



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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Congresswoman Betty McCollum Holds a Public Hearing for Comments on the Development of the TCAAP Facility in Arden Hills, MN

Congresswoman Betty McCollum, Minnesota's 4th Congressional District, hosted a public hearing on Monday, June 22 to hear from the public about the potential future use of the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) in Arden Hills. The meeting was held at the Ramsey County Public Works Facility in Arden Hills. The U.S. Army has determined that TCAAP's 585 acres are excess federal land and is working to transfer the property for public or private use. Of major concern to stake holders is that TCAAP still is an environmentally contaminated site that will require remediation for future use.

Fourth District residents along with interested individuals from the region were invited to offer their thoughts regarding the future use of TCAAP. There were more than 90 individuals present at the meeting. Individuals were allotted two minutes to speak. Ideas ranged from development of spaces for affordable residential housing to multiple use green spaces. Several speakers expressed a desire that development of the area serve as a model for creating livable green space with a balance between industrial, business, affordable residential and recreational spaces.

Todd McIntyre presented a brief overview of an idea for using a portion of the space as an Equestrian Sports Facility. Todd provided an in-depth presentation of plans for such a facility at the May Minnesota Horse Council Board Meeting. The plan includes a show and stalling facility for pleasure shows and grounds for show jumping, dressage events and eventing competitions. Such a multi-event facility could serve to attract large regional, national, and international equestrian events to Minnesota.

The Board has since sent a letter to Todd's planning group supporting that idea. His presentation to Congresswoman McCollum and individuals attending the Hearing highlighted the Minnesota Horse Council's support of the plan to include an Equine Sports Facility as part of the TCAAP development project.

Wouldn't it be great to have an Olympic caliber equestrian facility in the Twin Cities Metro area? It could happen but each of us as part of Minnesota's Horse Industry will need to work at it! Please contact Todd McIntyre for more information regarding proposed plans. Also, you can contact Melissa Jamrock (Congresswoman McCollum's Office) at 651-224-9191 or Melissa.jamrock@mail.house.gov to express your interest including an Equestrian Facility as part of the TCAAP development project. You may contact your own congressional representative as well to share your interest in this project.

The following is a reference link to Congresswoman McCollum's website that posts testimony given at the TCAAP Hearing on June 22:

http://mccollum.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=626&Itemid=135

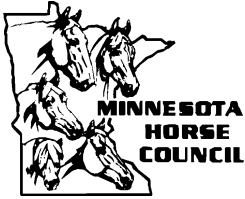
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GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 1

The Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) uses the revenue from the Minnesota Horse Expo to offer grants to charitable/non-profit equine-related organizations in Minnesota. Grants of up to \$7,000 are given as "seed money" to inspire new projects, capital improvements, or expansions of existing projects or services.

Schedule

All applications must be received by October 1. During December, Grants will be chosen by the MHC and all applicants notified. Grant recipients will receive a Letter of Award signed by the MHC Treasurer. At the MHC Annual Meeting in January, the Grants will be formally announced. Monies will be paid only upon actual initiation of the project. This will be arranged between the recipient and the MHC Treasurer. Funds must be used within the year.

Eligible Organizations

- ◆ Equine related
- ◆ Charitable Organizations: Non-profit, Federal 501c3 or State of Minnesota registered charity
- ◆ Non breed specific
- ◆ Non discriminatory practices followed, with equal opportunity for all
- ◆ Must not have received an MHC Grant in the past 3 years
- ◆ Operations congruent with MHC Goals and Objectives:
 - Improve communication with the general public for all horse-related activity.
 - Gather information of value for horse-related activities and disseminate that information to horse owners via printed material, online, or clinics and seminars. Sample equine-related topics: public and private trails, zoning regulation, stable safety, legislation, veterinary health, vehicle safety, legal concerns of horse-owning, humane treatment.
 - Provide expertise, consultation, and advice in horse-related matters.
 - Promote and support equine educational activities

Eligible Proposals

- ◆ Capital expenditures to build or expand facilities on non-profit owned property
 - ◆ New projects or services
 - ◆ Expansion of existing projects or services
 - ◆ Research projects
- Proposals will NOT be accepted for day-to-day operating expenses, normal maintenance and upkeep, year-end or hi-point awards, or improvements to private property.

Applying for a Grant

Please send the information listed below directly to the Grants Committee at following address:

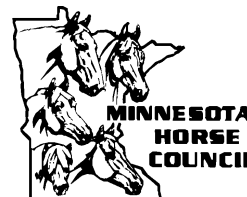
MHC Grants Committee
 4309 30th Ave. S. ◆ Minneapolis, MN 55406-3710
 612-721-1007 ◆ fax 612-721-4000
 Email: T-Bonham@scc.net

