



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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Legislative Victory!

Agricultural Classification for Horse Boarding is Now the Law

by Mark Ward, MHC President

The Minnesota Horse Council-sponsored bill to ensure agricultural tax classification for horse boarding properties is now officially Minnesota law. These changes are effective for the assessment year 2010 for taxes payable in 2011.

If your horse boarding property is 10 acres or more, and includes pasture for horses, it is considered agricultural for property tax classification. That is true even if horse training and riding lessons are included in your operation.

A year ago, numerous reports of property tax increases for horse properties were making the news. County assessors were interpreting existing law to say that pasture for horses was not an agricultural product and that horse training and riding instruction excluded a business from agricultural status all together. Property taxes for many Minnesota horse boarding operations were about to be reclassified as commercial, resulting in some tripling of taxes and threatening to put many out of business.

Quick action was needed. The Minnesota Horse Council responded by hiring a lobbyist, Allison Ecklund, who helped us clearly articulate all the reasons it is crucial to the health of the state's horse industry to treat horse-boarding properties as agricultural. The Department of Revenue responded positively to our input via meetings,

emails and phone calls and in the end helped us prepare and guide Senate File 2685 and House File 3107 through the lengthy legislative process. Sen. Ray Vandever and Rep. Bob Dettmer carried our bills in the Senate and House.

Minn. Stat. 272.13 Subd. 23(i) is now amended to read:

(3) The commercial boarding of horses, which may include related horse training and riding instruction, if the boarding is done on property that is also used for raising pasture to graze horses or raising or cultivating other agricultural products as defined in clause (1).

This means that many horse businesses which were threatened with having their agricultural status changed to commercial will now be able to keep their agricultural status. (However, this bill does not affect Green Acres status).

For more details about the Horse Council-sponsored bills and the teamwork it took to have them passed, see Allison Ecklund's website at <http://eklund-law.blogspot.com/>



**MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL
UPCOMING DEADLINES**

Grant Applications - October 1

Horseperson of the Year Nominations - November 1

Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarship Applications - November 1



MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL NEWS

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 ♦ 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?

2011 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 15, 2011 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park.



MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL NEWS

HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1

The Horseperson of the Year program was started a quarter-century ago as a way to honor some of the outstanding people in the horse industry -- those who stand out from the rest for their contributions to equine activity.

Do you know a special person who should be considered for the honor of Horseperson of the Year?

Horseperson of the Year Criteria

- ◆ 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.

Write a letter nominating that special individual. Clearly state reasons why the individual meets the above requirements. Be accurate; facts will be checked. Current members of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Horse Council are not eligible for consideration.

Entries must be postmarked no later than November 1st of the current year. Send your letter to:

HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

Dawn Moore, Chairperson
PO Box 1095
Minnetonka, MN 55345-0095
dmoore834@comcast.net

PAST RECIPIENTS OF HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR

1970	Louie Klugman	1984	Edwin J. Anderson	1997	Joan & Roger Berg
1971	Oscar Danielson	1985	Judy Jensen	1998	Dan Dolan
1972	Win Rockwell	1986	Everest F. Speltz	1999	Dr. Robert Jordan
1973	Keith Bartz	1987	Orville A. Volkmann	2000	Dan Ramberg
1974	Lloyd Borg	1988	Valera R. Purcell	2001	Ken Bohlman
1975	Fred Kroger	1989	Pat Jenson	2002	Walt Westman
1976	Rev. Lloyd Fortin	1990	Benny Van Cleve	2003	Dr. William Sweeney
1977	Verlin Balfanz	1991	Ernie Wood	2004	Roy & Carolyn Shumway
1978	Fran F. (Dahl) Reker	1992	Bill Walsh	2005	RaeDell Robbins
1979	Tony Gasser	1993	Vickie Inget	2006	Dale Froyum
1980	Lavarre Hollingsworth	1994	Mona L. Bonham	2007	Miriam Tschida
1981	Dr. Wes Schroeder	1995	Milton Strand	2008	Guy Warner
1982	Elmer R. Jones	1996	"Big Ed" Dauphinais	2009	Lloyd Anderson
1983	Duane A. Chinander				

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EXTENSION

Conditioning the Thin Horse

By: M. Hathaway, PhD,
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Assurance Feeds

It is rare to see a healthy horse that is too thin. Before establishing a feeding regimen for the thin horse, it is important to determine why the horse is thin in the first place. If the basis for weight loss (or the inability to gain weight) is not established, the thin horse may be put in an adverse health situation.



