



Goals and Objectives of the Minnesota Horse Council

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

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Minnesota Horse Council Offers Scholarships, Grants, Funding & Awards

These programs are funded from the proceeds of the Minnesota Horse Expo.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

The MHC/Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarships are offered for high school seniors, undergrads, graduate, and vocational students, to be used toward education that would further the applicant's career in and contributions to the horse industry in Minnesota. Applications are due by November 1st. At least ten \$3000 scholarships will be presented at the MHC annual meeting in January. For more info, contact Trina Joyce at 612-729-7798 or Scholarships@MnHorseCouncil.org.

GRANTS:

\$7,000 maximum per grant are given to Minnesota charitable/non-profit equine-related organizations as *seed money* to inspire new projects or capital improvements, or for expansions of existing projects or services. Applications are due by October 1st. Grants are presented at the MHC annual meeting in January. Funds will be paid out as your project progresses. For more info, contact Tim Bonham at 612-721-1007 or Grants@MnHorseCouncil.org.

DIRECT FUNDING:

The Minnesota Horse Council offers direct funding assistance (up to \$500) to any non-profit horse related organization that develops or organizes any public clinic, program activity, or publication that advances the goals of the Minnesota Horse Council. Applications accepted any time during the year, response generally within 30 days. For more info, contact Mark Ward at 651-436-6557 or DirectFunding@MnHorseCouncil.org.

SPONSORSHIPS:

As part of the MHC advertising budget, the MHC will sponsor your event in exchange for advertising. Events can be horse shows, club dinners, trail rides, educational events, and fundraisers, etc. For more info, contact Meg Sax at 320-761-3990 or Sponsorship@MnHorseCouncil.org.

HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Each year, MHC honors someone as the *Minnesota Horseperson of the Year* and places his or her photo in the Horseman's Hall of Fame at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. The Council is seeking nominations of people for this award. This person should be an outstanding person in the horse industry -- someone who stands above the rest for long-term contributions to many areas of equine activity. Nominations are accepted all year, but must be received by November 1st to be considered each year. The person selected will be announced at the MHC annual meeting in January. For more info, contact Dawn Moore at 952-949-6659 or DawnMoore@MnHorseCouncil.org.

PIONEER AWARD:

This award is given to a deceased person who was a Minnesota horse pioneer -- someone who led others to horses. Nominations are due by July 1st each year. For more info, contact Doug Persian at 763-242-5570 or Pioneer@MnHorseCouncil.org.

HORSE OF THE YEAR:

To honor lesson horse in our state as well as great/foundation horses and exceptionally talented ones. The MHC will honor lesson horses and horses in memoriam. Applications are due by October 1st. For more info, contact Dawn Moore at 952-949-6659 or Promotions@MnHorseCouncil.org.

Further info about any of these programs, including application info, is available from:

- ◆ Minnesota Horse Council web page at www.MnHorseCouncil.org
- ◆ by writing to Minnesota Horse Council, P.O. Box 96, Monticello, MN 55362



MHC 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: Grants@MnHorseCouncil.org

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.

Common Mistakes on MHC Grant Applications

From www.mnhorsecouncil.org

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

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?

WANTED

People to volunteer at the Aisle of Breeds during the State Fair August 27-September 7. Prefer people who are knowledgeable about horses and willing to learn about the MN Horse Expo and the Minnesota Horse Council. Training provided. Free ticket to the Fair in exchange for a 3.5-hour shift (8:30-12:00, 12:00-3:30, 3:30-7).



Thank You Minnesota Horse Council Inaugural Dakota Horse Fundraiser in St Paul A Success!



On Tuesday May 19, 2015, Dakota Wicohan hosted Allies of the Horse Nation Fundraiser & Sharing of the Dakota Horse Tradition, an all-new fundraiser to support our Sunktanka Wicayuhapi (They Care for Horses) youth program that trains 40 Dakota youth leaders annually.

Held at the Gibbs Museum of Pioneer and Dakotah Life near the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul, more than 50 people gathered on a chilly but sunny afternoon. By all measures, the event was a grand success!