1. Short cover letter which must include:
 - a. Full name and address of your organization
 - b. Name, address, phone number and email of a contact person within your organization
 - c. Short summary of the organization's history, including a statement of goals and objectives.
 - d. Short description of the organization's current activities including indication that they are equine-related and not breed specific.
 - e. Location of the facilities where activities will be conducted
 - f. Description of facilities, including whether they are owned, or leased (from whom and how long a lease)
 - g. Short summary of the project you are proposing
 - h. Short description of the people served by the project (who and how many)
 - i. Dollar amount of grant requested
2. Additional page with general information about your organization
 - a. Summary copy of your most recent operating budget or financial plan.
 - b. List of officers, directors, and managing employees
 - c. Proof that your organization is non-profit/charitable, such as a copy of IRS 501c tax status, Minnesota Sales Tax exemption approval, or MN Secretary of State Registration for Business Corporations (M-SS1) indicating non-profit charter number. (If not yet received, send a copy of your application.)
 - d. Proof that your activities are available to all people regardless of race, religion, age, gender, disability or sexual orientation, e.g., copy of publicity describing your activities which includes such a non-discrimination statement.
3. Additional pages with detailed information about your proposed project
 - a. Clear and specific description of the project (not more than three pages).
 - b. Proposed schedule for the project
 - c. Detailed budget giving expenditures to start the project
 - d. Description of anticipated operating and maintenance costs for future years, and details of what income you will use to meet these costs.
 - e. Clear statement as to who will own and operate this project.

Please include all this information so we can give your proposal our full consideration. We will attempt to notify you if some required information is missing, but our volunteer time is limited so it is your responsibility to include all requested information. Remember to be brief and succinct. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the grant application.

Further information is also available at
www.MnHorseCouncil.org.

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Common Mistakes on Grant Applications

♦ *Not saying how much money you are requesting*

We can guess, but it's better if you say so specifically.

♦ *Pages and pages of information* on club history, bylaws, etc., but only two sentences describing the \$6,000 project you are proposing. We are much more interested in details about the specific project than in club history.

♦ *Asking for permanent improvements to private property*

We can NOT pay for permanent improvements to someone's privately owned property. We will sometimes stretch this if there is a long-term lease arrangement. We can pay for improvements that are movable if you relocate to another property, e.g., we can pay for a PA system, but not for running underground electric wiring to the ring to power the PA system. We can pay for arena fence panels (which can be moved), but not for the in-ground posts that they are attached to. Basically, we want to know that the project we pay for will be available to horse people for some years to come.

♦ *A vague description of people served*, e.g. "all exhibitors at the county fair".

We want to know (approximate) numbers. How many horse exhibitors are at the county fair? How many riders in this therapeutic riding program? How many volunteers? How many horse shows use this facility each summer, with about how many horses per show? Don't exaggerate your numbers -- we know horse people all over the state who know other horse people, so you'll likely get caught. We don't decide just on the biggest numbers; often the need is greatest in the smaller areas. We do want an idea of how many people will be served by this project.

♦ *Asking for normal operating expenses*

Our Grants are for funding new projects, or expansions of existing ones. We might help buy another horse for a disabled riding program, but feed, vet and farrier costs are normal upkeep costs, and should be covered in your own budget. We can pay for developing a website, but the annual fee and monthly charges are normal operating expenses you must pay. In the end, we want to see that our Grants have provided new or additional things for Minnesota horse people.

♦ *Project benefiting only (or mainly) your own members*

We want to provide for all Minnesota horse people, so projects that benefit only or mostly your own members are low priority. For example, if it's an improvement to your own club grounds that are used mostly for your own club shows and only used infrequently for an open horse show, 4-H horse clinics, or other public events, then a project making improvements at the county fairgrounds might get more consideration than your project.

♦ *Not talking about the rest of the money needed*

Our maximum grant is \$7,000; many projects take much more than that. If you ask us for \$7,000 toward a \$20,000 project, give some indication where the remaining \$13,000 will come from. If you have plans to raise the money elsewhere, mention them. If you will have to split the project into phases and do only part of it this year, explain that. If you have pledges from local people to contribute once the starting funds are raised, state that (and how much). But don't leave off any mention of the remaining money needed. We want to invest in projects that will actually get built. Not mentioning the rest of the money needed makes us nervous.

♦ *Asking again too soon*

Once an organization gets a Grant, we won't give them one again until 3 years later. If you apply earlier than that, we won't even consider your application.

Finally, don't count too much on our money.

Each year, we get several dozen grant applications, asking for a total of 3-4 times as much money as we have available to give. We have to choose between all these proposals. So each year we have to leave out several worthwhile projects, give projects only part of the money they asked for, or only match the amount of money they can raise locally. So keep that in mind, and make some plans for this situation. What would you do if we can only fund part of the project -- can you do that part alone, or can you raise the rest of the money needed for the whole project? What if we could match up to half the money needed, provided you raised the other half -- could your club do that?

2010 MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The MHC has chosen to hold the Annual meeting on the third Saturday in January each year going forward. This will help members remember the date, and allow other organizations to plan their meetings and banquets without a date conflict.

Please mark your calendars for January 16, 2010 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park.



HORSE BREEDS BEING SOUGHT FOR THE AISLE OF BREEDS AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

The Minnesota Horse Council and the Minnesota Horse Expo, in conjunction with the Minnesota State Fair, has a display in the south entrance to the Horse Barn during the Minnesota State Fair. Horse owners volunteer to bring different breeds of horses to the Aisle of Breeds (at no charge) for display and for the general public to view and learn more about the different breeds of horses. Horses usually stay from one to three days and a current negative Coggins is required (Health Certificate if out of State excluding Wisconsin). The owner of the animal (horses, mules, and donkeys) are encouraged to have a display table in front of stalls to give breed information and info on their farm or ranch. TVs are welcome. Two State Fair tickets are given each day to the animal owners and there is free parking for horses trailers (no motor homes).

