



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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APRIL 22, 23, & 24

Minnesota Horse Expo Gets Ready

The Minnesota State Fairgrounds opens to the 34th annual Minnesota Horse Expo for everyone who enjoys horses on Friday, April 22 through Sunday, April 24.

Some 750 vendor booth spaces packed with gear, horse association info, trailers, riding, showing and work apparel, equine supplies and more for horse and owner will fill six Fair buildings and flow outside to space along Judson Avenue. The MN 4-H Horse Project volunteers will help consign and sell thousands of items of tack, equipment and clothing at the Expo Consignment Sale in the Dairy Building.

This year's presenters include Guy McLean, Australian horseman and entertainer, Julie Goodnight, educator and host of Horse Master on RFD-TV, Anita Howe, gaited horse trainer and author of *Freedom to Gait*, Dale Myler, a leader in bit design and biting application, Yvonne Barteau, dressage trainer, competitor, author of *Ride the Right Horse* and *The Dressage Horse Manifesto*, and Robert Eversole, owner and operator of the largest horse trail and horse camp guide in North America.

Horses from approximately 50 breeds are expected to be on display in the Horse Barn and featured daily in the noon time narrated Parade of Breeds in the Coliseum. Friday and Saturday afternoons provide longer demonstrations of each breed with a review of Stallions at Expo in the AgStar Arena each day.

PRCA rodeo performances have long been a favorite at the Minnesota Horse Expo with sell out crowds. The three rodeo performances feature Barnes Rodeo stock, seven rodeo events plus Rider Kiesner, who entertains with the Cowboy skills of trick roping, gun spinning and whip cracking. Tickets for the 7 pm Friday and Saturday and 3 pm Sunday afternoon rodeos are in addition to Expo daily admission and can be purchased starting March 1 on the Minnesota Horse Expo website.

Friday and Saturday nights, listen to live music outside the east side of the Horse Barn near Coasters from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. Free horse, pony and wagon rides are available all three days of the Expo.

The Minnesota Horse Council owns the Minnesota Horse Expo and uses profits from the event to further their committee work for the state's horse industry. Daily Minnesota Horse Expo Admission tickets are \$11 for ages 13-61; \$7 for ages 6-12 and 62 plus. Children 5 and under are Free. Parking is free at the Minnesota Horse Expo in State Fair lots. Tickets for the PRCA Rodeos are in addition to daily Expo admission.

For updated Horse Expo information and a link to the Minnesota Horse Council site, visit www.mnhorseexpo.org or call 877-462-8758.



Cheers to 50 Years!!

Minnesota Pinto is celebrating its GOLDEN Anniversary and has made great plans for all sorts of events in 2016. We invite everyone to come and be part of some of the largest and most diverse Pinto shows in the nation. Check out our lineup and save the dates!

2016 MINNESOTA Pinto 3-Day Show Dates:

- ♦ May 28-30 Minnesota Equestrian Center, Winona
 - ♦ July 15-17 R & J Arena, Verndale
 - ♦ September 14-16 R & J Arena, Verndale
- ** NEW DATE & VENUE ****

2016 GOLDEN JUBILEE Pinto 4-Day Show Date:

- ♦ August 25-28 Minnesota Equestrian Center, Winona

Along with Iowa Pinto, we are hosting a Jubilee Show that will have amazing awards, NSBA classes, and four full days of classes. This show format offers three judges and FOUR sets of PtHA Points.

We have classes for horses, ponies, miniatures, solid, youth, amateur and novice as well. We award over \$20,000 in year end awards annually, including 20+ high points, numerous class awards, a Super Horse Award, a \$500 Scholarship, and more.

Riding a solid horse? No worries – we have Solid Pinto classes too, that most AQHA, solid bred APHA, Arabian, Saddlebred, and other quality horses qualify for – and you can register your horse as either a Solid or regular Pinto right at our shows.

Youth – we've got a great team of riders, and everyone is welcome! Come check out our High Point Scholarship program at each of our 3-day shows, and make some new friends.

Come see us at the Minnesota Horse Expo, or visit our web site at www.minnesotapinto.com, drop us a line at mptha66@gmail.com, follow us on Facebook, or contact Mahlon Bauman at 612-508-6832 for more information.