It may be that the horse is simply not receiving enough calories. If so, the problem can easily be eliminated by offering more calories. Some options are: allow access to pastures for a longer period of time, offer more hay or higher quality hay, offer a grain ration, or offer a high fat supplement (e.g. rice bran) along with the grain.

Some horses' temperament may be affected by the increased feeding of carbohydrates and sugars contained in grain rations. If this is the case, the grain ration should contain 6% fat or more, or offer a high fat supplement. Make sure that the supplements contain adequate vitamins and trace minerals.

Whatever changes are made should be made over a 2-week period to allow adequate time for the intestinal tract time to adjust to the change. Feed for a weight gain of 0.5 to 0.75 pounds per day. If a horse's weight is stable, 3 to 4 pounds additional grain ration will produce this gain. The following table may be used as a guideline.

	Maintenance	Light Work	Moderate Work	Heavy Work
Grass Hay	20 lb	20 lb	21 lb	22 lb
Grain Ration	4 lb	6 lb	9 lb	12 lb

If inadequate calories are not causing the horse to be underweight, consultation with a veterinarian, farrier and nutritionist is recommended to uncover underlying factors. Other causes might include:

1. **Age.** Older horses are more timid, subject to intimidation by more aggressive horses, need more time to eat and drink, and often eat slowly and need periods of rest between meals. Separation from the herd may be necessary to insure adequate feed and water intake. Their teeth may be worn or missing so chewing forage is difficult. Higher calories, added fat with higher levels of protein, vitamins and mineral are necessary. Senior horses may require a special complete feed that includes forage.

2. **Health.** Metabolic issues, disease and other health conditions such as laminitis, founder, gastric ulcers, parasites, cribbing, dental issues, digestive tract problems, and chronic pain may prevent horses from consuming enough calories.

Lunch and Learn Webinar

Wednesday, July 28 ♦ Noon to 1:00 pm
Shivers and Other Muscular Diseases
Presented by Dr. Stephanie Valberg

Equine Forage Nutrition, and Facilities Management Hands-on Field Day

Tuesday, August 24 ♦ 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Equine Center & Plot Area ♦ St. Paul, MN

Fall Regional Horse Owner Programs

Saturday, October 2 ♦ 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
St. Paul, MN

Saturday, November 6th ♦ 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
St. Cloud, MN

3. **Environment.** The pecking order will affect horses on the low end as they may not have adequate access to hay, feed and water. Horses prefer water between 45° and 65° that is fresh and clean. Proximity is important; there is a limit to how far a horse will walk for water. If water intake is low, feed intake will also be low. Stall walking, weaving and fence pacing will burn calories requiring more hay or grain. During the summer months, horses may not have adequate grazing or eating time due to bothersome insects. Insecticides and protective sheets will help.

4. **Climate.** As the temperature and humidity increase, feed intake drops. Body heat is created in the digestive process, particularly from hay and pasture because of the higher fiber amounts found in forage compared to grain. Because of this, it is natural for horses to ingest less forage during hot stretches. Offering hay in the cooler times of the day can help. Feeding additional grain during hot stretches may be required to meet caloric needs of underweight horses.

Conversely, more hay is required in the winter to keep the horse warmer. In more severe winters, extra grain may also be required. All horses have a low critical temperature (LCT) threshold; which is approximately 180F. The LCT is not the same for all horses. For example, growing horses not yet acclimated to a climate, horses arriving from a warmer climate, and older horses area usually less tolerant of colder weather. For each 10° drop below the LCT, a horse requires a 1% increase in energy or approximately 2 pounds hay. The range in additional calories required by more sensitive horses can range up to 33 to 50%. The additional calories should first be met by offering more hay than grain (forages are higher in fiber compared to grain).