The 2009 Minnesota State Fair is August 27 through September 7. If you would like to bring a horse and participate, applications will be accepted starting July 15. Please contact Glen Eaton at 877-462-8758 ♦ 952-922-8666 ♦ 952-356-2090 or Glen@MnHorseExpo.org.

ASPCA MAKES DONATION TO MHC TO HELP WITH RED RIVER FLOOD RELIEF

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) donated \$2,400 to help feed horses that were forced to evacuate from their farms by the Red River flooding in the Fargo-Moorhead area this spring.

During the worst of this flood, several hundred horses (and other equines) were refugees from their home farms, and were temporarily stabled at the State Fairgrounds and at the Horse Park in Fargo, ND.

The Minnesota Horse Council's Disaster Response Committee helped care for these horses by purchasing and delivering several loads of hay and one load of bedding to them. The total expense as been about \$6,500 so far.

This grant from the ASPCA helped ensure that these horses were cared for while they were refugees away from their normal feed sources.

Prior contributions toward this cause were \$1,150 from the Kentucky Horse Council (www.kentuckyhorse.org) and \$500 from the Lake Region Saddle Club of Alexandria, Minnesota.

The flood waters have receded and these horses have now been able to return to their homes. The rescue efforts seem to have been very successful. The MHC has not heard of any horses that died or suffered severe injury during this flood.



HORSE BREEDING AND BOARDING OPERATIONS TAX UPDATE

There has been an unprecedented amount of legislative activity surrounding horse breeding and boarding operations. The legislature determined that the best course of action would be to delay any immediate action and require the Commissioner of Revenue to undertake a study of the treatment of properties used for horse breeding and boarding activities for property tax purposes. This study will examine the current treatment of these properties and will result in a report providing recommendations for potential changes to law. In order to quell numerous taxpayer and assessor concerns, the legislature further provided for an appeal option for taxpayers for the 2009 assessment year. The legislature provided this appeal option only for taxpayers with property used for horse breeding or boarding activities if the property was classified as agricultural for the 2008 assessment. If the use between 2008 and 2009 assessments did not substantially change, but the classification was changed, the taxpayer may appeal in writing to the Commissioner of Revenue before September 1, 2009. If you have questions concerning the provision, please contact proptax.questions@state.mn.us.

GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO RACING COMMISSION

On June 12, Governor Tim Pawlenty announced the appointment of James S. Lane III and the reappointment of Darcy Hitesman and Kristine Sundberg to the Minnesota Racing Commission. All three are appointed to 6-year terms that expire on June 30, 2015.

The Minnesota Racing Commission licenses persons and organizations to operate racetracks, conduct horse racing, and conduct pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing; enforces and collects all applicable taxes and license fees; establishes a Minnesota Breeders' Fund; and, operates a card club. The commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.

James Lane, of Medina, is a past president of the Minnesota Horse Council. To read bios of the three appointees, please see <http://www.governor.state.mn.us/mediacenter/pressreleases/appointments/PROD009579.html>.

RABIES VACCINATIONS

The MN Board of Animal Health encourages farmers, horse owners, veterinarians, and pet owners to vaccinate their animals. In addition, animals exhibiting signs of rabies that may have exposed other animals or people should be tested at the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL). Rabies vaccination is considered a core vaccination for horses in MN and must be administered by a veterinarian. Specimens for rabies testing must be relatively fresh with the brain fully intact. Ideally, specimens should be kept chilled and not frozen. However, samples that have been frozen can often yield satisfactory results. Whenever possible, specimens should be hand delivered to the lab. If this is not possible, specimens may be sent by a direct overnight delivery service. There is a \$25.00 laboratory fee for rabies testing. Please call the VDL at 800-605-8787 for more details on submitting specimens for testing.

Not All Horses Should Graze

By Krishona Martinson, PhD, University of Minnesota

Recently, there has been a significant amount of interest in the sugar content of forage grasses. Pasture-induced laminitis (founder) can be triggered when susceptible horses ingest high amounts of sugar or fructans that are naturally found in forage species commonly grown in Minnesota. Susceptible horses include, but are not limited to, overweight or easy keeping horses, ponies, horses with metabolic syndrome, and horses that have foundered in the past. These horses should have limited grazing, or no grazing at all.

Sugar content depends on the weather, plant stress, forage species, species maturity, time of day, and time of year. Any time forage species are photosynthesizing (producing energy from sunlight), the plants are producing sugars. When plant growth is limited from temperatures lower than 40 °F or from drought, sugars normally used for growth will begin to accumulate in plants. During these plant stresses, susceptible horses should not graze. Minnesota's cool spring and fall weather can cause sugar accumulation, and increase the risk of pasture-induced laminitis for susceptible horses. Anytime forage species are using sugars for rapid growth during warm weather or during respiration (using energy during dark periods) is a better time to graze. However, laminitis in susceptible horses can still occur if overeating is allowed. Better times to graze include cloudy days and dark hours.

