



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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Expo Board Presents \$100,000 Check to Minnesota Horse Council



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Middle Row: Allison Eklund, Angela McNally, Missie Schwartz, Linda Dahl
Back Row: Jenny Buskey, Dave Fleischhaker, Leslie Russell Stewart, Brenda Miller, Kim Otterson, Del Bauernfeind

On September 30, the Minnesota Horse Exposition Inc. presented a check to the Minnesota Horse Council representing the profits from the 2014 Minnesota Horse Expo. Minnesota Horse Council President Darrell Mead is receiving the check in the amount of \$100,000 from Expo President Glen Eaton. Since Horse Expo 1992, the Minnesota Horse Exposition has presented the Minnesota Horse Council over \$3,850,000. All of these funds have gone into the equine industry in one way or another. The Expo Board of Directors and staff

meet once a month to put the Expo together. At the event, over 200 volunteers add their efforts. The Minnesota Horse Expo is one of the largest Horse Council sponsored expos in the country. I think that speaks well for the equine industry of Minnesota. I want to thank all the Minnesota Horse Expo directors, staff, volunteers and MN State Fair staff for putting this together.

See you on April 24, 25 and 26 at the 2015 Minnesota Horse Expo.

Glen G. Eaton President

Dakota Wicohan Receives Grant from the Minnesota Horse Council



The Minnesota Horse Council generously donated \$1,100 to Dakota Wicohan in November 2013. Dakota Wicohan used this wonderful gift to purchase equipment and supplies for our Sunktanka/Horse Program.

Dakota Wicohan is a Dakota community-based nonprofit organization that is dedicated to renewing Dakota language and lifeways in Minnesota. One of our community's important cultural lifeways is the horse tradition. To teach and transmit the horse tradition, Dakota Wicohan operates the Sunktanka Horse Program.

Our riding activities take place at Wasake Ranch in Morton, MN where our herd of eight horses live. Sunktanka engages an average of 50 Dakota youth annually through a wide range of activities, including:

Sunktanka Summer Camp - a horse riding camp held 3 days per week for 6 weeks, reaching 34 Dakota youth in Summer 2014. We had a special focus on teaching youth participants about health care for the horses.

Fall & Spring Riding - a twice per week after-school horse riding program that goes for 6 weeks in September and October and 4 weeks in May/June for 40 Dakota youth from both the Lower Sioux and the Upper Sioux Dakota communities this past year.

In sum, Sunktanka helps youth maintain the beautiful Dakota horse tradition in southwestern Minnesota.

With our \$1,100 grant from the Minnesota Horse Council last year, Dakota Wicohan was able to purchase key supplies for our Sunktanka Program:

Fencing Panels - total cost for fencing repairs was \$5,000. We used \$168 of the grant towards panels. They were particularly handy this year because they sheltered a sick horse in recovery over the summer.



Boots & Helmets for Youth Riders - we spent \$558 for boots and \$374 for helmets. This allowed us to expand the number of youth riders this year.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. Pidamayaye! Thank you!

Sharon Pazi
Executive Director

The Future of the Horse Industry, Welfare Issues and Changes in Minnesota Horse Council Policy

Tracy A. Turner, DVM
President Minnesota Horse Council



I attended the American Horse Council Annual Meeting this past summer. The theme was re-invigorating the horse industry, a topic I believe very important to our future. There was an industry marketing survey and talks by members from the leading breed associations. A common topic that came up was horse welfare and the public's perception of how we care for horses.

These discussions made me think and ask many questions. First, who is the steward of the horse? Horse people or some faceless group that tells us how to care for our horses. To me, the answer is obvious, we (horse people) are the stewards of the horse and with that comes great responsibility. This conclusion requires more pertinent questions to be asked. Should we promote the breeding of more horses or better horses? Should we train horses of any age, or base training decisions on maturation and ability? Are any techniques too harsh, and what discipline is appropriate? During competitions, is the use of performance enhancing drugs appropriate? Should you be able to "hop" your horse up or "calm" your horse as needed with chemicals? Do we accept injuries as part of the competition or do we make facilities safer? Do we leave rules as they are for the sake of tradition or modify the rules as needed to make competitions fairer and safer? Do we allow people to care for their horses however they want, or do we educate them as to the horse's needs and proper handling? If we see cruelty or neglect, do we ignore it or confront it? How do we prevent infectious disease in our horses? Finally, what about end of career or end of life issues? Who should dictate available options?

