



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 Expo 2012
State Fairgrounds April 27-29



The Minnesota Horse Expo board of directors, staff and the Minnesota Horse Council board wish to salute the horsepeople, vendors and Expo-goers who have made the first 30 years of the Minnesota Horse Expo so successful.

The Horse Expo has grown from its beginning in 1982 at the old downtown Minneapolis Convention Center through its 1987 move to the State Fairgrounds Coliseum and its subsequent expansion to currently fill six State Fair buildings and the outside streets with booths, and four other buildings used for lectures and equine demonstrations. This makes the Minnesota Horse Expo the second largest off season event held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in terms of space used and attendance.

Since Horse Expo 1991, the Minnesota Horse Exposition has presented the Minnesota Horse Council with over \$3,400,000. These funds have gone back into the equine industry in various ways. This year for instance, a contribution of \$100,000.00 has been made by the Minnesota Horse Council to the State Fairgrounds with funds generated from the Minnesota Horse Expo to help build the AgStar Arena. The new Arena will be ready by Expo and be a much improved venue for speakers and spectators.

The 2012 Minnesota Horse Expo features hundreds of horses of different breeds from across Minnesota and nearby states, PRCA rodeo performances, speakers and clinicians addressing a variety of horse care and training topics and disciplines, an Expo Tack and Clothing sale that is run by the 4-H Horse Association, stallion presentations in addition to the great shopping at over 800 vendor booths.

Featured at Minnesota Horse Expo 2012 will be Julie Goodnight, the Horse Master on her award-winning RFD-TV television show; Jane Savoie, internationally known dressage competitor, coach, instructor, clinician, speaker and

author; Larry Whitesell and Jennifer Bauer, presenting gaited horse clinics using classical training; and Jerry Wayne Olson, a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) specialty act of the year and feature act at the Expo's rodeos. Tammy Whyte, the Great Lakes Circuit WPRA/PRCA Barrel Racing Champion for the last 6 consecutive years, and Bob Janssen, who specializes in cutting and cow horse disciplines, will offer coaching and advice at Expo. Cavallo Equestrian Arts, directed by Olissio Zamperla Zoppe and his brothers, Gino and Ermes will return to the Expo in 2012. This group is among the last artists still performing in all equestrian specialty disciplines such as bareback riding, Cossack riding, and liberty and will be performing all three days of the Horse Expo. The Kettle Moraine Rough Riders Equestrian Drill Team, whose members range from teenagers to grandparents and have entertained at rodeos, expos, and parades and performed at competitions since 1995, will be a new addition to this year's Minnesota Horse Expo. Visit www.mnhorseexpo.org for the latest information concerning these and additional speakers and presentations. Schedules will be available in March.

Horse organizations and breed groups offer information about activities and membership from both trade show booths and Horse Barn stalls. Horse owners, trainers and breeders are eager to share their expertise with interested Expo-goers and showcase their horses during the daily noon-time Parade of Breeds, the Breed Demonstrations and Stallion Presentations at the Horse Expo. If you are interested in having your breed represented at the Minnesota Horse Expo, please contact Darrel Mead at 952-356-2078 for details.

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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Minnesota Horse Council uses the revenue from the Minnesota Horse Expo to offer "seed money grants" for new projects & capital improvements by Minnesota equine groups. At the Annual Meeting held January 21, 2012 in St. Louis Park, MN, the Minnesota Horse Council announced that \$56,455 in grants had been awarded to the following non-profit projects in 2012: Cass County Fair, Pillager, \$5,000 ♦ Douglas County 4-H, Alexandria, \$7,000 ♦ Minnesota Pinto Horse Assn, Plymouth, \$1,455 ♦ Morrison County 4-H, Little Falls, \$5,000 ♦ RideAbility, Pine Island, \$5,000 ♦ Riding on Angels Wings, Felton, \$4,000 ♦ River Valley Riders, Bayport, \$6,000 ♦ Sibley County Sheriff's Posse, Gaylord, \$7,000 ♦ St. Louis County Fair, Hibbing, \$5,000 ♦ Sunktanka Program, Morton, \$500 ♦ UM Morris Saddle Club, Morris, \$3,500 ♦ Wadena County Fair, Wadena, \$7,000.



Douglas County
4-H Federation



Sibley County
Sheriffs Posse



Minnesota Pinto
Horse Association



River Valley Riders



Wadena County Fair



Rideability

MHC AWARDS
\$56,455 IN GRANTS



EXPO USED CLOTHING AND TACK SALE

The Minnesota 4-H Horse Program sponsored the first used clothing and tack sale at the Minnesota Horse Expo in 1985, which was held at the Minneapolis Auditorium. Our area for the sale was in a hallway in the Exhibit Hall. We asked for 8 volunteers to help with the sale. Our gross sales were \$9,800, 85% was paid to the consignors, 5%, after expenses, to Expo. 4-H received the remaining 10% less expenses. We were very happy with the results.