**MINNESOTA Pinto Horse Association
1st Place Superior PtHA Charter Award, 2015**

Minnesota Pinto at the Horse Expo



We plan to have lots of fun giveaway items at our booth in the Horse Barn this year, including Minnesota Pinto magazines, pens, bookmarks, magnets and lots of information. We also plan to give away a FREE Minnesota Pinto Membership. We've invited our Year End Champions to represent the breed, which will include all of our breed types: Stock, Hunt, Pleasure, Saddle, Pony and Mini. What we think is really important to know is that ALL of our horse representatives are Grand or Reserve Champions from the 2015 Minnesota Pinto Show Season, which is a huge accomplishment. The Minnesota Pinto shows have held the First through Fifth largest Pinto Charter shows in the Nation for the past 5 years, and continues to grow.

BOULONNAIS

New Breed at 2016 Minnesota Horse Expo

Lynn Gennrich had seen pictures of Boulonnais horses in books, but met one for the first time in April of 2015 in Boulogne, France near Paris. This horse, *Timide*, was not for sale, but Lynn definitely knew this breed was for her. At the end of 5 days of seeing Boulonnais horses, she purchased the stallion *Ben Hur de Bernaville* and a 3-year-old mare bred to another stallion.

Ben Hur de Bernaville arrived in America and left quarantine in August 2015--the first Boulonnais to be shipped to America since before WW I. He stands 16.3 hands, weighs approximately 1,950 pounds and is the characteristic 'white marble' color of his breed. After line driving and long lining, he's ready for cart training. Under saddle, he performs side passes and obstacles in the field, including a regular bridge, tilting bridge and logs.

Arriving on February 20, 2016 will be two Boulonnais fillies and a colt to add to Lynn's herd. These horses will add additional Boulonnais bloodlines for the breeding stock of the North American Boulonnais Association.

Learn more about the Boulonnais breed at www.naboulonnaisassociation.com and follow Lynn's continuing story at northamericabolonnaisassociation Facebook page. Then come see *Ben Hur de Bernaville* at the Minnesota Horse Expo in the Horse Barn.



Cavallo Equestrian Arts Performances Cancelled

It is with regret that the Minnesota Horse Expo announces that Cavallo Equestrian Arts will not be bringing their tent show to the 2016 Expo.

Minnesota Horse Expo 2016



34TH ANNUAL
APRIL 22-24
MINNESOTA
STATE FAIRGROUNDS

Proudly presented by the Minnesota Horse Council

• Clinicians •

Clinician presentations included in admission



Guy McLean



Julie Goodnight



Robert Eversole



Yvonne Barteau



Anita Howe



Dale Myler

• Hundreds of Vendors •

Including Expo Tack Consignment Sale in Dairy Bldg



• PRCA Rodeos •
 Friday & Saturday 7PM
 Sunday 3PM



• Parade of Breeds •

Breed Demonstrations
 Stallion Review
 Free Horse, Pony and Wagon Rides



Ben Hur de Bernaville
 Boulonnais Stallion • New Breed at Expo



Horse Expo Hours: Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23: 8:30am-9:30pm; Sunday, April 24: 8:30am-5:00pm
Daily Horse Expo Admission: FREE for ages 5 and under; \$11 Adults (13-61); \$7 Seniors (62+) and Youth (6-12)
PRCA Rodeo Admission from \$5 to \$12 depending on seating section plus daily Horse Expo Admission
Ticket and schedule info: www.mnhorseexpo.org or 877-462-8758 Free Parking in State Fair lots.

MHC TAKING OVER MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATION

The Minnesota Horse Council is pleased to announce that it will be taking over the administration of the Minnesota High School Equestrian Association program. The Minnesota Horse Council is a volunteer organization that gives back to the equine community. They are also the parent company of the MN Horse Expo, which is held each April at the MN State Fairgrounds. The MHC is honored to be chosen as the volunteer organization to administer the MHSEA program.



The Minnesota High School Equestrian Association is a 501(3)(c) non-profit corporation whose mission is to promote equestrian disciplines as a high school team sport with an emphasis on education, citizenship and recognition of equestrian athletes. The Minnesota Horse Council, a non-profit corporation, encourages and supports equine-related activities, concerns and education. Founded in 1935, the Council began as a vehicle for horse owners and exhibitors to coordinate horse activities with the Minnesota State Fair Board. Since then the Minnesota Horse Council has evolved into an umbrella organization uniting and supporting equine activities throughout the state. By overseeing the administration of the MHSEA, the MHC will continue to grow the program and provide equine related opportunities and recognition to both groups.

