



**Goals and Objectives of the Minnesota Horse Council**

- ♦ Promote and/or support equine educational activities
- ♦ Improve communication in all horse related activities with the general public
- ♦ Gather information of value to equine related activities
- ♦ Distribute gathered information as appropriate
- ♦ Provide expertise, consult and advise
- ♦ Establish, develop and enhance equine trails and other infrastructure and encourage their prudent use

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**MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2012 HORSE PERSON OF THE YEAR - GARY RAAK**

On Saturday January 19, 2013 the Minnesota Horse Council announced their 2012 Horse Person of the Year. Criteria for the award includes:

- ♦ Long term, serious commitment to equine activity in the Midwest
- ♦ May be professional or amateur
- ♦ Should have contributed in many areas, i.e., western shows, English shows, 4-H, Rodeo -- Little Britches and High School, trails, legislation, clinics and other equine related activities.
- ♦ Usually the individual will have been a horse owner for many years although it certainly is not a requirement. (The person could have worked "behind the lines" to great achievement.)
- ♦ A mature individual, "long term commitment."
- ♦ The individual should have excellent character.
- ♦ The individual will likely be recognized by members of many horse-related groups, and perhaps by the general population.



Gary Raak, of New Prague, MN was honored by the Minnesota Horse Council with former Horse Person of the Year (1998) recipient Dan Dolan assisting in the presentation.

Raak's horse career started back when he was just 9 years old, showing horses, cows and sheep in 4-H. Even today, he remains a strong supporter of the Washington County 4-H program, the Dakota County 4-H program as well as the State 4-H Horse Show.

Around age 11 he picked sweet corn and hoed strawberries for Earl Creek of South St. Paul, working 60 hours a week and taking home \$28. By the time he was 14, he had saved enough to buy his first Appaloosa stallion named *Chief Joseph Hi Spot* from a gentleman named Teddy Frederick. It wasn't long before he made another trip back for some mares. The following summer he worked for Green Giant and bought a Model A Ford. He also bought a 1950 Ford for \$50 and wasn't yet old enough to drive it. Raak's family boarded horses for some wealthy clients and on occasion they would give Raak their older horses.

By 15, Raak was showing horses at the national level and won his first National Championship at age 16 in Springfield, IL.

He had to learn to work to support his horse showing and after a brief stint working the night shift at a local Clark Super 100, he learned working on the family farm was going to be less

disruptive to his sleep schedule. He rode horses, cleaned stalls, raised chickens, milked cows, fed and trained horses all while participating in sports at school. After high school he attended St. Paul Vo-Tech to become a sheet metal worker. He underwent two back operations and the sheet metal career was out the window.

When he was 22, Raak bought a mare for \$600 and sent it to a trainer by the name of Teddy Simon. The mare turned out to run AAA time on the track. He soon sold the mare for \$3,500 to Daryl Dickenson. Continuing to grow his business ideas, Raak took that same \$3,500 and purchased 6.5 acres on Highway 52. He built a barn which started out with just six box stalls and four tie stalls. This modest beginning soon expanded into 125 stalls and six full time employees to handle his new breeding program. At one time he stood four stallions. One of those stallions was *Abdul Pok-A-Son*, who became a leading sire of broodmares. He won the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO in Western Pleasure and was National Champion in halter in Syracuse NY. Soon his program was off and running. Eventually, Raak started selling horses overseas. He would ship 20-25 horses each month, first hauling them to Montreal, Canada where they would then be put on airplanes.

One of his most prized stallions was *Rock Star* by *Skipp A Star*. *Rock Star* was a leading sire of Halter and Performance horses, having sired 50 National and world Champions. Raak had *Rock Star* syndicated and this was the beginning of the *Rock Star*

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## 2012 MHC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarships have their beginnings in a bequest from the late Tony Gasser to the MHC more than 25 years ago to support equine education. MHC adds 5% of the gross profits from the Minnesota Horse Expo each year to the scholarship fund. Eventually it will be a self-sustaining fund. Since 1986, MHC has awarded 157 scholarship winners totalling over \$400,000. Every July/August, press releases are sent to tack shops, schools with equine programs, breed associations, event associations, equine publications, etc. The scholarships are for Minnesota residents and the hope is that even if the recipients go to out-of-state schools, they will return to Minnesota to become part of the horse industry. After reviewing the 17 applications received this year, the MHC awarded 11 scholarships of \$3,000 each. This year's recipients are:

**Lacey Carlson** is a college freshman at North Dakota State University (NDSU). Through high school, she was involved in rodeo, track, tennis, speech, and FFA for which she was president. She was a member of the National Honor Society, had a perfect attendance record, received a Citizenship Award three times, and was Valedictorian of her graduating class. After taking college classes while still in high school, Lacey is now majoring in Equine Science and Pre-Vet Medicine and is planning on vet school. She also has her own horse training business and sells custom tack, as well as a part-time job working at the Animal Nutrition and Physiology Center at NDSU. Lacey's goal to be a veterinarian is due partly to the fact that it has always been difficult to find one in her area of Minnesota. Her best horse experience so far has been qualifying for the 2008 National Wrangler High School Rodeo Finals in New Mexico. One of Lacey's recommendation letters was from a high school teacher who described her as "one of the top students I have had in my teaching career."

**Mikaela Del Giudice** is a freshman at the University of St. Thomas. She's participated in 4-H for the past 6 years showing her Arabian at the county and state levels. She was the 2011 English Pleasure Champion. In 4-H, she has also participated in Toys for Tots, sending care packages to troops overseas, and Christmas caroling at a Senior Center and group home. In high school, she participated in weight lifting, rugby, volleyball, and powderpuff football. She has also been involved for years as a volunteer for River Valley Riders, a therapeutic horseback riding program for people who have disabilities. One of her recommendation letters came from a rider's parent who said that when her daughter "struggles with something, Mikaela focuses on the rider and patiently helps her, guides her, encourages her, reassures her, and congratulates her when she succeeds." Mikaela's plan is to become a therapeutic riding instructor and obtain a marketing degree to incorporate with her teaching.

