the area will be totally discontinued. PLEASE PASS THE WORD.

RECORD HIGH JUMP

The Fall Charity Show at the State Fair grounds had an interesting event this year. This strictly hunter-jumper affair had Donald Cheska of Waukesha, Wisconsin, attempting to break Minnesota's indoor high jump (which he himself set here last year). And he did just that at 6'10" on a comparatively short little horse with plenty of heart, named "Look Again". Dick then announced that he would try for the world's indoor high jump record. Two unknown individuals in the audience immediately offered \$10,000 and \$500 respectively to him if he could do it. The wall was set at 7'8-1/2". (The attendants had to stand on chairs to set it up!) He tried twice but "Look Again" did just that and refused the jump. Nonetheless, it made the evening rather exciting.

FREE PUBLICITY

-- on upcoming horse events in Minnesota's papers (unlike most other sports) has in the past proven to be virtually impossible to obtain. The MHC has, however, discovered one outlet of which we should take advantage. The Minnesota's Department of Economic Development (twice a year) apparently publishes a listing of Minnesota activities which is sent for reprint to state and national outlets -- papers, publications, AAA, radio stations, and other -- to promote Minnesota. They will be sending the MHC information on their 1981 summer publication requirements, but it is our understanding that any activity for which we have future dates scheduled may be included in their listings. If your organization is interested in promoting your event(s), please be sure and send the relevant information to us and we will see that it gets included. [Note, however, that February is the deadline for next summer's listing.]

ANOTHER MINNESOTA WINNER

"Balbuco", a brown TB gelding owned by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Butler of St. Paul (and ridden by Conrad Homfeld), won the Grand Prix "Rider and Horse of the Year" award in 1979 and the 1980 World Cup. Grand Prix courses contain some 17 obstacles which may reach up to six feet in height and 15 feet in width over water. Congratulations to horse, rider and owners.

NEW STABLES

Ground was recently broken for the relocation of the Diamond T Ranch in Eagan. It will be located on Pilot Knob Road, across from Holland Jensen Park (with 2,000 acres of horseback riding trails). The stable itself will be situated on 40 acres of wooded and rolling land and will feature trail, sleigh and hay rides as well as boarding. X-C skiing will also be available. The Diamond T Saddle Club, based at this stable, is an MHC member. Good luck to owners Carol, Jerry and Mike Thomas.

STABLE ODORS

A safe, simple product made from yucca cactus has been developed to eliminate barnyard odors. Its the same product used to put a foamy head on soda pop. Comparatively inexpensive, it stimulates the bacteria already present to digest odor-causing liquid and solid wastes. This product is called MicroAid and is merchandised by Cargill.

HORSE FOR REHABILITATION OF VETERANS

Pat Jenson (Pat Jenson School of Horsemanship, Excelsior) just finished her 11th year of working with rehabilitating V.A. patients at her stables. Approximately 1500 people have gone through her program (one day/week; 6-7 months per year). Congratulations on a super job, Pat!

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

High School Rodeo in this country in 1979 included 30 states with 1200 contestants. Minnesota has a chance to sponsor the championship event in 1984 but it must submit its application no later than 1981.

EARN A PATCH

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports offers a patch to anyone who, within a period of four months, rides horseback a minimum of 50 hours (no more than 1 hour per day). You will also receive a personalized certificate of achievement, a lapel pin, a decal, and a membership card. Contact Presidential Sports Award, Box 5214, FDR PO, NYC 10022.

THIEVES!

Jan & Bill Donovan (Shamrock Saddlery, Rochester) recently experienced a burglary of their tack shop to the tune of approximately \$30,000. This included a raid on their stables for used tack. There have been many other reports of losses throughout the state in recent times. Many of these thieves appear to be professionals. Note that the more common case involves \$2,000 to \$20,000 in value. Many saddle thieves are well organized and have a refined system of transporting and liquidating stolen tack, usually in other states. PROTECT YOURSELF. Be leery of big bargains on tack from strangers, auctions or flea markets. Check your homeowner's policy. You may have to specifically declare the items you want covered. Is the coverage enough? Keep a list of all tack in your possession; perhaps even add photographs. Stamp your social security number in a secret place. If stolen have the police enter it in the NCIC (Nat'l. Crime Info. Center) computer. Never leave equipment in the open.

Consider a burglar alarm in the barn and perhaps even a guest book (with license plate numbers) of those visiting (possibly casing) your business. Remember to REPORT your losses to the police. Notoriety helps to deter this crime, regardless of the amount. A recent magazine article on the subject indicates that the general lack of intercommunication among horse groups actually prevents discovery of these thieves.

ANTIBODIES

A serum product, developed by Cornell University, gives adequate levels of antibodies to new foals. The material is collected from normal adult horses and frozen. Note, however, that antibodies can be given orally only during the first 24 hours of a foal's life. After that it must be given intravenously to be effective.

ACUPUNCTURE

Acupuncture has been advocated for all types of problems from anesthesia to arthritis. It is even being tried to cure wind-sucking, supposedly reducing the desire of the horse to do so.

BLISTER BEETLE

These dead bugs are being found in some alfalfa coming from the Rocky Mountain area. This hay has been mowed, crimped and baled [which kills the beetles and they remain in the hay] rather than mowed and allowed to lie before baling [where they crawl away]. Ingestion by the horse of five to six of these bugs can be fatal. They look like lightning bugs in size and shape. Inspect your hay if it has been imported from that area.