The MHSEA was started in 2001 when Laura Moran and her high school-aged daughter, Melissa, created a program to provide young riders the opportunity to pursue a sport they love, enjoy the camaraderie of other high school equestrian athletes and earn high school recognition in "team" competition at the same time. The popularity of this program has grown and changed over the years but remains true to its goal of recognizing high school equestrian athletes accomplishments. A new committee made up of MHC board members has been formed to assist in the transition and will work closely with MHSEA founder Laura Moran to ensure a seamless transition.

The goals of the MHC are to promote and/or support equine educational activities; strengthen and facilitate communication among horse-related groups; and provide expertise, consultation and advice in horse-related matters. The MHC looks forward to helping promote and grow the MHSEA program.

The MHSEA does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, creed, age, sexual orientation or physical handicap, in any manner, with respect to this program. The MHSEA is an independent provider and does not provide training or riding lessons. The MSHEA is not sponsored by, administered by or sanctioned by a specific school, or school district or the MN State High School League. For more detailed information, please go to www.mhsea.org or send an email to info@mhsea.org.

For more information on MHC and upcoming volunteer opportunities, please visit www.mnhorsecouncil.org or info@mnhorsecouncil.org.

CASS COUNTY AG ASSOCIATION RECEIVES MHC GRANT

The Cass County Ag Association would like to thank the Minnesota Horse Council for the wonderful opportunity to apply for this grant.

The arena that was previously on the fairgrounds had been there for over 25 years and the wooden posts were all rotted off. When we started taking it down, several posts in a row broke off as we started removing the wire panels we had on the old arena fence. The sides fell like a game of dominoes!

With the grant funds we were able to purchase about half of the interlocking panels needed to re-build a much needed community arena. The new interlocking panels were secured to steel T-posts to help stabilize the panels. We did a matched donation by fundraising and in-kind donations to construct an arena 250x150. The new arena was completed prior to our fair in late June.

We had three horse shows, 4-H horse training seminars, drill team practices and many community members utilized it daily for practicing and working their horses throughout the summer and fall.

The arena is beautiful and was a safe environment for everyone, whether they were a rider or a spectator.



BELTRAMI AG ASSOCIATION RECEIVES MHC GRANT

The Beltrami Ag Association's mission is to be a prudent steward of the Beltrami County Fairgrounds and facilities, and, in partnership with the community, provides many events with emphasis on an outstanding Beltrami County Fair that is innovative, diverse, represents evolving aspects of our economy and that maintains valued traditions for future generations.

Enhancements to the stalls in the horse barn facility, safety improvements, security and accessibility and improved overall stable conditions was attained in July 2015. Equine safety was the goal with this facility improvement and the ability to provide more comfortable stalling conditions for the horses at this facility. In addition, the safety of the owners/exhibitors and guests taking in the horse events was improved. We have a growing 4-H horse program with the barn filling to capacity at most all events. Facility enhancements will entice additional organizations to utilize the facility for their equine stabling needs. Approximately 300 individual equine owners participate in multiple events throughout the year, utilizing the horse barn. Your grant award of \$2,000 is greatly appreciated.

Vern Holzhueter, President
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EQUUL ACCESS RECEIVES MHC GRANT



Equul Access, Inc. was thrilled to be a 2016 grant recipient. Our dollars were used to purchase portable horse shelters for our herd. We lost their shelter a couple years ago and had to use the indoor arena for their run-in. This added tremendous wear and tear on the footing, and on our volunteers who had to keep it clean for lessons.

The shelters have been installed and are in use already. Having our indoor arena back is a God-send! Additionally, we are now currently in the process of insulating and heating that arena to expand our services to year-round. This important project was expedited by the generosity of the Minnesota Horse Council. Thank you so very much!

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SWIFT COUNTY 4H HORSE PROJECT RECEIVES MHC GRANT

Swift County 4H Horse Project would like to thank you for helping with the cost of providing two excellent clinicians to the public. We had about 45 attendees at the RYJOE Farm on Sunday May 10th.