When Expo moved to the State Fair Grounds our area was in the Coliseum concourse, next to the North entrance. It wasn't long before we ran out of room. When Expo rented the sheep and poultry barn we were moved to that building. It wasn't long before we filled that area and again needed more room. In 2005 when Expo rented the Dairy Building we were moved up there, where you will find us today, and now we have outgrown our space there too.

The first few years' volunteers took turns organizing the sale. In 1991 Minnesota 4-H Horse Association voted Curt Baumgart, as Chairman, to organize the sale. He has been doing it ever since, along with a co-chair. For the past 7 years his co-chair has been Al Vandenberghe. Margaret Lawson and Rae Ann Bartz were involved with the first sale and have continued serving on the Board of Directors since then. Meg Sax was also involved with the first sale, but took a few years off from working with the State 4-H Horse Program.

EXPO USED CLOTHING AND TACK SALE DAIRY BUILDING DURING EXPO

In 1989 106 consignors consigned over 4,000 items. Last year we had 366 consignors, consigning over 18,000 items of which 65% were sold. An interesting note, last year we sold 9,291 items, over half of the items consigned, for under \$25, that's a lot of items to handle. We sold 300 saddles and 500 pair of boots. Every year our consignors increase along with the merchandise they consign, which increases our profit.

We have gone from using personal adding machines, stapling sold tags together, hand writing the checks, mailing them out 2 weeks later, to cash registers, computers, and handing the checks out Sunday evening. We went from 8 to 175+ great and wonderful hard working volunteers, working the sale, 4-H'ers, parents and friends and they have a lot of fun doing it.

The profit from the sale is used to promote several areas and activities in the 4-H Horse Project like Winter Roundup which is leader's training, seminars and clinics, the Memorial Library which anybody can get material from, State 4-H Horse Show and the list goes on and on.

Every year there are some very good items sold at very reasonable prices. Not only do we offer good deals for people buying items, we also give people the opportunity to sell items they have outgrown or no longer need.

For consignment information contact Curt Baumgart 320.355.2142 or Al Vandenberghe 218.764.3351. We are always looking for help. If you would like to volunteer to help work the sale contact Laurie Arco by email atrides2bits@msn.com

~ Submitted by Margaret Lawson

Minnesota Horse Expo 2012

30TH ANNUAL

Sponsored by the Minnesota Horse Council

April 27-29

300+ HORSES FROM OVER 50 BREEDS & REGISTRIES!

LECTURES & DEMOS BY EQUINE EXPERTS!

JULIE GOODNIGHT

JANE SAVOIE

LARRY WHITESELL & JENNIFER BAUER

TAMMY WHYTE

CAVALLO

BOB JANSSEN

AND MANY MORE!

HUNDREDS OF VENDORS!

3 PRCA RODEOS!

Fri & Sat: 8:30am - 9:30pm • Sun: 8:30am-5:00pm
 Expo Daily Admission: Ages 13-61 \$9, Ages 6-12 & 62+ \$6
 Rodeo Admission in addition to Expo Admission
 PRCA Rodeo - Featuring Jerry Wayne Olson
 Fri & Sat 7pm, Sun 3pm Rodeo Admission \$4-\$10

*Horse Expo Tack and Clothing Sale managed by the 4-H Horse Association
 Consignment Information and Tags: 320-355-2142*

MN State Fairgrounds www.mnhorseexpo.org 877-462-8758

Equine Business Conference

Saturday, February 25, 2012

University of Minnesota Equine Extension was one of four Universities that hosted the Equine Business Conference at the Leatherdale Equine Center, St. Paul Campus. Funded in part by the **North Central Regional Center for Rural Development** (ncrcrd.msu.edu), this conference was set up to provide Equine based business owners and managers an opportunity to listen to knowledgeable industry experts speak on topics affecting equine businesses as well as network with participating industry professionals. It was a collaborative effort between **My Horse University** (www.myhorseuniversity.com) and **eXtension/horses** (www.extension.org/horses) to foster rural equine business development.

This conference included four topics for discussion:

- ♦ **Equine Insurance: Using Insurance to Protect Your Horse, Yourself, and Your Equine Business Investment**
Presented by Wade Ellerbroek, Licensed Real Estate Broker, Insurance Broker and Appraiser, Ellerbroek, Ellerbroek & Associates
- ♦ **Law: Legal Liability and Contracts**
Presented by Julie Fershtman, Attorney, Foster Swift Collins & Smith, P.C.
- ♦ **Taxes and Finance: Structuring Your Horse Business to Succeed in the Future**
Presented by Michelle Greenlee, Farm Financial Consultant
- ♦ **Promotion, Marketing and Advertising: Tips on Social Media and Low- and No-Cost Promotion**
Presented by Dr. Peggy Miller, Iowa State University

One of the presentations was done live from St. Paul; the other three were done remotely from each of the other participating locations (Michigan, Iowa and Nebraska).