If the grazing is tied to exercise, consider using a grazing muzzle to limit the amount of forage the horse can ingest, and restrict the grazing to periods when the sugar content should be lower. Specifically, graze between 3 am and 10 am, on cloudy days, and during periods when the night temperatures are above 40 °F. Grazing in areas shaded by trees or buildings may allow longer access to grass as sugar accumulation will be less. Allowing pasture grasses to become more mature should also reduce the sugar content and will result in less (and a slower) intake. Grazing during these times or scenarios does not guarantee the sugar content will be lower.

There are other factors to consider that contribute to sugar content. Some pasture species have a higher genetic potential to accumulate sugars under stressful conditions than others. These species include timothy, brome grass, orchard grass, and most cool-season grasses that are commonly used in horse pastures in Minnesota. Most forage species store sugars in the bottom 3-4" of growth. Making sure pastures are not over-grazed will help avoid laminitis. Forage species store sugars when they are under stress. Make sure pastures are properly fertilized, and avoid grazing susceptible horses during drought and in the fall when nights are cool (less than 40 °F). Keeping horses regularly exercised and in good body condition will help reduce the risk of pasture induced laminitis as well. Not all horses need to follow these recommendations, but susceptible horses should. Some horses should not be allowed to graze as their risk of foundering is too great.



HOARY ALYSSUM

Hoary alyssum is mostly a concern in hay, as horses will not choose to eat it in pastures if adequate forage exists. When ingested, horses experience depression and a "stocking up," or swelling of the lower legs, 12 to 24 hours following ingestion. A fever and occasionally short term diarrhea have also been observed. These clinical signs normally subside 2 to 4 days following removal of the hoary alyssum source. In more severe cases, an apparent founder with a stiffness of joints and reluctance of

the animal to move has been observed, recovery of animals with these signs may take several additional days. In very rare cases, where hoary alyssum comprised 30 to 70% of the hay, circumstantial evidence exists associating the plant with the death of a few horses, however, death has not occurred in horses fed hay containing hoary alyssum under experimental conditions. In field cases, only half of the animals ingesting hay containing more than 30% hoary alyssum demonstrated any signs of toxicity. The cases of severe "stocking up," apparent founder, and death have only been observed in horses ingesting hay containing more than 30% hoary alyssum. Usually, only mild "stocking up" has been observed in horses on pasture or those ingesting hay with less than 30% hoary alyssum. Bottom line: hay containing 30% or more of hoary alyssum, or any weed for that matter, should not be fed to horses. If you think your horse is suffering from hoary alyssum toxicity, contact your vet, as these clinical signs can be produced by many other diseases, including strangles.

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QUARTERLY LUNCH AND LEARN WEBINAR

Wednesday, July 15 ♦ Noon to 1:00 pm

Topic: Manure Management and Composting

Speaker: Betsy Wieland, Hennepin County Extension Educator

Wednesday, October 21 ♦ Topic: Equine Genetics

To join, go to: <https://umconnect.umn.edu/horsewebinars/>

There is no charge to participate in these webinars.

FALL REGIONAL HORSE OWNER PROGRAMS

Saturday, October 2, 2009 ♦ 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

University of MN Leatherdale Equine Center ♦ St. Paul, MN

Program theme is Equine Metabolic Syndrome and Genetics

Program sponsored by a USDA NRI Grant

Saturday, October 24, 2009 ♦ 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Red Horse Ranch Arena ♦ Fergus Falls, MN

Saturday, November 14, 2009 ♦ 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Watertown Middle School ♦ Watertown, MN

Agendas and Registrations for Fall 2009 programs available in August

AAEP Issues Recommendations for Purchase Exams at Public Auctions

The Public Auction Task Force of the American Association of Equine Practitioners has developed recommendations regarding the use of radiographic reports as part of the pre-purchase exams that are conducted on horses for sale at public auctions. The goal of the task force is to promote ethical practices during the sales process, particularly at Thoroughbred auctions.

"We view our recommendations as a 'best practices' approach that is applicable to veterinarians as well as buyers and sellers," said Harry W. Werner, VMD, AAEP president. "It is our hope that everyone involved in the buying and selling of horses will embrace the highest standards of professional behavior."

The following are key principles from the task force:

- ◆ Interpretation of radiographs should be performed by a veterinarian retained to represent the buyer. The integrity of the sales process could be jeopardized if a buyer relies solely on a radiographic report provided by the seller's veterinarian.
- ◆ Modification or alteration of radiographic reports by a veterinarian or anyone involved with the sales process is considered unethical and fraudulent.
- ◆ Veterinarians with ownership in horses being presented for sale at public auction should avoid being involved in the representation of those horses to potential buyers, including performing radiographic or endoscopic exams.



The AAEP's complete recommendations can be found at www.aaep.org/purchase_exams.htm.

"A sophisticated buyer will hire a veterinarian to independently evaluate radiographs on his or her behalf and give advice based on that buyer's unique needs and risk tolerance," explained Stuart Brown, DVM, chair of the Public Auction Task Force. "Using radiographic reports generated by the seller's own veterinarian does not ensure complete transparency and increases the potential for 'buyer's remorse' after the sale takes place."

