

Minnesota Horse Council

Candidate Bios for Election – 2016 Annual Meeting



Nominations Committee
Darrell Mead
2nd Vice-President

**Bios for
Minnesota Horse Council
Board of Directors**

January 2016

Each year approximately one third of the Minnesota Horse Council Board of Directors is up for election for a three year term. This year we will be voting to fill director terms for the following years of service:

- Six (6) positions for a three year term (until our 2019 Annual Meeting)

A ballot and ballot envelope is included with the mailing of the Annual Meeting materials. Please follow the voting instructions carefully if you choose to vote by mail. If you intend to vote at the meeting, bring your completed ballot with you. Ballots will also be available when you register at the Annual Meeting.

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MHC Bio – Glen Eaton

Glen has been a member of the Minnesota Horse Council since about 1982 and a Director since 1989. Glen became the Exhibit Director of the Minnesota Horse Exposition, Inc. in August of 1988 and has held that position to the present time. He has also served as President of the Minnesota Horse Expo since 1991. The Minnesota Horse Expo is Glen's primary function for the Minnesota Horse Council but he serves on other committees as well.

Since moving to the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in 1989 the Minnesota Horse Expo has become one of the best known and largest Horse Expos in the United States and Canada. Glen enjoys every minute of the work and challenge that goes into making a successful Expo (not only in size but quality). Of course this could not have been possible without the many dedicated Minnesota Horse Expo Directors and Staff members who have continued their efforts over the years.

Glen enjoys working the Directors and Staff, meeting people and talking with them over the telephone, but the most satisfying time is at the Minnesota Horse Council Annual meeting where the profits from the Expo are distributed as grants, scholarships, and to the other areas such as the Trail Blazers, etc.

Glen is a member of the Zuhrah Shrine Horse Patrol. He is the present Secretary and Treasurer of the Midwest Shrine Horse Patrol that meets once a year in various cities throughout the Midwest and Canada. On a national basis, Glen has been active member with the States Horse Council Activities Committee (Committee within the American Horse Council in Washington DC). Glen

is the present Chairperson of the Horse Fairs and Expos Sub-committee. In April of 2006 Glen was awarded the annual American Horse Council Van Ness Award for the volunteer work he has done in the Equine Industry.

Glen hopes to be involved with the Minnesota Horse Exposition and the Minnesota Horse Council for years to come.

Committees: Expo (President), State Horse Council (co-chair), Minnesota State Fair/Aisle of Breeds, Inventory/Storage, Budget Review/Expo.



Glen Eaton
November 2015

MHC Bio – Trina Joyce

Trina Joyce has served the Minnesota Horse Council, taking on a range of responsibilities, for more than 30 years. At the 2012 Annual Meeting, the Minnesota Horse Council recognized her for the contributions she has made as a volunteer.

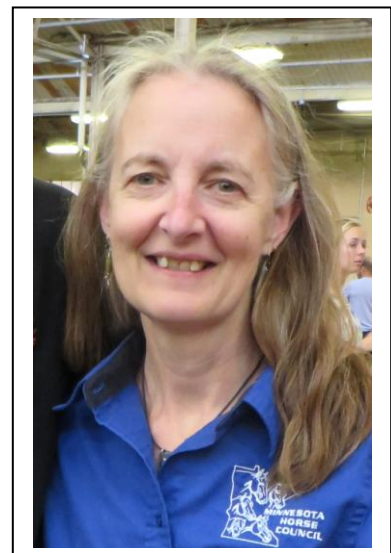
Trina's interest in horses started early in life as she has ridden since she was 5. She is a graduate of the Hennepin Tech Center's Horse Care and Stable Management Program, along with taking an additional course in Riding Instruction. With her education, she went on to become Riding Director at Tannadoona Camp Fire Girls' Camp, responsible for evaluating rented horses, training assistants, teaching riding to campers, and leading trail rides. She was also a riding instructor for University of Minnesota Physical Education classes and Community Education Classes through Hennepin Technical College.