About 40 people were present at the St. Paul site with an additional 65 participants at the three other state locations. The liability law created considerable discussion from owners of small business horse farms. Minnesota's equine liability law (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=604A.12>) is still an outsider compared to our neighbor states, as provisions apply only to non-profit organizations and events. Currently only four states including Nevada, New York, California, and Maryland have no liability protect law for large animal owners.

The final speaking event included short presentations from each of the local sponsoring organizations including Nutrena (Cargill), Farm Bureau Insurance, Seven Mile Farm, and the Minnesota Horse Council. Each representative briefly addressed five business related topics outlined by Dr. Krishona Martinson, Conference Host at the Minnesota location. Panel members included: Sue Kelly, Nutrena, Ashley Kelly, Minnesota Farm Bureau Insurance, Terry Spence, Seven Mile Farm, and Dr. Tom Tweeten, Minnesota Horse Council.

For topics that pertain to equine business, horse health, and barn management, take time to visit the website: www.myhorseuniversity.com

~ Tom Tweeten, PhD, MHC Board of Directors

Research Update

Diet Affects Dental Needs of Horses

Summarized by

B. Allen and K. Martinson, PhD; University of Minnesota

Have you ever wondered if your horse's diet affects their need for dental work? Previous studies have suggested that temporomandibular or jaw joint (TMJ) kinematics (chewing motion) depended on the type of food being chewed or masticated, but accurate measurements of TMJ motion in horses chewing different feeds has not been published. A group of researchers in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University set out to determine if the TMJ has a larger range of motion when horses chew hay compared to pellets (grain).



An optical motion capture system was used to track skin markers on the skull and mandible (lower jaw) of seven horses as they chewed hay and pellets. A virtual marker was created on the midline between the mandibles at the level of the 4th premolar teeth to represent the overall motion of the mandible relative to the skull during the chewing cycle.

Frequency of the chewing cycles was lower for hay than for pellets. Excursions (chewing motion of mandible) of the virtual mandibular marker were significantly larger in all three directions when chewing hay compared to pellets. The mean velocity of the virtual mandibular marker during the chewing cycle was the same when chewing the two feeds.

The range of mediolateral displacement of the mandible was sufficient to give full occlusal contact of the upper and lower dental arcades when chewing hay but not when chewing pellets. These findings support the suggestion that horses receiving a diet high in concentrate feeds (grains) may require more frequent dental prophylactic examinations and treatments to avoid the development of dental irregularities associated with smaller mandibular excursions during chewing compared to horses fed a diet high in forages.

In a separate study conducted at Virginia Tech, chewing direction both before and after dental treatments was investigated. Seventeen horses were observed while consuming small portions of mixed grass-alfalfa hay. Chewing direction was determined by the horse's jaw motion as either counterclockwise or clockwise.

Horses chewed counterclockwise 60% of the time before dental work and 37% of the time after dental work. While chewing direction varied between the horses, there was a significant effect of lateral excursion on chewing direction with counterclockwise chewers having a greater left lateral excursion. There was also a trend for clockwise chewers to have greater right lateral excursion. Dental treatment did not appear to have an impact on chewing direction.

The take home message: horses should have a yearly dental evaluation, especially if the horse is consuming a diet low in forage or high in grains (pellets).

Reprinted from the January 2012 U of M Horse Newsletter.

New AgStar Arena to be Dedicated at the 2012 Minnesota Horse Expo

For a number of years, the Minnesota State Fair Foundation has been seeking design input for a replacement to the Judging Arena located just west of the Horse Barn on the State Fairgrounds. Livestock Facilities Management met with numerous individuals from horse associations, horse clubs, and horse show committees to get suggestions on what a new facility should look like. The goal was to have an agricultural education facility to serve smaller seasonal shows as well as complement larger shows like the State Fair Livestock Shows and the Minnesota Horse Expo. In mid-summer of 2011, the Foundation announced that they had sufficient commitments from interested groups to support construction of a replacement facility. The ground breaking took place at the 2011 Minnesota State Fair. (www.msffoundation.org/pdf/AgStar%20Arena%20Groundbreaking.pdf) Construction started in mid-October after the Minnesota EquiFest. AgStar Financial Services, Mankato, MN is a primary building sponsor with Ames Construction, Jordan, MN selected as construction contractor.

