

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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NORM STROHFUS HONORED WITH MHC PIONEER AWARD

The Minnesota Horse Council's Pioneer Horseman Award is designed to honor those individuals from the past years whose expertise and contributions made long-lasting positive changes in the equine industry.

The 2009 Recipient is Norm Strohfus of Hastings, MN. Norm grew up on a cattle operation in South Dakota. As a farm kid, he knew that you started mucking stalls if you wanted to learn about the critters, so he followed his farm training, and after college he began driving route trucks for the Coca-Cola Company learning about customers and their needs. When Norm retired at age 57, he was Vice-President of Operational Development for the Coca-Cola Enterprises. Norm traveled the world facilitating technology transfer and optimizing many operations within Coca-Cola. Obviously, his willingness to start at the bottom and learn the basics paid off well in his career with Coca-Cola.

Norm was involved in showing Quarter Horses for 35 years. He participated in the local show circuit, county fair and in the Quarter Horse show circuit. He bought good horses, showed them and generally sold them locally. Many of his neighbors went on to win on Norm's good horses.

One of Norm's last horses was purchased by a young lady from Oklahoma. She went on to win big time in the Palomino Show Circuit. A few months before his death, Norm attended the World Palomino Show in Oklahoma City. He hauled his pleasure horse down even though he was too sick to show, but he received great pleasure in watching the young lady show his former champion and another good friend showed his current champion. He loved good horses. He loved good people but it took real effort to work side by side with Norm. He had a work ethic that was second to none.

He is so well remembered in the Trail Riders Saddle Club, that at their show this past July 4th, they held a Norm Strohfus Tribute Class – judged as a Pleasure horse and Western Horsemanship class. There were not just 17 entries but 17 Palomino entries! Norm loved his



Palomino horses. The Trail Riders Saddle Club raised over \$3600 this summer for the Kidney Cancer Association in honor of Norm Strohfus.

There are few people in the American Quarter Horse and American Saddlebred world that weren't acquainted with Norm Strohfus. He was one of the nicest men you could have ever hoped to know.

For many of us Norm was a fixture on the rail at the Saddlebred shows cheering on his wife, Mary. He was a familiar face behind the lines of his draft horse team, Dixie & Dolly, at the Washington County Fair and other horse events, giving wagon rides and introducing new comers to horses.

Norm could be found at the Washington County Fair each year in early August giving carriage rides to the judges at the beginning of each show for their introduction. He was committed to each exhibitor and barn and made every effort to ensure that everyone had an enjoyable time showing their horses. No request was too small, from surveying ring footing to making sure a garbage can was emptied. His dedication to the MN horse industry and to people's individual horse experiences were evident in the projects and causes he campaigned.

Norm left behind a family and many, many friends who cherish the time spent with him. Norm passed away December 2008 after a 3-1/2 year battle with kidney cancer. His wife, Mary Strohfus, still operates Strohfus Stock Farm in Hastings, MN in much the same way Norm would have done it if he were here today.



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TONY GASSER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1

The Minnesota Horse Council is currently accepting applications for Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarships. Several educational scholarships of at least \$2,000 are offered each year.

Who is Eligible?

- ◆ Applicants majoring in, or planning to major in, any equine-related field of study
- ◆ High school seniors and college students
- ◆ Minnesota residents

Additional Requirements

- ◆ Three letters of recommendation (no more than one page, please) from individuals who are familiar with the applicant's equine experience and ability, leadership ability, and/or scholarship
- ◆ Proof of acceptance or enrollment from the school in which the scholarship will be used (required only after the scholarship is awarded).

General Selection Criteria

- ◆ Equine background
- ◆ Leadership capability
- ◆ Scholastic achievement
- ◆ Sense of direction in furthering education
- ◆ Financial need

Comments

- ◆ All scholarship applications and letters of recommendation should be mailed or delivered directly to the address below. Please DO NOT send your application by Priority or Express Mail.

Minnesota Horse Council Scholarship Committee
c/o Trina Joyce, Chair, 3035 34th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55406-2103

- ◆ All application materials must be received by **November 1**
- ◆ Scholarships will be awarded at the Minnesota Horse Council annual meeting in January.
- ◆ Scholarships will be paid in the name of the recipient and the school involved.
- ◆ The names and fields of study of each scholarship recipient will be published in press releases and on the MHC website www.mnhorsecouncil.org

DOWNLOAD COMPLETE APPLICATION AT
www.mnhorsecouncil.org

2010 MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The MHC holds the Annual meeting on the third Saturday in January each year. This helps members remember the date and allows other organizations to plan their meetings and banquets without a date conflict.

Please mark your calendars for
January 16, 2010 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park.

