



Goals and Objectives of the Minnesota Horse Council

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

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Minnesota Horse Council Seeks Volunteers & Board Members

The Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) was founded in 1935 to provide a vehicle for horse owners and exhibitors to coordinate horse activities with the Minnesota State Fair. It has evolved into an organization whose goal is to unite and support all equine activities statewide. The MHC owns and operates the Minnesota Horse Expo, which is the main source of funding for Council activities, and the various programs, awards and grants that the Council offers.

Each year, one third of the Board of Director positions are up for election. In addition to those Board members up for election, there is one open position to be filled. Perspective candidates, both current board members and interested members, are asked to submit a letter of intent to run for the board along with a resume. Each resume will be included with Annual Meeting materials distributed to MHC members prior to this year's annual meeting on January 18, 2014.

We hope that you'll think about participating as an active member of the Minnesota Horse Council by:

- ♦ Being active on one of MHC Committees.
- ♦ Nominating someone for the Horseperson of the Year or Pioneer Awards.
- ♦ Writing an article (and/or sending pictures) about a special horse, a unique event, or new equine research for the Council newsletter.
- ♦ Attending an MHC Board Meeting to see what we're doing. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month (except August). See page 10 for meeting dates.
- ♦ Better yet, run for a position on the Board of Directors, and help us support the horse industry in Minnesota and horse enthusiasts!

Further info about the Council is available at www.MnHorseCouncil.org. Letter and resume should be submitted to Tom Tweeten, Vice President, Minnesota Horse Council by November 1, 2013.

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Three Rivers Park District Equestrian Trails Public Forum

The Three Rivers Park District recently hosted two Equestrian Trail Public Forums. The District, which manages Regional Parks in Hennepin and Scott Counties, invited the public to attend the forums with the intent of gathering comments related to trail improvements, operations and development priorities. The first meeting, held on September 11th, was at the Spring Lake Township Hall south of Prior Lake with the second meeting held at the Elm Creek Park Reserve Chalet on September 16th. Both meetings were well attended with more than 80 individuals at the Spring Lake meeting and about 125 people at the Elm Creek meeting. People were permitted up to 5 minutes to speak at each meeting. Individual stake holders could address concerns or offer comments of support related to current trail system or plans for future equestrian park use. Representing the Minnesota Horse Council were Tom Tweeten, attending the Scott County meeting, and Darrell Mead, present at the Hennepin County meeting at Elm Creek. Both of them spoke during the public presentation part of the meeting forum.

Principle park staff were introduced along with members of the Park District Board and County Board of Commissioners. A presentation was given by park staff covering equestrian park use, maintenance issues being worked on, and tentative plans for future park trail development. Currently there are 74.4 miles of horse trails within six of the regional park reserves: Baker, Carver, Crow-Hassan, Elm Creek, Lake Rebecca, and Murphy-Hanrehan. There are six horse trailer parking lots that can accommodate about 80 trailers. In addition there are camping facilities located in four park reserves. Trail plans are evolving as land continues to be acquired for Doyle-Kennerick Regional Park in Spring Lake Township, Scott County. Horse trails are being proposed as a part of that plan.

In 2012, there were 2264 daily horse trail passes purchased with 904 being annual horse trail passes. This has generated about

\$35,000 in revenue for Three Rivers Park District equestrian trail maintenance and campsite improvements. More information about horse trails and amenities can be found on the Three Rivers Park District website:

www.threeriversparks.org/activities/horseback-riding.aspx

If individuals were unable to attend the public forums, comments may be submitted in writing to:

Equestrian Trails
Three Rivers Park District
3000 Xenium Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55441

or by e-mail to feedback@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org

All verbal and written comments from forums will be posted on the blog and shared with the Park District Board of Commissioners as well as developed into an on-line survey. The survey will ask equestrians to identify their top priorities from within the ideas and suggestions made throughout the public comment period. The survey link will be posted on the blog, sent to all current horse trail pass holders as well as those who have provided their email addresses through this process. The identified priorities will be shared and discussed with the Board of Commissioners in December along with some suggestions for both short-term improvements and ideas for future consideration. In addition, after listening to the many questions and suggestions offered at the forums, Park District staff believe that some ideas can be addressed more quickly to improve the equestrian user experience. These changes will be posted on the blog as they occur. Follow the horse trails comment blog at <http://threeriversequestrian.com>

Thomas Tweeten
Vice-President, MHC

Ask the Expert: Carcass Burial

By: Krishona Martinson, PhD, University of Minnesota

Q: Where it is illegal to bury a chemically euthanized horse and why?