**Mari Ertz** started riding when she was a 10-year-old shy little girl. A few years later she had her own horse, was showing and helping other riders to develop their skills. She works as a teaching assistant at Golden Ridge Stables and volunteers at the therapeutic riding program, We Can Ride. Working as a teaching assistant, she had to learn how to be firm but respectful with parents who may not understand or have experiences with horses and is aware that she's a role model. She is the 2011 recipient of Tri-State Horsemen's Association Laura Sedgewick Award. Mari is a senior at the School of Environmental Studies in Apple Valley. She's been involved in FFA and is currently President. She realized that she wanted a career with horses and would need a degree in Animal Science. She decided on the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Mari plans to manage a facility that provides excellent care for horses and quality horse experiences for a variety of ability levels. One of Mari's best horse experiences was volunteering with a non-verbal autistic child at We Can Ride. In the middle of a lesson, the rider let out a huge belly laugh! The parents cried because they'd never ever heard their child laugh before. One of her high school teachers described Mari this way, "Looking back on my 25-year teaching career, I cannot think of another student who so completely combines academic potential with a clear and joyful sense of right and wrong."



Left to right: Trina Joyce-MHC Scholarship Chair, Angie Esselman, Danielle Gunder, Elyse Voss, Natasha Spiczka, Katherine Wedel, Mikaela Del Giudice, Mari Ertz, Kelly Sobczak, Kami Vickerman, Tracy Turner-MHC President  
Not Shown: Lacy Carlson, Alexandra Linn

**Angie Esselman** is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls majoring in Animal Science and Pre-Vet with an equine emphasis. In high school, she participated in 4-H and was captain and choreographer for her county drill team. She spent three summers at her county 4-H camp sharing her knowledge and teaching younger 4-H kids. She was president of her FFA Chapter, National Honor Society, and her 4-H Club. She showed every weekend this past season including at the World Pinto Show. In college, Angie made the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Western Team her first year and is captain and show chair this year. She also participates in the Horseman's Club, Block and Bridle, and Pre-Vet Club, as well as intramural sports. Angie's father (deceased) and her mother are veterinarians and this is Angie's goal as well. One of her recommendation letters states that she is not content to remain at a standstill, but continues to move forward, acquiring new talents, knowledge and skills.

**Danielle Gunder** is a junior at the University of Minnesota majoring in Animal Science with a Large Animal Production Track-equine emphasis. While she started out wanting to be a veterinarian, she's now leaning towards a research career. Her overall goal is to decrease the number of unwanted horses and the need for rescues. Danielle participated in Hippology, Horse Judging, and the Horse Knowledge Bowl at the county and state levels and did very well. She bought her first horse when she was 11 and adopted a 2-year old from the Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue 2 years later. The rescue horse became her horse-in-training project for 4-H. In 4-H, she was a Dan Patch finalist four times and worked with the Challenge Riders program for kids who have disabilities. She's now a member of the Horse Development Project. Danielle has been on the University's equestrian team for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association for 2 years. She's participating in a hay net research trial with staff at the school. She's also been involved with the National Honor Society and FFA, been team captain and winner of many 4-H and FFA teams and knowledge bowls, mentored others, and been a camp counselor and a trail guide. She currently works part-time at Bunker Hills Stable. On top of all of that, in 2006 she started her own business breeding, showing and selling purebred Nigerian Dwarf Goats and miniature Australian Shepherds, giving her business experience. Her recommendation letters mention that she excels in academia, leadership, and community service and is a great role model.

**Alexandra Linn** is a second year veterinary student at the University of Minnesota. She actually came to horses once she was in the vet school. She's been taking riding lessons for a year and adopted her first horse just 3 months ago. She works at Leatherdale Equine Center and has assisted in the planning and execution of the Twin Cities Polo Club Polo Classic and the Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue's Unwanted Horse Trainer's Challenge. After updating and revamping the curriculum, she was the

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lead camp counselor for the Equine Center's Giddy Up Horsemanship Camp. She also helped develop a curriculum and assessments for a new on-line elective course for Animal Science majors at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Alexandra had managed an independent coffee shop for 2 years and now serves as liaison to the Minnesota Veterinary Business Management Association. She also launched a new student fundraiser, a popular early morning coffee stand. She's actively involved in the Student Chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners participating in veterinary skill development labs, conferences, and volunteer opportunities. Alexandra plans to focus on equine ambulatory medicine with an emphasis on equine dentistry. Her recommendation letters were outstanding, mentioning her steady growth into a high quality young leader and her genuine dedication to eradicating social injustices and inequality. She's described as an employer's dream, conscientious, creative, self-motivated, willing to ask questions when necessary, and honest as the day is long.

**Kelly Sobczak** is a senior at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She's majoring in pre-clinical psychology, animal science with equine emphasis, and Spanish. She plans to get her Doctorate of Clinical Psychology, specializing in adolescents. She's currently working towards certification through EAGALA (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association) and wants to work in the field of equine assisted psychotherapy. Eventually she plans to have a treatment ranch for young disadvantaged women who have mental health issues. Kelly was very involved with the 4-H Horseless Horse Program and when she was 15 she won the "Win a Paint Horse Competition" through 4-H and received a 4-month old colt. She served in many leadership positions. She graduated out of the Minnesota 4-H Horse Program with honors in the horse training project, public speaking, service-learning, and youth leadership. She also volunteers at a therapeutic riding program. Kelly's a member of the National Honor Society for psychology Psi Chi. She's participated in three undergraduate research projects. Last fall she was an Orientation Transitional for new students at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Next summer she plans to complete an internship in Romania working at orphanages, group homes, and gypsy villages.