Information Required in Your Scholarship Application

Identifying Information

- ◆ Date of application
- ◆ Name
- ◆ School mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address (if available)
- ◆ Home mailing address and phone number
- ◆ Date of birth
- ◆ Name and address of the school you are currently attending or plan to attend
- ◆ Present educational status (i.e., high school senior, college freshman, etc.)
- ◆ To help us in distributing information and application blanks, please tell us how you found out about this scholarship

Selection Criteria Information

- ◆ Describe your past and present involvement with horses and the horse industry.
- ◆ State your reasons for deciding to study in your chosen field, your future educational plans, and how this scholarship will help you to achieve them
- ◆ Describe your leadership experience (type of activities, offices held, etc.)
- ◆ Outline your educational history and field of study, or degree major
- ◆ Provide your grade point average for the most recent academic year
- ◆ List any other scholarships you have received previously, including the name of the scholarship, year received, and dollar value.
- ◆ List any other scholarships you are applying for this year
- ◆ Describe how you plan to finance your education.

For further information, contact
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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL SPONSORED TRAIL RIDES

3rd Annual Director's Ride October 9, 10, & 11

When: October 9, 10 and 11
 Where: Crow-Hassan Park Reserve (Blue Stem)
 What: Horseback riding, camping, food, and fun
 Who: Bring the whole family.
 Cost: None. You are responsible for your own food except where noted.

AGENDA

Friday

- ◆ Arrive anytime after 3 pm
- ◆ Short ride at 5:30 pm
- ◆ Campfire and snacks at 8:00 pm

Saturday

- ◆ Morning ride at 10:00 am
- ◆ Lunch is on your own
- ◆ Afternoon ride at 1:30 pm
- ◆ Appetizers and dinner at 5:30 pm
- ◆ Campfire at 8:00 pm

Sunday

- ◆ Ride at 9:30 am
- ◆ Must leave campgrounds by no later than 1:00 pm

Join us for all or any of the above events. The campgrounds are beautiful with plenty of space to park any size rig. There is no electricity and water is available by pumping.

RSVP to darrellmead@comcast.net or call 952-356-2078 by October 3.

Great Prairie Trail Ride November 8, 2009

On Sunday, November 8, 2009 the Minnesota Horse Council in conjunction with Great Prairie Sports will host a trail ride on the land known as the Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS) in Arden Hills, Minnesota. This ride will provide the opportunity for all Equestrian enthusiasts and especially those involved in the discipline of Eventing to preview an area that could potentially be utilized as a 6000 meter Eventing Course. We will also view land for a future Horse Park.

For those participating in the ride, site access will promptly begin at 11:00 AM and the ride will start at 12:00 noon. All participants will need to access the site by 12:00 noon as the gate into AHATS will be locked. Upon entering the site, participants will drive to Landing Zone 1 to park vehicles, unload horses and tack up. Access to the site will be obtained at Hamline Gate 1 which is located just north of Highway 96 between the Minnesota National Guard Building and Arden Hills City Hall (see www.mnhorsecouncil.org for a map).

Date: Sunday, November 8, 2009

Cost: This ride is sponsored by the Minnesota Horse Council. www.mnhorsecouncil.org

Time Line:

11:00 am Arrive and enter AHATS at Hamline Gate 1 Opens
 12:00 pm Great Prairie Trail Ride Begins / Hamline Gate 1 Closes
 3:00 pm Great Prairie Trail Ride Ends / Hamline Gate 1 Opens
 4:00 pm All participants exit / Hamline Gate 1 Closes

Registration: Please send email to darrellmead@comcast.net with "GPTR" in subject line with the following information:

1. Name(s) of Rider(s)
2. Cell phone number
3. E-mail address

Information: Todd J. McIntyre

Phone: 763-744-1111 (office/cell: will have during ride)

Email: info@greatprairiesports.com

Web: www.greatprairiesports.com

Note: The November 8 ride might be postponed to November 22 if the Minnesota National Guard needs exclusive use of AHATS for training. Also, if there is a strong enough response, a second ride could be organized on November 22.





Equine College Programs in Minnesota

Equine science is the study of horse management, health, disease, anatomy, nutrition, riding, training, and business practices. If you have plans to own a horse business, teach riding lessons, or train horses, this is a program that you should consider. Equine science programs give students the tools they will need to succeed in the horse industry and an opportunity to network with other students and professionals. Minnesota is home to three College Equine Programs. Programs are located at the University of Minnesota – St. Paul (U of M), University of Minnesota – Crookston (UMC) and Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC).