Wind and precipitation have an enormous effect on the horses' body temperature. Steps should be taken to keep blankets and hair coats dry. Wet horses in the presence of wind will have trouble keeping warm and may lose weight. Windbreaks, shelters and blankets will help, as will a body condition score of six to seven going in to late fall if limited or no shelter is (or will be) available. All horses should be checked weekly for body condition, health issues, and injuries.

Photo: MN Hooved Animal Rescue. Table adapted from 2007 Horse NRC.

Draft Horse Shows in Minnesota



Draft horse shows can be enjoyable to watch. Competitive driving classes range from single-horse driving carts to 8-horse hitches. Many of us are familiar with the Draft Horse Show at the Minnesota State Fair in late August. This past year, when an admission ticket is no longer required to sit in on the show, many more people had an opportunity to watch the show during the first week of the State Fair.

You may also want to consider attending the largest Draft Horse Show in Minnesota at the Scott County Fair, Jordan, MN. This year's show is July 30 to August 1. The show is held in their outdoor arena featuring in-hand halter showmanship classes, single horse carts, along with 2-, 4-, 6-, and 8-horse hitches. In 2009, there were 14 registered entries in the Open 6-Horse Hitch Class and 20 registered entries in the 8-Horse Hitch Class. Needless to say, classes were split even for the larger arena at the Scott County Fairgrounds. Mr. Dick Ames, Ames Percheron Farm, Jordan, MN is Show Superintendent.

Take a walk through the horse barns and admire the many draft horses that are competing. Breeds include Percherons, Belgians, Clydesdales, and Shires. It is also breathtaking to walk around the parking area and view the enormous rigs used to transport these draft horse teams, carts, wagons, and tack to these horse show. You will see license plates from all over the Midwest region and from Canada.

Tom Tweeten, PhD
MHC Communications Committee



DRAFT HORSE SHOWS IN MINNESOTA

Murray County Draft Horse Show ♦ July 10-11, 2010
Slayton, MN ♦ www.mcdraftshow.com

Scott County Fair Draft Horse Show ♦ July 30 - Aug. 1, 2010
Jordan, MN ♦ www.scottcountyfair.com/horseshows.html

Olmstead County Fair Draft Horse Show ♦ Aug. 6-8, 2010
Rochester, MN ♦ www.olmsteadcountyfair.com

Minnesota State Fair Draft Horse Show ♦ Aug. 26-30, 2010
St. Paul, MN
www.mnstatefair.org/competition/horses/english.html

Crow Wing County Fair Draft Horse Show ♦ Aug. 3-7, 2010
Brainerd, MN ♦ www.brainerd.com/fair/



Weed Identification and Control

by Krishona Martinson, University of Minnesota

Controlling weeds is probably one of the most important decisions to think about when managing grass pastures. Weeds are generally less palatable, less nutritious, lower yielding, and are less dependable as a forage supply to horses than the desirable grass pasture species they replace. Many pasture weeds are on the Minnesota noxious weed list and several other pasture weeds are poisonous to horses. According to the Minnesota noxious weed law, primary noxious weeds must be controlled on all private and public land in the state. Of the ten primary Minnesota noxious weeds, five are common pasture weeds: bull thistle, plumless thistle, Canada thistle, musk thistle and perennial sowthistle. About thirteen poisonous plants can affect horses in Minnesota: redroot pigweed, nightshades, common lambsquarter, common cocklebur, hoary alyssum, buttercup, horsetail, poison hemlock, bracken fern and white snakeroot. Most poisonings occur in the early spring or during a drought when the pasture forage is in short supply.

Hoary Alyssum

Hoary Alyssum is a concern for many horse owners. Some horses experience depression and stocking up or swelling of the lower legs 12 to 24 hours following ingestion of Hoary Alyssum in hay or pasture. In more severe cases, which are rare, an apparent founder with a stiffness of joints and reluctance of the animals to move has been observed. In very rare cases, where Hoary Alyssum comprised extremely high percentages of the hay (30 to 70%), circumstantial evidence exists associating the plant with the death of a few horses. However, to date, death has not occurred in horses fed hay containing Hoary Alyssum under experimental conditions. Considering the widespread distribution of Hoary Alyssum in Minnesota and the lack of reported toxicity to animals, it is of relatively low toxicity to livestock in that sense. Horse owners should be aware of toxicity symptoms and manage pasture to reduce populations of Hoary Alyssum. Hay containing greater than 30% Hoary Alyssum should not be fed to horses.