In addition to Dr. Brown, members of the Public Auction Task Force are Jeff Berk, VMD; Jim Morehead, DVM; Eric Peterson, DVM; Scott Pierce, DVM; Craig Van Balen, DVM; Bob Bloomer, DVM; and Scott Hay, DVM.

Regarding the sale of horses at public auction, the AAEP continues to evaluate other important areas, such as the use of medication in sales horses, integrity issues, and radiographic and endoscopic exam quality control. The AAEP plans to host a meeting with other industry stakeholders this summer to further discuss best practices in the public auction arena.

For more information about the AAEP's recommendations, contact Sally Baker, director of marketing and public relations, at (859) 233-0147 or sbaker@aaep.org.

Winning Partnership Provides Scholarships for 33 Equine Veterinary Students

Thirty-three students studying equine veterinary medicine in 28 American states, four Canadian provinces and one school in the West Indies will continue their education with a financial boost from the Winner's Circle Scholarship Program.

Under a partnership of The Race For Education, the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Foundation and Platinum Performance started in 2007, scholarship awards ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000 will be given to the deserving veterinary students.

Created to help offset the escalating cost of veterinary education and minimize the students' debt load at graduation by providing financial assistance in their fourth year of veterinary school, the Winner's Circle Scholarship Program rewards leadership and participation in student chapters of the AAEP. Ultimately, the program is designed to encourage students who intend to practice equine veterinary medicine.

"When we help future equine veterinarians reach their goals, we are helping to protect the health and welfare of the horse for decades to come," said Dr. Wayne McIlwraith, AAEP Foundation Chairman. "The Foundation is delighted to collaborate with such outstanding organizations as The Race For Education and Platinum Performance to support the best and the brightest in their pursuit of a rewarding career as an equine veterinarian."

The Winner's Circle program is offered annually and promoted at the Opportunities in Equine Practice Seminar at Rood and Riddle in September and the AAEP convention each year in December.

The students receiving the awards this year are: Ashlee Ederer, Auburn University; Erin Contino, Colorado State University; Abigail Roemer, Cornell University; Magda Rosol, Iowa State University; Amy Fousek, Kansas State University; Hannah Cavendar, Louisiana State University; Miki Kedo, Michigan State University; Susie Baker, Mississippi State University; Laura Bartle, North Carolina State University; Grace Hale, Oklahoma State University; Jordan Cook, University of Guelph; Linx Alexanderson, Oregon State University; Amanda Johnson, Ohio State University; Caroline Van Tassel, Purdue University; Kyle Schroeder, St. George's University; Audrey Morrissey, Texas A & M University; Rachel Levine, Tufts University; Rebecca Fitzgerald, Tuskegee University; Koko Shishida, University of California-Davis; Lisa Fultz, University of Florida; Ashlee Brown, University of Georgia; Ryan Heaton, University of Illinois; **Abby Coodin, University of Minnesota**; Kevin Donnelly, University of Missouri; Sarah Brown, University of Montreal; Thais McCoy, University of Prince Edward Island; Megan Snyder, University of Pennsylvania; Hayley Lang, University of Saskatchewan; Nimett Browne, University of Tennessee; Corinne Wade, University of Wisconsin; Lindsay Neist, Virginia-Maryland Regional College; Jennifer Janes, Washington State University and Erin Cassidy, Western University of Health Sciences.

"The selection committee has chosen a diverse and great group of students with specializations in theriogenology, lameness, racetrack medicine, reproduction and just about any other aspect of equine medicine

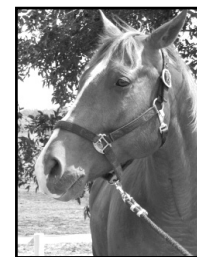
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DUKE
Serving the City of Minneapolis since October 2001
DOB: 1995
Breed: Percheron X



Minneapolis Police Mounted Patrol



WRANGLER
Serving the City of Minneapolis since November 2002
DOB: 1996
Breed: Quarter Horse

What does the Mounted Patrol do?

The Minneapolis Mounted Patrol Unit is highly visible and very well received by the public. It was created in 1996 with two riders and three police horses. Today the unit has 8 horses, mostly donated by private citizens. It is overseen by a downtown sector Lieutenant and one Mounted Patrol Sergeant. There are currently 22 sworn police officers who are fully trained riders.

The Mounted Patrol is a valuable asset to the community for several reasons, including the following:

Crowd Control – The expertise of a mounted unit officer in crowd control is renowned. The officers are used extensively at concerts, parades, sporting events, demonstrations and other events that take place throughout the year. It has been estimated that one mounted officer on horseback has the effect of ten officers on foot.

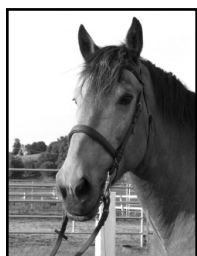
Crime Control – A mounted officer can be seen for blocks, presenting a greater crime deterrent; every mounted officer is 10 feet tall. Being on horseback enables a mounted officer to see at greater distances as well as over privacy fences and other tall barriers. Mounted officers are also able to ride on horseback into areas where a squad car cannot go.

Search & Rescue – The officers and horses are trained for search and rescue. A mounted officer can carry ample supplies and remain searching for long periods of time.

Community Policing – Horses dissolve barriers and increase personal contact between the public and officers. Seldom is public attention so magnetically drawn to police as it is to an officer on horseback.