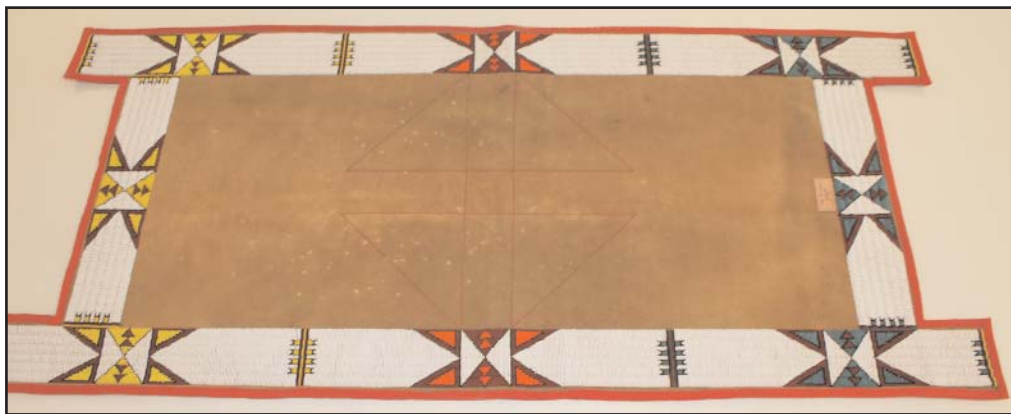
Our Wiciyena, the youngest riders, greeted guests with a hearty "Welcome!" and made sure everyone had food, drink, and a place to sit in the red barn. Our seasoned riders (college and high school students) gave heart-felt presentations with three of our horse herd. They emphasized how the horses taught compassion and patience. Emcee and Board Chair Gabrielle Strong shared the significance of the Horse Nation to the Dakota people and the historic connections between the Dakota of Cloudman's village and the Gibbs family. Guests received a thank you bag which included a beautiful hand-made horse-hair key chain made by the Wiciyena.

We are grateful to all our allies and donors for helping make the Allies of the Horse Nation and Sharing of the Dakota Horse Tradition a great success in 2015. The three lead sponsors of the event were: Minnesota Horse Council, Ramsey County Historical Society, and Youthprise. Additional company donors included: Colossal Café, J&S Bean Factory, Lake Elmo Inn, Minnesota Historical Society, Mim's Café, Muffuletta, Northwest Area Foundation, Trader Joe's and Treadle Yard Goods.



Minnesota Horse Council funds were used to cover the cost of bringing three speakers to the event--riders and three of our horse herd and educational speakers--three seasoned young women who have participated in the Sunktanka Wicayuhapi program for many years.

Dakota Wicohan
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A horse blanket beaded by one of our artists. One of the activities at the May 19th Allies of the Horse Nation Fundraiser & Sharing of the Dakota Horse Tradition event was for audience members to guess how many beads were used to bead the blanket.

95,000+!



APRIL 22, 23, & 24

MHC SURVEYED MN THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAMS

By Trina Joyce, MHC Director

The Minnesota Horse Council recently completed a survey of therapeutic equine programs in our state. It included programs that are PATH International members (addresses physical disabilities and mental health), EAGALA members (addresses mental health/disabilities and learning on the ground experiences), and other programs not affiliated with either PATH International or EAGALA. Most program names came off the Minnesota Horse Council website with a few found by internet search. 55 surveys were sent via email. A few email addresses were invalid and a few were incomplete. 24 programs responded. This was a very unscientific survey done in hopes of having an overview of this part of the horse industry. Our thanks to all of those who participated in the survey. For a complete list of therapeutic riding programs in Minnesota, see www.mnhorsecouncil.org/disabled-riding.php.

The results are as follows:

1. How many months per year do you offer services?

- 1-4.....8%
- 5-8.....46%
- 9-12.....46%

2. Does your organization own (yes)?

- Outdoor arena.....62%
- Indoor arena.....43%
- Horses.....92%
- Land.....54%
- Vehicles.....36%

3. What client populations do you serve?

(Most programs serve multiple disabilities.)