Hoary Alyssum



Canada Imposes Additional Import Restrictions on Horses

Horse owners should be aware that Canada has imposed additional requirements on horses entering from the U.S. because of the outbreak of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) in Arizona. This is the first outbreak of VS in the US in 2010. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Arizona Department of Agriculture are conducting an epidemiological investigation into the outbreak. The premises where the virus was discovered is under quarantine.

Several states have also imposed movement restrictions on horses from Arizona. For more information regarding possible State movement restrictions please contact your State Animal Health Official.

Canadian Restrictions

Canada is now prohibiting the importation of all horses from Arizona. In addition, horse owners shipping their horses into Canada from any other State must include the following certifications on the import permit and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) in addition to those already required:

- ♦ That the horse was inspected by a veterinarian within fifteen (15) days preceding the date of importation
- ♦ That the horse has not been in Arizona during the previous twenty-one (21) days
- ♦ That the horse has not been on a premise where VS occurred during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation to Canada, nor on a premise adjoining such a premise
- ♦ That the horse tested negative to VS using a cELISA test during the fifteen (15) days prior to importation.

What is Vesicular Stomatitis?

The VS virus causes blister-like lesions in the mouth and on the tongue, lips, nostrils, hooves, and teats. These blisters swell and break, leaving raw tissue that may cause the animals to refuse to eat or drink and show signs of lameness, according to the Arizona Department of Agriculture. Severe weight loss usually follows.

Humans can also be infected with VS by handling affected animals. While horses, swine and cattle are most at risk, other animals may also contract the disease.



APRIL 29, 30 & MAY 1

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES

May 11, 2010

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

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

Absent: Teresa Hanson

Members/Visitors: Tim Wampfler

I. Meeting called to order: 6:32 p.m. by Mark Ward

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

Mark Ward introduced the aforementioned guest.

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

Trina Joyce requested the addition of a brief report on thank you notes received.

IV. Treasurer's Report for May was distributed by Tim Bonham.

Total assets: \$716,874.11 with total liabilities of \$363,803.71.

V. Approval of Minutes - Tim Bonham moved to accept the April minutes as presented. Christie Ward seconded, motion passed.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore - no report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. MHC Director's Stipend - Dawn Moore opened the discussion regarding implementing a stipend or travel expenses to directors for attending monthly meetings. Discussion followed. Vote followed on the motion made by Sue McDonough in the April meeting which stated "Travel expenses be paid to directors for attending a monthly meeting." Voting followed in which the motion was defeated.

B. State Fair premium payment to be made in 2010 - Mark Ward reported the Tri-State Horsemen's Association has sent a thank you for their \$25,000 matching grant. MHC has turned the funds over to the MN State Fair.

C. Funding of Attorney's Retainer - Mark Ward reported he will call together the executive board members to determine how to add this line item to the budget without going over budget. Mark Ward will report on their findings in June.

D. Current Status of Our Tax Bill - Mark Ward reported: Our bill 2685 and HF 3107, have been given bipartisan support from both the senate and the house and is now included in the omnibus tax policy bill. That bill will be either signed or vetoed by the governor. It is likely that he will sign this bill, since it is not the omnibus tax bill that includes any controversial taxation or spending bills. Furthermore, our bill is immune to a line item veto. So if the governor signs the current omnibus tax policy bill, then our horse property tax bill will become law. If he vetoes the policy bill, then we will have to try again in a future session of the legislature. (And if that happens only some of the work we have done will need to be repeated, seeing that the bill gets re-authored and passed through committees. It wouldn't need to be rewritten, because there have been no arguments against it and it is unlikely there will be any.)