If your answers to these questions are, you, as the steward for the horse, should make these decisions, then you and I are of like minds. What I have found over the years when one brings up the topic of animal welfare, or in this case horse welfare, whomever you talk to, eyes glaze over and emotions make it difficult to have a logical discussion. "Welfare" is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as the state of being happy, healthy, or successful. Is that not what we all want for our horses? It has been my opinion that we (horse people) need to lead and promote horse welfare, we should tell the world that this is our responsibility and we take it very seriously. With this very idea in mind, the Minnesota Horse Council adopted the American Horse Council's Welfare Code of Practice. Please go to www.horsecouncil.org/WelfareCode.php to read the code. This document outlines our responsibility as horse people to our commitment to the horse.

The Minnesota Horse Council Board of Directors voted in September 2014, that the MHC should take a leadership role in the state with regards to horse welfare. As a result, we have made a policy change: Any horse group that receives \$500 or more from MHC must adopt the Welfare Code of Practice as their own, in order to receive the money. In this manner, the horse industry can stand united in accepting our responsibilities as stewards of the horse. When other groups try to interfere or dictate, we can show anyone that we are leading by doing what needs to be done. New people entering the horse world can see that the Minnesota Horse Industry puts the horse first.



Ask the Expert: Purchasing Large Round Bales

By: Krishona Martinson, PhD, University of Minnesota



Question: I would like to start feeding my horses large round bales, but I have no idea how many bales to buy. I have two average sized horse who would have 24/7 access and the hay. The large round bales are 4' x 5'. How many should I buy?

Response: An average size adult horse (1,000 pounds) will eat about 2.5% of their bodyweight each day or about 25 pounds. For two horses, that would be 50 pounds each day. If you feed large round bales from October through May (8 months or 240 days), you will need 12,000 pounds of hay for two horses. The -average 4' x 5' grass large round bale should weigh 850 pounds. 12,000 pounds divided by 850 pounds equals 14 large round bales.

However, two horses might not eat the large round bale quickly enough and there will probably be some waste from rainfall/snow. It would be best to place the large round bale in

a covered feeder or inside a lean-to to reduce waste from the environment when feeding only a few horses from a round bale. Ideally a large round bale would be consumed within 7 days. This is usually achieved when four or more adult horses feed from a large round bale.

Also, we know that large round bale feeders can help reduce hay waste. Hay waste from large round bales feed in differed feeders ranged from 6 to 33% waste, while not using a feeder resulted in 57% waste. For more information on selecting a round bale feeder, see

www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/horse/nutrition/selecting-a-round-bale-feeder/

Considering waste associated with feeding large round bales, I would recommend buying 16 large round bales for your two adult horses for the winter months.

AAEP Foundation Allocates \$284,000 in Support of Programs Benefiting the Welfare of the Horse

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Foundation has approved 2014 funding of \$284,000 for 24 equine organizations and special projects committed to improving the welfare of the horse.

The Foundation Advisory Council selected recipients from a group of new applications and ongoing projects seeking continued Foundation funding during its summer meeting in Louisville, KY.

Among the initiatives receiving support are Equitarian workshops, student veterinary scholarships, important equine research, unwanted horse programs, and professional and youth development. New initiatives to receive funding include the Horses and Humans Research Foundation for research into equine-assisted rehabilitation for military veterans; and the Equine Land Conservation Resource for its planning and zoning guide to facilitate protection and preservation of lands available for horse-related activities and facilities.

Congratulations to the following recipients (by category):

Equine Advocacy/Unwanted Horses

- American Veterinary Medical Association Foundation's Congressional Science Fellowship
- Equine Land Conservation Resource
- Unwanted Horse Coalition and its Operation Gelding Program

Equine Research

- AAEP Foundation's Laminitis Research Project
- Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's Starlight Racing Laminitis Matching Fund
- Horses and Humans Research Foundation
- Morris Animal Foundation
- Equine Research Coordination Group
- AAEP Past Presidents' Research Fellow
- EQUUS Foundation/AAEP Foundation Research Fellows



Equitarian Programs

- Christian Veterinary Mission's Fast Horses Seminar in Mongolia
- Equitarian Initiative Workshops in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Nicaragua

Professional Development

- World Equine Veterinary Association's International Congress

Scholarships and Veterinary Student Development

- The Race For Education/Platinum Performance/AAEP Foundation Winner's Circle Scholarships
- Markel/AAEP Foundation Scholarships
- Zoetis/AAEP Foundation Scholarships
- AAEP Student Member Educational Programs:
 - AAEP Annual Convention student programs
 - Focus on Students summer meeting
 - Dentistry, Farriery and Horse Handling short courses
 - Chapter activities

Youth Development in the Equine Community

- American Youth Horse Council's Leadership Symposium
- National FFA's Convention & Expo Student Career Workshops, in partnership with the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation

To learn more about programs receiving financial support from the AAEP Foundation, visit www.aaepfoundation.org and click the "Our Work" heading. For more information about the AAEP Foundation and its grant program, visit www.aaepfoundation.org.