- Autism spectrum disorder.....87%
- Emotional/behavioral issues.....83%
- Physical disabilities.....83%
- Veterans35%
- Women in crisis.....22%
- Assistance with learning/academics.....43%
- Corporate leadership training.....22%

4. How many clients per week do you have for each type of service listed below? The number is the total number of people served per week with the number of respondents in parentheses.

- Therapeutic riding.....502 (15)
- Carriage Driving.....8 (2s)
- Equine assisted learning/academy.....53 (9)
- Equine assisted learning life skills/personal growth.....139 (13)
- Equine assisted psychotherapy.....8 (8)
- Hippotherapy (using a horse like a piece of therapy equipment rather than learning to ride).....41 (8)
- Veterans.....47 (8)

5. How are services funded?

(Many programs have more than one source.)

- Client fees.....95%
- Grants/foundations.....71%
- Donations (individuals/businesses).....86%
- Fundraising events.....71%
- Medical insurance.....14%
- Other third party payers, i.e., county, waived services.....48%

6. What ages do you serve?

(Most programs serve multiple ages. PATH limits to 4 years old and up.)

- < 4.....29%
- 4-18.....90%
- 19-21.....90%
- 22+.....90%

7. Do you have paid staff?

- None.....38%
- 1.....14%
- 2.....9%
- 3 or more.....38%

8. Do you do background checks on volunteers?

- Yes.....38%
- No.....52%
- N/A (private practice).....10%

9. For 501(c)3 programs, annual operations budget?

- < \$50,000.....29%
- \$50,000-\$99,000.....19%
- \$100,000-\$149,000.....14%
- \$150,000-\$200,000.....19%
- N/A (private practice).....14%

NEW WELL FOR TWIN VALLEY RIDERS CLUB

The Twin Valley Riders Club was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the MN Horse Council for a well at our facility. We have the well put in, flowing at 15 gallons/minute. We put it to use over Memorial Day weekend for a 2-day Cowboy Mounted Shooting event held at the arena. We had over 50 shooters and between 25 and 30 campers in our camp-ground. Everyone was so appreciative of the fact we did not have to haul water in and they did not have to carry their water long distances or go down to the river to water horses. We had just received several inches of rain so the river was high and not accessible. Timing was perfect!

Danette Gwin, Secretary
Twin Valley Rider's Club
PO Box 4, Twin Valley, MN 56584

ANTIQUÉ EQUINE ITEMS DISPLAYED IN DISPLAY AT EXPO

By Trina Joyce, MHC Director

For many years, there has been a display case in the MHC booth at the Minnesota Horse Expo with an equine/antique theme.

When it's been a display of antique horse equipment, there have been old and unusual English and Western stirrups (wood, metal, various kinds of monkey-nose) and tapaderos, some from South America and Mexico. One of the most interesting ones was an iron stirrup with silver inlay from 13th century China. Another was an intricately hand-carved wooden pair from Columbia, South America. Bridles have included a U.S. cavalry bridle and a Professor Beery pulley-type bridle. Professor Beery wrote a series of booklets in the early 1960s about breeding, foaling, training, horse health, etc., and invented that bridle. There's also been a very fancy Mexican bridle which had a rather severe ring bit. The worst bit I've ever seen was jointed metal and had a double surface on each side that looked like it had been cut with pinking shears. There's been a homemade brass curry. There have been brasses from 1800s from England which were used on harnesses as decoration, as a symbol of a type of occupation, or to scare away evil spirits. There's been a pair of bog shoes on display used for logging so horses didn't sink too deep into the ground, and a set of acorn sleigh bells.

The display has included antique advertising. Horses have been used to advertise cigarettes (Marlboro) and tobacco, Mobil Oil (Pegasus), Ben Hur curry powder (two horse-pulled chariots), an ashtray from Waterford Park (West Virginia), a Tetley Bitter beer pull, beer cans (Colt & Schmidt). There's also been print advertising for Hunter Whiskey, A.F. Hanon Hardware and Harness (Grand Meadows, MN), Corby's Whiskey, Canada Dry Water and Ginger Ale, Shawmut Bank (Boston), Roy Rogers and Dale Evans clothing and toys from the Sears catalog, Four Roses Whiskey, Havoline Oil (Texaco), Calvert Whiskey, as well as Eveready flashlights and batteries. Alcohol and tobacco seemed to use horses a lot in advertising!