**Natasha Spiczka** is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota majoring in Animal Science and plans to pursue a degree as a large animal veterinarian. In high school, she was a soccer captain, wrestling manager, track captain and was involved in FFA, DECA, 4-H and National Honor Society. She was particularly involved with the Western Heritage program and helped with fund raising. She volunteered at the Tri-County Humane Society for a variety of children's programs and at a Muscular Dystrophy camp. She took college classes while in high school and was on the honor roll all 4 years. At the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Natasha's a member of the Pre-Vet Club and plans to stay active as a volunteer for 4-H. She job shadowed the large animal doctors at Mille Lacs Veterinary Clinic last year during the summer and Christmas break. They report that she met the challenge with ease, approaching every horse with sincere compassion, appropriate caution, and a firm but gentle hand. She interacted easily with a wide variety of clients, maintaining a friendly but professional manner. The printing company that she worked for described Natasha as a very fast learner and a dedicated worker. The state 4-H Western Heritage co-Chair appreciated her work ethic and her ability to communicate effectively with almost everyone.

**Kami Vickerman** is a third year veterinary student at the University of Minnesota. She has experience with many equine disciplines including western, gaming, trail, jumping, dressage, and quadrille. Throughout her undergraduate and graduate years, she's been employed by the U.S. Equestrian Federation to assist a vet in the detention barn doing drug testing. She currently works at the University of Minnesota Equine

Center and Large Animal Hospital as a student technician. She was involved with research on seasonal pasture myopathy and completed two externships last summer. Kami is still serving as the Co-Coordinator of the Horse Angels Program which involves overseeing the student volunteers who groom the school's teaching horses. Last year, she was elected as the Student Chapter of the American Arm of Equine Practitioners Education Chair and is responsible for planning information for the at least monthly meetings/lectures and one to two wet labs per semester. These prepare members of the veterinary wellness clinic for surgery trips to spay or neuter that take place three to four times per year. Last summer Kami volunteered on an R-VETS (Rural Veterinary Experience, Training, and Service) trip to provide free care to horses on the Standing Rock Indian reservation in North and South Dakota. She's still the class of 2014 representative at the vet school. Kami hopes to do a one-year internship after graduating, perhaps in surgery or internal medicine. She's described as one of the most dedicated students in the school and as someone academic advisor would "hire in a heartbeat."

**Elyse Voss** is a senior at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls majoring in Animal Science Pre-Vet with an equine emphasis and minors in Chemistry and Spanish. In addition, she did an internship with one of the surgeons at the Colorado State University Orthopedic Research Center and went to Guatemala with the volunteer group Volunteers for Intercultural and Definitive Adventure (VIDA) to help set up free veterinary clinics. Ellie had the experience of leasing her first horse, Nanibou, but the mare fractured her cannon bone in 2007. The prognosis wasn't good but Ellie was there every day for months and months, nursed Nanibou back to health, and now owns her! She already knew she wanted a career in the horse industry, but that experience sharpened her focus to the goal of becoming an equine vet specializing in orthopedics and rehabilitation. She passed the 4-H Level 6 horse achievement test at the county level and was co-captain of the Junior Drill Team. Ellie has worked at Windy Ridge Ranch, Stillwater Veterinary Clinic for over 3 years, University of Minnesota Vet Diagnostic Lab with a virology research group, and is a farmhand at a dairy ranch. She's been active in the pre-veterinary club at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and a member of the Windy Ridge Horse Club and their drill team. She's also been captain of four intramural sports teams. Ellie is described as an inspiration to others and the standard that we all hold ourselves to.

**Katherine Wedel** is a second year veterinary student at the University of Minnesota. She started showing when she was six and eventually showed in nearly every WSCA event. It gave her the opportunity to form friendships, improve her horsemanship skills, and learn about sportsmanship. She was on the highest honor roll all through high school. She was a very active 4-H member and leader, holding many offices. She received her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science at South Dakota State University with minors in chemistry and biology. She worked caring for the horses at South Dakota State University for the summer of 2011. Currently in vet school, she's an active member of the Student Chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. During her first year, she was the Chair of the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association Seminar Committee, meaning she was responsible for lining up speakers. She's now a student representative for Pfizer Animal Health which involves being responsible for organizing funding for educational opportunities outside of the curriculum. One of her projects was obtaining vaccinations and dewormers and coordinating a field trip for students to work at an equine rescue farm providing physical exams, vaccinating, and deworming along with dental and foot procedures. She also organized a lab for students to learn bandaging skills. Katherine plans to focus on equine and food animal medicine, hopefully in a rural setting.

## MHC AWARDS \$58,630 IN GRANTS

The Minnesota Horse Council uses the revenue from the Minnesota Horse Expo to offer "seed money grants" for new projects and capital improvements by Minnesota equine groups. Over the past 21 years, the Minnesota Horse Council has awarded \$932,622 in grants to equestrian projects in Minnesota. This is in addition to other charitable donations by the Horse Council, such as the Direct Funding awards, the Tony Gasser educational scholarships, and the Trails funding program. The major portion of the Horse Council budget goes back into the Minnesota horse industry.

### Hope Rides ♦ Minnetonka ♦ \$4,900

This therapeutic horseback riding program works out of leased sites at Mayer and Stacy. This grant will purchase portable round pen panels to use for additional safe work space for riders.

### Lyon County 4-H ♦ Cottonwood ♦ \$7,000

The show ring at the county fairgrounds in Marshall has an old announcer's stand that needs repair and is lacking concessions space and a storage space for show equipment. This grant will assist them in building a new building to provide an improved announcer's stand and concessions area with storage space. The Lyon County 4-H horse project and Lyon County Fair will provide the rest of the funds.