That first step up is sure a big one -
but it will last a life time!



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
EXTENSION

University of Minnesota Extension Regional Horse Owner Program

November 6, 2014
6–8:30 p.m.

Bluff Country Equine
29161 Wilson Frontage Rd
Winona, MN

Traffic Changes Coming to Highway 52 Intersection Near Simon Arena



The Minnesota Department of Transportation is continuing to upgrade Highway 52 with the removal of stoplights in Cannon Falls. However, how many of us have had to sit at the intersection of Dakota County Road 86 to cross the south bound lane of Highway 52 in order to get to Simon Arena or have waited to cross that same south bound lane to travel north on Highway 52? Since 2008, there have been 14 injury crashes and 21 property damage crashes reported at the intersection of TH 52 and CSAH 86, including a fatal crash in 2013. Of the 35 reported crashes, 19 have been right-angle crashes.

Dakota County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) are cooperating on the design and construction of a grade separation to that intersection. This project proposes to convert the existing at-grade intersection to an overpass at TH 52 and CSAH 86. The design includes ramps in the northwest and southeast quadrants that will enter and exit from the right lane of TH 52 with right turns only. All traffic crossing the highway or making left turns at the intersection would utilize the overpass. This will provide greater safety for both through traffic and traffic turning at the intersection.

An initial introduction to the project was held in Cannon Falls on January 28, 2014. The goal is to secure right of way needs so that construction can begin in 2015. For more information regarding this project, email John Sass at john.sass@co.dakota.mn.us or call 952-891-7130.

Ref.: <http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Transportation/RoadStudies/Current/Pages/highway-52-and-csa-86-randolph.aspx>

Thomas Tweeten, PhD
MHC Director



Equine Winter Care

By Marcia Hathaway, PhD and Krishona Martinson, PhD, University of Minnesota

Horses, given the opportunity to acclimate to cold temperature, often prefer and are better off outdoors. The Minnesota Pet and Companion Animal Welfare Act outlines several minimal care standards for food, water, shelter, space, cleanliness, exercise, and hoof care. Some of these standards become even more important in the winter. For example, the act states that snow or ice is not an adequate water source for horses and all horses must be provided free choice protection from adverse weather conditions, including extreme cold, wind, and precipitation. Shelters are not required in outside exercise paddocks, as long as horses are not kept in those paddocks during adverse weather conditions.

Keep in mind that a horse requiring special care (i.e. trimming, medications, or special diet) during summer months will need that care continued throughout the winter months too. To ease the transition into winter, horses should be properly dewormed (i.e. based on fecal analysis) and in good body condition. This fact sheet outlines horse winter feeding and watering, shelter, blanketing, hoof care, and facilities management recommendations.

Water Requirements

When horses consume winter feeds, water requirements may increase. Hay and grain typically contain less than 15% moisture, while in contrast, pastures possess 60 to 80% moisture. There are two common complications resulting from inadequate water consumption during cold weather: decreased feed intake and impaction colic. Even if quality feed is offered, horses will consume less if not drinking enough water. If less feed is consumed, horses might not have enough energy to tolerate the cold. Fecal contents must maintain adequate moisture levels. If fecal material becomes too dry, intestinal blockage or impaction may occur. A horse will not develop an impaction in one day, but can over several days to several weeks of inadequate water consumption.

Most adult horses weighing 1,000 pounds require a minimum of 10 to 12 gallons of water each day for their basic physiological needs. During winter months, water should be kept between 45 to 65°F to maximize consumption. Previous research indicated that ponies increased their water consumption by approximately 40% each day when the water was warmed above freezing during cold weather. Increasing salt intake will also stimulate a horse to drink more; adult horses should consume one to two ounces of salt per day. Waterers should be cleaned regularly, and clean, fresh water should always be available, regardless of temperature. If using a tank heater to warm water, inspect it carefully for worn wires or other damage, and check the water for electrical sensations or shocks.

