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# QUARTERLY

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## NEW MEMBERS:

A special "welcome aboard" to the University of Minnesota-Crookston (a new MHC certified stable) and Northridge Farms, Inc.

## GENERAL:

A letter, dated May 9, 1980, was received from one of our member organizations regarding their objection to the following items: (1) incorporation of the MHC and its method of election of its Board of Directors; (2) appointment of its officers by the Board of Directors; and (3) failure to notify club representatives that board meetings are open to attendance by club representatives. The MHC Board of Directors brought this letter up for discussion at its May 22nd general meeting at which time several points were brought out:

(1) The date of incorporation of the MHC was March 6, 1935.

(2) The election of the Board of Directors is held every year at the Annual Meeting of the General Membership (November or December). Although we have a growing number of members in the MHC, the general meetings have been poorly attended. The annual meeting is usually the best attended meeting of the year, but the MHC still has difficulty in obtaining input from its members, either by their presence or by correspondence. In order to keep the "ball rolling", as the saying goes, the Board of Directors (in 1979) appointed a nominating committee which drew up a slate of nominees with the purpose in mind of possibly obtaining representation from as many diverse equestrian fields as possible for inclusion on the Board of Directors. This slate was proposed to the general membership last November (six months prior to receipt of the above letter). The members present were asked to make comments or other nominations from the floor. No such comments or nominations were forthcoming. A motion was made to accept the proposed slate of nominees as the new directors. It was seconded and unanimously approved by the members in attendance. If there were any objections to this procedure by anyone, they were not made known at that time. If there are any objections now as to the method of electing directors, please let us know immediately so that they can be taken into consideration before this year's annual meeting (at which time three directorships will expire). Finally, if you know of someone who might be interested in becoming a director of the MHC at some future time, please let us know this also.

(3) According to Minnesota Statutes §301.30, Subd.1, the Board of Directors of a Minnesota corporation are required to elect the organization's officers. To do otherwise would not only hold the MHC in violation of State law but would create chaos within the ruling body of any organization and handicap its general functions.

(4) Yes, general members are entitled to attend Board of Director's meetings. When known enough ahead of time, these dates are published in the newsletter. Please contact the MHC for dates and times of other meetings.

President Chuck Malkerson, at our May meeting, (once again) reiterated that the main purpose of the MHC was to bring together a very large diversified (and fractionalized) Minnesota industry under "one umbrella" to be represented as a whole when and where needed, and that this was sometimes very difficult to do inasmuch as member organizations, individuals and even some directors more often than not failed to attend the MHC meetings when their interest, efforts and input into its activities were of paramount importance.

The next meeting of your MHC is September 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Medina Ballroom. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We need, and welcome, not only your criticisms but your constructive suggestions on improvements and, sometimes, your physical help on certain projects. Please let us know of your willingness to help.

#### MHC BENEFIT HORSE SHOW

This very successful MHC benefit hunter-jumper show by Chip Reker in June at Malkerson's Stables fattened the MHC kitty by several hundred dollars. Many thanks to Chip and all of his crew for a job well done. (The Directors have proposed that there be a MHC benefit horse show, of some type or another, annually.

#### NEW LOOK

The MHC has a new logo and membership brochures. We hope you like them.

#### NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Your MHC is having problems keeping its newsletter editors. Liz Selvig and her husband are in Germany for six months (until October). Her replacement, Michele Skaags, is unexpectedly relocating to Missouri. Please bear with us!

#### HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR

Its that time again! We especially need your input in this activity. Your nominations for this award have to be in by October 1st so that arrangements can be made for presentation at the annual meeting. Previously submitted nominations will be reconsidered, but your 1980 letters of support and renomination may make the difference on the final outcome.

#### RACING NOTE

Our own Minnesota Representative Bruce F. Vento is co-sponsoring a "humane" bill in Congress (pushed along by the Humane Society) prohibiting drugging, numbing (by use ice, chemicals or mechanical freezing) or severing, destruction or removal of nerves in race horses. Copies of this bill can be obtained from your Congressman or U.S. Senator.

#### DEMISE OF A HORSEMAN

The Minnesota equestrian world has suffered the loss of one of its favorite horsemen: Verlin Balfanz (age 69) died on June 16th. He was the MHC's 1977 Horseman of the Year. We will all miss him.

#### DEMISE OF A MEMBER STABLE

The Preserve Stable in Bloomington, a MHC certified stable, no longer exists. It will soon be "flattened" for apartment buildings.

### FIRE!

. . . destroyed a number of Thoroughbred horses (10) belonging to MHC member Pam Magadance. Her Holsteiner stallion, Casanova, was saved, along with a couple others not on the premises at the time. A benefit horse show was held for the Magadances at Jonathan Stables the weekend of August 2nd.

### AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL

The 1980 Edition of the AHC Horse Industry Directory is now available for \$4 per copy. The content is building each year: organizations, publications, breed registries, trails, libraries, racing, etc. Write: AHC, 1700 K St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

### INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY:

A French firm has written MHC looking for a financial partner to help establish and manufacture a company for distribution of equestrian equipment in America. We have the address if you are interested.

