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PARI-MUTUEL!!

Out of 1,829,079 voting, 61.2% of the population (or 1,108,255) voted in favor of pari-mutuel (624,721 against). What a shot in the arm for Minnesota's horse industry! The MHC extends a big THANK YOU to John and Joyce Farrell (Minnesota Racing Association) for their months of effort -- both before the Legislature (to get it on the ballot) and the public (to help get the votes). They both put in a tremendous amount of hours and personal dollars to get where we are now. This job, however, is not over. We need to guide this thing through the legislative process to get the laws we need to handle it properly. Contact the MN Racing Association (102 Hamel Road, Hamel 55340 - 612/478-6067) with your financial support.

NEW MEMBERS

New members this quarter include Marijo Kent and the North American Dressage Institute. Add also three new certified stables: T-Marie Stables, Carrousel Farm and Marlys Bell Stables. A big welcome to all of you.

DUES

The 1983 dues will be coming due in January. Your MHC is in a bit of a financial crunch right now. If you are able to send in your dues early, it would really help. Thank you.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of members is scheduled for December 11, 1982. State Representative John Williams is scheduled to speak at this event regarding pari-mutuel: "The Racing Bill." Invitations to members (along with voting information) is attached to this Quarterly. Eight (out of 15) new directors are needed to be elected. With Expo and other activities, we need people who are willing and able to really chip in and work. Please come and make your selections carefully.

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

-- are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at the Medina Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. Members and any other interested persons are always welcome.

NEW BYLAWS

-- and Restated Articles of Incorporation have been drafted for the MHC. As soon as the 1983 directors have had a chance to review and make any necessary changes, a copy of the same will be mailed to each member for your necessary vote of approval. This effort is long overdue and quite necessary.

EXPO '83

The brochures have been printed and are very attractive. If you haven't received yours by the first week of December, please be sure and call the Expo office (612/421-2936). In 1982 we lost a little bit of money on this event. In order to try to pull a little ahead in 1983, the cost of the booths and stall rentals must go up. (Other adjustments are also being made.) The Expo Committee wishes to state that, if this event is to continue in future years, it is imperative that the horse industry -- physically and financially -- support Expo and its related horse events. Everything you and/or your organization can do to help cut our

costs will not only help us, but will reflect in lower booth and rental charges to you. We will be soliciting volunteers to assist in putting up and taking down stalls, taking tickets, etc. Please contact the Expo office if you can help in any way. Remember: this event is to promote the Minnesota horse industry as a whole. That means YOU!

CAMP COURAGE RIDE

The second annual MHC Camp Courage ride was held at Rebecca Park, Pockford, MN, on October 16-17. From that two-day event we were able to send a check for \$1,360 to Camp Courage (for disabled adults and children). The MHC hereby extends its appreciation to everyone that donated their help toward this event: the veterinarians, the Hennepin County Mounted Patrol, the Wright County Pork Producers, and a variety of others who physically and financially helped to put it on. We could not have done it without you. Many, many thanks!

LOST HORSE

One of the first-time riders of the Camp Courage ride had a quick parting of ways with his horse on Sunday morning at the beginning of the competitive ride. This gray Arabian had no intention of taking part in this event and in fact went the opposite direction from all the other horses -- and got lost in the park. Everybody was out looking for him. It was on the radio, in newspapers, the talk of the town, etc. Couldn't find him. Eleven days later, one of our own ride veterinarians (Dr. Wes Schroeder) accidentally spotted him while on his rounds. The horse had somehow managed to enter a fenced-in lake area and couldn't get out again. He was thin and had lost his bridle, but he still had his (borrowed) McClellan saddle, and was extremely happy to finally go home. All's well that ends well.

HORSE THIEVES

Twenty-eight horses have been stolen from the metro area this summer, according to Trail Ranger News from Washington County. Four were Belgians worth \$70,000 (\$5,000 reward). Woodloch Stables alone lost four Quarter Horses and offers a \$2,000 reward for their return. Descriptions: 1) solid deep red sorrel with red mane and tail (no markings; apx. 1,000 lbs., 15H); (2) light sorrel, dark mane and tail (star; 1 left hand sock; 15'1-15'2; apx. 1,100 to 1,125 lbs.); (3) deep red sorrel (blaze, white on all four legs (2 stockings); 1,200 lbs., 15.2); (4) dapple gray, black mane and tail (left hind hind stock with white hoof; 1,100 lbs., 15'1). This last horse has a small dimple scar on middle of neck, left side, high.