### Madelia Saddle Club ♦ Butterfield ♦ \$6,850

The outdoor arena at the Watonwan County fairgrounds in St. James is old and unsafe--the fence is less than 4 ft tall, below horse's eye level and easy to step over, and many posts are rotted and sunken. This grant will purchase materials for a new, 'maintance-free' metal panel arena fence. Materials only, volunteers from the saddle club and 4-H will remove the old fence and install the new one.

### Mankato Saddle Club ♦ Mankato ♦ \$7,000

The show arena in the Lake Crystal city park has been used by this club and other horse groups for over 20 years. The arena fence is original and no longer repairable. This grant will assist them in replacing the fence with a metal fence panel one and adding a good sand/clay mix footing.

### Miracle Horse Riders ♦ Parkers Prairie ♦ \$600

This grant will purchase bareback riding pads with gel inserts for therapeutic riding--equipment needed by this special needs riding program in Crow Wing County.

### Olmsted County Fair ♦ Rochester ♦ \$5,500

The steel roof on the 1970s horse barn at this county fairgrounds has developed rust spots where the bolts attach allowing water to leak onto stalled horses and tack. This grant will pay for adding a protective coating to the roof, then priming and painting it, so it will last for many more years.

### Osakis Trailblazers SC ♦ Belgrade ♦ \$4,000

This horse show arena has an old, decrepit announcer's stand and lunch stand. This grant will purchase materials to build a new, two-story announcer's stand with lunch stand below. Materials only; the club members will do the demolition of the old buildings and construction of the new one.

### Pennington County Fair ♦ Thief River Falls ♦ \$6,000

The show arena fence at this county fairgrounds was built of wood about 22 years ago and is in dire need of replacement. This grant will purchase materials for a new three-rail white vinyl fence for their arena.

### Stable Pathways ♦ White Bear Lake ♦ \$1,250

This therapeutic riding program operates from Bunker Hills Park in Anoka and has provided therapeutic riding to many clients over the years. They would like to expand the program to offer rides to pre-school age children. This grant will help fund start-up costs for this expansion of their program. Matching grant, we will match whatever they raise up to this amount.

### Sus Lacuna/Birchbury Farm ♦ Oak Grove ♦ \$1,930

The grant will enable this club to buy additional equipment to make their shows run better--an improved sound system, professional numbers to mark jumps, and radios to replace human runners.

### University of Minnesota ♦ St. Paul ♦ \$6,600

This grant will provide funding for a research project studying the relationship between laminitis (founder) and specific weed species that are common in dry lots (dirt paddocks). High-carb diets are a known trigger for founder, and susceptible horses are often kept in dry lots to reduce carbs from grazing. This research will gather data to study the weeds in dry lots and their effect on horse diet.

### Washington County Fair ♦ Afton ♦ \$7,000

This heavily-used county fairgrounds has the horse show arena next to Highway 5, with only parking areas in between--no fence! Horses that get loose can easily run onto this busy highway, dangerous both to the horses and highway traffic. This grant will fund installation of a sturdy 7-foot chain link fence around the grounds, separating the horse area from the highway, and making it much safer for horses.

**TOTAL \$58,630**

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## MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL 2012 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Tracy Turner  
Minnesota Horse Council President

The Minnesota Horse Council Board of Directors has worked hard over the past year to help Minnesota horse owners, horse enthusiasts and the horse industry in general. During 2012, the Minnesota Horse Council has accomplished the following:

We continue to bring the voice of the equine industry to the Minnesota Legislature. This past year we were involved in two areas: (1) have horses officially described as livestock. This has implications toward research funding, Department of Agricultural funds for education as well as property tax implications. We were successful in getting this legislation passed. (2) We were involved with trying to get the Racino bill passed. Although, not successful in the Legislature, the support to the bill was responsible for helping to get the deal made between Mystic Lake and Canterbury Park.

The Minnesota Horse Council leads the equine industry in working for equine welfare. We have several programs. The Gelding Project rewards equine education with vouchers for castration. This year we awarded 20 vouchers to individuals attending Minnesota Horse Expo lectures. We hosted a castration clinic with the cooperation of the Minnesota Association of Equine Practitioners, The Minnesota Horse Welfare Coalition, and funding from the Unwanted Horse Coalition. The welfare committee continued to certify Rescues.

We used the money generated by the Minnesota Horse Expo to help the horse industry of Minnesota. We used the \$225,000 generated by the Expo to fund grants for large projects, give direct funds for educational needs and to help small projects, and we gave eleven \$3000 scholarships to deserving students.

The \$100,000 we donated to the Minnesota State Fair for the new Judging Arena came to fruition in the grand opening of the AgStar Arena at the Minnesota Horse Expo.

We continue to support our other programs, the Certified Stable Program, as well as staying active with the Department of Natural Resources and the Equine Trails. We also give the Horseperson of the Year and Pioneer Awards and we promote all breeds through the Aisle of Breeds at the Minnesota State Fair. We have funds for disaster relief as well as emergency feed needs. We continue to support two websites--the MHC website and the Horseman's Directory.

We will continue to support the Minnesota horse industry in many ways through all these programs plus we put on one of the best Horse Expositions in the country, the Minnesota Horse Expo.



**WE CAN RIDE**

www.wecanride.org

We Can Ride just celebrated its 30th year of operation. At its annual meeting in November, several individuals who were instrumental in getting the program started were recognized, including Trina Joyce who is a director of the Minnesota Horse Council. The evening included a silent auction, pot luck dinner, recognition of the many volunteers and staff that help out We Can Ride, and a wonderful slide show with lots of pictures of We Can Ride activities. It was also a night when We Can Ride said goodbye to Kathy Johnson of Woodpecker Woods, who retired at the end of October. For those who did not already know, it was announced that the University of Minnesota site for We Can Ride was no longer open because the University chose not to renew We Can Ride's lease.