Students can now study Equine Science at the U of M in St. Paul. The Animal Science Equine Option offers a great educational opportunity for students who want to obtain a 4-year Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science, and would also like to specialize in the study of Equine Science. For students interested in pursuing a career in veterinary medicine, the Animal Science program has a close relationship with the College of Veterinary Medicine, and advises a Pre-Veterinary Club that brings together students with similar career goals and helps them prepare for veterinary college admission. For more information contact Christie Ward at malaz002@umn.edu or visit the website at: www.ansci.umn.edu/prospective_students.htm

UMC offers both a 4-year Bachelor's of Science degree and a 2-year Associates degree in Equine Science. In addition, within the Bachelor of Science degree program, UMC offers an emphasis in Pre-Veterinarian studies. All students participating in the 4-year program are also required to complete an internship in the

horse industry, one of the most vital components of the degree program. Participating in an internship gives the student an opportunity to make contact with established professionals in the horse business community. For more information about the UMC equine program please contact Ron Del Vecchio at 218-281-8109 or delve004@umn.edu or visit the website at: <http://academics.umcrookston.edu/agri/EquineIndustries/>

RCTC, located in Rochester, MN, has a new equine science associate program (about 2 years to complete), and the only equine program that offers certificates (which take about 1 year to complete). The degree majors at RCTC are Horse Husbandry, Riding and Training, and Equine Business Practices. These programs offer courses in western horsemanship, hunt seat equitation, colt starting, and internship programs. Students who wish to complete a 4-year equine science degree can take 2 years of classes at RCTC and transfer directly to UMC to complete the degree in four years. For more information contact Julie Christie at 507-398-2326 or Julie.Christie@roch.edu or visit the website at: www.rctc.edu/program/eqsc/

U of M, UMC, and RCTC also offers its equine students the opportunity to participate in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). The IHSA has a circuit of Hunt Seat and Western shows at various campuses in the Midwest throughout the school year. As a team, students travel to horse shows and compete against riders who are at a similar level. These riders build lifelong friendships and acquire priceless competition experience.

Source:

www.extension.umn.edu/horse/components/colleges.html



Fall Riding and Horse Care

Follow these guidelines to keep your horse happy and healthy this fall.

By Louann Chaudier



In areas of the country where there are distinct seasons, fall seems to be everyone's favorite time to ride. The air is cool and crisp, any remaining insects are largely inactive, footing is firm, and the countryside is awash with vibrant colors. Because trail use increases and campsite permits are harder to get, horseback riders need to plan ahead if they want to ensure their favorite trailer site or take that last camping trip before outdoor temperatures dip.

Riders also have to be aware that several hunting seasons begin during the fall, so there may be hunters and dogs competing for trail use. State park personnel often re-stock game birds prior to the hunting season, so riders should be prepared to encounter an occasional explosion of "flying objects" alongside the trail.

For increased safety in areas that are radiant with color, riders should always wear bright clothing – blaze orange is a traditional outdoor-clothing "warning" color. Reflective tack is also available to differentiate your horse from a deer, but you could be lit

up like "The Electric Horseman" and still need to add a bell to your saddle. (In 2002, an elderly Minnesota hunter shot a white horse being ridden by a 12-year old girl thinking it was a deer!)

Because cool fall temperatures are invigorating for horses, many exhibit frisky behavior at the start of a ride. Longeing can take the edge off many, while others just need to get under way to curb their exuberance.

Another major issue for riders in the fall is whether to blanket their horses, and when. The answer depends upon climate, riding schedule, their horses' ability to grow a sufficient coat for the worst weather conditions, and age-related "thermostat problems." Many people lightly blanket their horses when overnight temperatures dip to 40°F and either add a blanket or toss on a heavier one when very cold weather sets in.

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Tourism Promotion Bill Passes Senate

The American Horse Council is pleased the U.S. Senate yesterday passed the Travel Promotion Act of 2009 (S.1023) introduced by Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND). This bill could benefit tourism involving the horse industry.

“Equine tourism is a growing and diverse segment of the horse industry. Because it encompasses many parts of the industry including recreation, showing and racing its continued growth is beneficial to the entire horse industry,” said AHC President Jay Hickey. “If equine tourism in the U.S. is to expand, it is important that we promote it abroad as well as at home. We believe this bill has the potential to increase the number of international visitors to the U.S. who participate in equestrian events and activities, either as participants or spectators.”

The purpose of the bill is to market the U.S. as a tourist destination to people around the world. It would create a non-profit Corporation for Travel Promotion, which would be responsible for correcting misperceptions regarding U.S entry policies, and providing useful information to foreign tourists and others interested in traveling to the United States.

Notably, the bill requires the Corporation for Travel Promotion to “identify opportunities and strategies to promote tourism to rural and urban areas equally.” A travel promotion fund requiring non-federal matching funds would also be established.

The bill would additionally authorize the creation of an Office of Travel Promotion in the Department of Commerce. This office would support and encourage the development of programs to increase the number of international visitors to the United States. Also it would collect data on the number of international visitors to each State and support State, regional, and private sector initiatives to promote travel to and within the United States.