"HANG-EM HIGH"

Danny Ramberg of Woodloch Stables, Hugo, gathered around 300 horsemen (plus television coverage) at his place last month to discuss means to stop horse rustling. Ramberg, in cooperation with the local authorities, is preparing a form for use by the police "in case of theft" that lists individual horse characteristics and descriptions in a manner more easily understood by non-horse oriented police officers. Ramberg is also proposing the use of a form of "Operation ID" in lip tattooing (in which he is presently experimenting with his own animals). "Operation ID" involves marking your valuables with a certain number (obtained from your local police department). If your valuables are stolen, your ID number may be entered in a national computer system ("NCIC" or National Crime Information Center). If the item is found elsewhere, the NCIC is tapped and ownership (and reported theft) is established. More on this later as information becomes available. (See also proposed legislation of MCAC attached to members' copies regarding sale barns and slaughter houses.)

STOLEN TACK

Jim Kelly of Grand Rapids reports the theft of two Circle-Y saddles. Description: (1) Simco; 6 years old; padded seat and fenders; 15"; med.br.; horn cap and conchas; (2) suede seat, 14-1/2", buckstitched skirt; serial No. SP1239; 8 years old; corner plates; faint blue stains on left stirrup and fender. Contact Marge's Tack & Corral, Grand Rapids (218/326-5384).

LEGISLATIVE

The summer issue of the Quarterly contained an article about the efforts of the Director of the MN State Humane Society to propose a bill to the legislature regarding the humane treatment of animals in Minnesota, with an open-ended hint of licensing. The Director of MHS has since submitted his resignation, however the bill is still strongly supported by some well-intentioned but uninformed animal rights organizations. A review by the MHC of that proposed bill revealed proposed standards that were inappropriate with regard to horses. Your MHC has been monitoring these efforts. An organization (Minnesota Citizens for Animal Care) has been formed by worried pet owners and professionals to counter these efforts by drafting their own bill which more realistically "fills the void" of present-day State statutes in this area. The MHC has joined this group to provide sensible, yet basic, rules for the humane treatment of horses. Members will find attached to this Quarterly those sections proposed by the MHC/MCAC regarding horses. It is not necessarily the final version. Your input in this area is solicited (but time is very limited). Once the bill is finalized, it will be submitted to the legislature for consideration. A lobbyist will be hired. This will involve expense. The MCAC needs your financial support to get this bill passed. Please send your contributions to them at 284 Chester Street, St. Paul, MN 55107.

NEW REGISTRY

"Appalachian Singlefoot Horse Breed Association" is seeking mares and stallion that qualify for entry as foundation stock. The horse must be able to perform the singlefoot gait (described as an easy 4-beat gait, slower than a rack and with less action, in which only one foot is on the ground at all times). Conformation and temperment also will be a factor. The association is attempting to re-establish as an identifiable breed type "one of the oldest contributors to many of our American breeds of light horses." Contact Paul Greiling, 2824 Southview, Lexington, KY 40503.

HORSE MEAT

The Navy has discontinued the sale of horse meat patties at their commissaries (see Quarterly, Summer 1982) due to public pressure and "humanitarian reasons."

THOROUGHBRED SALES

The 62nd Annual Select Yearling Sale was held August 10-14 in Saratoga Springs, NY. A bay filly was sold for \$2,100,000, setting a new world record price for a yearling filly sold at public auction. The second highest final bid was for a bay colt for \$1,400,000. Both were purchased by foreign interests. (Virginia Horse Council News) Sixteen of the 57 horses from Virginia were purchased by agents representing European and Middle Eastern interests for \$6,127,000.

SYNDICATED

"Conquistador Cielo" this year, as a three year old, has won seven straight races, including the Belmont Stakes. This summer the owner sold a 3/4 interest in his breeding rights to a syndicate for \$27.3 million, making the colt worth \$36.4 million -- a record for any race horse. (Mpls. Star, 8/14/82)

RACING FACTS

Twenty-one percent of New Jersey's total acreage is devoted to farmland. Horse farms represent 1/5 of that farmland. There are 264 Thoroughbred farms and 500 Standardbred farms, plus many facilities specializing in other breeds. Seventy-five percent of all Standardbred horses bred in NJ remain in the state and race at NJ tracks. (Virginia Horse Council News)

TROTTER

(St Paul Despatch, 9/9/82) "Dancer's Crown," an unbeaten two year old, was sold for \$5 million to Castleton Farm of Lexington. Pacers, yes, but no trotter has ever sold for this high sum.

"THE BART"

-- a stakes winner in England and a major winner in this country, will be standing in 1983 at North Ridge Farms near Lexington. This six year old was injured prior to the Budweiser Million and was retired with a record of 11 wins and career earnings of \$918,630. North Ridge is owned by Franklin Groves of Wayzata.

CHAMPION AGAIN

"Fair Look" (reported in the last Quarterly) has added the 1982 World Championship Paint Horse racing title along with the 1982 three-year old National Championship title to her credits. This filly is owned by M/M Thomas Irvine of White Bear Lake.

VESICULAR STOMATITIS

(Midwest Equine Market, 11/82) The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has confirmed an outbreak of this viral disease (with symptoms much like foot-and-mouth disease) in several western states. This disease causes blister-like lesions in cattle, horses, sheep, swine and humans. It is usually short-lived and not fatal. The disease generally occurs at 10 to 15 year intervals and is most often diagnosed near low-lying wet areas. Mosquitoes and gnats may spread the disease. Humans are only mildly affected with blisters on the lips, and flu-like signs of the respiratory tract.