Trina went on to complete the Cheff Center Instructor Course for teaching riding to persons who have disabilities. That training inspired her to become the founder and first instructor of We Can Ride, Inc. As a start up, she helped with evaluating and training horses and volunteers, teaching riding to individuals with disabilities, fundraising and publicity. Her commitment to helping people through horses has continued by becoming a co-founder and instructor of Cloud 9 Therapeutic Horsemanship. Its objectives were similar to those of We Can Ride. She served as a volunteer at Courage Riders for many years. Trina is currently a volunteer at River Valley Riders and has done so since its beginning in 2000.

As a Minnesota Horse Council member, Trina has been a Volunteer and/or Presenter at every Minnesota Horse Expo since it started in 1982. She initiated and is responsible for an equine-related antiques display at EXPO. She has put in many volunteer hours at the Minnesota State Fair Aisle of Breeds. This past summer she was the Volunteer Coordinator for Aisle of Breeds, recruiting volunteers for 71 of the 72 shifts. She also wrote a Policies and Procedures for that position, something that had not been done before.

As a MHC Board member, Trina has served as Philanthropy Coordinator with Public Relations responsibilities for Scholarships, Grants, Direct Funding and Horse of the Year. She has been Chairperson for the Scholarship Committee since its inception 30+ years ago. When she served as Board Secretary, Trina took on the responsibility of coordinating the documentation of Policies and Procedures for each of about 15 MHC Board Committees.

Committees: Scholarships, Direct Funding, Promotions, Education, Grants and Horse of the Year.



Trina Joyce
November 2015

MHC Bio – Sue McDonough

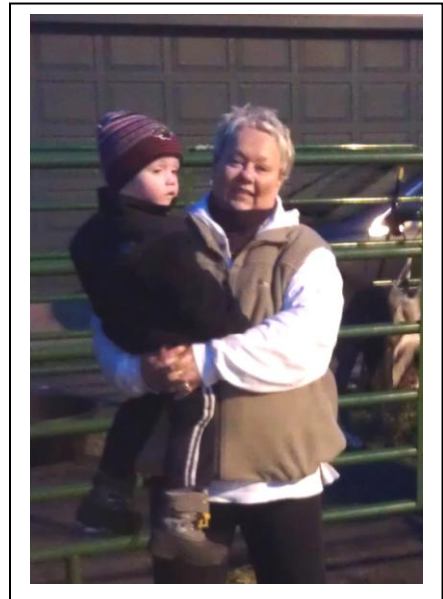
Sue was introduced to the Minnesota Horse Council by a Director who invited her to a meeting and also to accompany this director to re-inspect a Certified Stable. She was hooked. She assumed the role of chairperson for the Certified Stable Program and attended meetings for three years before agreeing to become a director. The CS program had 15 stables when Sue started and currently has 70 and growing. Sue takes pride in "Promoting Pride in Ownership" through inspecting, re-inspecting and certifying qualified Stables and Farms. She does not have a problem giving up her weekends in the summer to drive the many miles required to do the inspections. In spite of being a grandma to nine grandchildren, she continues to volunteer her time with the MN Horse Council.

Sue has been an active participant at the Minnesota Horse Expo helping in the Horse Council booth and at the Minnesota State Fair Aisle of Breeds. Sue was president of the Grant Trail Rangers for five years, and was an active participant at meetings pertaining to the development of the Willard Munger Gateway Trail system. Sue has taken Horse Management classes and other horse related classes at the University River Falls. She has loved horses all her life, and has owned horses for the past twenty five years. Sue has her two horses Brio and Binaca at Saint George Dressage Academy in Stillwater, MN.