“Whether it’s a packing trip in the west, one of the outstanding horse shows throughout the country or one of our exciting races, this bill has the potential to help let those abroad know what the U.S. horse industry has to offer,” said Ben Pendergrass, AHC Legislative Director.

“The House of Representatives passed similar legislation last year so we hope they will approve this bill quickly,” said Hickey.

Department of Labor Proposes New H-2A Worker Program Rules

Introduction

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has proposed new regulations governing the H-2A temporary agriculture alien worker program, including those at horse farms.

Background

On December 18, 2008, the Bush DOL adopted a final rule outlining new procedures for the administration of the H-2A program that went into effect January 17, 2009.

On May 29, 2009, the Obama DOL suspended the Bush 2008 Final Rule to reexamine it and reinstated the rules that had previously governed the H-2A program. This suspension was to last nine months after which the DOL would either propose new H-2A rules or reinstate the 2008 Final Rule. However, on June 29, 2009, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina issued an injunction barring the DOL from suspending the 2008 Final Rule.

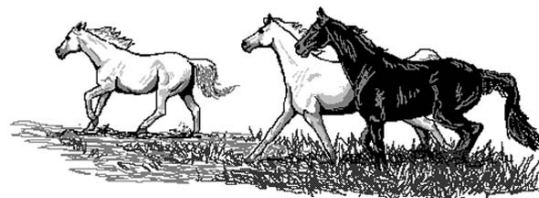
On September 4, 2009, the DOL published a proposed H-2A rule in the federal register. Comments for this proposed rule are due October 4th. After comments on this proposed rule are examined the DOL will issue a final rule with a further comment period.

The Obama DOL has embarked on a new rule making process because they feel that the 2008 Final Rule “does not prove an adequate level of protection for either U.S. or Foreign workers.”

Status

We are currently analyzing this proposed rule. The AHC will send out more information as this process continues and the AHC prepares comments.

If you have any questions, please contact the AHC.



How warm should my water be during the winter to help ensure my horses drink enough?

To maximize water intake, water temperature should be between 45 -65 degrees F. To help maintain water temperature, it is a good idea to house the water source inside a barn or lean-to if possible. If the water source needs to be outside, make sure the water source is protected from the wind and freezing rain and/or snow.

~ Marcia Hathaway, PhD, U of M



Anticipation is Mounting... and We're Blogging About It

The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games invites you to follow the road to 2010—the athletes, the planning, the insider information—on the Official 2010 Games blog.

On Friday, September 11, the 2010 Games blogging began at www.2010alltechweg.blogspot.com, with an inside look at our staff trip to the Spruce Meadows Masters Tournament.

We'll be blogging three times a week. On Mondays, check out "In the Saddle" for an inside perspective from our staff as we profile our weekly projects, travels, meetings, and preparations for the 2010 Games.

On Wednesdays, our "Contenders" blog will feature athletes vying to compete in one of the eight equestrian world championships to be contested at the 2010 Games.

Every Friday, "Inside the Games" will feature an interesting topic from our week of work.

We want to hear from you as we blog about the 2010 Games. Who do you want to hear from? What questions do you want to ask athletes and members of our staff? We'll be taking your questions and blogging the answers. Watch weekly for these opportunities!

About the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games

The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games are the world championships of eight equestrian disciplines (dressage, driving, endurance, eventing, jumping, para dressage, reining, vaulting) recognized by the Fédération Equestre Internationale. Her Royal Highness Princess Haya is the current president of the FEI. The Games are held every four years, and this will be the first occurrence in the United States. The Games run for 16 days in 2010, Saturday, September 25 – Sunday, October 10.

The 2010 Games are expected to have a statewide economic impact of \$150 million, and other current sponsors include Alltech, Rolex, John Deere, Ariat International, Inc. and Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. For more information on the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, please visit www.alltech-feigames.com.



QUARTERLY LUNCH & LEARN WEBINAR

Wednesday, October 21 ♦ Topic: Equine Genetics

To join, go to: <https://umconnect.umn.edu/horsewebinars/>
There is no charge to participate in these webinars.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR FALL REGIONAL HORSE OWNER PROGRAMS

Agendas and additional information can be found at
www.extension.umn.edu/horse

Saturday, October 3, 2009 ♦ 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Program sponsored by a USDA NRI Integrated Research Grant
University of MN Leatherdale Equine Center ♦ St. Paul, MN
Register on-line at <https://www.regonline.com/StPaulHorse>

Saturday, October 24, 2009 ♦ 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Co-sponsored by the U of M and Fergus Falls Community Education
Red Horse Ranch Arena ♦ Fergus Falls, MN
Register on-line at <https://www.regonline.com/FergusFallsHorse>

Saturday, November 14, 2009 ♦ 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Co-sponsored by HLWW Community Education
Middle School ♦ Howard Lake, MN
Register on-line at <https://www.regonline.com/HowardLakeHorse>

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Precautions should be taken for all horses coming into the barn after a cold-weather ride, but especially those that have already grown a winter coat. If they have worked up a sweat, they should be walked during the last part of the ride, and again in-hand back at the barn until their coats are dry. Similarly, horses trailered to a ride destination should never be loaded for the return home while still wet.