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EXPO - Glen Eaton reported the following: The bottom line for the 2010 Expo is not available at this time but we feel we had a great and educational Expo. The horse barn was full of horses and the vendor

booths were all full, with a waiting list. The clinician demonstrations and seminars were well attended. Promotion was great with ads in newspapers, journals, and ads on TV and radio. Ads in the program were up from 2009 and attendance figures should be in shortly. Even with the rain, attendance was good. This will be a busy summer for the Expo staff getting ready for 2011 with ongoing changes at the Fairgrounds. Contracts for booth and stall space will go out August 28. The Expo will have a vendor booth at the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days in River Falls, Wisconsin July 20-22 and then the state fair. Proposed Expo board members (current council president, Missie Schwartz, Glen Eaton, Linda Dahl, Brenda Miller, Del Bauernfeind, Laura Lyseng, Darrell Mead, Jennifer Buskey, Tracy Turner and Jan Schatzlein) were voted upon and approved en masse by the MHC directors. Darrell Mead proposed to allow Brenda Miller retain her position as Expo Treasurer. Tom Tweeten seconded, motion passed. The MHC board of directors voted in approval of Glen Eaton retaining the position as Expo President. Glen Eaton shared a thank you received from an inner city Minneapolis school for a wonderful Expo experience. Carol Dobbelaire asked Glen Eaton about security issues experienced at Expo 2010 and what changes may be made for 2011. Glen Eaton stated that they provide the best security possible and the high standard will continue. Glen Eaton reported the 2011 Expo will be April 29-May 1. This is a change as the regular dates fell on Easter. The board expressed their gratitude for a wonderful Expo and a fantastic hospitality room.

B. Direct Funding - Christie Ward reported the following:

Proposals to be considered today:

1. Whips and Wheels Carriage & Driving Society ♦ Pat Hartell
This organization is requesting \$500 to support the second annual Prairie Home Carriage Festival to be held May 1-2, 2010 at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington, MN. Funds awarded will be used to pay expenses for the driving instructor and carriage expert, Steve Wood, who will be giving several short clinics during the event.

2. Polk County 4-H Council ♦ Jill Carlson - Officer
This organization is requesting \$500 to support a 3-day horsemanship clinic taught by Lita Hottel. The clinic will be held June 16-18, 2010 at the Red River Valley Winter Shows facility in Crookston, MN. The clinic will be open to the general public as well as 4-H members, and people of all ages are eligible to participate. Funds awarded will be used to cover Lita Hottel's instructor fees.

Direct Funding proposals approved for 2010 to date:

Victory Riders, Inc: \$500

Minnesota Mounted Shooters Association: \$500

Total Direct Funding approved for 2010: \$1000 to date

C. Temporary Emergency Equine Feed Assistance - Carol Dobbelaire reported there was literature (brochure and application) regarding the committee. There was good contact made with the public throughout the Expo. No applications have been received to date. The committee is determined to fund the project through external sources. Carol Dobbelaire is exploring the possibility of transforming this committee into a hay bank.

D. Grants - review of grants in question - Mark Ward reported on the round bale hay feeder grant as the question has been raised regarding the study taking place in Wisconsin and not within the borders of Minnesota. Mark Ward reported the when the grant was issued there were several sites being considered and the River Falls, WI site was one of them. As the grant was awarded to an entity that resides in MN and the research only would be carried out in Wisconsin, the board felt it was within the MHC guidelines. Tim Bonham reported the Animal Humane Society will be using the matching grant to purchase portable paddocks.

E. Trina Joyce shared several thank you notes that she has received from grant, direct funding and scholarship recipients.

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F. SHCAC - Glen Eaton reported the following: A two hour conference call took place on May 5 to discuss Committees and topics to take place during the AHC meetings in Washington June 20-23. I will be attending from the Expo and Tracy representing the Council in separate meetings. All seems to be going well with the new floor plan.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commercial Vehicle Regulations applied to horse transportation- Mark Ward reported that there are reports coming in of truck/trailer combinations being pulled over and detained by MN State Troopers attempting to determine if they are commercial haulers. Mark Ward advised there is now a link to the MN DOT rules available on the website that will aid members in determining if this issue affects them.

B. MHC Grant Update - Mark Ward The grant for bale feeder research is going to the University of Minnesota Sponsored Projects Administration. The co-investigators are Krishona Martinson and Julie Wilson. At the time the grant was issued, the researchers had a few sites in mind, and the River Falls site was a primary one. The University of Wisconsin at River Falls was found to be the best place to pursue the research because they had 30 horses available during the summer as well as a good system for weighing the horses on-site. The River Falls Horse department will receive free hay in return for the use of their 30 horses in the research project, which will be carried out July 8 - Aug 17.