The Swift Co. Horse Project includes weekly practices, mentorships, safety, education, more than owning a horse, training projects, judging teams, group activities like trail rides, fund raising, boot camp, winter round-up, working at state horse show and above all have fun with our projects as a group.

First we had Dr. Jayclyn Carlson talk to us about the importance of vaccinations and overall health of your horse. She brought with her a horse skull to talk about dentistry and some misconceptions and the growth of a horses teeth. She also talked about the care of an aged horse as our horses are living longer with the care we give them now compared to 20 years ago.



Next we had Dr. Julia Huss talk to us about the chiropractic work and farrier work to let our horses preform and live a quality life. She showed us what we as humans are doing and asking of our horses that often leads to behavior issues. She then demonstrated how to relieve some pains through the use of chiropractic work. She used a 19-year-old horse who was acting out of norm after ruling our items from the vet and farrier who knew the horse.



After a question and answer session, door prizes were given and a potluck supper for more conversations took place.



The Swift County 4H horse project wants to continue the efforts of educating our youth to make them better horsemen and women and to be more successful with their horses. Public education provides greater opportunity for more to learn. As a county, we are continuing to increase our numbers in this project especially with your young members and their families.

Again thank you for your support of dollars to our youth and the horse industry

Sincerely,
Nancy Loen
Adult Project Leader

LET 'EM BUCK SADDLE CLUB RECEIVES MHC GRANT

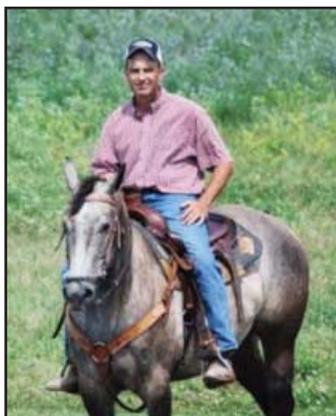
We would like to thank the Minnesota Horse Council for helping to sponsor the horse events we had at our arena this past summer. With your help we were able to sponsor a barrel racing series that included five dates of barrel racing.

We hosted a free trail class clinic, open to any person that wanted to participate and we were very surprised at the large turnout we received for this.

We hosted an introduction to cattle day, where we brought cattle into the arena and let people get their horse used to cattle without being in a competition. They were able to work the cattle slow and not scare their horse by trying to do it fast as you do in competition.

We greatly appreciate your support and we hope we can have your support again this coming summer. With great appreciation,

Let 'em Buck Saddle Club
Ortonville, MN



SWIFT COUNTY 4H HORSE PROJECT RECEIVES MHC GRANT

Thank you so much for assisting the Douglas County Fairgrounds in enhancing the ventilation in our horse barn with windows and fans. Our fair takes place at the end of August. Depending on the weather, the horses can be wringing wet with sweat by 10 AM due to the lack of ventilation. We enlisted parent volunteers to help install 22 windows, 11 on each side of the horse barn. We also were able to purchase large barn fans that we mounted to the rafters tilted downwards towards the horses so that the horses can receive the maximum benefits of our new ventilation.

We worked in conjunction with the Douglas County Fair Board, parents and the extension office to make this dream become a reality. These pictures show how wonderful our new advancements in the horse barn are due to your support and the money that you entrusted in us to better the environment for our horses throughout the fair. Thank you for all you do. Our horses will be happy for many years to come. Due to your generosity, our horse barn is full to the maximum with horse participants.

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Some of the horse project members in front of the newly installed fans! This will help to keep the barn cool and comfortable for the horses and the fairgoing public!



4-H volunteers installing the windows in the sides of the horse barn.



A side view of the windows all installed. Makes for great air flow!