Many of us have stopped by the fairgrounds over the winter to monitor construction progress. With the favorable weather the Twin Cities has had this winter season, the building is now completely enclosed with construction on schedule for completion for the Minnesota Horse Expo at the end of April. The official ribbon cutting and dedication of the new AgStar Arena will be on Friday, April 27th at 7 am during the first day of the Minnesota Horse Expo.



The Minnesota Horse Expo and its sponsor, the Minnesota Horse Council, are pleased to be the inaugural group using the new AgStar Arena. By all indications, it will be an excellent facility for equine demonstrations and clinics. The Minnesota Horse Council, through proceeds from the Minnesota Horse Expo, is pleased to have contributed \$100,000 to this new facility.

The Minnesota State Fair Foundation is still accepting contributions to this project. Please visit their website (www.msffoundation.org/pages/programs/arena.html) if you are interested in helping out.

Thomas Tweeten, PhD, MHC Board of Directors

Construction Progress



Construction started mid October 2011



Photos by Missie Schwartz and Tom Tweeten



February 25, 2012

RIDERS IN-CAHOOTS RECEIVES MHC DIRECT FUNDING GRANT

Riders In- Cahoots, Inc. (RIC) recently received a Direct Funding grant from the Minnesota Horse Council for a PA announcing system. We are grateful to the Minnesota Horse Council for partnering with us on this purchase; this will make our events easier for the public to enjoy and for the club to host.

RIC Background

Riders In-Cahoots, Inc. was founded in 1998 by a small group of horse enthusiasts that wanted a club that was focused on having fun with horses. Over the years we have had between 60 to 80 members. We are a diverse group of horse lovers from northern Minnesota including Grand Rapids, Bemidji, Hibbing, and Virginia. A few of our members are from the metro area and even some members are from Wisconsin. Many of our members both ride and drive our horses. Club activities include drives, obstacle rides, horseback orienteering, horse camping and events such as organized drives, sleigh events and horse shows. Most events begin or end with a potluck and social time. We joke that our motto is "Ride-a-Little, Eat-a-Little." For more information on RIC visit our website at www.ridersincahoots.com.

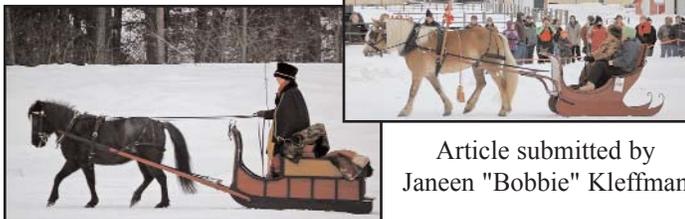


New PA system was a collaboration purchase

The Direct Fund grant was not enough to cover the deluxe PA system we wanted so we pooled our funds with another local equine club to share in the cost and the use. The North Star Draft Horse Club donated the difference to Riders In-Cahoots so we could purchase the deluxe PA system. The North Star Draft Horse club will use the PA system for their shows and events as well. Riders In-Cahoots will use the PA system for events such as our winter sleigh rally that is held annually in February. In past years we rented a system. It was expensive to rent and the company that rented it to us recently went out of business.

Up-Coming Event

In February of this year Riders In-Cahoots and the North Star Draft Horse Club have joined together to have a winter event for our community to enjoy horses and the fun they can offer. RIC will feature our judged sleigh rally and the North Star Draft Horse Club will offer sleigh rides for the public to enjoy. Lunch will be served and a large turn-out from people in the surrounding area is expected. In past years participants in the sleigh rally have come from 3-4 hours away to participate in the event. We are excited about this event and can't wait to use our new PA system! Thank you so much to the Minnesota Horse Council for making this possible!



Article submitted by
Janeen "Bobbie" Kleffman



Bring your HAY SAMPLE to the Nutrena® booth L-2836 & L-2838 in the Cattle Barn while visiting the Minnesota Horse Expo to get your hay tested for FREE--*results in minutes!*

Why is hay testing so important?

- ◆ Determining nutrient values for protein and fiber etc.--varies widely by state, county, field and cutting
- ◆ Hay is the foundation of the diet and provides 50-90% of the horse's total nutrients
- ◆ Determining starch and sugar levels--essential when feeding a metabolic horse
- ◆ Identifying specific nutrient deficiencies (e.g., selenium etc)
- ◆ Calculating digestible energy (DE) and calorie content
- ◆ Balancing your horse's diet--"what's in your hay" should be telling you what feed and/or supplements to be using

Collecting Your Hay Sample

The ideal sample is obtained using a hay probe to collect a core sample (if possible). If you do not have a hay probe available we recommend the following:

Small Square Bale Sample

- ◆ Collect the sample(s) from the center of the hay bale (collecting equal parts stalk, stem and leaf)
- ◆ Collect sample(s) from three or more hay bales, if possible
- ◆ Combine all samples collected

Round Bale Sample

- ◆ Collect the sample(s) from the center of the round bale (collecting equal parts stalk, stem and leaf)
- ◆ Collect sample(s) from two or more round bales, if possible
- ◆ Combine all samples collected

Instructions:

1. Collecting equal parts of the stalk, stem and leafy material in the hay will provide the most accurate results.
2. FILL a 1 gallon clear plastic bag with the sample you collected--bag must be sealed.
3. Use a permanent marker to label your sample with your NAME, PHONE NUMBER and TYPE OF HAY (e.g., grass, alfalfa or grass/alfalfa)
4. Bring your sample(s) to the Nutrena booth to receive your FREE hay test results!