### HORSEMEAT

According to Arnold Greenspan, of the New York State Horse Council Newsletter, there will be a shortage of horses by 1983. "In 1972 the U.S. shipped about seven million pounds of horsemeat abroad for human consumption. In 1978 that figure reached 120 million pounds (or more than 500,000 horses) The shortage of horses will hit in 1983-84, according to Greenspan. The Georgia Horse Council reports that horse meat is bringing from \$5 to \$6 per pound for human consumption on the European market. These figures do not include the hundreds of thousands of aged and infirm horses killed annually to fulfill domestic pet food needs.

### RUSTLING

New Jersey-New York areas have been encountering a big increase in horse rustling recently. Horsemen there have been advised to notify police and the U.S. Customs who will alert Canadian agents.

### A DIFFERENT ANGLE

The Angle System, developed by a U.S. Dept. of Agricultural Veterinarian, is being put into the FBI's national registration computer. Each horse, so marked, has its own identification code freeze marked on its body. If your horse is stolen, contact the FBI's National Crime Information Center for a general alert to all slaughter houses.

### FINGERPRINTING

Another method of tracing your stolen "critter" is provided by Equine Services, Inc. of Broomfield, Colorado. They offer a technique based on electronic scanning of the horse's four chestnuts. Studies show that they all vary in size, shape, placement and direction.

### HORSING AROUND

A U.N. study estimates that 2 billion of the world's estimated 4.3 billion inhabitants would continue to use work animals for the next two or three decades. The shortage of fuels as well as its high cost have brought about an increased dependence on the draft animal.

### RODEO

South St. Paul's first annual PRCA Rodeo (July 10-13) was a complete success. Attracting top national performers with its big money awards, the event had a "sardine-packed" attendance at each performance. If you missed it, you should kick yourself.

### CLEVER HUSBANDRY

The Way of a Horse, Marguerite de Beaumont: "Cattle. . . pull out the rough stuff, and they eat grass upon the stalk of which the larvae of the red worms may be found. These larvae, most injurious to horses, have no effect upon cattle."

### "TAIL-LIGHTS"

Statistics show an increasing rate of horse-auto accidents. The Emslie Mfg. Co. (Box 2697, La Habra, Calif. 90631), has developed a special, reflective vinyl ribbons for attachment around the base of the horse's tail, adjustable to any horse.

### PINTO NATIONALS

The 1981 Nationals will be held June 24-27 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

### EP TESTING

Thanks to the AHC and other horse industry groups, the USDA has recommended the continuance of import testing for equine piroplasmiasis. This recommendation is not final and its ultimate policy (this fall) will depend primarily on public reaction.

### CEM

Stallions will now be allowed to enter (only) states which have adopted laws or regulations that establish specific testing procedures to ensure that the animal is free of Contagious Equine Metritis. This includes quarantine, treatment, monitoring and negative cultures. Testing procedures begin in country of origin. Contact the USDA for further info.

### LEUKOENCEPHALOMALACIA

. . . a type of brain damage, has been associated with ingestion of moldy corn or corn stalk pasture. It occurs more commonly during fall months when wet conditions favor fungal growth. It may take 2-3 weeks before signs appear: muscle tremors, weakness, lack of coordination, swallowing difficulties and jaundice. There is no specific antidote and the horse may not survive.

### TRAILS:

Generally, there has been a big upsurge in equestrian interest on trails planning in Minnesota. Your MHC, along with Trail Riders Unlimited (see below), various saddle clubs and individuals, are finally starting to see progress. Needless to say, The Minnesota Horsemen's Directory (as was hoped), with its list of state-wide organizations and their locations, is proving to be a valuable tool. The trails section is being referred to by governmental agencies as the most comprehensive source of information in existence.

Meetings: A DNR meeting was conducted July 15th for all trail users. Vickie Inget from the MHC could only attend for a portion of this meeting but followed up on its details regarding that part she missed. The purpose was to try and promote communications and cooperation -- and perhaps to help stimulate formation of an umbrella organization -- of trail user groups to give the DNR input from a "united" source regarding all trails. The DNR indicated a need to know what trails the general public really needs and how they should be maintained. A folder was distributed at the beginning of the meeting indicating comparisons and responses given by landowners adjacent to the Root River, Douglas & Heartland Trails: 95% agreed that local people use and enjoy these trails; 52% said DNR does a excellent job of weed control; 3% said trail users steal; 52% said patrols were enough to control users; 30% said winter users trespass; 5% said summer users trespass; 69% said trail has benefited local economy; 46% said DNR keeps up its end on fencing; 20% said loss of railroad has hurt community; 90% said DNR does an excellent job of managing.

Additionally, it was noted that, because of Minnesota's present financial problems, there is "considerable danger" of trails funds being cut. Most monies for trail are obtained from bonding. The DNR receives guidelines from the Governor. If no bonding money is received, the DNR is fairly well supplied with money for its corridor program for a couple of years. Regarding its general revenue funds (un-refunded gas tax), however, it is hoped that the Governor will recognize continued maintenance need. There will most likely be some cuts in area State Parks in 1980; some will have to be closed (especially winter use). First to go would be areas furthest from T.C. area (the least used).