A: Legal options for horse carcass disposal in Minnesota include burial, composting, cremation, rendering, fur farm use and pet food. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Pollution Control Agency (PCA), and Board of Animal Health (BAH) regulate carcass disposal. Burial can be the most cost effective way of disposing of a carcass (if you own equipment to prepare the site), but may not be an available option in all areas of the state. The BAH states that the carcass must be five feet above the high water level, covered with three feet of soil, and not in soils that are within 10 feet of bedrock.

If your burial site meets these requirements, then burial of a chemically euthanized horse is a legal option. These regulations are in place to prevent contamination of groundwater and to prevent exposure of the carcass to burrowing, digging, or scavenging animals, especially birds like bald eagles.

In some areas of the state (because of high water tables and the abundance of bedrock) it is not possible to meet the BAH criteria listed above. Therefore, in these areas of the state, burial of any equine carcass is not a legal option.

THE OUTBACK RANCH

A Place to Relax, Camp, Show and Trail Ride!



The Outback Ranch is located in the hill country of Southeastern Minnesota. Owners Jake and Holly Wieser purchased *the Ranch* in 1997, setting out to develop a place for folks to bring their horses to camp, trail ride, or compete. In addition, they have built both an indoor and outdoor entertainment stage to host music events.

I have had the opportunity to visit the Outback Ranch, once several years ago and again this past September. While the Ranch is off the beaten path, it is only 18 miles south of I-90, just outside of Houston, Minnesota, nestled in beautiful Yucatan Valley. They have a 300- by 147-ft outdoor arena which is well suited for pleasure horse shows, speed events, and team roping. They have a smaller heated 60- by 90-ft indoor venue that can be used for clinics, training, or a country wedding. Indoor stalling is available in an old historic barn and a new stall barn attached to the indoor venue.

The horse camping area is set into the valley just above the show arena. There are places to park RV Trailers with electrical hook ups as well as areas well suited for tent camping. A limited number of cabins and bunk houses are also available for use.

Throughout the camping area there are tie lines, small fenced paddocks and some four-sided paneled pens for keeping horses when they are not being ridden. There are approximately 32 miles of trails within about 2,500 acres of scenic rolling hill country with marvelous views overlooking the Yucatan Valley.

Please visit the Outback Ranch website: www.outbackranch.net or on Facebook where you can find current information about how to contact the owners, Holly and Jake Wieser, as well as learn more about lodging/camping, events and how to get there. The Minnesota Horse Council is proud to support another Minnesota equine related business.

Thomas Tweeten, PhD
Show Facilities Chairperson



MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL DIRECT FUNDING

Horses Helping Humans

A benefit to raise funds for the Horses Helping Humans program was held Friday, August 23, 2013 at the Leatherdale Equine Center in St. Paul. David Lichman's

"An Evening with Horses at Liberty" included a musical ride demonstrating David Lichman's masterful communication skills with his three equine partners moving in unison to the music. The entertainment was followed by a lecture and demonstration of synchronizing horses movements to music. The Friday evening event brought 174 horse professionals from throughout the state and participants from surrounding states to attend Lichman's two-day clinic that followed on Saturday and Sunday.

As one of Parelli's top rated instructors, David Lichman travels all over the world helping people to get extraordinary results with horses. Teaching the Parelli system has taken him from Vancouver to Virginia and from Hawaii to Heidelberg. He has handled thousands of horses at hundreds of clinics, from every breed and discipline. Music is a big part of his shows. It establishes the "Rhythm of the Ride," a concept developed by Lichman and Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, Mary Ann Kennedy, to help a rider or dancer synchronize with a horse's natural motion.

Sponsors of the event included Minnesota Horse Council, Winnies Cookies and The Valley Equestrian. Horses Helping Humans is a program sponsored by Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women that provides equine assisted learning programs for domestic abuse survivors in the Twin Cities.