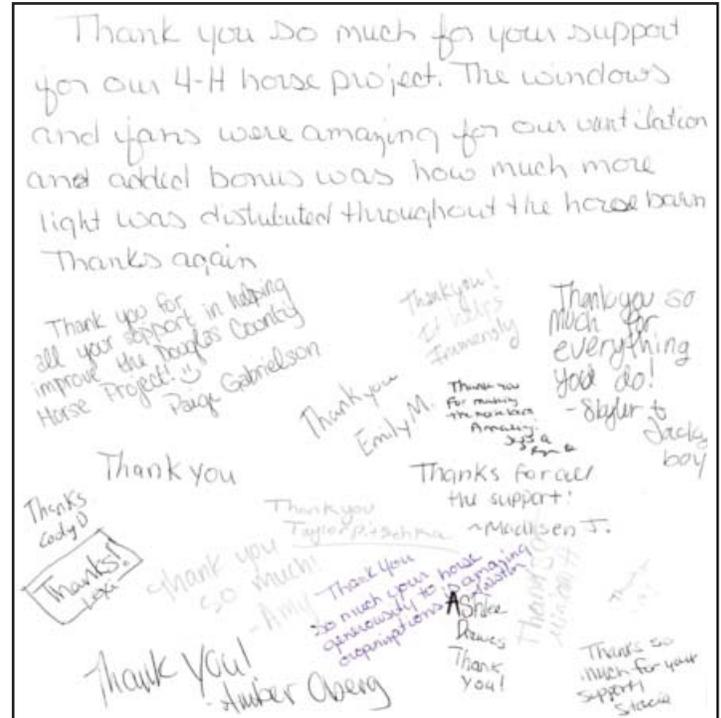
Support the National Forest Service Trail Stewardship Act Today



A June, 2013 study by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that the Forest Service has a deferred trail maintenance backlog that exceeds \$500,000,000, and only one-quarter of the agency's 158,000 miles of trails meet the agency's standard for maintenance. This maintenance backlog is causing access and safety issues for equestrians and all trail users on National Forests.

The National Forest Service Trail Stewardship Act of 2015 (S.1110) would direct the Forest Service to take several key actions to help address the trail maintenance backlog. These actions include development of a national strategy to expand the use of volunteers and partners in National Forest trail maintenance and creation of a priority trail maintenance program to identify and direct resources to areas with the greatest need for trail maintenance. This bill is strongly supported by the American Horse Council.

The AHC urges all recreational riders and trail users to contact their Senators and ask them to support the National Forest Service Trail Stewardship Act of 2015 (S.1110) and to please co-sponsor this legislation.



MINNESOTA HORSEMEN'S DIRECTORY

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.

www.minnesotahorsemensdirectory.com

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - December 8, 2015

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

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

Absent: Tracy Turner

Members/Visitors: Barb Fleischhaker, Laura Moran, Bridgid Spicola

I. Meeting called to order: 6:33 PM by First Vice President Tom Tweeten

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Mark Ward added newsletter fee increase to Communications Committee Report.
2. Tom Tweeten added Annual Meeting to Committee Reports.

IV. Treasurer's Report for December was presented by Tim Bonham in hard copy. Assets total \$846,397.93. Discussion and review followed. November treasurer's report presented for approval. Mark Ward motioned to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Sue McDonough seconded, motion carries. Tim Bonham advised he and Barb Fleischhaker have cashed out a couple of CDs and are looking for a better investment rate.

V. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the November meeting were presented to the board electronically prior to the meeting. Mark Ward motioned to approve the November minutes as presented. Glen Eaton seconded, motion carries.

VI. Secretary's Report – Dawn Moore advised the MHC had a presence at the Horse Crazy Market over the past weekend. Dawn Moore and Andrea Dubay offered a brief update on the AHC Grassroots Membership and the Equisure Excess Personal Liability Insurance initiatives.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Teleconference Update - Tom Tweeten provided a hard copy of the procedures for using Google Hangouts. Google Hangouts has been chosen by the committee to move the initiative forward. The committee is currently working on voting procedure for any remote attendees. Also moving forward is the process for notification of an anticipated absence as well as the process for cancelling or postponing a meeting.

B. MN Council of NonProfits Update - Dawn Moore reported the MHC has joined online and the fee due to the Council of NonProfits is \$75.00 and has been turned over to Tim Bonham and Barb Fleischhacker for payment.