AHC Explains Changes in Tax Benefits for Horse Owners

Despite the acrimony and brinksmanship, Congress eventually passed an extension of the payroll tax reductions in late December maintaining the 2% reduction in payroll taxes for workers and the self-employed. The relief is good for two months through February, 2012. Negotiations are already underway between the House and Senate to find a way to extend payroll tax relief through 2012.

But the bill ultimately passed by Congress did not extend the Section 179 expense deduction or 100% bonus depreciation at the 2011 levels. Both provisions have returned to prior lower levels.

Section 179 Expense Deduction

The expense deduction has returned to \$125,000 for 2012 and phases out dollar-for-dollar once purchases of depreciable property reach \$500,000. The 179 expense deduction applies to horses, farm equipment and other depreciable property used in a business and permits a horse owner or breeder to write-off up to \$125,000 in assets purchased and placed in service in one's horse business in 2012.

The expense allowance for 2010-2011 was \$500,000 and phased out after purchases exceeded \$2 million.

Bonus Depreciation

In addition, bonus depreciation has returned to 50% for 2012. Bonus depreciation allows horse owners and other horse businesses to write off 50% of the cost of "new" capital assets, including horses, when purchased and placed in service in 2012. To be eligible for bonus depreciation the original use of the property must commence with the taxpayer. Any prior use makes the property ineligible.

Bonus depreciation was 100% for eligible assets purchased and placed in service from September 8, 2010 through 2011.

Both provisions can be used together.

Retroactive Change is Possible

"It is possible that the higher levels could be reinstated retroactively to January 1, 2012. In fact, the House-passed payroll-tax bill extended 100% bonus depreciation through 2012, even though the Senate bill did not," said AHC president Jay Hickey. "The negotiations between now and the end of February on the one-year extension of the payroll tax reduction could include other changes to the tax code, such as the expense deduction or bonus depreciation. But this is speculation at this point."

AHC Helps YOU to Connect With Congress

Despite the low approval ratings for Congress, Americans are still interested in what Congress is doing. Why? Because what Congress does--or does not do--impacts the horse industry. This is true regardless of your breed or discipline, whether you are an individual owner, run a track or show, own a horse business, work in the industry as a service provider or ride for recreation.

It is important that we build relationships with our elected leaders in Washington and that they understand and appreciate the \$102 billion horse industry's contribution to the economic, sporting and recreational sectors of the U.S. and their states. 2012 is a terrific opportunity to do this because it is an election year and so many members of Congress and new candidates are running for federal office and they want to meet you.

One of the best ways to build a relationship is to simply invite a member of Congress to your farm or ranch or to an equestrian event back in the district or state. Invite other horse people so there is a built-in crowd of voters. A personal experience with the horse community makes an impression.

All across the country there are farms and ranches getting ready for the breeding season, a great time to showcase the industry. There are horse shows, large and small, races, rodeos, organized and disorganized trail rides, horse sales, etc. Each of these events is an opportunity to build a relationship with a member of Congress or a candidate and to help them understand the horse industry a little bit better. Remember that going to a horse farm or event is a pleasant way to spend a few hours. Having voters there makes it even more pleasant for those running for Congress.

Building relationships with members of Congress is more important now than ever. There are many issues before Congress such as taxes, federal spending, immigration reform and racing legislation, trails legislation and disease programs that could all have profound implications for the horse industry. Only by having personal exchanges with their constituents, who are involved with the horse industry, will members of Congress fully appreciate how these issues impact the industry.

If you would like to invite a member of Congress to your facility or your organization has an upcoming event you think would be appropriate for your Senator or Representative to attend, please contact the AHC. The AHC will help you invite them and provide any guidance you might need. You can call or email the AHC at (202) 296-4031 or AHC@horsecouncil.org for help. Ask for our brochure, *Getting Involved in the 2012 Elections*, which will give you some pointers.

Please get involved. You will be helping yourself and your industry. And remember that while Congress' approval rating as a whole is very low, polls still show that most people feel their Senator or Representative is doing a good job so you might even enjoy the visit. They will.