Snow or ice is not an adequate water source for horses. There have been a few scientific studies that show some horses who are acclimated to winter weather conditions can meet their water requirements from snow. However, there are serious health risks associated with snow consumption, including the length of adjustment period as horses learn to ingest snow, the actual water content of the snow, and total water intake. Therefore, some wild horses can receive their water needs from snow, but the risk of gastrointestinal tract problems, colic, and reduced feed intake is significant for domestic horses.

Winter Feeding

Cold temperatures will increase a horse's energy requirement as the need to maintain core body temperature increases. The temperature below which a horse needs additional energy to maintain body warmth is called the lower critical temperature. The lower critical temperature for a horse is estimated to be 41°F with a summer coat and 18°F with a winter coat (upper critical temperature is estimated at 86°F). However, the lower critical temperature can be affected by individual horse characteristics. A horse with short hair that is exposed to cold, wet weather will have a lower critical temperature higher than that of a horse with a thick hair coat and fat stores who is acclimated to cold weather. Another factor that can influence lower critical temperature is the size of the animal. Smaller animals have a greater surface area relative to body weight and can lose heat more rapidly than a larger animal. A weanling may reach their lower critical temperature before a mature horse. More importantly, cold weather can slow growth because calories are diverted from weight gain to temperature maintenance. To minimize a growth slump during cold weather, young horses should be fed additional calories.

Energy needs for a horse at maintenance increase about 1% for each degree below 18°F. For example, if the temperature is 0°F, a 1,000 pound idle, adult horse would need an approximately 2 additional pounds of forage daily. It is best to provide the extra energy as forage. Some believe that feeding more grain will help keep a horse warmer. However, not as much heat is produced as a by-product of digestion, absorption, and utilization of grain as is produced from the microbial fermentation of forage. Most data suggest that the need for other nutrients do not change during cold weather. However, consider feeding loose salt instead of block salt, as horses may not want to lick cold salt blocks during winter months.

During winter months, heavy hair coats can often hide weight loss. Regular body condition scoring is recommended to gauge weight and assess horse health. If a horse starts to lose body condition, increases in feed are recommended. Conversely, if a horse starts gaining excessive body condition, reducing the feed is necessary. Sorting horses by age, body condition, and nutrient requirements makes it easier to feed groups of horses appropriately.

Shelter

Horses should have access to shelter from wind, sleet, and storms (Figure 1). Free access to a stable or an open-sided shed works well, as do trees if a building is not available. In the absence of wind and moisture, horses tolerate temperatures at or



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Figure 1. Horses need access to shelter and should be fed additional hay during adverse winter weather. Tip: feed hay in a container or feeder to reduce waste

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slightly below 0°F. If horses have access to a shelter, they can tolerate temperatures as low as -40°F. However, horses are most comfortable at temperatures between 18 and 59°F, depending on their hair coat. A general rule of thumb for run-in or open-front shed size is 240 square feet for 2 horses (i.e. 12 x 20 feet) and 60 square feet (i.e. an additional 10 x 6 feet) for each additional horse. These recommendations assume horses housed together get along well.

Researchers recently examined daytime shelter-seeking behavior in domestic horses housed outdoors and studied the relationship of temperature, precipitation, and wind speed with shelter-seeking behavior. Shelter usage ranged from a low of less than 10% in mild weather conditions, to a high of 62% when snowing and wind speed were greater than 11 mph. More horses used shelters in breezy conditions during snow or rain. Shelter access is very important in certain weather conditions.

Blanketing

The hair coat acts as insulation by trapping air. If the hair is wet or full of mud, air is excluded, reducing its insulating value and increasing heat loss. As little as 0.1 inch of rain can cause cold stress by matting the hair and reducing its insulating value. It is important to keep the horse dry and sheltered from moisture. As expected, a horse with a thicker hair coat can retain more heat. Research has been conducted on the benefits of blanketing a horse to reduce the effects of cold weather (Figure 2). Most horses are blanketed because of personal beliefs of the owner. However, blanketing a horse is necessary to reduce the effects of cold or inclement weather when:

- ◆ There is no shelter available during turnout periods and the temperatures drop below 5°F, or the wind chill is below 5°F
- ◆ There is a chance the horse will become wet (not usually a problem with snow, but much more of a problem with rain, ice, and/or freezing rain)
- ◆ The horse has had its winter coat clipped
- ◆ The horse is very young or very old
- ◆ The horse has not been acclimated to the cold (i.e. recently relocated from a southern climate)
- ◆ The horse has a body condition score of 3 or less

It is equally important that the blanket fits the horse. Horses can develop rub marks or sores where the straps secure the blanket if it fits improperly. If the horse is blanketed continuously, the blanket should be removed daily, inspected for damages, and repositioned. Make sure blankets are kept dry and do not put a blanket on a wet horse; wait until the horse is dry before blanketing. Keep in mind a horse will continue to develop a natural



Dr. Carey Williams, Rutgers

Figure 2. Blanketing a horse during the winter is necessary if the horse is clipped or lacking shelter.

winter coat until December 22, while days are becoming shorter. Horses begin to lose their winter coat, and start forming their summer coat, as the days begin to get longer on December 23. Blanketing before December 22 will decrease a horse's natural winter coat.