“The elevated position of Mounted Officers makes them six times more visible and helps to spot and deter certain types of crime. However, there is something more that a Mounted Unit offers. The officer and horse provide a sense of protection to the citizens making use of public areas. On the streets, the Mounted Patrol officers’ high position, visibility and mobility enable them to deal quickly with street disturbances and traffic problems. The Mounted Patrol brings high visibility and presence – connecting them to the community they serve.”

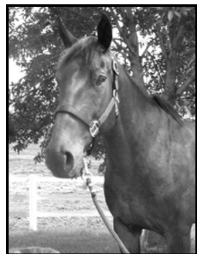
- Sergeant Angela Dodge



JESSE
Serving the City of Minneapolis since November 2005
DOB: 1996
Breed: Percheron X



JERRY
Serving the City of Minneapolis since November 2005
DOB: 2000
Breed: Percheron X



OLIVER
Serving the City of Minneapolis since November 2001
DOB: 1995
Breed: Thoroughbred

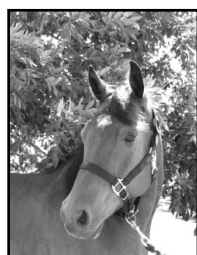


BUDDY
Serving the City of Minneapolis since January 2007
DOB: 2000
Breed: Quarter Horse/Appaloosa X



SCHAFFER
Serving the City of Minneapolis since November 2001
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Breed: Paint

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Piroplasmosis Positive Horses Missing

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has announced that two quarantined horses that tested positive for equine piroplasmosis are missing from a Raytown, MO equine center, located in Jackson County. Equine piroplasmosis is a bloodborne disease only transmitted to horses by ticks and mechanically from animal to animal by contaminated needles. Humans are at no risk of being affected by this disease.

On June 4, the Department of Agriculture was notified of a piroplasmosis-positive horse and immediately took action placing a quarantine on the Raytown Equine Center and put all of the horses at the facility on 24 hour surveillance. The quarantine, enacted by the Missouri State Veterinarian, was put in place to prevent movement of any horses from the equine center. Two horses were illegally removed from the premises Wednesday night following locks being cut from building doors and stalls. These horses are micro-chipped.

The Department is working with local, county and state officials as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation to locate the horses. "We continue to do everything we can to locate the two piroplasmosis-positive horses. Although this disease is not easily transmittable and does not affect humans, it is a disease that through ticks and contaminated needles can have a great impact on our horse industry," said Dr. Jon Hagler, director of the Department of Agriculture. "The Department of Agriculture is working with local, county, state and federal officials to do everything we can to find these horses. We are asking anyone that has seen anything suspicious to notify their local authorities."

Seven horses tested positive for equine piroplasmosis on June 9. On June 24, with consent of the horse's owners, five piroplasmosis-positive horses were euthanized. An equine piroplasmosis-infected horse will show symptoms in mild forms such as weakness and lack of appetite. More acute cases include fever, anemia, jaundice, a swollen abdomen, and labored breathing. Horses that survive the acute phase of infection may continue to carry the parasites for long periods of time. There is no cure for equine piroplasmosis.

For more information, please contact the Missouri Department of Agriculture at 573-751-3377 or the Michigan Department of Agriculture at 800-292-3939.

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one could come up with. I am proud of all of the students, as well as our industry partners that make this possible" said Elisabeth Jensen, President of The Race for Education.

The scholarships are just some of those approved this year by the board of directors of The Race for Education, which has now awarded more than \$2.5 million in scholarship assistance in the seven years since it was founded. The Race For Education directs its efforts outside of the Winner's Circle program to support undergraduate students who have family members connected to the equine industry or who want to pursue careers with horses.

More information about The Race For Education is available at www.raceforeducation.org or at 859-252-8648.



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The American Horse Council's "Welfare of the Horse" Forum is Now Available on Horse TV's H-SPAN

On Tuesday June 16, 2009 the American Horse Council held "The Welfare of the Horse" forum in Washington, DC. The Forum, sponsored by Luitpold, was held as part of the AHC's National Issues Forum and featured speakers from segments of the horse community as varied as competition, sport, work and entertainment. Speakers and panelists discussed the many welfare and safety initiatives that various segments of the horse industry have in place or are instituting.

The Welfare of the Horse forum created an opportunity for the industry to provide reports on the welfare and safety initiatives already in place and those that are being undertaken. It also lets the fans, the general public, the media, and elected officials know how important this is to the horse community.

The forum is available for on-demand viewing on http://www.horsetv.com/hspan_ahc1.htm. H-SPAN is a digital channel providing coverage of industry symposiums, meetings, educational presentations and more on its equestrian television portal, HorseTV.com. It is a continuing service provided by HorseTV for the benefit of the international horse community, and its mission is to inform, educate, empower and unite the industry worldwide.

Dr. Scott Palmer, a nationally-know veterinarian and past-president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, delivered the keynote address. Other featured speakers included Gary Carpenter, executive director of the American Quarter Horse Foundation, Cindy Schonholtz, president of the Animal Welfare Council, Dr. Tom Lenz, chairman of the Unwanted Horse Coalition and Dr. Gail Golab, Director, Animal Welfare Division of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The forum also included panels on racing, showing, sport, and work. The panels included representatives from racing, showing, eventing, hunter-jumpers, endurance riding, rodeo, carriage operators, polo, sales/auctions, entertainment and research. Representatives from national organizations involved in all these activities provided an update on their welfare activities. This was the most inclusive presentation on safety and welfare ever assembled in terms of its breadth and the activities and organizations involved.