X. Mark Ward adjourned the meeting at 7:58PM.

NEXT MEETING - June 8, 2010 ♦ 6:30 p.m.
University of MN Leatherdale Equine Center



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Veterinarians Dedicated to Giving a Second Life to Retired Race Horses

Occasionally there is an interesting feature article in the Minneapolis Tribune about horses and horse people. Such an article appeared in the June 1, 2010 edition of the newspaper. The title, "Finding a future for horses after racing ends" was written by columnist Rachel Blount. The article talks about the work that veterinarians Dr. Richard Bowman, Dr. Lynn Hovda, and Dr. Christy Klatt are doing to lend new life to injured and lame former race horses. For the past 12 years these caring individuals have rehabilitated 370 horses. Much of the cost for care has come out of their own pockets. The healthy horses are put up for adoption after potential owners are carefully screened. Horses that are not adopted are moved out to Dr. Bowman's 4,000-acre ranch in western North Dakota to live.

The complete article is posted on the StarTribune website:
<http://www.startribune.com/sports/95285509.html?elr=KArksUUoDEy3LGDio7aiU>

Footnote: Rachel Blount is a columnist for the Minneapolis StarTribune and daughter of Sally Blount, long time member of the Iowa Horse Council Board of Directors and recipient of the 2009 American Horse Council Van Ness Award. Rachel was a participant in the 2009 Celebrate Jump Off at the Minnesota Harvest State Hunter-Jumper show held last October at the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul.

Thomas N. Tweeten, PhD
Minnesota Horse Council Board of Directors



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 2010 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.



Scholarships Aid 32 Students Committed to Equine Medicine

Winner's Circle Program rewards veterinary students by reducing cost of education

Thirty-two leading veterinary students following a career path in equine medicine have received financial support through The Winner's Circle Scholarship Program. The program, which is sponsored by the American Association of Equine Practitioners Foundation, Platinum Performance and The Race For Education, honors fourth-year students for involvement at their veterinary schools and dedication to careers in equine practice.

The Winner's Circle scholarships are intended to help offset the growing cost of veterinary school. Students are nominated from each of the AAEP's 36 student chapters in North America and receive scholarships ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000, depending on the needs of the individual student.

"The rising cost of veterinary school continues to present challenges to talented students who endeavor to enter the equine veterinary profession," said Wayne McIlwraith, BVSc, Ph.D., chairman of the AAEP Foundation Advisory Committee. "The Winner's Circle Scholarship program provides financial relief for proven student leaders who have pledged their careers to advancing the health of horses."

The program encourages students' long-term loyalty to the AAEP, the AAEP Foundation, The Race For Education and the Thoroughbred industry. This year, more than \$130,000 in scholarship funds was distributed to students through the Winner's Circle program. Since its establishment in 2008, the program has provided more than \$400,000 in financial support of equine veterinary students.

Congratulations to the following 2010 recipients:

Ashley Homm, Auburn Univ.	Alison Hoffman, Univ. of California-Davis
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For more information about The Race For Education, visit www.raceforeducation.org or call (859) 252-8648. For more information about Platinum Performance, visit www.platinumperformance.com.

2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Minnesota Horse Council Board Meetings

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

February 9	June 8	October 12
March 9	July 13	November 9
April 13	August - No meeting	December 14
May 11	September 14	
January 15, 2011 - 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 26	May 25	September 28
February 23	June 29	October 26
March 30	July 27	November 30
April 13	August - No meeting	December 28

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April	3/12/10	October	9/17/10
May	4/16/10	November	10/15/10
June	5/14/10	December	11/12/10



Rare Twin Baby Horses Born

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNN/KARE) - Doctors at the University of Minnesota Equine Center received a special delivery last month, twin baby horses. The twins were born on April 20th and brought to the center because the owner knew they were at high-risk. It is rare for a horse to birth twins. After their three-week stay, Henry and William were ready to go home Friday.



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