We Can Ride conducts therapeutic horseback riding for individuals with disabilities. It is a recognized 501(c)(3) charity, so all donations to it are tax deductible. We Can Ride is reaching out to the horse community for support at this time. With the closing of two of its sites, the income that would have been derived from their operation is no longer available, causing a cash flow issue. We Can Ride Executive Director Brad Thorsen says he knows it can weather this storm with the support of fellow horse people such as those who support the Minnesota Horse Council. Donations can be sent to We Can Ride, PO Box 1102, Minnetonka, MN 55345.

### We Can Ride Chef's Brigade Dinner

**Where:** Edinburgh USA Country Club, Brooklyn Park

**When:** March 3, 2013

Social Hour and Silent Auction 4:30-6:00 pm

Dinner and Live Auction 6:15 pm

\$125 individual ticket

**Registration Deadline: February 18, 2013**

This spectacular culinary event is We Can Ride's premier fundraiser. Chef Jim Malinowski prepares this multi-course feast with the support of a team of over 40 chefs from around the state who bring their talents to your table. The evening is graciously hosted by the elegant Edinburgh Country Club in Brooklyn Park, MN and begins with a social hour for guests to mingle with friends, bid on silent auction items, and sample a selection of creatively prepared hors d'oeuvres. The evening continues with a multi-course dinner and scrumptious dessert, followed by a live auction. The live auction boasts a chance to bid on gourmet dinners prepared in your home, vacation packages, and one-of-a-kind items.

To RSVP call 952-934-0057. Seating is limited, so reserve a spot for your friends and family today!

## Minnesota Horse Council Acknowledges Trina Joyce at Annual Meeting

On occasion the Minnesota Horse Council takes the opportunity to honor a board member for the contributions they have made as a volunteer. At our 2011 Annual Meeting, we recognized Darrell Mead for his 20 years of service as a board member and his work with the Trail Blazers Committee to develop and maintain trails and horse camping sites in Minnesota State Parks, State Forests and Regional Parks.

At the 2012 Annual Meeting held in January, 2013, we again recognized another board member, Trina Joyce. She has served the Minnesota Horse Council, taking on a range of responsibilities, for more than 30 years.

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 studying Horse Care and Stable Management, along with taking an additional course in Riding Instruction. With her education, she went on to become Riding Director at Camp Fire Girls Camp, Tannadoona, responsible for evaluating rented horses, training assistants, teaching riding to campers, and leading trail rides. She has also been an instructor with a focus on riding 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 one of the first instructors 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.

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. She is a member of the Direct Funding Committee and the Grants Committee.



As a MHC Board Chairperson, Trina has served as Philanthropy Coordinator with Public Relations responsibilities for Scholarships, Grants and Direct Funding. She has been Chairperson for the Scholarship Committee since its inception 30+ years ago. About 8 years ago, Trina took on the responsibility of coordinating the first documentation of Policies and Procedures for each of about 15 MHC Board Committees.

We want to congratulate and thank Trina Joyce for her contributions to the Minnesota's Horse Industry and the Minnesota Horse Council. Trina's list of accomplishments can serve to inspire all of us as volunteers.

~ Thomas Tweeten, PhD, MHC Board Member

### The Minnesota Horse Council has awarded nearly \$1.5 million in scholarships & grants.

#### Did you know that?

I didn't until the Minnesota Horse Council's annual meeting, when I was the emcee.

The horse council has an impressive history of activity in the equine community, impacting lives with its scholarships and allowing groups and county fairgrounds to make much-needed improvements to facilities with grants.

The Minnesota Horse Council, which has several hundred members, also puts on the Minnesota Horse Expo and offers help and services to horse owners and organizations in need of financial support.

At the annual meeting, a silent auction was held to benefit the "We Can Ride" program.

My wife, Mary, and I own Miniature horses, Shetland Ponies and full-size horses, which we keep at our farm in Buffalo. Selective when it comes to joining equine-related clubs and groups, we were so impressed with the work of the Minnesota Horse Council that before we left the annual meeting we joined with a family membership.

~ Bob Sansavere



Bob Sansavere

## Be a part of the Expo by becoming a Minnesota Horse Expo Supporter

Drive customers to your business by becoming a Minnesota Horse Expo Supporter. For only \$100, you will receive a business card ad in the Official Program as well as your company name and logo in the Official Program and on the Expo website with a link to your company.

Don't have a business and love the Expo? Become a Minnesota Horse Expo Supporter and help support the event. The Minnesota Horse Council uses the Expo proceeds to support a strong commitment to serving the needs of horse people and the horse industry.

For more information about the various Minnesota Horse Expo sponsorship opportunities and the application visit [www.mnhorseexpo.org/pdf/sponsorinfo.pdf](http://www.mnhorseexpo.org/pdf/sponsorinfo.pdf).

For questions, contact Kathy Juhl at [juhl5305@aol.com](mailto:juhl5305@aol.com) or 952-356-2029.

## Minnesotans Shine in International Projects to Improve Working Equid Healthcare

Dr. Tom Juergens, founder of the Anoka Equine Veterinary Services, has worked as a volunteer with Christian Veterinary Mission for 13 years in Mongolia. Together with Dr. Johnny Haffner, Dr. Juergens led the establishment and growth of a unique and successful program, called Fast Horse, to improve the health care of horses and advance the education of Mongolian veterinarians. Dr. Juergens accepted the prestigious Lavin Cup for Equine Welfare on behalf of Christian Veterinary Mission at the 2012 Annual Convention of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. This is the highest honor the AAEP offers for achievements in equine welfare. Congratulations to Drs. Juergens and Haffner.