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - October 11, 2011

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

Board Members Present: Darrell Mead, Missie Schwartz, Tim Bonham, Tom Tweeten, Marian Robinson, Charlyn Cadwell, Dawn Moore, Glen Eaton, Trina Joyce, Dave Fleischhaker, Jan Schatzlein, Carol Dobbelaire, Jennifer Willey, and Mark Ward

Absent: Tracy Turner, Judy Jensen, Sue McDonough

Members/Visitors: Miriam McGurran, Allison Eklund

I. Meeting called to order: 6:35 P.M. by Darrell Mead

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

Darrell Mead introduced the aforementioned guest and had the directors of the MHC introduce themselves to guest.

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

IV. Treasurer's Report for October was distributed by Tim Bonham. Discussion followed on a \$500 line item that should be removed. Carol Dobbelaire motioned to accept the report with the aforementioned correction. Jan Schatzlein seconded, motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes - September minutes presented electronically and in hard copy prior to the meeting. The September minutes will be approved at the November meeting.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore advised the Northland Inn has been purchased and is undergoing complete renovation. As a result, the banquet room will not be able to be utilized for the Annual Meeting. Marriott West has been chosen as the alternate location for the 2012 Annual Meeting. Dawn Moore will provide the updated information to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the upcoming newsletters.

VII. OLD BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo - Glen Eaton reported: The final results of the 2011 Minnesota Horse Expo are complete with a 1.4 percent increase in attendance despite the bad weather we had as we have had the last four years. The Horse Barn was full of horses and most of the Vendor booths were rented. We had great speakers and all lectures were well attended. With the good year we had, on September 27th the Minnesota Horse Expo will give the Minnesota Horse Council a check in the amount of \$225,000. On to Expo 2012 which will be held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds April 27, 28, and 29th. The will be our 30th anniversary. Also we will have a new Judging Arena. Contracts packages were sent to 2011 Minnesota Horse Expo Vendors and Stall Renters on September 1 and several have been returned. We are in the process of signing Speakers and all Committees are busy taking care of their projects.

B. Direct Funding - Mark Ward: In 2011 we have made the following awards:

Midwest Western Dressage \$500.00 for a clinic
 MN 4-H Horse Association Library \$267.90 for a storage center
 Anoka 4-H Horse Committee \$500 for a sound system for 4-H shows
 Pipestone County 4-H \$500 for a calf-roping clinic
 Whips & Wheels Driving Society \$500 for a driving clinic
 St. Paul Police Mounted Foundation \$500 for a horse education day for underprivileged, inner-city kids
 We have spent \$2,267.90, have \$500 in current liability, and \$3,282.10 remaining unused in our 2011 budget of \$6,050.00.

C. Certified Stables - Sue McDonough absent, no report.

D. Aisle of Breeds - Glen Eaton reported: The Aisle of Breeds at the Minnesota State Fair was a great success. I want to thank all of the people from the Council and Expo that attended the information table. Also I want to thank those people that took time out to install and take down the display. We had a person that proposed to his girlfriend in the main aisle of the Horse Barn. Wedding to take place possibly next spring.

E. CSHS - Glen Eaton reported: The fall meeting of the States Horse Council Coalition will be held the first weekend in November in Madison, WI. Two people from the Expo and two people from the Council will attend. The schedule is not yet set. Minutes of the Spring meeting in Washington are enclosed.

F. Budget - Darrell Mead presented the proposed 2012 budget. Mark Ward motioned to approved the 2012 budget. Tom Tweeten seconded, motion carries.

G. Nominations - Darrell Mead advised there are five director positions that will be available in 2012.

H. Grants - Tim Bonham advised that 16 grant requests were received totaling \$92,000.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Miriam McGurran shared some views on restoring Equine slaughter facilities. A letter from the Arabian Professionals and Amateurs stating this viewpoint was passed around for the directors to see.

Announcements:

October 14th is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter.

X. Darrell Mead adjourned the meeting at 8:19PM.

NEXT MEETING - November 8, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.
 University of MN - Leatherdale Equine Center



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The Minnesota Horse Expo Tack and Clothing Sale in the Dairy Building is open to the public to consign any and all things horse related prior to and during the Expo. The sale is managed by the Minnesota 4-H Horse Association and is this group's major fund raising event with proceeds going to help pay for the State 4-H Horse Show, Winter Roundup and all the other 4-H Horse Project events. A 20 percent commission fee is charged on all items sold at the Tack Sale. All items are tagged using special tags provided to the consignors. Consignors may get tags from Curt Baumgart prior to the sale by calling 320.355.2142. In 2011 over 1200 items were consigned by more than 300 individuals. Please look over your tack at home and bring it to the sale or visit the sale and find the tack you need.