Sue's goals she would like to see for the MHC:

- Continue to "Promote Pride in Ownership" through the Certified Stable Program
- Give a voice to all horse owners and enthusiasts in Minnesota
- Continue to promote programs and decisions that benefit all, not just a select few.
- Continue to be available to listen to horse owners, stable owners and enthusiasts throughout MN, while assisting them in finding solutions to best fit their needs or concerns.

Committees: Certified Stables (Chair), Direct Funding, Disaster Response, MN Horsemen's Directory, Grants, Horseperson of the Year, Pioneer Award, Scholarships, Web Oversight, TEEFA.



Sue McDonough
November 2015

MHC Bio – Kim Otterson

Kim Otterson grew up as one of those kids who always wanted a horse. “A horse” was at the top of every Christmas wish list for the first 11 years of her life. At the age of 11, she had saved \$100 and was able to purchase her first horse, a weanling part-Arab colt. The deal was, “she could have a horse, and do what she wanted with him, but she had to pay for everything herself.” That was the beginning of a career in the horse industry.

An entrepreneur from an early age, Kim started by taking in a boarder or two and did a little training over the next few years to support her own horse. This led, eventually, to a B.S. in Agriculture from UW-RF, and a career that has included such diverse jobs as starting Thoroughbreds for the track, working on large Quarter Horse breeding operations, working with young cutting prospects in Oklahoma, owning her own small AQHA breeding farm, and working for most of the last 25 years as a full time farrier.

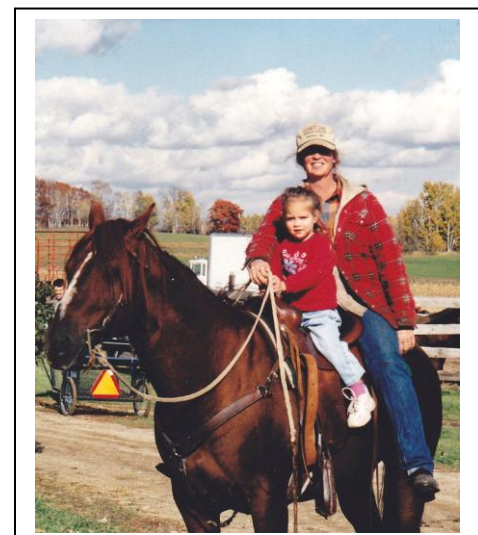
During that time she also served on the briefly on the board of the Minnesota Horse Council. She also served as an election judge and has always been happy to help out groups like 4-H and FFA.

When Kim bought that first horse she was fortunate enough to have an excellent mentor in Bill Eckert the man who sold her that colt. Anytime there was a problem or a question, he was ready, willing, and able to help. Since that time, her path has been blessed by the help of countless others. This has left her with a deep appreciation of the importance of giving back to the industry that has given so much to her. It has also left her with a deep appreciation for the many ways that a horse can have a significant influence in the life of a person.

The state of Minnesota has a history of having a vibrant and diverse horse industry. The Minnesota Horse Council has played a significant role in protecting and supporting the many aspects of that industry. Kim’s interest in the Minnesota Horse Council stems from the desire to both give something back to the industry and to support this group in its efforts to do the same.

Kim lives in central Minnesota in a rural area, about an hour north of St Cloud. She feels that with both her background in the horse industry and living outside the Twin Cities she can bring to the board a slightly different perspective on the diverse nature and needs of the horse industry in the state.

Committees: Aisle of Breeds, Education, Horse Welfare,
Legislative, MHC Website, Show Facilities



Kim Otterson
November 2015

MHC – Marian Robinson

I started riding when I was 8 years at the Como Park Zoo. I learned many disciplines including western, English, saddle seat, hunter, jumper, and eventing. I had no real favorite breed right now. All equine lives mattered to me from the backyard horse or pony to the world's famous horses.