A Minnesota-based non-profit organization to train veterinarians to improve the health care of working horses, donkeys and mules world-wide has been founded by two equine veterinarians, Drs. Jay Merriam (MA) and Julie Wilson (MN). This organization, Equitarian Initiative, LLC, evolved from a core group of members of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, and has rapidly grown since it was established in September, 2011. Its signature event, the Equitarian Workshop, attracts veterinarians from the United States, Canada, England, Egypt and Portugal that are interested in learning effective ways of delivering health care to working equids and education to their owners in the developing world. The workshop, begun in 2010, is held in October in Mexico, in collaboration with the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico's veterinary college and the British charity, The Donkey Sanctuary. Veterinarians work side by side with Mexican colleagues to meet the health challenges of 200-300 animals per day that have gathered at the local soccer field in selected impoverished Mexican villages.



Dr. Wilson demonstrates the use of a rebreathing bag to assess a coughing cart horse for two Honduran veterinary students.

A second British charity, World Horse Welfare, participates in the workshop, providing both English and Mexican farriers and saddlers to address much needed improvements in hoof care and harness. Minnesota farrier Tarren Turner joined the international farrier team at the workshop this year. Experienced veterinarians, including Minnesota veterinarians Dr. Wilson and Dr. Tracy Turner, lead each of seven stations organized like a field hospi-



Dr. Turner cleans a wound on a Honduran cart horse with the help of veterinary students.

tal, including dentistry, internal medicine/reproduction, lameness, surgery, parasitology/nutrition, harness repair and farriery. A community participation station provides owner education and children's activities that focus on health care for the donkeys, mules and horses. One of the most popular children's activities is a great equine health coloring book that was developed by Minnesota horsewoman and teacher Angela Gebhart, with help from her Hennepin Hoofbeats 4H Club and Girl Scout Troops 11797 and 12900. Participating veterinarians rotate through the stations during the four days of village work. Daily classroom discussions bolster the veterinary and animal welfare lessons learned in the field and provide insights into ways to organize sustainable future projects.

The Equitarian Workshop training has led to the establishment of five new equid healthcare and education programs in Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, and South Dakota. Plans are underway to begin projects in Haiti, Chile and South Africa. Dr. Wilson organized the first Equitarian project in Honduras this February for cart horses that haul garbage, produce and construction materials in San Pedro Sula, the second largest city. The British charity, World Horse Welfare, which trains local horsemen to become farriers and harness makers, provided the local infrastructure to organize daily health clinics along the roadside in the slums. Dr. Wilson, Dr. Tracy Turner and Dr. David Turoff (CA) worked on 200 horses over 4 days, and were joined by ten veterinary students and two faculty members from the new Honduran veterinary college, and eight regional veterinarians. Malnutrition, harness sores, ticks, parasites, EIA, and hoof problems were common. Long work days were capped off with evening presentations on dentistry, lameness and colic. Based on the success of the project and strong local interest, a return to Honduras is planned for early 2013.

### Minnesotans Shine in International Projects

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## B.J. SCHUMACHER TO APPEAR AT 2013 EXPO RODEOS

Plan on attending one or more of the three PRCA rodeo performances to be held at the 2013 Minnesota Horse Expo, April 26, 27 and 28. Just announced: B.J. Schumacher, former 2006 world champion bull rider who qualified for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in eight of his nine full seasons, will perform at all three Horse Expo rodeo performances as the PRCA's newest specialty act. Horse Expo PRCA rodeos are scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights at 7 pm and Sunday at 3 pm. Advance Horse Expo (\$6 Ages 6-12 and Seniors 62+; \$9 ages 13-61) and Rodeo tickets (\$4-\$10 depending on seating) will go on sale in March. Watch [www.mnhorseexpo.org](http://www.mnhorseexpo.org) for details. Rodeo tickets are also available at Expo.



Schumacher rode his final bull in a PRCA rodeo in the winter of 2010, but didn't officially announce his retirement from competition until last month. He had injured the elbow on his left (riding) arm during his gold buckle season of 2006 and it never really healed properly, forcing him to compete at something less than 100 percent for the last four years of his career. As frustrating as those injury-plagued years were, they did get Schumacher thinking about his options and what might be next. What he knew for sure was that he wanted to stay in rodeo.

B.J. Schumacher has been working with veteran showman Blake Goode in Texas, and will head out on the road with Goode's trained Brahma bulls, Apache and Geronimo, this spring. Blake trained these bulls, but he doesn't want to go out on the road any more.

If he has anything like the same level of success he had as a bull rider, Schumacher will do just fine. Apart from the world championship (when he won the NFR average title and finished more than \$73,000 ahead of his nearest challenger), he finished second to Terry Don West in 2003 and finished among the top five in the world standings three additional times (2007-09) before the elbow injury finally shut him down. Schumacher finished with career earnings of \$1,200,001, third highest total by a bull rider in PRCA history, behind J.W. Harris and Tuff Hedeman.

*Excerpts from article by Jim Bainbridge published in ProRodeo Sports News 11/9/2012 reprinted with permission. Photos by Anna Liska.*

### Horse Person of the Year--continued from page 1

Futurity, which was for babies sired by *Rock Star*. The festivities always started with a dinner and reception the night before. Babies were judged in a round pen by a three-judge panel. Special handlers would work the babies both ways. First place paid out \$10,000, belt buckles were given for 10 placings and he even had a pari-mutuel betting window handle odds for the winning colt.

Raak built horse walkers from truck rear ends. He bought pipe and used the barn as his factory. He soon started building starting gates for race tracks. Eventually he got into horse sales, putting on his first one on Atlanta, Georgia, the South Spectacular. For that first sale, which was held in February, he hauled 60 horses in so he would have stock to sell. He expanded to Los Angeles, putting on the West Coast Spectacular. He also held sales in both Wisconsin and Florida.