Exercise

Exercise should not stop during the winter months. During extreme winter weather, many horses are often confined. Confinement and limited exercise can lead to lower leg edema (stocking up). Efforts should be made to provide turnout or exercise as often as possible. Caution needs to be



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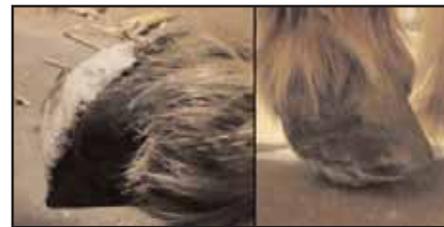
Figure 3. Trace clipping can reduce the time necessary to cool down a horse during winter riding.

taken when riding in deep, heavy or wet snow as this could cause tendon injuries and is extremely hard work for an unfit horse. Avoid icy areas for both horse and rider safety.

One of the greatest challenges with winter riding involves cooling down a horse with a thick winter coat. Leaving a hot, wet horse standing in a cold barn can lead to illness. If horses are exercised regularly to the extent of generating sweat through the winter months, a 'trace clip' can be used (Figure 3). With a trace clip, the hair is shaved to about 1/8 inch in length from the underside of the neck and abdomen to the sides of the horse and from the elbows to about a quarter of the way up the body. Other types of clipping patterns are often used as well. Clipped horses have higher energy needs and should be fed accordingly. Clipped hair will not grow back rapidly in the winter. Once horses are clipped, appropriate shelter and blankets must be used throughout the winter and into the early spring months.

Hoof Care

Horse hooves generally grow more slowly in the winter. However, horses should still be trimmed every six to twelve weeks. The trimming or shoeing interval depends on each horse and the amount of hoof they



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Figure 4. Regular hoof picking is necessary to remove snow that becomes packed into the hoof.

grow. Horse hooves are very susceptible to developing "ice or snow balls" in their hooves during the winter (Figure 4). These balls are compacted ice or snow that make it difficult for the horse to walk, increase the chance of slipping and falls, and may put increased pressure on tendons and joints. Hooves should be picked clean daily, especially after a heavy snow.

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Horses have better traction on snow and ice when left bare foot compared to being shod. If the horse must be shod, care should be taken to avoid slipping and compaction of snow and ice in the hoof. Snow pads and studs that are attached to shoes can be used to help offset the effects of slipping and snow compaction in the hoof. Sole bruising can also be a problem in the winter, especially when working on uneven or frozen ground.

Winter Paddock and Facilities Management

Ice is a problem in horse paddocks as falls and slips can lead to serious injury. The best solution is to remove the horse from the paddock until the ice melts, but few horse owners have that option.

Sand can be used to increase traction. However, horses should not be fed in the area where the sand is spread to minimize the risk of ingestion. Straight salt can speed the melting of the ice if temperatures are not too cold. There is no research documenting the effect of salt on horse hooves, but as a precaution, pure salt should be used in moderation. If using pure salt to melt ice, make sure the horses have an alternative source of salt to reduce ingestion off the ground. A mixture of sand and salt should not be used in horse paddocks due to the chance that horses may accidentally ingest sand via their interest in the salt. Spreading a thin layer of wood ash or fresh manure are additional options. Other options like shavings, hay, and straw tend to slide over ice and do not provide additional traction. Small rocks can provide traction, but can be accidentally ingested or become lodged in hooves. To reduce water/ice in the future, improve the grade, install gutters on the barn, and reduce the amount of manure in the paddock.

During heavy snowfalls, horse owners are encourage to remove snow from paddocks to ensure horses have easy access to feed, water, and shelter. When piling the removed snow, avoid low areas, drainage ways, septic tank areas, wellheads, and other drinking sources. Snow removed from paddocks contains manure, bedding, and soil, and could contaminate streams and wetlands. Moving snow is fairly expensive, so keep distances and travel time to a minimum. Removing snow also helps drainage during the spring snow melt and exposes the paddock surface, especially in non-shaded areas, which increases the warming and drying of the paddock in the spring.