CLEANLINESS

-- of your stallion before breeding can increase, rather than reduce, the incidence of venereal-type infections in the brood mare, according to J. Warren Evans, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Animal Science, College of Agriculture, Univ. of California (Davis). Evans says horse farm managers are finding that, rather than impeding the growth of harmful bacteria, the practice tends to upset the bacterial balance on the stallion and provide conditions in which harmful bacteria can grow without competition from benign bacteria. (Midwest Equine Market, 10/82).

SHEEP "DOGS"?

(Virginia Horse Council News, 8/82). There have been reports of using donkeys and small mules to keep dogs out of fields being grazed by sheep. This may offer a potential dog control program of benefit to the sheep industry.

NEW ORGANIZATION

-- with representatives in Minnesota is the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs & Burros (c/o Marian L. Robinson, 15407 McGinty Road, Wayzata, MN 55391). They report that Harvey Olsen of Rice, MN, has seven mustangs on his farm (6 mares and one "unadoptable" stallion).

LEGIONNARIES DISEASE

-- is also contracted by horses (Midwest Equine Market, 8/82). "Horses more, often than people, are exposed to the organism . . . But horses have a system for destroying it rapidly, according to studies by [specialists] at Colorado State University. [Although] horses may be infected frequently, they probably are not carriers and cannot transmit the disease to their owners. It appears that the horse experiences the disease under natural conditions and develops an immune antibody response."

SUNKIST

-- by-products (from orange peels) appears to be very helpful in prevention and treatment of lung bleeding in horses. "Hesperidin" is a powder that comes in two-ounce bags and is sprinkled on the horse's grain. It toughens up the membranes. (Midwest Equine Market, 8/82)

MN VETERINARIAN

Dr. William Chambers of Mendota Heights is the veterinarian who takes care of the horses at Mackinac Island each summer. These horses -- all 300 of them -- provide the "taxi service" to the people on that island. About 4,000 people per season take the Mackinac Island Carriage Tours. (Mn. Veterinary Medical Assoc. Newsletter, July/Aug. 1982)

BOWED TENDONS

The AHC (9/82) reports that antihistamines seem to be effective in treating bowed tendons. R. Charles Cederwall, DVM, Anaheim, Calif., reports that it appears that "anything that causes bruising or circulatory impairment in the tendon area results in a local release of histamines." He adds, however, that is important, however, that antihistamines be administered by a veterinarian because intravenous antihistamines can have dangerous side effects. He states further that "the only reoccurrences [he has] seen following a good initial response [to this treatment] have been traceable to an additional tissue insult."

ARABIAN AUCTION

-- held at the Arabian Fall Festival, State Fair Grounds, drew some excitement in October. Stud fees sold for prices higher than normally expected, the highest being \$11,500.

PALOMINOS

The MHC has been informed that the Palomino Nationals will be held in St. Paul in June of 1984. It seems we are getting more of these "Nationals" than ever before. Let's keep it up!

EIA

A Twin Cities stable recently came down with 13 positive EIA horses. It is assumed that the disease came in on a pony shipped in from another state. Normally, horses are quarantined with this disease, but the owner here, on his own, decided to destroy the animals to prevent further contagion. Horse owners should be reminded to periodically (Coggins) check their horses (in the fall or early winter). This is not a State requirement in Minnesota. The State presently requires Coggins testing on incoming horses only if they are to be permanent residents. Individual horse shows, however, may independently require it. However, this factor does NOT mean that you do not require a health certificate.

WHAT IS EIA

According to Dr. Dean Peterson, this is a viral disease for which there is no vaccine and no way to prevent its infection. It is non-contagious to humans. The virus breaks down the red blood cells. The infected horse becomes anemic, depressed, and goes off his feed. Generally speaking, the contagion is most likely during the fever or sub-fever stages. The horse could die. With time, however, the horse could overcome the virus, but the virus remains "seeded" in different parts of the animal's body (lymph cells, spleen, bone marrow, etc.) for the rest of his life and could bring a recurrence of the symptoms.

REPRODUCTION

Your editor has had several requests for permission to reprint articles from the Quarterly. Go to it. However, I suggest you also reprint the original sources of these articles where shown.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/11 - MHC Annual Meeting
12/4 - So. St. Paul Annual Sleigh/Hay Rides (primarily for kids; free). Note this one will be filmed on 12/3 for television's "Good Company" program.
1/11/83 - MHC meeting, Medina, 7:30 p.m.
1/22/83 - AHSA-INSILCO 1982 Zone 6 Awards Dinner and Forum, Rodeway Inn, Bloomington (612/854-3400)
2/8/83 - MHC meeting, Medina, 7:30 p.m.

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