Thank you to the Minnesota Horse Council for your generosity and support of our work. We and the families we serve appreciate it more than you know.

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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL GRANTS

Washington County Fairgrounds

Since the Fairgrounds is located on Highway 5, which over the years has become increasingly dangerous due to the amount of traffic, we have a safety issue to protect our customers and visitors. Over the years, we have had a number of horses get loose and head across our parking lots and head straight towards Highway 5.



We erected 700 lineal feet of a 5-foot high chain link fence that runs along our property and Highway 5 to prohibit any horses being able to get on Highway 5. This provides safety for the horses and the owners of the many groups that use the horse facilities at the fairgrounds. We feel that this project was very important to us and to the horse groups using our fairgrounds to try to make it a safe environment for all concerned.

The cost of this project was figured at 700 feet at \$10/foot equaling \$7000. We have installed 250 feet of fencing with a previous grant of \$3500. This fence started at our driveway and ran north to our property line. This completed the area north of our driveway. We still have an area not done south of the driveway. The fence not only provides a safety factor but it also looks very nice along our property.

Also, we were able to finish our hitching rail before the fair this year! We replaced a 40-year-old fence and included a hitching rail 70 feet long. It was a project that was long overdue. It was used extensively during the county fair. It will be used throughout the year by the different horse clubs who use the fairgrounds for their horse shows.

With the help and the generous donation from Windy Ridge Riders Horse Club we were able to complete this project. The hitching rail is built to securely tie a horse to it and is also appealing to the eye. It will be well used in the years to come and is greatly appreciated by the horse clubs who will use it.

Thank you to the Minnesota Horse Council for making this possible!

Dorie Ostertag, Fair Manager, Washington County Fair



Managing HYPP Horses

By Stephanie Valberg, PhD, DVM, U of M

Found in both humans and horses, hyperkalemic periodic paralysis (HYPP) arises from an inherited defect in the gene that produces the skeletal musclesodium channel. The disease occurs in Quarter Horse-related breeds especially in halter horses. Horses with HYPP have episodes of abnormal electrical activity in the muscles which looks like the horse is trembling and twitching for about 20 to 30 minutes. In some cases, this can progress to muscle weakness where horses must lie down. In its most severe form, the muscles in the throat become so weak that the horse is unable to breath and it can die from suffocation.



What triggers an episode of HYPP?

How often and how severe attacks of muscle twitching are depends on whether the horse has one or two copies of the abnormal gene, the diet, stress, and exercise history. Horses with one copy of the abnormal gene may have no symptoms or may show signs of HYPP on a weekly basis. Horses with two copies of the abnormal gene can have severe signs and are no longer registered by the American Quarter Horse Association. High potassium (K) concentrations in the diet are the most common trigger of HYPP. Potassium triggers muscle sodium channels to open and twitching soon follows. Feeds high in K include forages such as alfalfa. Stress such as trailer rides, changes in weather, colic, or general anesthesia can also trigger episodes of HYPP.

How do I know if my horse has HYPP?

There is a DNA test for HYPP that can be done on hair roots from the mane or tail (www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/services/hypp.php).

What to do during an attack?

Owners should give horses a cup of dextrose (i.e. Karo syrup) in the mouth by syringe and walk horses if possible. As the blood sugar rises the concentration of K in the blood will fall. Many times this is enough to stop an attack. A veterinarian will often use IV dextrose or IV calcium solutions to drop K levels or stabilize muscle membranes if the horse is still having muscle twitching.

Managing a horse with HYPP?

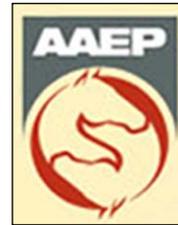
Dietary management to keep the total amount of dietary K to less than 1.1% of daily feed intake is important. For example, if an adult horse gets 22 lbs of hay and 4 lbs of grain concentrate per day, then there should be less than 132 grams of daily K in the diet. To do this accurately, hay and pasture samples should be analyzed for K content and feed manufacturers contacted to provide information on K content. Multiple feedings throughout the day reduce fluctuations in serum K and exercise and turn out are important for muscle health. In severe cases, a medication called acetazolamide can be provided by a veterinarian to try to prevent attacks and should be given prior to surgery for HYPP horses. Finally, Karo syrup should be kept nearby for administration in case a horse starts having an episode.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Program

helps alleviate cost of veterinary education

Thirty-four veterinary students pursuing a career in equine medicine have received financial support through the Winner's Circle Scholarship Program, co-sponsored by the American Association of Equine Practitioners Foundation, Platinum Performance and The Race for Education.