One of my causes is to see that the wild horses and burros are protected better than they are, even though the Wild Free-roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 (Public Law 92-195) was passed to protect them. Lately I have been very interested in the Nokota Horse. In the past, my favorite lesson horses, an unpolished warmblood. He was ever so gentle for the beginners; I wish I could have bought him when the school closed. He could have taught us much more only if the teacher and the other students were patient and just listened to this horse.

After having taken a year's 'rest' from the Minnesota Horse Council Board of Directors, I would like to return as a board member. There are two things I would like to see happen:

- A stronger relationship between first responders and horse people. We had one training class this year, the first one ever.
- Have a Minnesota Horse Youth Council be formed that would join and work with the Minnesota Horse Council.

Committees: Disaster Response, TEEFA, Annual Meeting, Certified Stables, Grants, Horse Person of the Year, Promotions.



Marian Robinson
November 2015

MHC Bio – Tom Tweeten

Tom Tweeten, PhD, is a scientist with more than 48 years of experience in Analytical Chemistry. He has worked with industrial chemicals, studied human/animal nutrition and environmental science to develop chemical testing procedures to insure product and water quality and integrity.

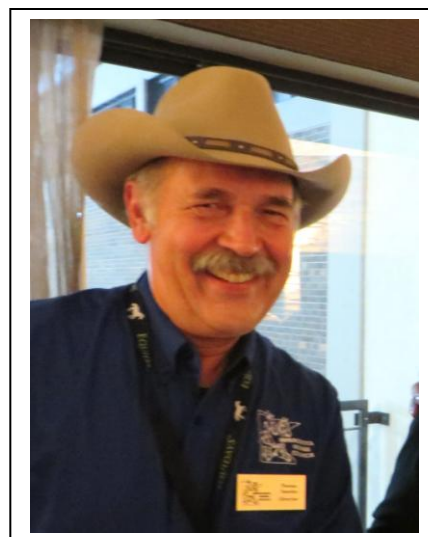
Tom grew up on a large farm in Southeastern Minnesota. As a young person on the farm, horses were still used for field work. Horses, hogs, beef, soil conservation and youth leadership were key activities in his youth 4-H experience.

The Tweeten family owns a small farm near Prior Lake where they have trained and shown American Saddlebred and Morgan horses. His lifelong work with horses formed a basis for Tom and a couple of young entrepreneurs to begin a small business in 1996 that has developed a line of horse care products that are sold in the US, Canada and now in New Zealand. In addition Tom has become a recognized clinician giving talks around the country on how grooming is an important of building a relationship with the horse. In 2015, he was a guest clinician at EquiDays in New Zealand.

Tom is on the Board of Directors for the Tri-State Horseman's Association serving as a liaison to the Minnesota Horse Council. He represents the Horse Council on the University of Minnesota Horse Team Advisory Group. His experiences on the Minnesota Horse Council Board of Directors have included being on the Trails Committee, Budget Committee, Grants Committee, and Chairperson of the Direct Funding Committee. He currently is chairperson for Show Facilities Committee, Co-chair for the Legislative Committee, and serves on the Communications, Education, and Aisle of Breeds Committees. He writes articles and assists in editing contributions for the MHC Newsletter. He served as 1st Vice-president for four years and Council President in 2006. He represented Minnesota at the national Coalition of States Horse Councils (CSHC) Meeting four times and twice at the American Horse Council Meeting in Washington DC.

He was Co-chair of the CSHC Fall Meeting Planning Committee for the 2015 Coalition of States Horse Councils Meeting that was held in Bloomington, MN. In the past 3 years, Tom has received both the Presidential Silver and Gold Metal for Volunteer Service. Through his volunteer positions, business responsibilities and work experiences, Tom has developed a broader sense of how the Minnesota Horse Council can serve the Horse Industry of Minnesota and our nation.

Committees: Coalition of States Horse Council (co-chair),
Budget, Show Facilities, Aisle of Breeds,
Horseperson of the Year, Legislative,
Education, Nominations, Communications.



Thomas N. Tweeten, PhD
November 2015