At the age of 40, he started selling horse trailers out of the property he had on Highway 52. In 1993 he moved to the present location on

## AAEP Lavin Cup Awarded to Christian Network of Veterinary Volunteers

The Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM), a faith-based coalition of veterinarians helping poor communities around the world care for animals, has received the American Association of Equine Practitioners' 2012 Lavin Cup.



Dr. Tom Juergens and Dr. John Haffner receiving AAEP Lavin Cup for Service to the Horse.

Known as the AAEP's equine welfare award, the Lavin Cup recognizes a non-veterinary organization or individual that has distinguished itself through service to improve the welfare of horses. Dr. Tom Juergens, an AAEP member and long-time volunteer with the mission, accepted the award at the Dec. 4 President's Luncheon at the 58th Annual Convention in Anaheim, Calif.

Established as a non-profit organization in 1976, the CVM was founded on the principle of changing communities in the third world by providing veterinary care for livestock and animals. Veterinary volunteers live in and work alongside members of impoverished communities to facilitate better care for animals and share their Christian faith through service. The CVM operates long-term mission sites in 12 countries within Africa, Asia and Latin America.

With the leadership of AAEP members Dr. Juergens and Dr. John Haffner, the CVM coordinated the Fast Horse Project in Mongolia. During this annual four-day continuing education program, veterinary volunteers overcome cultural, physical and financial barriers to teach progressive and practical veterinary skills to Mongolian veterinarians. The Fast Horse Project has served as a valuable learning experience for young veterinarians and has initiated the creation of a network of volunteer veterinarians to spawn "sister" programs in Canada, Korea, the United Kingdom, Nigeria, Romania and South Africa. Members of the CVM have propelled the AAEP's Equitarian Initiative, presenting during Table Topic sessions at the 2009 Annual Convention and providing guidance for Equitarian projects.

For more information about the Christian Veterinary Mission, visit [www.cvmusa.org](http://www.cvmusa.org).

Interstate 35, Exit 76 where they are presently located. Over the years, Raak has donated the use of trailers to various organizations. He has donated six trailers to the Appaloosa Horse Association, four trailers to the State 4-H Association, six trailers to the Reining Horse Show - National Reining Breeders Classic, and even one to the Elko Speedway.

Raak has been an exhibitor at every Minnesota Horse Expo since it started over 30 years ago. He was even asked to help conduct a multi-breed horse sale at one of the earlier Expos, which went off with much success.

Gary Raak has been an influence to the horse industry not only in Minnesota, but at a national level as well. He has made a life-long commitment to the industry through his involvement in the showing, training, and breeding, holding futurities, running a successful horse trailer sales business and he continues to be a benefactor to so many of our youth.

Raak and his wife Tammy, helpful partner and best friend, show Appaloosa/Quarter Horses at the national level. Several friends and family members were in attendance to recognize Gary for his accomplishments.



## MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - November 13, 2012

Meeting Location: Nutrena Conference Room - Leatherdale Center, U of MN St Paul

Board Members Present: Darrell Mead, Missie Schwartz, Tim Bonham, Jan Schatzlein, Marian Robinson, Tracy Turner, Mark Ward, Judy Jensen, Dave Fleischhaker, Sue McDonough, Glen Eaton, Jennifer Willey, Tom Tweeten, Carol Dobbelaire, Charlyn Cadwell

Absent: Dawn Moore, Trina Joyce

Members/Visitors: Katie O'Shea, Miriam McGurran, Michelle Butler, Allison Eklund

**I. Meeting called to order:** 6:39 P.M. by President Tracy Turner.

### II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

### III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Tracy Turner added Horse Industry Initiative to Old Business.
2. Tim Bonham added Grant Committee to Committee Reports.
3. Tracy Turner added Legal Issue to New Business.
4. Michelle Butler added State Fair to New Business.
5. Jennifer Willey added Promotion Committee to Committee Reports.
6. Andrea Dubay advised Trina Joyce sent her Scholarship Committee via email.

**IV. Treasurer's Report** for November was presented by Tim Bonham. The current total assets recorded are \$950,450.90 with liabilities of \$536,471.97 leaving a net available of \$413,978.93. Previous Treasurer's Report was moved to be accepted by Glen Eaton. Mark Ward seconded, motion passed.

**V. Approval of Minutes:** Tim Bonham motioned to approve the October minutes with a name correction in New Business. Mark Ward seconded, motion carries.

**VI. Secretary's Report:** Andrea Dubay reported for Dawn Moore the following: There is a format change to the folders handed out at the annual meeting. This year there will be a "Special Edition Newsletter" to include the committee reports, director nominations, and photos of all the MHC going-ons of the previous year. Also under consideration are an ice breaker and an emcee to handle the presentations throughout the evening.

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Horse Industry Initiative to the General Public:** Tracy Turner reported the committee is on hiatus until January 1.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Expo:** Glen Eaton reported. The planning of the 2013 Minnesota Horse Expo of course is in full swing. Contracts for horse stalls and vendor booths are coming in with the Cattle Barn  $\frac{3}{4}$  full and the Coliseum we may as well say is full. The request for horse stalls are arriving earlier this year than before so it looks like we will have a great turn out for vendors and horses. Clinicians are being interviewed and we have come to agreement with some and only the contracts have to be signed. We will have the names of the speakers by the next meeting. We are looking at something very new for 2013 but will be kept in the dark until the contract is or is not signed. Ads for the program are coming in but at this time of year they are slow. They will pick up after the first of the year. Have a great Thanksgiving.