Toys on display have included pull toys, cast iron teams pulling various loads, puzzles, a handmade hobby horse, horse statues (metal, wood, and chalk), children's books, Cracker Jack toys, playing cards, and a coloring book.

There have been very old catalogs, magazines, postcards (people used to get their photo taken and turn it into a postcard, especially on vacation), photos, and books. I've found several old veterinary practice and reference books. The Practical Stock Doctor by Waterman (1912) actually recommends training horses by "gradual and gentler methods" starting shortly after birth using rewards rather than with brute force. He was ahead of his time! The leading antiseptic then was bichloride of mercury. The treatment for round and pin worms was a combination of turpentine and raw linseed oil. Wagner's Standard Horses and Stock Book (1916) recommends "disabling any part of the horse's body will produce in him a corresponding sense of helplessness and will create in him a powerful sense of our mastery." To accomplish this, the trainer should "throw" the horse to subdue it. Another tactic was to tie the horse's head (halter) to its tail and let it go around in circles until it was dizzy and falls. The book offers a



medical rationale for riding—an early endorsement for therapeutic riding? The author also states that "breeding from poor, unsound horses is so much a detriment ..." to the horse industry.

Dan Patch was a well-known trotting horse at the turn of the century. One year, the Dan Patch Society in Savage loaned an entire case full of Dan Patch memorabilia, including one of his bridles. Dan Patch was used to advertise almost anything!

These antique items are loaned to the Expo by people like you and me. The case is always locked, covered at night, and there are security patrols. Nothing has ever been stolen. If you have an antique equine item that you'd be interested in loaning for next year's display at Expo, please contact me at trinajoyce@mnhorsecouncil.org

First Call for MHC Board of Director Candidates

Each Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) Board of Director is elected to a 3-year term. That means that the MHC membership has the opportunity to vote to file 1/3 of the board positions. This year five board positions are up for election. Current board members whose current terms expire on December 31, 2015 include: Glen Eaton, Trina Joyce, Sue McDonough, Kim Otterson, Thomas Tweeten, and Mark Ward.

Any MHC member in good standing is eligible to submit their name as a candidate for a MHC Board of Director. A candidate biography and picture must be submitted to the Nominations Committee Chairperson, Darrell Mead, by November 1st. Each candidate biography and picture will be included with election materials that will be distributed to MHC members in December prior to the MHC Annual Meeting in January 2016.

The Nominations Committee encourages all perspective candidates to attend monthly board meetings to meet current board members and get a feel of what the board does. The Nominations Committee will also provide each candidate with a copy of the MHC Bylaws and other pertinent material to help a perspective candidate learn what is entailed in contributing to the success of the MN Board of Directors and the Minnesota Horse Council.

Darrell Mead, 2nd Vice-President, Nominations Committee

Budweiser Clydesdales at Rockin' Rogers Days

June 19, 2015



Photos by Laura Wolfe

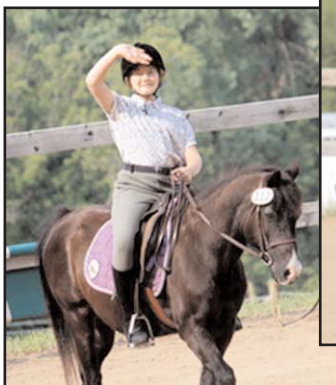
Hollow Creek Farm Schooling Show, July 5, 2015

Hosted by Two Rivers Pony Club ♦ Sponsored by the Minnesota Horse Council

It was a great success and we appreciate the financial support from Minnesota Horse Council.



Submitted by: Lucy Lammer
Two Rivers Pony Club
Hollow Creek Farm
E5282 470th Ave., Menomonie, WI
715-505-0593





MHC Equine Organization Spotlight Minnesota Half Arabian Horse Association

The Minnesota Half Arabian Horse Association (MHAHA) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is promotion and education of the Arabian and Half-Arabian as a versatile and enjoyable mount for people of all ages. Both purebred and

Half Arabians are accepted, and members are not required to own an Arabian or Half Arabian to participate in membership, shows, or year-end awards.