The forum can be viewed by visiting HorseTV.com and clicking on the H-SPAN icon.

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES

May 12, 2009

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

Board Members Present: Glen Eaton, Darrell Mead, Dawn Moore, Missie Schwartz, Marian Robinson, Mark Ward, Trina Joyce, Tom Tweeten, Jan Schatzlein, Tim Bonham, Carol Dobbelaire, Judy Jensen, Tracy Turner, Sue McDonough

Absent: Teresa Hanson, Lynn Wasson, Christie Ward

Members/Visitors: Tim Wampfler, Rick Dobbelaire, Doug Persian, Josh Mead, Allison Eklund, Lowell Holden, Al Hammel

I. Meeting called to order: 6:45 p.m. by Mark Ward

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

Mark Ward introduced the aforementioned guests.

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Trina Joyce requested a Scholarship report be included under Committee Reports.

IV. Treasurer's Report for May was distributed by Tim Bonham. Discussion followed regarding adding the addition of a line item for the castration project and regarding the outstanding grant items. The board is interested in closing out the outstanding grants from 2007. Discussion regarding committee budgets followed. Glen Eaton motioned to accept the April report. Tracy Turner seconded, motion carried. Darrell Mead motioned to add \$100 to the scholarship budget to cover mileage expenses for the chair when travelling to Scholarship related activities. Judy Jensen seconded, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes - Tim Bonham motioned to approve the April minutes with corrections, Tracy Turner seconded, motion passed.

V. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore reported there were a considerable amount of phone calls during the Expo. Many calls were requesting advanced rodeo tickets, admission prices and/or wondering if canines are welcome. Discussion followed about modifying the Expo home page to make this information more prominent on the website.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. State Fair Coliseum Horseman of the Year Display - Dawn Moore reported the trophy company could make a new plaque; however, there is a chance the plaque is in the possession of a MHC member. Dawn Moore will follow up with this individual.

B. New program description of unwanted and rescue horses - Tracy Turner turned over the information for this committee to Mark Ward. The information will be posted on the website in short order. This information includes flyers for circulation, slide show, and description and mission.

C. Committee assignments review - Mark Ward will email the list to all directors.

D. Van Ness Award Nomination status report - Mark Ward and Tom Tweeten reported the MHC has not nominated anyone for this year.

E. U of MN Equine Center request for stable funding - Mark Ward refreshed the board on the request from the U of MN. Jan Schatzlein motioned to donate matching funds up to \$25,000. Tom Tweeten seconded. Discussion followed. Motion withdrawn. This topic will be revisited at the June meeting.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EXPO - Glen Eaton reported the following. The bottom line for the 2009 Minnesota Horse Expo are not complete at this time but we feel we

had a great Expo. Friday and Saturday were very well attended and even with the rain on Sunday the attendance was not that bad. All the buildings were full with Vendors with a few on the outside not filled. The Horse Barn was full with horses. So as far as Vendors and horses we did very well. Marketing was great for the 2009 Expo with ads in local newspapers and Trade Journals as well as on radio and TV. Also we had great Clinicians and all were very well attended. The State Fair personnel were great to work with and were very cooperative when we needed them. A Post Expo meeting was held May 11 with the State Fair Staff to go over areas to be corrected and suggestions made for 2010 which is April 23, 24, and 25. A full report of attendance and financial figures will be in the June report. I want to thank all of the Expo Directors and Staff, Volunteers, and the State Fair Staff for a job well done.

At the April 14 meeting, I read off the recommended Board of Directors for Expo 2010 and they are Mark Ward, Missie Schwartz, Glen G. Eaton, Linda Dahl, Brenda Miller, Del Bauernfeind, Laura Lyseng, Darrell Mead, Jennifer Buskey, and Tracy Turner. Carol Dobbelaire stated she would come on the Board but has since withdrawn. At this time the Expo needs another Director from the MN Horse Council Board of Directors to serve on the Expo Board. If no one comes forward this evening I would like the ten mentioned be approved and we go from there. Glen Eaton motioned to run the Expo with a ten person board leaving the open position for a MHC director. Carol Dobbelaire seconded, motion carried. Glen Eaton motioned Brenda Miller be approved the Treasurer for the 2010 MN Horse Expo, Tim Bonham seconded, motion carried. Tom Tweeten motioned to approve Glen Eaton as the MN Horse Expo President for the year 2010. Tracy Turner seconded, motion carried.

B. Direct Funding -Christie Ward, absent, no report.

C. Scholarship - Trina Joyce reported there is a letter from one of the MHC scholarship winners in the current newsletter. Several thank you letters were recently received from this year's scholarship winners. A get well card will be sent to a 2009 scholarship winner that was recently diagnosed with a serious illness. Trina Joyce requested an addition of \$44 to her scholarship budget to cover the gas used in travel to events where she will represent the MHC at scholarship related events. Carol Dobbelaire seconded, motion carried.