**B. Direct Funding:** Mark Ward advised recent actions:

1. Approved: \$500 for Washington County Fairgrounds - rotten fence replacement with tie-ups, funds to be matched by a riding club.
2. Approved: \$250 for the Hightail Horse Ranch and Rescue - this covers half of the requested \$500 for advertising and other costs for an Oct 27, 2012 Open House. I will include a request that the group become MHC certified as a rescue facility during the next year.
3. Approved: \$150 for the Duluth Area Horse Trial Alliance (DAHTA) to put on a ACTHA (competitive trail) for porta-potty and printing costs for the Oct 20, 2012 event held to raise awareness of help needed by severe-

ly injured service members. Darrell Mead has determined that the Trail Blazers committee can help fund this group's second request which was \$362.48 to cover costs of a horse trail impact study.

The CSDEA group withdrew their request for \$400 for putting on a clinic. They paid for their costs through fees. As of this date, we have a remainder of \$1,100 available for any remaining 2012 applications. Tim is now receiving an Excel spreadsheet from me each month which summarizes our applications and payments left to be made.

**C. Budget:** Tracy Turner and Tim Bonham led a discussion focusing on the 2013 budget by committee. Based on Committee Chair requests and previous budget usage from 2010 through current, Tim Bonham estimates an increase in spending of roughly \$6,000 in 2013. Mark Ward motioned to approve the budget as presented by Tim Bonham for the year 2013. Tom Tweeten seconded, motion carries.

**D. SHCAC:** Glen Eaton reported. Darrell and I attended the Fall meeting of the Coalition in Denver November 2-4. The Colorado Horse Council did a great job in hosting the Coalition. We feel we were kept too busy listening to the speakers and not enough time for committee reports and time to circulate and just talk to people from other states to see what they are doing. All of the speakers were great but the 12 hours is a little too much. More when we receive the minutes. The Fall meeting of the Coalition for 2013 will be held in North Carolina and 2014 will be held in Illinois.

**E. Facilities/Show:** Tom Tweeten reported he has visited two facilities this year. Tom Tweeten has created a newsletter article based on the visits. The article will be featured in the December newsletter. Tom Tweeten advised his committee will be reviewing their policies and procedures after the first of the year.

**F. Nominations:** Darrell Mead advised the directors whose term will expire December 31, 2012 are Glen Eaton, Judy Jensen, Tom Tweeten, Trina Joyce, Mark Ward and Sue McDonough. New nominations are Rick Dobbelaire and Katie O'Shea.

**G. Horse Welfare:** Tracy Turner advised the Gelding Project continues to do well. The idea is to expand the Project well outside of the Twin Cities in 2013. Tracy Turner shared the dire situation within the Equine community with regard to the sale barns and prices paid there. Darrell Mead advised he has heard rumor of slaughter houses opening in 2013 within the US borders. Discussion followed.

**H. Grants:** Tim Bonham circulated the 2013 Grant Committee Recommendations. Of the 22 requests totaling \$134,945 twelve are presented for approval totaling \$58,630. Tim Bonham motioned to approve the twelve as presented. Carol Dobbelaire seconded, motion carries.

**I. Promotions:** Jennifer Willey advised the promotional items at the Aisle of Breeds met with good reception as were the horse show sponsorships. MHC has 2,487 "likes" on the Facebook page currently. Jennifer Willey advised she is looking into offering a PayPal option for membership payment online in 2013. There will be a new brochure in 2013. A rough draft was passed around for the directors to see and review. Jennifer Willey requested any corrections or changes be submitted before December 1.

**J. Scholarships:** Trina Joyce reported electronically. 17 complete applications were received on time. A few more were received late or were incomplete and won't be considered. The applications have been copied and sent to the other five members of the committee. Responses are due on Dec.15, but the sooner the better.

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Angela helped design new equine welfare assessments for the new South Dakota project, and contributed her teacher talents to community education in the summer Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association's project in Peru. Julie and Angela participated in the 2012 Costa Rica project and Julie also participated in the Guatemala project. For more information about the Equitarian Initiative's work, see [www.equitarianinitiative.org](http://www.equitarianinitiative.org)

Right:  
Angela Gebhart  
helping Costa Rican  
boys with her equine  
health coloring book.



Left:  
A skeletal cart  
horse found to  
have a fractured  
molar that was  
treatable.

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### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

**A. State Fair:** Michelle Butler from the MN State Fair shared her vision for an Equine educational experience at the MN State Fair. The EquiMania Experience would be in addition to the Aisle of Breeds that would be geared to an urban audience. This program would be a duplicate to the experience available in Canada and would have a 5-year presence at the MN State Fair. Michelle Butler asked the directors to present ideas on making the EquiMania Experience and the Aisle of Breeds a cohesive unit. Discussion followed. Directors will continue the discussion at the December meeting.

**B. Legal Issue:** Allison Eklund addressed a question regarding having board members who are family members in the first degree. The situation is not illegal. Allison Eklund advised to avoid the situation the MHC would need to adopt a rule or amend the bylaws to limit the eligibility of aforementioned individuals. Darrell Mead motioned to make a rule to limit eligibility to new board members to those without first degree familial or domestic partner relationships already established within the board. Jennifer Willey seconded, discussion followed. Carol Dobbelaire suggested a friendly amendment to include facilities in the motion, the amendment was not seconded, nor accepted. A paper ballot was circulated with the tally showing 1 abstain, 5 no votes and 9 yes votes. The motion carries.

#### Announcements:

November 16th is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter.

X. Tracy Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM.

#### NEXT MEETING

December 11, 2012 ♦ 6:30 pm ♦ Univ. of MN ♦ Leatherdale Equine Center

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Leatherdale Equine Center ♦ 6:30 pm

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March 12, 2013	September 10, 2013	February 11, 2014
April 9, 2013	October 8, 2013	March 11, 2014
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July 9, 2013	January 18, 2014 - Annual Meeting	

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Byerly's Community Room ♦ 6:30 pm

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February 26, 2013	July 30, 2013	January 28, 2014
March 26, 2013	September 24, 2013	February 25, 2014
April 16, 2013	October 29, 2013	March 25, 2014
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