Both youth and adults are encouraged to show. MHAHA organizes four shows each year, including two WSCA schooling shows with exclusive classes for Arabians and Half Arabians; a Dressage schooling show open to all breeds of horses that includes Western Dressage; and The Great Arabian Get Together, a four-day Region 10 qualifying show with both pleasure and dressage classes open to Arabians and Half Arabians, with academy classes open to other breeds. Additionally, many of the members compete in local shows, including 4H, mounted shooting, and WSCA, as well as at Regional and National levels. Although MHAHA's primary focus is on showing Arabians and Half Arabians, the association participates in both mounted and social events throughout the year. Past activities have included the Minnesota Horse Expo and the Minnesota Renaissance Festival for breed demonstrations on horseback, a Western Dressage clinic, trail rides, and social gatherings at Running Aces Harness Park and the annual Awards banquet. The MHAHA Youth also hold activities, including their own judging team, fundraising events at some of the horse shows, trail rides, and volunteering at charity events. Additionally, as a WSCA organization, members are encouraged to apply and compete for Royalty titles.

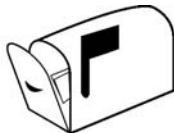
MHAHA has three levels of membership. A standard Adult or Youth membership includes Region 10 Membership, voting rights, and the MHAHA newsletter, as well as optional equine liability insurance and an AHA Competition Card for AHA recognized events. Alternatively, for members who do not wish to compete in AHA events or at a Regional level, an Associate level is available that includes voting rights and the MHAHA newsletter. All levels may compete for the annual High Point awards.

Meetings are held at 7 pm on the third Wednesday of the month at Maxx Bar and Grill in Ham Lake, MN. For more information about the association, visit their website at www.mhaha.org or contact President Bob Gordon at bvgordon@msn.com or 763-389-0374.

MHC Equine Organization Spotlight features horse-related clubs, associations, and organizations throughout the state of Minnesota. Please contact Kari at kari.newman@gmail.com for information if you would like your organization to be included as a featured organization in the Minnesota Horse Council monthly newsletter.



MHAHA Riders at the 2010 MN Horse Expo



NOTE! ADDRESS CHANGE

MN Horse Council Address has changed to:

Minnesota Horse Council

PO Box 96
Monticello, MN 55362

MHC IMPORTANT DATES

MN State Fair Horse Barn Aisle of Breeds	Aug. 27 - Sept. 7
Grant Applications	Due Oct. 1
Horse of the Year Nominations	Due Oct. 1
Scholarship Applications	Due Nov. 1
Horseperson of the Year Nominations	Due Nov. 1
MHC Board Candidate Bios & Photos	Due Nov. 1
MHC Annual Meeting	Jan. 23, 2016

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - May 12, 2015

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

Board Members Present: Trina Joyce, Tom Tweeten, Tracy Turner, Tim Bonham, Dave Fleischhaker, Darrell Mead, Dawn Moore, Sue McDonough, Mark Ward, Kris Kelly, Glen Eaton, Kim Otterson, Kari Newman, Barb Anderson-Whiteis, Meg Sax, Missie Schwartz

Absent: Doug Persian

Members/Visitors: Barb Fleischhaker, Marian Robinson, Kelli Schmidt

I. Meeting called to order: 6:32 P.M. by President Tracy Turner.

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. EHV-1 update was added to New Business
2. Therapeutic Riding Survey was added to Old Business

IV. Treasurer's Report for May was presented by Tim Bonham. Assets total \$748,049.57. Liabilities total \$407,470.08 with a net available funds \$340,579.49. Discussion and review followed. February, March and April treasurer's reports presented for approval. Barb Fleischhaker presented the first report generated by the new system. Discussion followed. Barb Fleischhaker demonstrated the new system on a laptop.

V. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April meeting were presented to the board electronically prior to the meeting. Tim Bonham motioned to approve the April minutes as presented. Kim Otterson seconded, motion carries.