C. MHC Vision - Tracy Turner tabled until February.

D. MHSEA Update - Dawn Moore introduced Laura Moran and Bridgid Spicola as members of the MHSEA board. Laura Moran presented a brief history and description of the program. A question and answer session followed. Mark Ward motioned to take on the MHSEA as a new initiative within the MHC and have Dawn Moore assume the chair position. Doug Persian seconded, discussion followed. Dawn Moore, Doug Persian, Barb Anderson-Whiteis, Laura Moran and Bridgid Spicola were suggested committee members. Glen Eaton motioned to table the motion until the next regular board meeting. Missie Schwartz seconded, discussion followed. Glen Eaton withdrew the motion to table. Motion defeated. Motion made by Mark Ward to take on the MHSEA carries.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo - Glen Eaton reported that the planning of the 2016 Expo is rolling along. The Cavallo Equestrian Arts (Ma 'Ceo) is booked and several others are in the process. Ads are being received for the program and the request for horse stalls and vendor booths keep coming in. The on-line

registration is working better since we got the kinks out. We hope all stalls and vendor booths are full when Expo time rolls around. After the first of the year we will be meeting with the State Fair with the pre-Expo meeting. The next meeting is December 29 at Lunds/Byerly's in St Louis Park.

B. Direct Funding - Mark Ward advised the committee has received no new applications since the November meeting. In 2015, so far our committee has received 13 applications for Direct Funding. Ten were approved, two were not approved and one was sent to the MHC Sponsorship Program for evaluation but it did not receive funding.

C. Horse Person of the Year - Dawn Moore advised a person has been selected by the committee and they are in the process of notifying the nominators.

D. Aisle of Breeds - Glen Eaton, no report.

E. Coalition of State Horse Councils - Glen Eaton advised the Minnesota Horse Council hosted the fall meeting of the 2015 Coalition of Horse Councils with Glen G Eaton, Thomas Tweeten (Co-Chairs), Darrell Mead, David A Fleischhaker, Dawn Moore as a committee to put it together. Barb Fleischhaker also joined the Committee. The meeting was held at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Bloomington, MN. Twelve states were represented. We had great speakers and the hospitality room was great. The financial picture is not complete at this time but will be at the next meeting. Everything has to be completed by December 20. We wish we would have had more states represented but everything went well. I want to thank Andrea for taking care of the registrations. Tom Tweeten advised the total expenses for the meeting were \$9758.50 and all paperwork has been submitted to the AHC.

F. Legislative - Tracy Turner absent, no report.

G. Grants - Tim Bonham advised the committee is following up on any unused grants from previous years.

H. Communications - Missie Schwartz shared a concern with the lack of relevant content for the newsletter in a timely manner. Missie Schwartz asked for input on how to address the concern. Discussion followed. Mark Ward advised he received an email from the newsletter editor asking for a \$100 increase in the rate per newsletter.

I. Scholarships - Trina Joyce reported that 20 applications were received and distributed. All but one committee member has submitted their rankings.

J. Show Facilities - Tom Tweeten advised the annual report has been drafted and sent to all the committee members for review and response. Tom Tweeten shared that there is progress being made in the effort to increase participation in the MN State Fair Horse Show. Another meeting is scheduled in the near future with the MN State Fair board.

K. Annual Meeting - Dawn Moore advised the event planning is on track. The speaker has been booked, silent auction recipient has been selected, and the colors will be presented at the top of the meeting. Silent auction items are being secured and logged. The menu will be very similar to last year. The committee is open to any suggestions and ideas.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Storage Locker Inventory - Trina Joyce advised there are items in the locker that she is unsure if the MHC has interest in retaining. A list of items was discussed and their fate determined by the board.

Announcements:

December 11th is the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter.

X. Tom Tweeten adjourned the meeting at 9:01 PM.

NEXT MEETING - January 23, 2016 - 6:30 pm - Marriott West

AHC PRESIDENT JAY HICKEY TO RETIRE

The American Horse Council (AHC) Board of Trustees announced February 2 that James J. (Jay) Hickey Jr., who has served as the president of the American Horse Council since June 1993, will retire on June 30.



A search committee has been formed to select his successor. The AHC represents all segments of the horse industry before Congress and the federal regulatory agencies.

"In his quiet and unassuming manner, Jay Hickey closely observed every issue that could have some effect on the American Horse Council's constituents and then provided them with astute guidance for more than two decades," said Jerry Black, DVM, AHC chairman and the director of the Equine Reproduction Laboratory and the Equine Science Undergraduate Program at Colorado State University. "He has been a beacon of integrity, a trusted colleague and a good friend to countless people in the horse industry and he has been equally well regarded by Members of Congress and their staffs."