To maintain support under snow loads, barns and shelters should have truss certificates of at least 30 pounds per square foot of snow load. Most buildings fail at the joints; if concerns arise about a barn structure under a snow load, examine the trusses and joints to see if there is movement, cracking, or dry rot. Wood will generally give warning sounds before complete failure. In enclosed barns, snow blowing into attics and wall spaces can melt and cause wet conditions suitable for mold development and rotting. Ventilation is important to help control temperature and humidity levels and remove or decrease contaminants. Poor ventilation can affect a horse's respiratory health. Ceiling fans and can help facilitate adequate air exchange and wet bedding and manure should be removed daily.

Conclusions

During winter months, horses should be given warmed water (45 to 65°F), fed additional hay during extreme cold, given access to shelter, receive regular hoof care, and have their body condition assessed regularly. Facility stability and ventilation should also be evaluated frequently. Horses, given the opportunity to acclimate to cold temperature, often prefer and are better off outdoors.



DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS:

"WISH I HAD A HORSE" CAMP

FOR ALL YOUTH GRADES 3-6

The Minnesota Horse Council awarded a grant to Douglas County 4-H for a "Wish I Had a Horse" camp. Below is a letter from a young girl from Corvallis, Oregon who attended the camp.

I attend "I wish I Had a Horse" Camp on July 24, 2014. My name is Morgan Jones and I live in Corvallis, Oregon. I visit my grand parents in Alexandria every summer.

"I wish I Had a Horse camp was the best day of my life!" I loved learning about horse safety, grooming, and riding the horses. My favorite horse was Cha-Cha. I rode on an English Saddle and a Western Saddle. I also learned the difference between an English and a Western Saddle.

The teachers were awesome! I look forward to attending the 2nd best day of my life at "I Wish I had a Horse" Camp. I will remember my day at "I wish I had a Horse camp forever." Thank you!

Morgan Jones
9 years old
Corvallis, Oregon

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - September 9, 2014

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

Board Members Present: Trina Joyce, Mark Ward, Glen Eaton, Missie Schwartz, Tom Tweeten, Kim Otterson, Tracy Turner, Tim Bonham, Dave Fleischhaker, Darrell Mead, Jan Schatzlein, Dawn Moore, Sue McDonough, Kris Kelly, Marian Robinson, Doug Persian, Jennifer Willey

Members/Visitors: Charlyn Cadwell, Kari Newman

I. Meeting called to order: 6:38 P.M. by President Tracy Turner.

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors.

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda.

1. Trina Joyce added TEEFA update to Old Business.

IV. Treasurer's Report for August/September was presented by Tim Bonham. Assets total \$744,907.75. Liabilities total \$314,640.32 with a net available funds \$439,267.43 Discussion and review followed. Directors requested copies of the bank statements. Glen Eaton motioned to have an audit by a CPA with no ties to the MHC as of December 31, 2014 for the 2014 fiscal year. Trina Joyce seconded, discussion followed. Tom Tweeten motioned to table the motion until after the Ad Hoc Committee Update. Motion revisited, discussion followed. Motion carries. Dawn Moore motioned to utilize the Treasurer's Ad Hoc Committee to source and received bids from CPAs to audit the 2013 fiscal year and report the options in October. Tom Tweeten seconded, motion carries. Kim Otterson motioned to charge the Treasurer's Ad Hoc Committee with also soliciting bids to have an ongoing relationship with the MHC to maintain the financial reports as current and accurate. Dawn Moore seconded, motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the July meeting were presented to the board electronically prior to the meeting and in hard copy at the September meeting. Glen Eaton motioned to approve the July minutes as presented. Mark Ward seconded, motion carries.

VI. Secretary's Report: Dawn Moore advised there has been one new Certified Stable since the last meeting. Discussion followed on the membership and creating a list for the directors. The Administrative Assistant shall email a current list to all directors.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Treasurer's Ad Hoc Committee: David Fleischhaker advised some progress has been made in locating an accountant willing to assist in doing a look at the MHC financials. Doug Persian made a motion to consolidate all information for Barb Fleischhaker to reconcile all 2014 financial reports, by the October 14th board meeting, for an accountant to audit. The rate of compensation is not to exceed \$500 (to be drawn from the General fund) without a vote of the executive board. Dawn Moore seconded, discussion followed. Motion carries.