PRCA Rodeos fill the Coliseum on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 pm with the Sunday matinee at 3 pm. Rodeo admission ranges from \$4-\$10 and is in addition to Expo admission. Daily Expo admission is \$9 for ages 13-61; \$6 for ages 6-12 and 62 and over. Expo gates open at 8:30 am with ticket booths opening at 8:00 am. The Minnesota Horse Expo is sponsored by the Minnesota Horse Council. Please contact Glen Eaton, Minnesota Horse Expo president, at 952-356-2090 or visit www.mnhorseexpo.org for more information. For Minnesota Horse Council activities and news, go to www.mnhorsecouncil.org.

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - December 13, 2011

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

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

Absent: None

Members/Visitors: Allison Eklund, Joan Schulz

I. Meeting called to order: 6:31 PM by Tracy Turner

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

Tracy Turner introduced the aforementioned guest and had the directors of the MHC introduce themselves to guest.

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

IV. Treasurer's Report for December was distributed by Tim Bonham. This report reflected the total assets of \$906,323.97 with total liabilities of \$516,411.20. Discussion followed on the Grants budget showing and overture. The overture is occurring as prior year's grants are being redeemed. It was requested that future Treasurer's reports reflect prior years Grant payouts as such. It was also requested that a year end report be generated for the February meeting. Carol Dobbelaire motioned to accept the November report with corrections under the Grants section as previously discussed. Mark Ward seconded, motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes - Jan Schatzlein motioned to approve the November minutes as presented. Carol Dobbelaire seconded, motion carries.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore shared a thank you card that was received. It will be given to Missie Schwartz for inclusion in the scrapbook.

VII. OLD BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo - Glen Eaton reported: The plans for the 2012 Expo are progressing in fine shape. Vendor booths and stalls are being rented and a total of 263 signed contracts have been returned which is about normal. Ads are coming in for the program but this will pick up after the first of the year. An ad with photos will be shown for three months in theaters in White Bear, Plymouth, and Lakeville. It will be shown before *War Horse*. Other promotions are going well also. Jane Savoie is booked as a speaker. The next Expo meeting is at Perkins on Hwy 394 and Louisiana Ave. in Golden Valley. State Fair note: the construction of the new judging arena is well under way with the struts in place for the stalls and according to a construction worker the struts for the main building will be up this week. Everything is on schedule. I plan on going to the fairgrounds weekly to see the progress.

B. Direct Funding - Mark Ward reported Since the November report, the Direct Funding Committee has received two applications:

- 1) Riders in Cahoots - \$500 for a sound system to be used at horse-related events. Approved. The group has been informed of their grant and they have already indicated their intention to follow through quickly.
- 2) North Central Morgan Association - \$500 to cover costs of a driving clinic. To be decided this week.

Other recent business:

- 1) The St. Paul Police Mounted Patrol Foundation has received their \$500 grant. We were significantly featured in their publicity carried by newspapers.
- 2) Email notices have been sent advising two groups that their invoices were not received in time and that their funding (\$500 each) has expired.
- 3) A recipient was informed that they had until Dec 20, 2011 to submit their invoice for the saddle that was approved by last year's committee. The reason their time period has been extended is due to the fact that the "approved" status for their grant was not communicated until recently to the person in charge.

Budget Summary

Outstanding liabilities (2010 and 2011)

\$312 -- Natural Connections Learning Center (assigned to 2010 budget)

\$500 -- Riders in Cahoots

Funds Remaining from 2011 Budget

\$6050.00 (total 2011 budget)

-2776.90 (grants paid)

- 500.00 (current 2011 liability)

\$2282.10 remaining

C. Horse Person of the Year - Dawn Moore advised she is trying to connect with the family and friends of the recipient to organize the presentation.

D. Communications - Missie Schwartz advised the next newsletter will not be out until after the Annual Meeting.

E. Legislative - Tracy Turner advised the Horses are Livestock definition is moving forward.

F. Grants - Tim Bonham advised the committee has met and is recommending 12 grants to be approved by the board of directors for a total of \$56,455. Tim Bonham motioned to accept the proposed grants as presented. Mark Ward seconded, motion carries.

G. CSHS - Glen Eaton reported: As in the November report, Darrell, Tim and myself traveled to Madison for the fall meeting of the States Horse Council Coalition. Because of the car accident Tom could not go and a request for a resignation refund has been sent to the American Horse Council. Speakers were on board such as manure removal, land conservation, and council and committee meetings. The speaker on manure removal showed many types of equipment and most are very expensive but many share equipment by hauling manure to one place. Land conservation is a huge subject as over 6,000 acres a day are taken from natural areas. Council meetings as to the size were discussed. Some have as many as 54 directors. It was also discussed that more than five on a committee was too many. The Executive Committee of the States Horse Council Coalition met for about an hour and a half on Saturday evening to iron out details which was done and a good meeting was held. Disease was also discussed especially imports and exports. There are only three ports that take horses in the US (New York, Miami, and Los Angeles). The financial system for the Coalition is in fine shape. The fall meeting for 2012 will be held in Colorado and 2013 in North Carolina. Minutes will be issued and a copy will be given to the council when they arrive.