D. Web Oversight/Horsemen's Directory - Mark Ward reported the website is continuing to be updated. He requested anyone wishing to see additional information on the website contact him directly. New listings are being received for the Horsemen's Directory every day. It was suggested there be two computers at the MHC booth next year. One would be for displaying the MHC website and the other for display and addition to the MN Horsemen's Directory.

E. SHCAC - Glen Eaton reported: On April 16 Jay Hickey called a conference call for the AHC and SHCAC Task Forces to discuss the issues. The conference call lasted about one and a half hours and much progress was made and a complete report is to be made by May 15th. The important meeting is in Washington DC June 14th through the 17th. I have an E-Mail from David Howell (Chairperson SHCAC) that we will have an early meeting. It looks to me that everything is going to be OK for the Horse Councils. More information at the June meeting.

F. Aisle of Breeds - Glen Eaton reported the following: The 2009 Minnesota State Fair will be held August 27th through September 7th at which we will have the Aisle of Breeds. Set up will be Tuesday, August 25th and the first horses will arrive on the 26th. Please mark your calendar of these dates and I will work with Teresa for Directors and Staff of the MN Horse Council and Expo to work the information table. The table should be manned from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM working about 4 hour shifts. I will generally open in the morning. Admission tickets are not available and parking has to be paid for but a voucher can be turned to Tim for payment. More later.

G. Pioneer Award - Dawn Moore reported there has been no written nomination received at this time. Mark Ward encouraged the directors to submit their nominations to the committee.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. \$25,000 grant request from the Tri State Horsemen's Association State Fair Task Force (Al Hammel, President and Lowell Holden Vice-President). Lowell Holden presented information on the MN State Fair horse show and the diminished numbers of horses attending. Lowell presented a request for \$25,000 matching money to be applied to the prize purse at the MN State Fair horse show. This topic will be addressed at the June meeting.

B. Vision for a horse competition facility in Arden Hills - Todd McIntyre reported there is a potential for having a horse facility for the 2020 Olympic games. Todd McIntyre presented the facility that would be needed to host the 2020 Equestrian competition including the potential location, possible design model, number of stalls, seating requirements and parking. Todd requested the MHC write a letter stating the Equine community needs the facility described above in the Arden Hills area. Tracy Turner motioned to draft a letter of support from the MHC for this project. Carol Dobbelaire seconded, motion carried. Todd McIntyre can be contacted for more information.

C. How can the MHC lobby for improved tax legislation and help guide the upcoming study on horse business property classification (Allison Eklund). Mark Ward expressed a desire to contact the MHC membership to inform of the current legislative issues regarding Equines. Mark Ward also asked for the board's approval to work with Tracy Turner and Tom Tweeten to draft the package of information that will be presented to the membership. Discussion followed. Allison Eklund answered questions from the directors regarding the current legislative issues regarding the horse industry. Allison requested the MHC initiate an active role in Equine legislature. The MHC can lobby due to its 501c4 status. Allison Eklund suggested ways the MHC can become actively involved including: funding an Equine economic impact study, hiring an individual to take an active role in the Equine legislation, and involving and educating the membership. Mark Ward suggested making it the MHC's priority to get a representative from the MHC on the work group currently forming. Darrell Mead motioned to budget up to \$20,000 to ensure the MHC is represented in the legislature. Carol Dobbelaire seconded, motion carried.

D. Changes to MHC resolution on property tax classification - Mark Ward reported that he has made corrections to the statement to show the right citation.

E. Eastcliff reception for MHC board member - Mark Ward reported that Judy Jensen will attend the Eastcliff reception on behalf of the MHC.

X. OTHER

Y. ADJOURNED at 9:48 PM

NEXT MEETING June 9th, 2009 6:30 p.m.
University of MN Leatherdale Equine Center

MINNESOTA HORSEMEN'S DIRECTORY

The goal of the Minnesota Horsemen's Directory is to compile a comprehensive listing of horse-related services in and near the state so that horse-people can find relevant information quickly.

The Directory includes free listings--businesses and organizations can submit a listing for free. The Directory will be advertisement-free.

www.minnesotahorsemensdirectory.com

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

View www.mnhorsecouncil.org and
www.minnesotahorsemensdirectory.org for additional events

Minnesota Horse Council Board Meetings

Leatherdale Equine Center Center ♦ 6:30 pm
1801 Dudley Ave ♦ St, Paul
Located on the U of M St. Paul Campus

February 10	June 9	October 13
March 10	July 14	November 10
April 7	August - No meeting	December 8
May 12	September 8	
January 16, 2010 - Annual Meeting - Northland Inn		

Minnesota Horse Expo Board Meetings

Byerly's Community Room ♦ 6:30 pm
3777 Park Center Drive ♦ St. Louis Park, MN

January 27	May 26	September 29
February 23	June 30	October 27
March 31	July 28	November 24
April 28	August - No meeting	December 29

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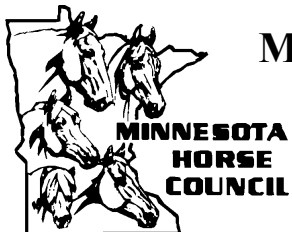
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June	5/15/09	December	11/13/09



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