Commissioner Joe Alexander indicated that he would like a "trails unit" established by the Legislature in the DNR.

The DNR now considers horsemen, along with snowmobiles and skiers, as an "organized" trail user group.

Minnesota River Trail System: The Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife conducted a special small meeting for equestrians only some weeks ago at the National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters in Bloomington. Attendance from MHC included Chuck Malkerson and Vickie Inget. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain first hand information from horse back riders on their specific needs to incorporate into their planning programs for the MVRTS. It was a very productive and promising meeting. After the DNR plans have been established, there will be an "open house" arrangement for all to review those plans and make further comments. More info. on this when available.

Anoka Survey: Anoka county recently completed a survey of its equestrian residents. The results of that survey can be obtained from the MHC if you are interested.

Trail Riders, Unlimited: This organization was formed as an outgrowth of the problem encountered on the Albert Quie Trail Ride last fall. If you'd like to support that group as a member, send \$5 to Rt.3, Box 196, Austin 55912. Bob Rierson and Vickie Inget of the MHC are Board members and hope to work in close cooperation with that group. Your financial and moral support is needed.

Hennepin County Park Reserve District has put two of their rangers into training by the National Park Service for horseback patrols. They are hoping to train four more in the future. Meanwhile, they are looking for (perhaps 20) volunteers for their new ranger patrol. You must be over 18, a good (male or female) rider with your own horse and gear. You might not need a trailer. Contact Carl Lindgren or Sgt. Allen Cooper at Rockford (612/477-4255)

SIXTH ANNUAL MHC/UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE & COMPETITIVE RIDES were conducted August 9-10 at Jordan. There were about 16 entries for the endurance ride and over 40 for the competitive. Additionally, we had a large contingent of volunteer veterinarian students from the University help us with the vet checks. Apparently the word got around at the school that this was a good chance to obtain some first hand experience with horses under stress conditions. Their presence was both enjoyed and appreciated. Many thanks also go to Ruby Bartlett for her hard work on making this growing event such a super success! And a big "thank you" must also be extended to Chuck Kartak and the other DNR personnel for their (as usual) excellent assistance and cooperation on preparing the trails for this ride. (Note: Louise Reidel of Iowa logged her 3,660th endurance mile (on the same horse) Saturday. She has only four more to go to beat the international record . . . and she will do just that next weekend at Hayward, Wis.!)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August:

Quarter Horse Show, Wadena (8/14-15)  
Cody Williams (Hamel) H/J Derby (8/14-17)  
Renaissance Festival (runs 6 weekends starting 8/16) Chaska; (Carrousel of Horses is looking for costumed participants; contact Bill Walsh, Box 117, Shakopee 55379)  
Appaloosa Regional Horse Show, Cannon Falls (8/15-17)  
Bit & Spur Morgan Show, Eau Claire (8/16-17)  
Horse Racing, Hutchinson (8/17; 1:30 p.m.)  
Minnetonka Horse Show for benefit of Courage Center (WSCA) 8/17  
Victoria Farm Horse Trials, Victoria (8/23-24)  
Aux Cheveaux Dressage Horse Trials, Forest Lake (8/30-31)  
Minnesota State Fair (8/20 - 9/1)  
Horse Racing, Marshfield, Wis. (8/30-31) (2:00 p.m.)

September:

Horse Racing, Norway (9/1) (1:00)  
Albert Quie Trail Ride (11th Annual), Camp Ripley (9/5-7). Contact: Dave Jones, Rt.1, Eyota 55934  
Fortuna Field Trials (9/6-7)  
Horse Racing, Wheaton (9/6-7) (2:00 p.m.)  
Paint Horse Futurity, Cannon Falls (9/6-7)  
Great No. Arabian Horse Show (Proctor) (9/6-7)  
Quarter Horse Show, Blue Earth (9/6) & Windom (9/27)  
Camp Courage Pony Express Ride: picnic (9/13); WSCA horse show at Trail Dusters arena (9/14)  
MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL, GENERAL MEETING (9/15; 7:30 p.m.) Medina Ballroom, Medina, Minnesota)  
Alpine Fall H/J Horse Show (9/19-22)  
Pilliger Cup (Endurance/Competitive Rides) (9/20-21)  
WSCA Championship Horse Show, State Fairgrounds (9/27-28)  
James J. Hill Days (9/27) (Looking for antique "turn of the century" horse drawn vehicles and riding groups to participate in parade. Chamber of Commerce, 402 E. Lake St., Wazyata 55391 (612/473-3345 or 473-9595)

October:

Arab Fall Festival, State Fairgrounds (10/4-5) (clinic, auction, parade of stallions)  
MSHA Horse Show (10/4-5)  
Fall Charity Horse Show (10/7-12); State Fairgrounds  
UPHA Horse Fair, Ridgedale Shopping Center (10/10-12)  
Quarter Horse Show, Crookston (10/18-19)

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