Hickey, who grew up in Washington, D.C., and is a long-time resident of Chevy Chase, Maryland, received an undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Notre Dame and a law degree from Georgetown.

He joined the American Horse Council staff in 1989 and succeeded the late Rich Rolapp as president in June 1993.

During Hickey's tenure, the AHC has been involved in virtually every major federal law and regulation that affected the horse industry. This includes breeding, racing, showing, health and welfare, and recreation.

Under Hickey's direction, new committees were formed to represent specific segments of the horse industry. The AHC also coordinated economic impact studies on the state and national level and was a driving force behind the formation of the Congressional Horse Caucus, the Congressional Cavalry, the Unwanted Horse Coalition, and Time to Ride, the AHC's marketing alliance.

"The horse council's success flows from the great support it receives from the horse industry and the hundreds of people who have served as trustees, committee chairs, and committee members," Hickey said. "It has been a great experience being involved in the horse industry, primarily because of the people I have been able to meet and work with. But now it's time to ride off into the sunset."

The AHC has formed a search committee to identify candidates to succeed Hickey. Interested applicants can send resumes via <http://www.indeed.com/job/president-be177ebd7b8212e9>.

MEETING SCHEDULE

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MEETINGS

www.mnhorsecouncil.org

Leatherdale Equine Center Center ♦ 6:30 pm
1801 Dudley Ave ♦ St. Paul (U of M St. Paul Campus)
MHC Board Meetings are open, MHC members welcome to attend..

March 8, 2016	Sept. 13, 2016	Annual Meeting
April 12, 2016	Oct. 11, 2016	Feb. 14, 2017
May 10, 2016	Nov. 8, 2016	March 14, 2017
June 14, 2016	Dec. 13, 2016	April 11, 2017
July 12, 2016	Jan. 21, 2017	May 9, 2017

MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO BOARD MEETINGS

www.mnhorseexpo.org

6:30 pm

Call 952-356-2090 for location.

Mar. 29, 2016	Sept. 27, 2016	Feb. 28, 2017
Apr. 19, 2016	Oct. 25, 2016	March 28, 2017
May 17, 2016	Nov. 29, 2016	April 18, 2017
June 28, 2016	Dec. 27, 2016	May 30, 2017
July 26, 2016	Jan. 31, 2017	June 27, 2017

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April 2016	3/11/16	Oct. 2016	9/16/16
May 2016	4/15/16	Nov. 2016	11/11/16
June 2016	5/13/16	Dec. 2016	12/16/16
July-Aug. 2016	6/17/16	Jan-Feb 2017	1/23/17
Sept. 2016	8/12/16	March 2017	2/17/17



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

www.mnhorsecouncil.org

- Individual - \$15
- Family - \$20
- Organization - \$25
- Corporation - \$25
- Certified Stable: First Year - \$35
- Certified Stable: Renewal - \$25

Name _____

Farm/Business Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Alt. Phone _____

E-mail _____

Website URL _____

Brief description of your stable/business/involvement with horses:

Would you like to volunteer with MHC? If so, please list any interest you have:

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- United States Postal Service - B&W

If you want to join the American Horse Council, we can process your membership with a special discounted price! Check the box below. More information is on the membership page on our website.

- American Horse Council \$15/year

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- Individual Insurance \$20 Family Insurance \$40

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Participate in your life!

I feel that in order to better your life - you need to participate in your life! Don't pass your responsibility on and expect someone else to do all of the work while you reap the benefits. Since everyone reading this newsletter has horses in their life, what better way to benefit yourself, your horse and your life than to volunteer at the 2016 MN Horse Expo.

Here is a brief overview:

All volunteer shifts are a minimum of four hours.

Most positions involve standing and interaction with the Expo attendees.

Some positions are:

Wristband ♦ Programs ♦ Merchandise booth ♦ Coliseum Gates
Horse/Pony ride waiver table ♦ People mover

Shifts start at 7:30 am, 8:00 am, 8:30 am, and continue
in 4-hour increments, i.e., 7:30 - 11:30, 11:30-2:30, etc.

For more details or to volunteer please contact me directly!

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