B. TEEFA Update: Dave Fleischhaker advised the application that was received last month did not meet the criteria for assistance.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo: Glen Eaton advised the 2014 Minnesota Horse Expo is now complete and we are on to 2015. Contract and info packages were mailed to 2014 Vendors and Stall renters on September 2. Some completed contracts have been returned. I want to thank Jenny Buskey, Darrell Mead, and Dave and Barbara Fleischhaker who helped assemble the packages. At the September meeting of the Expo which will be held at Byerly's Community room in St. Louis Park a check in the amount of \$100,000 will be turned over to the Council from proceeds from the 2014 Expo. The September meeting of the Expo is September 30.

B. Direct Funding: Mark Ward advised no new applications have been received at this time. No new applications have been received since June. No doubt we will receive more applications later this fall. After chang-

ing our Direct Funding letter of approval to request stories and photos appropriate for our newsletter, we have started receiving more useful responses from the organizations who have received our funding. Three organizations, Northern Lakes Region Pony Club, Pennington County Northwest MN 4-H, and Douglas County 4-H sent in well-prepared reports with photos of the activities we funded. Their reports and photos have all been forwarded to our "For Horses Sake" newsletter. Both our June and July-Aug newsletters included reports on the Northwest MN 4-H clinics, featuring nice looking photos in the July-August edition. The other organizations' reports will undoubtedly be featured in upcoming issues.

Here are the 2014 applications and committee actions.

1. Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse Association: \$500 to cover costs of clinician Lavert Avent at a ranch horse judged schooling show clinic (Aug. 1-3). Approved
2. Pennington Co. Northwest MN 4H Horse Project: \$500 to purchase new pole weaving poles and a wireless mic for 4H clinics and other horse shows (May-Aug). Approved
3. Traverse Co 4H: \$500 to cover costs of clinicians for four clinics (June 10, June 24, July 15, & Aug 29). Approved
4. Great Prairie, Inc: \$500 to pay architect's fees to plan a future Pentathlon Park (no date planned). Not Approved
5. Lac qui Parle County 4H Horse Project, \$500 for clinician fees (Litta Hottel) for a 3-day horsemanship clinic, June 25-27, 2014 at the Lac qui Parle County horse arena. Approved
6. North Country Horsemen: \$500 for a new laptop computer and printer/copier to be used in support of their club functions. Not Approved (The committee considered this a "typical operating expense," which is specifically excluded from our criteria for funding.)
7. Northern Lakes Region United States Pony Club: \$500 for 4-5 instructors at a pony club "D Camp," June 26-29, 2014. Approved (Despite the concern by two committee members that although east Minnesota riders are being served by this group, their rally is being held in River Falls Wisconsin instead of in Minnesota.)
8. Douglas County 4H: \$500 for helmets and other items for start-up of "I Wish I Had a Horse Camp," to be held sometime between July 16 and 27th, 2014. Approved

Our budget started with \$6,000 available, which would equal twelve \$500 direct funding grants. Now we have approved six \$500 grants, leaving \$3000 remaining in our budget.

C. Communications: Missie Schwartz asked to work with the Administrative Assistant on the current exchanges to evaluate continuing a relationship. All email newsletters that have been undeliverable have been corrected. The next newsletter highlights Minnesota.

D. Budget: Tracy Turner advised October is budget month. Please notify Tim Bonham via email and cc Tracy Turner with any requested changes for 2015. Tim Bonham will email the 2014 budget and actual spending to each committee chair for review. Tracy Turner asked to be included on each email.

E. Trail Blazers: Darrell Mead As we always say, the work will be done as the weather permits. This has been one of those years that the weather has not cooperated with our work schedule. However, fall is here and the weather seems to be working with us. Plans for the fall have us working with the Grant Creek Horse Camp to build a picnic shelter. The county will share with the Horse Council the cost of materials and the Harness Club will do the labor. Earlier this spring, we put in the well at the camp. So far at Grant Creek we have paid for half the cost of the double vault toilet, the well, and now half the material cost of the picnic shelter. Everything that has been done we have gotten free labor. Thanks to all those great volunteers. St. Croix State Forest.

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Tamarac Horse Camp is still on the priority list. We will have work parties there every weekend this fall. We are repairing and rerouting trails as needed. The steps on some of the trails are a huge issue. We are working with Marty Torgerson, DNR Supervisor Parks and Trails and Rick Dunkley, Park Manager to try to come up with a better way of building these trails in the steep areas. There is also the problem of all the weak trees from the storms in years past. A normal weekend is cutting at least five or six trees that are blocking the trails which is quite often done in the evening as riders start coming back to camp and report where the trails are blocked. We have other projects in the planning but being quite cautious, now that our budget will be much smaller next year.