VI. Secretary's Report: Dawn Moore advised new memberships have been received via our online service. Dawn Moore advised PayPal transfers need to be performed manually.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Treasurer's Ad Hoc Committee: Barb Fleischhaker advised they are progressing with converting to the new system. She and Tim Bonham will arrange a times to continue the process.

B. Teleconference Update: Tom Tweeten connected with Dawn last week using Hangouts on May 8th. While the video portion of the call worked, we had trouble with syncing voice and speakers. Mark and I have had successful Hangouts calls. I had to learn how to use Hangouts on my own with some help from Mark. Contrary to popular myth (and examples on TV), using software of any type is not always straight forward (and often not as intuitive as we would like it to be). It can take me hours at times to sort out some of it. If I get in a hurry, too much time is spent back tracking my mistakes. I suggest each committee member get Hangouts downloaded on a computer (or mobile device), familiarize themselves with it and then try it with a friend (or with Mark or myself). Today, May 12th, I had an excellent Hangouts video meeting with Andrea. With some good fortune and help from Mark, we will have a computer set up at the meeting so she can attend the meeting tonight from her remote location via Hangouts. I have not yet had a successful multi-person Hangouts call. That is something we need to try once some of us have succeeded in having a one-on-one Hangouts call to insure individual's video, mic and speakers are in sync.

C. Scholarships and Grants: Darrell Mead reminded the board that all 2015 recipients were to sign the Welfare Code of Practice. Mark Ward thanked Darrell Mead for the reminder and will begin requiring it of all Direct Funding recipients as well. Discussion followed on making it part of the application process.

D. Therapeutic Riding Survey: Trina Joyce advised the MHC recently completed a survey of therapeutic Equine programs in our state. It included programs that are PATH International accredited, EAGALA accredited, and those that are not accredited. There are approximately 55 programs in the state and they were each sent a survey via email. A few

were not accessible via email and a few were incomplete. Twenty four programs responded (this is a high response rate as the average is 10%). This was a very unscientific survey done in the hopes of having an overview of this part of the horse industry. Our thanks to all of those who participated in the survey. The results are as follows:

1. How many months do you offer the service? 1-4 8%, 5-8 46%, 9-12 46%
2. Does your organization own the following? Outdoor arena 62%, Indoor Arena 43%, Horses 92%, Land 54%, Vehicles 36%
3. What client population do you serve? Autism spectrum disorder 87%, emotional/behavioral issues 83%, physical disabilities, 83%, veterans 35%, women in crisis 22%, assistance with learning/academics 43%, corporate training 22%. Most programs serve multiple disabilities.
4. How are services funded? (Many programs have more than one source.) Client fees 95%, Grants/foundations 71%, donations(individual/business) 86%, fundraising 71%, medical insurance 14%
5. What ages do you serve? <4 years 29%, 4-18 90%, 19-21 90%, 22+ 90%
6. Do you have paid staff? None 38%, 1 14%, 2 9%, 3 or more 38%
7. Do you do background checks on volunteers? Yes 38%, No 52% N/A(private practices) 10%
8. For 501(c)3 programs, what is the annual operations budget? <\$50,000 29%, \$50,000-99,000 19%, \$100,000-149,000 14%, \$150,000-200,000 19%, N/A(private practice) 14%

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo: Glen Eaton reported. The 2015 Minnesota Horse Expo is of course history and a great one it was. The attendance was great and Speakers and Demonstration were great. Rodeo sold out by 5:00 on Saturday and Friday and Sunday were OK too. New this year was the Draft Teams and all of the equipment back into the 30's and 40's was on display. All in all everything went very well. What is needed is more help bringing the equipment to and from the locker. Will discuss later. Election of Expo Directors and they are: Darrell Mead, Glen G Eaton, Jennifer Buskey, Missie Schwartz, Brenda J Miller, Del Bauernfeind, Tracy Turner, Angela McNally, Kim Otterson, Leslie Stuart, Dave Fleischhaker.