For those horses that are blanketed most of the time, riders can put a quarter-blanket beneath the saddle pad to help wick sweat during a ride and prevent chill. Quarter blankets cover the hindquarters, are often made of fleece or wool, and have tail straps to keep them in place.

Another precautionary measure for the fall season is to be sure pastures are free of piles of dried-up red oak leaves and acorns. To their gastric distress, some horses wolf them down like popcorn; an overload can be fatal.

While riding on trails in the midst of the colorful landscape is more riveting than tackling the mundane duties of horse ownership, fall is also the season for horse owners to administer bi-annual vaccinations, take inventory of hay supplies for the winter, and perform the most important pasture maintenance tasks.

Source:

www.horsechannel.com/horse-exclusives/fall-riding-horse-care.aspx

Import Requirements for Horses Going to Wisconsin

By: MBHA

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health (MBHA) was recently contacted by Wisconsin's state veterinarian regarding certificates of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued by Minnesota veterinarians. Some CVI's have failed to meet Wisconsin's import requirements for horses.

Along with a CVI issued by an accredited veterinarian, individual identification must be listed on the CVI and is required for all ages of equine animals going into Wisconsin.

Acceptable forms of identification for equines are:

- ♦ Registration number
- ♦ Lip tattoo number
- ♦ Radio frequency identification chip number
- ♦ Complete description of the animal including breed, coloration, and distinguishing markings, all listed on the CVI
- ♦ If the animal has no markings, "No Markings" should be written after the color.

Accredited veterinarians who issue CVI's for horses and other types of livestock must be sure that all requirements are met before the animal leaves the state of Minnesota. For Wisconsin import information available 24 hours a day, call 608.224.4879.

LAND MANAGEMENT TIPS

Weed management time is upon us. If you have perennial weeds that you plan on controlling chemically, the next month is a good time to do so. The plants are growing, since we got some rain, and they are starting to store more sugars in their roots, so you will get a good kill. If you are spraying weeds PLEASE REMEMBER:

1. Make sure you are using the right chemical for the weed you've got.
2. Use the amount suggested on the label. More, you're wasting money and it may wash off down stream. Less, you won't get a good kill and you'll have to do it again.
3. Wear good rubber gloves, rubber boots, long sleeves and long pants.
4. Spray when there is very little wind. It reduces off-target damage.
5. The Grazing Restriction and the Reentry Interval tell you when it is safe to let livestock and people back into the area, respectively.

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Salmonella Infection in Horses

By A. Beaudoin, DVM & S. Valberg, DVM, Univ. of MN

Salmonellosis is a bacterial infection that affects humans, horses, most mammals, birds and reptiles. Though there are multiple types of the Salmonella bacteria, and while all can cause disease in horses, most equine infections are caused by *S. Typhimurium*. In adult horses, Salmonellosis is usually a gastrointestinal disease and may cause severe diarrhea. In some cases, usually foals, it can cause systemic disease (septicemia) as a result of movement of the bacteria throughout the body. Salmonellosis can cause abortion, though this is rare in horses.

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Salmonella is transmitted via oral ingestion of contaminated fecal material. The bacteria are shed in the manure of infected horses, and then ingested by other horses as a result of environmental contamination. A horse can become infected with Salmonella by ingesting grass, hay, and other feeds that are contaminated with the bacteria. In addition, things such as boots, water buckets, tack, shared grooming tools, and unwashed hands can carry the bacteria from an infected horse to a susceptible one.

Most adult horses that are infected with Salmonella develop a fever and severe watery diarrhea. There is often a foul smell associated with the diarrhea, and it can sometimes be bloody. The horse is typically weak and lethargic and may stop eating. Foals that are septicemic with a Salmonella infection are usually dull and depressed and have a high fever. Such foals may also display signs of lameness and joint swelling.

Many horses may have Salmonella in their systems but do not shed it, and most of the time they are not ill. A United States Department of Agriculture study documented that 1% of US horses were found to be shedding Salmonella on farm. A study at a large veterinary hospital in the United States found that 13% of horses admitted for colic were shedding Salmonella. Other studies have showed lower prevalence (3-9%), especially among horses admitted for reasons other than colic. At the Univ of Minn College of Vet Med, 1 to 5 horses are documented annually with Salmonella infections.