VINLAND CENTER

Joan Saari of Vinland Center made a presentation to the Horse Council in October. Norway contributed a large sum toward this project in 1976. Construction, hopefully, will start in 1981. This national center houses 86 residents in an earth sheltered structure. The project has 175 acres at the north end of Lake Independence, near Loretto. Emphasis will be on ability, not disability. The Center will research life style changes and equipment; teaching methods, act as an educational outlet on national resources for the disabled; and will handle approximately 30 different topics in a program over a period of 4-8 weeks. The facilities are planning riding activities with maybe 15 horses accessible to wheelchair individuals for riding and caring. Beepers will be used for blind riders.

FLYING TIGERS

This air cargo carrier is now located in the Twin Cities. This now makes it possible to air freight your horses around the world directly from our own International Airport. If interested, call 612/726-9300.

MILITARY USAGE

The Red Chinese maintains the largest horse cavalry forces active in the world today. At least three mounted divisions patrol their remote border with the Soviet Union.

HISTORY

Did you know that the Cabelleros de Norte used to ride from St. Cloud to Minneapolis for the Aquatennial. Perhaps this or a similar event should be resurrected.

NEW MINNESOTA FACILITY

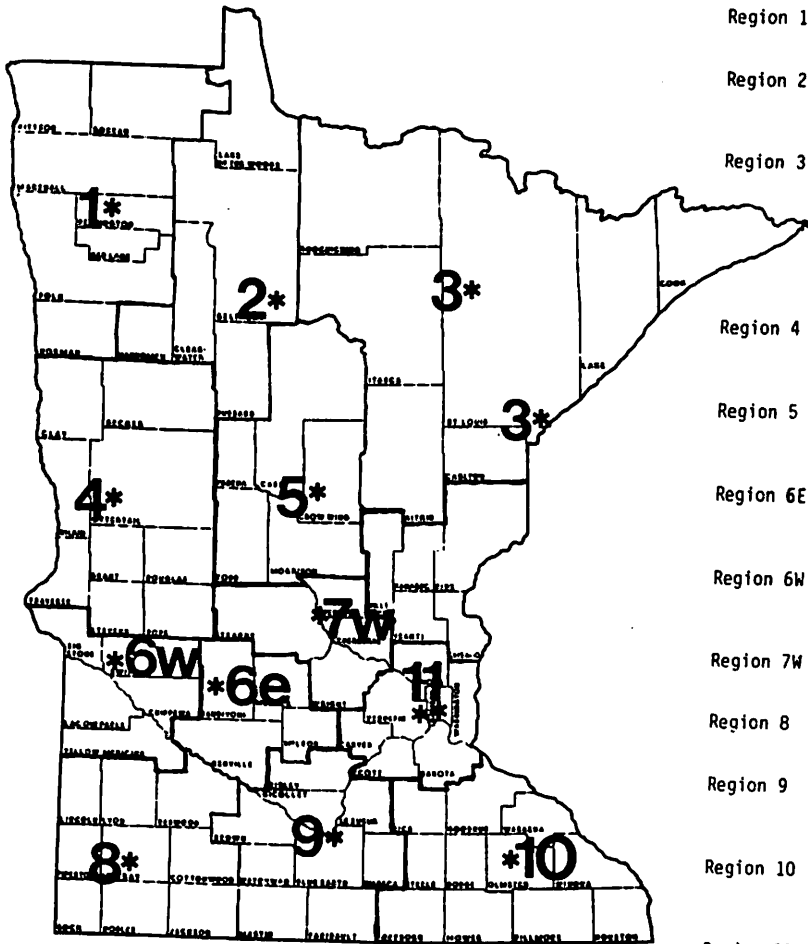
A Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center is being built in Waseca. The first director is Houston Oliver Gillespie

(whose children own and ride horses). The Center will serve as an educational facility, to interpret the story of agriculture in Minnesota. We will keep you advised as to whether horses will be included in any fashion.

DUES

Just a reminder that all MHC dues are up for renewal on January 1st. It would be helpful if payments are made from this notice rather than from an additional mailing by the Council. Please note changes effective beginning 1981: Individuals are \$15; organizations are \$25; certified stable renewals are \$25. Your continued support would be appreciated.

List of scheduled meetings of the Department of Natural Resources regarding planning of state trails:



- Region 1 7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 4, 1980
Thief River Falls Auditorium
- Region 2 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 3, 1980
Hagg-Sauer Hall
Bemidji State University
- Region 3 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 1980
Iron Range Interpretative Center
Chisholm
7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 1980
Duluth Central High School Auditorium
800 E. Central Entrance, Duluth
- Region 4 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 1, 1980
Ottertail Power Co. Community Room
Fergus Falls
- Region 5 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 2, 1980
Crow Wing County Service Center
Laurel St. behind the Courthouse, Brainerd
- Region 6E 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 2, 1980
Staff Cafeteria
Willmar Area Vocational-Technical Institute
- Region 6W 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 1, 1980
Appleton Civic Center
323 Schlieman Avenue
- Region 7W 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 2, 1980
St. Cloud City Hall Annex
- Region 8 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 1980
Slayton High School Auditorium
- Region 9 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, 1980
Student Union Ballroom
Mankato State University
- Region 10 7:30 p.m., Monday, December 8, 1980
Cafeteria, Rochester Area Vo-Tech Institute
1926 SE 2nd Street
- Region 11 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 1980
Southdale Branch, Hennepin County Library
7001 York Avenue South, Minneapolis
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 3, 1980
St. Paul Central High School Auditorium
I-94 & Lexington Parkway, St. Paul