The Winner's Circle scholarships are intended to help ease the financial burden of a veterinary education by providing fourth-year students at each of the AAEP's 36 student chapters in North America with scholarships ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000, depending on the needs of the individual student. Students are nominated from each chapter and selected for scholarships based on their leadership roles and dedication to a future in equine health care.

"The financial realities of a veterinary education can impede a career in equine medicine," said AAEP Foundation Chairman Wayne McIlwraith, BVSc, Ph.D. "The Winner's Circle Scholarship Program is an important source of assistance to some of the best and brightest students as they prepare to embark upon their equine veterinary careers."

"These bright young students will be on the forefront of the next generation of equine healthcare," said Platinum Performance President Mark Herthel. "We are proud to support the future of veterinary medicine."

In addition to the \$1,500 guaranteed scholarship, 22 Winner's Circle scholarship recipients as well as 24 additional applicants were eligible for an additional \$4,000 in scholarship funds from a federal matching grant that the Race for Education received from the Assets for Independence program administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families.

Since its establishment in 2008, the Winner's Circle Scholarship Program has provided \$798,500 to 194 veterinary students bound for careers in equine medicine.

Congratulations to the following 2013 recipients:

Sara Alfano, University of Pennsylvania
 Amy Ayers, University of Saskatchewan
 Rosemary Bayless, Kansas State University
 Marilyn Boyd, University of Tennessee
 Kaitrin Branning, North Carolina State University
 Lynn Brockway, University of Missouri
 Julia Brooks, University of Illinois
 Jennifer Drew, Oregon State University
 Carli Grimbleby, Western University of Health Sciences
 Kathleen Hall, Washington State University
 Jacob Jensen, Purdue University

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Equine Glaucoma

By Grace Meyer, DVM, former U of M Vet Student



Glaucoma is a relatively rare find in horses (occurring in less than 1 in a 1,000 horses) however, it is a severe problem for affected horses. Glaucoma is due to a rise in the pressure inside the eye, caused by problems with drainage of the aqueous

humor in the eye. The aqueous humor is the clear fluid in the eye between the lens and the cornea. This fluid is produced by the ciliary body in the eye and should drain at a similar rate to its production. If untreated, glaucoma can result in pain and blindness from optic nerve damage. At the end stages, removal of the eye is often recommended to remove the source of pain.

Equine glaucoma usually develops in horses that also have chronic recurrent uveitis (moon blindness). The inflammation associated with uveitis clogs the drainage portals in the eye. Clinical signs of glaucoma include a cloudy blue cornea (sometimes with white lines crossing it; see photo), redness in the white tissues around the cornea, signs of pain such as squinting and tearing, big pupils that don't shrink in bright light, an enlarged eye, and blindness.



An ophthalmic examination by a veterinarian is needed to diagnose glaucoma. Local anesthetic blocks will likely be done to facilitate the examination. Sedation may also be needed depending on the temperament of the horse. A diagnosis of glaucoma is made by measuring the pressure in the eye using a handheld tonometry instrument.

Therapy is directed at lowering the intraocular pressure. Topical therapy such as eye drops or eye ointments should be tried first, although some horses may not tolerate them. Horses often do not respond to the medications used in other species. Dorzolamine hydrochloride is a topical medication that is given three times a day. This drug reduces the production of aqueous humor in the eye. Timolol, a topical medication given every 12 hours, can mildly decrease the intraocular pressure by decreasing fluid production and is often given along with the dorzolamine. If uveitis is present, systemic non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (such as banamine) and topical corticosteroid ointment are used to reduce inflammation.

If topical therapy does not control the glaucoma, or topical therapy is difficult or impossible, there are several surgical options. One option is using a laser to perform "transscleral cyclophotocoagulation". In this procedure, a laser is used to destroy parts of the ciliary body which produce the fluid. This procedure is done under general anesthesia or standing sedation with local anesthesia. The surgery can reduce the intraocular pressure, decrease or eliminate the need for topical medication, and maintain comfort and vision.