An infected horse sheds more bacteria when it is showing clinical signs of diarrhea. A horse is more likely to develop illness if it ingests a large amount of Salmonella organisms at once, or if the horse is already sick or stressed. There are some horses which shed Salmonella without showing the typical signs of infection. This usually occurs when the animal has a small amount of Salmonella present within its intestines and is then exposed to a stressful situation, such as trailering, movement to a new facility, illness, or surgery. Shedding decreases over time and many horses will cease shedding altogether.

People can, and do, become infected with Salmonella from horses. Salmonellosis is a zoonotic disease, meaning that it can be transmitted between animals and people. If a horse is shedding Salmonella, it can cause illness in people by the same oral ingestion of contaminated feces. Signs of Salmonella infection in people can include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and fever. It is important to always use good hygiene practices, including handwashing before eating and not touching objects with manurecontaminated hands.

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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES

July 14, 2009

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

Board Members Present: Glen Eaton, Darrell Mead, Missie Schwartz,
Trina Joyce, Mark Ward, Jan Schatzlein, Tim Bonham, Judy Jensen,
Christie Ward, Tracy Turner

Absent: Dawn Moore, Carol Dobbelaire, Teresa Hanson,
Sue McDonough, Tom Tweeten, Marian Robinson, Lynn Wasson

Members/Visitors: Doug Persian

I. Meeting called to order: 6:39 p.m. by Mark Ward

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

Mark Ward introduced the aforementioned guests.

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Tracy Turner requested a report on the AHC be added under Old Business.
2. Glen Eaton requested a report on Farm Bureau be added to New Business.
3. Judy Jensen requested a report on the Tri-State Task Force be added to Old Business.

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

Marian Robinson's request to add the two recent donations to the disaster fund is reflected in that budget and not in the general funds. Tracy Turner motioned to accept the June treasurer's report as presented. Jan Schatzlein seconded, motion passed.

V. Approval of Minutes - Glen Eaton motioned to approve the June minutes with corrections, Tim Bonham seconded, motion passed.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore absent - no report. Andrea Dubay, Administrative Assistant reported there has been a change of address for the MHC. The new address, effective immediately, is MN Horse Council, PO Box 223, Plato, MN 55370.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. American Horse Council - Tracy Turner reported:
I attended two committee meetings, Equine Species Working Group and the Unwanted Horse Coalition.

Equine Species Working Group: Task force that includes 30 National Equine Organizations. The purpose of ESWG is to make recommendations to the USDA in regards to NAIS (National Animal Identification System). They are charged with evaluating the overall plan, its benefits and costs, and determining how the industry can develop standards for equine identification that would fit into the system and help the industry should it ever become mandatory.

NAIS Purpose:

1. To enhance disease surveillance.
 - a. Allow trace back within 48 hrs of a confirmed diagnosis of a serious animal disease to ensure rapid containment.
 - b. To protect animal health in the U.S. and our ability to move and market livestock. Movement is particularly important to horses.
2. Official ID is necessary when a horse is transported to any premises requiring brand inspection, Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, VS 127 permit or International CVI.

Data Reporting:

1. Equine movements will not be reported

POINTS!

1. Horses are livestock and included in the USDA's NAIS plans. It is important that the horse industry continue to be a responsible member of the livestock community.

2. Although horses are livestock, they differ from other livestock species in many critical respects.

Unwanted Horse Coalition: Minnesota Horse Council is the only state horse council with voting privileges.

Discussion:

1. National Renderers Association. Discussion overview of the rendering industry and an acknowledgement that another horse crisis could be in the future and that is disposal of the horse carcass. Many renderers will not take euthanized horses because of the drug residues, this combined with state and local ordinances could be a future problem.
2. National Unwanted Horse Survey results: will be used to develop a strategic plan to address the unwanted horse.
3. Ideas for Associations: a. Unwanted Horse Coordinator, b. Information on website, c. Support with funds or facilities, d. Advertise horses
4. Next steps for UHC: a. Act as a conduit between organizations, b. Publish survey, c. Embrace rescues, d. Develop relationships with racetracks.

National Issues Forum on the Welfare of the Horse

All day forum on what is happening throughout the industry to help protect the welfare of the horse. Discussions on how we (horse industry) can work together to see that we oversee the welfare of the horse.

CONGRESSIONAL VISITS

Visited 4 Minnesota Legislators:

Michelle Bachmann, 6th Congressional District (Northern metro)
John Kline, 2nd Congressional District (Southern metro including Canterbury)

Colin Peterson, 7th Congressional District and Chair of the House Ag committee

Amy Klobuchar, Senator

Handed out pamphlets on who the Minnesota Horse Council is, position statement on slaughter, the gelding project flyer, info on the HORSE legislation and I offered the Minnesota Horse Council as a source for any information they may need on horse related issues. I was warmly received by all. No Minnesota Legislators support the anti-slaughter legislation.