F. Promotions: Dawn Moore advised she is planning to have a MHC presence the Horse Crazy Market in December at the Ramada Inn in Bloomington, MN. Dawn Moore and Meg Sax attended the State Fair fundraiser. The committee voted to continue to advertise in the current publications again in 2015.

G. Aisle of Breeds: Glen Eaton advised the Aisle of Breeds at the State Fair went very fine with a lot of visitors to the Council/Expo table and the interest in the horses. Thanks to Darrell Mead, Tom Tweeten and Tim Bonham who took time to assemble the display and take it down. The attendance at the Aisle of Breeds was great, with many questions especially where can I take my youngsters to take riding lessons. Working with the State Fair was excellent.

H. Coalition of State Horse Councils: Glen Eaton advised the Fall 2014 Coalition meeting will be represented by Darrell Mead and Tom Tweeten from Minnesota. The meeting is being held in southern Illinois. A meeting for the 2015 fall meeting was held before this Council meeting. The meeting was attended by the committee which consists of Darrell Mead, Tom Tweeten, Dawn Moore and Glen Eaton. A meeting will be held each month at the same time, same place.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nomination and Election Procedures: Tom Tweeten advised a copy of the April 1, 2009 Nomination and Election Procedures has been emailed to each director for review and suggestions. Tom Tweeten has placed a call for nominations in the newsletter in July and September. The directors who are up for re-election in 2015 are Doug Persian, Jennifer Willey, Marian Robinson, Missie Schwartz, and Jan Schatzlein. Tom Tweeten stressed that all bios and a photo MUST be submitted by November 1, 2014 for all persons intending to run for election.

B. Welfare Code of Practice: Tracy Turner led a discussion regarding the use of the Welfare Code of Practice. Tracy Turner provided a hard copy of the Welfare Code of Practice and asked all directors to read the code. Tracy Turner posed the question of having the MHC take on a leadership role in promoting this code within our community. Mark Ward motioned to have any organization that receives any donation at or over \$500 adopt the Welfare Code of Practice. Dawn Moore seconded, discussion followed. Motion carries.

C. Certified Stables Discussion: Tracy Turner advised something came up that had cause to review the Certified Stables Committee Policies and Procedures. The May 2013 (current) policies and procedures were distributed via hard copy. All directors were asked to review and come to the October 14th meeting with any questions, comments, suggestions, etc.

Announcements:

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

X. Tracy Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM.

NEXT MEETING - October 14, 2014 ♦ 6:30 p.m.
University of Minnesota ♦ Leatherdale Center

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Out the Back Door . . .

Routine

It's something we never think about because it's - well - routine. We do so many things without thinking because we must complete the requirements of our day.

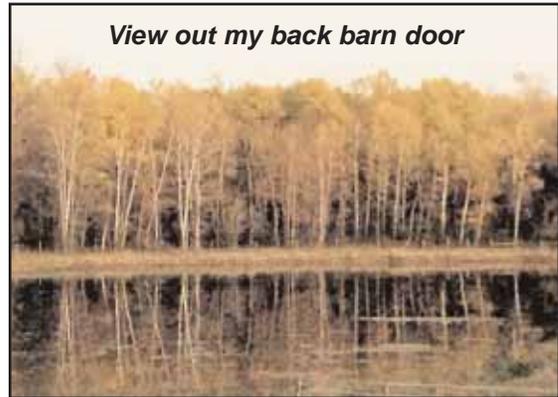
When you get up tomorrow - start thinking about each thing you do. Each task from making coffee, to brushing your teeth to cleaning the barn and driving to work. We all do them so automatically. If something upsets that routine, it can frustrate us much more than it truly should. If the coffee maker is broke, someone forgot to buy toothpaste, flat tire on the wheel barrow or - it's a category ALL by itself - traffic.

Truly minor issues. An inconvenience or headache. Our attitude and frame of mind determine how we handle the forced change or delay. It can set the tone for the entire day.

I would like to challenge each and every one of you to force a change in your routine! Routines are good but at the same time they make us complacent, lazy and can even become dangerous! I am not suggesting anything drastic as in driving to work backwards or cleaning the barn in the nude (after all frostbite season IS approaching).

Minor - fun - changes. Eat breakfast/lunch/supper with your horses. Plug your phone in the charger and walk away for a few hours! Don't just hear, listen to the song on the radio. SEE what there is right outside your back door.

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