H. Scholarships - Trina Joyce shared a couple of thank you cards that were received since the last meeting. Eleven scholarships have been awarded.

I. Annual Meeting - Dawn Moore discussed the change of venue, the change in menu and costs associated with that change. Dawn has secured internet use and the rental of a screen and projector. In addition the cost of the decorations has increased this year. Mark Ward requested directors send in photos to be displayed in a slideshow during the dinner.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MN Horsemen's Coalition - Racino The Equine Development Coalition has been created to promote Racino within the state of MN. Rosemary Higgins and Jeff Hilger presented the latest information on the progress of Racino through the MN Legislature. There was a request for a formal letter of support for Racino, The Equine Development Fund, and allow the use of the MHC name as a affiliate supporter. There was a second request to send a letter of support directly to the governor of MN, as well as the MHC to be willing to inform their members on the current Racino bill. Mark Ward motioned to provide the aforementioned requested support. Darrell Mead seconded. Carol Dobbelaire requested anyone with a conflict of interest to recuse themselves. Sue McDonough abstained from voting on this matter. Motion carries.

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MHC AWARDS GRANT TO MINNESOTA PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION FOR CLINIC

The Minnesota Pinto Horse Association has been awarded a Minnesota Horse Council grant to help fund and sponsor a clinic for ALL horse exhibitors. This is the second clinic sponsored by Minnesota Pinto, the first being in 2011, *Showing Pinto 101*. It was the basics for showing a miniature, a horse and even Gypsy horses.

The upcoming clinic is *The Evasive Blue Ribbon*, which is geared for everyone, but especially the exhibitor who has show experience and wants to enhance their performance and class results with that blue ribbon.

Clinicians will be Dr. Alan Shackelford and Judge Joyce Swanson, both from Colorado.

Dr. Shackelford's interests include the use of behavioral methods in the prevention and treatment of stress-induced disorders and performance anxiety in athletes and performers.

Judge Swanson, carded in numerous horse associations, will continue in the afternoon with *Suitability of the Horse to the Task You Want* and *Western Dressage*--a popular new discipline of study for the western horse.

The clinic is April 14 at the U of M Leatherdale Equine Center on the St. Paul campus. The morning session is limited to 80 participants because of its classroom setting. The afternoon session is open to 200+. Box lunches are included with all registration fees. Eight (8) participants will be able to bring their horse to work in the arena directly with Judge Swanson with prior registration.

Private work sessions with handler/rider and horse with Judge Joyce Swanson can be reserved for Sunday, April 15 at a private heated facility in the Delano/Montrose area near US Hwy 12.

For more information and a reservation form to attend, go to www.minnesotapinto.com or Anna Fromelt at frommie1421@yahoo.com.

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B. Committee Member Selection Procedures - Mark Ward presented sections of the MHC by laws with regards to committee selection. Mark Ward further displayed a potential new procedure for the selection of committee chairs and the committee members. Mark Ward motioned to accept his proposed policies for the selection of committee chairs and committee members Darrell Mead, seconded, motion carries.

C. Election Procedures 2012 - Mark Ward motioned the 2012 election of MHC directors be held without any mail in voting. In accordance with our by laws. By a hand vote there was a tie which was broken by a vote of the president. The motion was defeated.

Announcements:

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

X. Tracy Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:59 PM.

NEXT MEETING - February 14, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.
University of MN - Leatherdale Equine Center

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 14, 2012	June 12, 2012	November 13, 2012
March 13, 2012	July 10, 2012	December 11, 2012
April 10, 2012	September 11, 2012	January 19, 2013 -
May 8, 2012	October 9, 2012	Annual Meeting
		February 12, 2013

MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO BOARD MEETINGS

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

January 31, 2012	May 29, 2012	October 30, 2012
February 28, 2012	June 26, 2012	November 27, 2012
March 27, 2012	July 31, 2012	December 18, 2012
April 17, 2012	September 25, 2012	January 29, 2013

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June	5/11/12	December	11/16/12

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The Minnesota Horsemen's Directory is a free resource provided by the Minnesota Horse Council to help you find horse-related information and services in and near Minnesota.

- ♦ Find a farrier, trail riding stable, boarding, lessons, tack stores, and much more! Use the Events Calendar to find shows, clinics and other horse-related activities. Use the new Jobs category to find a job or skilled job seeker.
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- Organization - \$25
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