B. Tri State Horsemen's Association's State Fair Task Force - Judy Jensen reported the Tri-State Task Force has requested to defer the grant until 2010. They feel this would allow a better timeframe for promotion of the project and further work between the State Fair and the Task Force to improve participation in the show. Judy Jensen motioned to hold this grant over until 2010. Tracy Turner seconded, motion carried. Judy Jensen added the Task Force would like to submit monthly update reports to the MHC. This report will be emailed to Mark Ward and he will forward the report to all directors.

C. Representation on the Dept. of Ag./Dept. of Revenue survey. Mark Ward reported that a letter has been sent to Gordon Folkman offering the MHC's services in providing relevant Equine information. Two additional letters are being sent to the representatives from the Dept. of Ag. and the Dept. of Revenue, respectfully. Doug Persian discussed his involvement with the Farm Bureau and his efforts with the Wright County resolutions committee.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EXPO - Glen Eaton reported the following: Planning of the 2010 Minnesota Horse Expo is moving forward with the folder, contracts, etc to be mailed to the Vendors on August 30. Everything will go to print about July 25 so assembly can be processed for the mailing. Clinicians are being interviewed and we hope to have one signed by the time the State Fair rolls around. The Aisle of Breeds will be the start of promotion as we will have several promotion items on the table as well as some to hand outs. The Expo will again be in the daily State Fair Parade. At the June 30 meeting a vote was taken to raise the admission tickets by \$1.00 which will make it \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for seniors and 6-12, and 5 and

under are still free. A lot of changes are being made at the State Fair such as the Cattle Barn but also outside all of which will be better for the Expo. The next Expo meeting is July 28 at the Byerly's Conference room in St. Louis Park.

B. Direct Funding - Christie Ward reported the following: Proposals to be considered today:

1. North Country Horsemen Saddle Club - Sue Helm, President
This club, based in Newfolden, MN, is requesting \$500 towards the purchase of an event timer (\$752.27; Farmtek) for use at club horse shows. The club sponsors a variety of clinics, shows, and trail rides throughout the year, all of which are open to the general public. In 2008, approximately 50-75 people participated in each event.

2. North Central Morgan Association - Pat Hartell, Carriage Coordinator
This organization is requesting \$500 to support a carriage-driving clinic held in association with the North Star Morgan Americana show on July 5, 2009. The clinic instructor was Marsoe Larose, and funds will be used to offset costs related to this instructor's services: clinic fees, airfare, and hotel. Proposals approved previously:

1. Whips & Wheels Driving Society - Pat Hartell

This organization is requesting \$500 to support the First Annual Prairie Home Carriage Festival, held May 3, 2009 at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington, MN. This event featured a variety of educational demonstrations focusing on horses, carriages and driving, blacksmiths, gardening, and plowing.

Direct Funding proposals approved for 2009 to date:

Rum River Equestrian Farm/Sheriffs Youth Programs of Minnesota: \$500
Run Fast... Ride Hard Saddle Club: \$500

University of Minnesota Horse Extension Program: \$500

Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women: \$500

Whips & Wheels Driving Society: \$500

Total Direct Funding approved for 2009: \$2500 to date

C. Promotions - Teresa Hanson absent, no report. Glen Eaton will alert Teresa Hanson about the change in set up date for the Aisle of Breeds as well as the need to have the promotional materials updated with the new MHC address. Judy Jensen has volunteered to assist in the updating of the promotional materials.

D. Pioneer Award - Dawn Moore absent, no report.

E. SHCAC - Glen Eaton reported: I feel that a lot of good work was done for the SHCAC to get the Committee back on track. Three committees were formed and will report at the fall meeting in Pennsylvania. I am on the implement committee. Much discussion took place concerning the Chairman and other Executive Committee members. It was decided that the first item on the fall agenda will be that all of the present Executive Committee will resign and then a new Executive Committee will be elected. Also much discussion took place concerning a seat on the Trustees for the American Horse Council. The package MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER was approved which states the SHCAC can have a person on the Trustee Committee for the American Horse Council. If the SHCAC is to have a Trustee on the American Horse Council it would be Buster Black of Atlanta (Attorney). Tracy attended other meetings but we were together at the all day presentations. I feel this was a very informative trip and as far as the SHCAC it is getting back on track.

F. Web Oversight/Horsemen's Directory - Mark Ward reported many updates have been made to the MHC website. The most noticeable change is the addition of the Unwanted Horse and Gelding Project information as well as the addition of Disabled Riding information. The MN Horsemen's Directory is growing daily. Mark Ward displayed the site for all directors to see and demonstrated the process of posting a listing. Also displayed was the director's only section of the website. All pertinent information is being gathered and stored in this area of the website.