B. Direct Funding: Mark Ward advised six new applications have been received since my last report, five of those were approved by our committee, and one was not approved. The latest received are numbers 4-9 below. So far in 2015, our committee has received nine applications for Direct Funding. Eight were approved and one not approved.

1. Two Rivers Pony Club: \$500 for jump judges, rental of P.A. system, supplies, and ribbons for a schooling jumper show on Sunday, July 5, 2015. Approved.
2. Dakota Wicohan: \$500 for the cost of educators for their May 19, 2015 "Allies of the Horse Nation Fundraiser" and "Sharing of the Dakota Horse Tradition" educational event. Approved.
3. Swift County 4H Horse Project: \$325 for the cost of hosting their May 10th educational seminar and demonstrations on equine chiropractic and natural hoof care, overall horse care, disease prevention, and basic equine first aid. The Direct Funding committee stipulated that the equine chiropractic care presentation will include mention that a veterinarian must refer a horse to the chiropractic practitioner. Approved.
4. Pope County 4-H: \$240 to Pope County 4-H for expenses for a 4-H judge, Andrew Hinrichs, book copies, food, and door prizes, to hold a beginners horse clinic on Monday, June 8 at the Pope County Fairgrounds. Approved.
5. Heels Down: \$500 to cover the facility fee for running a benefit dinner for the Pinky Swear Foundation. Not Approved.
6. Wild Rice Peacemakers: \$500 for various expenses related to a cowboy mounted shooting clinic to be held June 14 at the Red River Riding Club in Breckenridge, Mn. Approved.

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7. 2nd Chance Youth Ranch: \$500 requested by 2nd Chance Youth Ranch for the purchase of horse equipment to be used at their Family Funfest on May 2nd at King's Ranch in Ramsey MN. Approved.

8. Sun Country & You: \$500 for helmets and a bareback pad for therapeutic riding in their 2015 summer classes. Approved.

9. Lac qui Parle County 4H Horse Project: \$500 for clinician fees (Litta Hottel) for a 3-day horsemanship clinic, June 17-19, 2014 at the Lac qui Parle County horse arena. Approved.

Our budget for 2015 is \$4000. We have made Direct Funding Grants of \$3565 and now have \$435 remaining.

C. Education: Tracy Turner will present a report at the June meeting.

D. TEEFA: Dave Fleischhaker advised there were no new applications and therefore no new expenditures at this time.

E. Aisle of Breeds: Glen Eaton advised set up will start in earnest about the 4th of July for horses. As said before, I would like someone to take over scheduling the table attendance and I will take care of the horses. There again help putting up the display as Darrell and Tom are getting older one of these days they are going to fall and then where are we. The State Fair has stated they want to be more a part of the display along with the display across the aisle.

F. Coalition of State Horse Councils: Glen Eaton advised the planning of the fall Coalition meeting is going well and we meet once a month. We did meet with the hotel again about the schedule, food etc. The June annual meeting of the American Horse Council is June 14th through the 17th and Tracy and I will be going.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Committee Policy and Procedures: Tim Bonham presented the procedures electronically and in hard copy.

B. EHV-1: Several positive horses throughout the country. One barn in Iowa with five horses euthanized from the neurologic form and a total of 14 ill. Two horses in MN are currently undergoing testing and possibly showing symptoms consistent with EHV-1.

Announcements:

May 12th is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter.

X. Tracy Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

NEXT MEETING - June 9, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

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www.mnhorsecouncil.org

Leatherdale Equine Center Center ♦ 6:30 pm

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June 9, 2015	Dec. 8, 2015	April 12, 2016
July 14, 2015	Jan. 23, 2016 -	May 10, 2016
Sept. 8, 2015	Annual Meeting	June 14, 2016
Oct. 13, 2015	Feb. 9, 2016	July 12, 2016
Nov. 10, 2015	March 8, 2016	Sept. 13, 2016

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www.mnhorseexpo.org

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There is a lot of negative in determination. I prefer the positive definition. It's been a tough 2015 for many that I know. I am determined to remain positive and hope I encourage others to do the same.

Now let's see who is grazing on the right side of the fence - out my back door.

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Pistol determined to graze
no matter what the obstacle.