G. Aisle of Breeds - Glen Eaton reported the following: Set up for the Aisle of Breeds will be on August 11 with the State Fair starting August 27. About six (6) people will be needed to set up the Aisle of Breeds. We will meet at the locker on Como and Hwy 280 at 10:00. It will take about four (4) hours to set up. I will take names of people to assist in the set up. About 90 percent of the stalls are filled at this time. A total of 88 horses are needed to fill the stalls. Promotional material for the Council and Expo should be at the site Wednesday evening before the Fair starts on Thursday. A form is available for Council and Expo Directors and Staff to volunteer to attend the information table. This is a good time to promote the Expo and the Council so everyone should take part. Admission tickets should be purchased by the Volunteers and reimbursed by the Council as well as any parking fee. Take down of the Aisle of Breeds display will take place at 10:00 on September 8. Again we will need about six (6) volunteers to assist.

H. Grants - Tim Bonham reported approximately one hundred press releases on Grants, Scholarships, Direct Funding and Horseperson of the Year will be issued this month.

I. Scholarships - Trina Joyce reported a benefit is being held for a MHC scholarship winner diagnosed with lymphoma at a WSCA show August 29, 2009 in River Falls. Tim Bonham motioned to send \$25 to sponsor a class in the name of the MHC. Judy Jensen seconded, motion withdrawn by Tim Bonham and Judy Jensen. Judy Jensen volunteered to draft a potential policy for individual solicitations for donations.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. MHC Trail Ride - Darrell Mead reported the weekend of October 9-11th the MHC will hold their trail ride at Three Rivers Regional District-Crow Hassen.

B. Farm Bureau - Glen Eaton reported an annual meeting will be held at the Northland Inn on November 19-21, 2009. Vendor booths are available.

IX. Tim Bonham motioned to adjourn at 8:57 PM, Missie Schwartz seconded, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING - September 8th, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
University of MN, Leatherdale Equine Center

MINNESOTA HORSEMEN'S DIRECTORY

The goal of the Minnesota Horsemen's Directory is to compile a comprehensive listing of horse-related services in and near the state so that horse-people can find relevant information quickly.

The Directory includes free listings--businesses and organizations can submit a listing for free. The Directory will be advertisement-free.

www.minnesotahorsemensdirectory.com



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POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S SEARCH & RESCUE POSSE RECEIVES MHC GRANT



Members of the Polk County Sheriff's Search & Rescue Posse (PCMSPP) recently received a grant from the Minnesota Horse Council providing them with all new uniform First Aid Kits. The kits, supplied by EquiMedic USA, contain first aid supplies for both humans and horses, and are made specially to attach to saddles and 4-wheelers. In 2009, the Minnesota Horse Council awarded \$80,700.00 in grants to 23 groups and facilities from the \$225,000 received from proceeds of the 2008 MN Horse Expo in St. Paul. The MHC also awards college scholarships and funds other activities including disaster relief. Other details on the Minnesota Horse Council can be found on their website at www.mnhorsecouncil.com.

The PCMSPP was organized in 1997-1998 and opened membership for volunteers in January of 1999. Since the beginning, the posse has logged over 21,000 hours in meetings, trainings, community service, and call outs while maintaining an average of 25 active members. Our members not only volunteer their time, energy and all that they need for themselves and their certified horses - they do it for absolutely no pay. They are funded by grants, proceeds from community services such as special events, assisting in parking and security, and from private donations.

If you would like to make a donation or want more information about the Posse, contact any Posse member, or call the Polk County Sheriff's Office at 281-0431.

Dr. Galbreath Joins Lake Region Veterinary Center

Dr. Fonda Galbreath, a 2008 MHC Scholarship winner and graduate of the University of Minnesota Veterinary School recently joined Lake Region Veterinary Center with offices in Elbow Lake and Crosby. She completed undergraduate course work at North Dakota State University. Her veterinary interests include equine lameness and surgery. She enjoys riding and competing in cutting horse events with her horses, Red, Cindy and Spunky. Dr. Galbreath and her husband, Collin, reside in Elbow Lake, and enjoy hunting and spending time with friends and family.



2009 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 10	June 9	October 13
March 10	July 14	November 10
April 7	August - No meeting	December 8
May 12	September 8	
January 16, 2010 - Annual Meeting - Northland Inn		

Minnesota Horse Expo Board Meetings

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

January 27	May 26	September 29
February 23	June 30	October 27
March 31	July 28	November 24
April 28	August - No meeting	December 29

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May	4/10/09	November	10/16/09
June	5/15/09	December	11/13/09



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