Gonioimplantation can also be performed. A tiny drain is surgically placed in the eye to increase drainage of the aqueous humor; however, this procedure has a low success rate and is uncommonly done. Treatment of anterior uveitis is crucial to minimize the development of glaucoma in horses.

In summary, glaucoma is a relatively uncommon but serious ocular condition in the horse. It can lead to pain, blindness and eventual removal of the eye (enucleation) if not recognized and treated. Contact your veterinarian if you suspect your horse may have glaucoma.

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AAEP Publishes Pigeon Fever Guidelines

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) has published comprehensive guidelines for the identification, treatment and prevention of Pigeon Fever (Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis infection), traditionally among the most common infectious diseases in horses in the western United States. During the last decade, however, disease incidence has increased considerably in other regions, including the Midwest.



The guidelines, available at www.aaep.org/images/files/PigeonFeverGuidelines52713.pdf, summarize the clinical signs, diagnostic methods for various clinical forms of the disease, treatments, and approaches to biosecurity and control. They also offer new insights into the use of serologic testing — with links to laboratories offering such testing — and antimicrobial therapy for internal infection.

Infection in horses is caused by the *C. pseudotuberculosis* bacterial organism, which thrives in hot dry weather. The organism can survive for up to two months in hay and shavings but new research has found that it can survive for more than eight months in soil contaminated with manure, placing increased emphasis on good sanitation practices.

The portal of entry for the bacteria is through abrasions or wounds in the skin or mucous membranes or through inhalation. Pigeon Fever expresses itself most often as external abscesses in the pectoral or ventral abdomen, and less frequently as internal infection or ulcerative lymphangitis.

Without a vaccine, horse owners are urged to take necessary precautions to minimize the risk of transmission by implementing appropriate biosecurity measures, including fly control, meticulous wound care, isolation of affected horses and wearing of disposable exam gloves and hand washing when working with affected horses. Owners are advised to work with their veterinarian for treatment of diseased horses.

The Pigeon Fever guidelines were created by AAEP member Dr. Sharon Spier on behalf of the AAEP's Infectious Disease Committee and synopsized the research and clinical experience of her and her colleagues at the University of California-Davis.

Chiropractic Care for Horses

By: Kyla Awes, Doctor of Chiropractic

Animal chiropractors diagnose and treat “stuck joints,” including those of the back. Diagnosis is made via thorough palpation combined with a strong knowledge of anatomy and normal joint motion. Once the subluxation, or “stuck” joint, is identified, the animal chiropractor will correct it with an adjustment. An adjustment is a high velocity, low amplitude thrust on a specific bone in a specific direction. This means the adjustment is very quick, yet gentle.

Even though horses have a very thick muscle mass over the spine, the vertebral joints are moveable and relatively easy to manipulate. Adjustments influence bones, muscles, tendons and ligaments. A high velocity, low amplitude thrust in a specific direction is used to help restore normal joint movement. If the correct technique is used, the ligaments and other soft tissue are not impacted. For most animals the treatment is very relaxing. Often, you will see the animal licking, chewing, yawning, and sighing during a chiropractic treatment.

Horses with restricted joint motion must compensate by changing their posture and way of going. If left unresolved, restricted joint motion can eventually cause bigger problems because of the negative effects on biomechanics and the nervous system. Pain is a common symptom associated with restricted joint motion. A horse may benefit from a chiropractic evaluation if you notice signs of pain, including:

- ◆ Abnormal posture while standing
- ◆ Discomfort when brushing or saddling
- ◆ Reduced performance
- ◆ Evasion issues such as head tossing, grabbing the bit, or hollowing the back
- ◆ Pinning ears, bucking, or swishing tail
- ◆ Refusing jumps or knocking rails
- ◆ Other signs of discomfort when ridden
- ◆ Abnormal behavior issues
- ◆ The horse may seem “off”, both mentally or physically
- ◆ Facial expression of pain or apprehension
- ◆ Sensitivity to touch

More subtle signs can include:

- ◆ Not tracking up
- ◆ Inability or difficulty engaging the hindquarters
- ◆ Differences in muscle size and/or tone
- ◆ Irregularity of gait, which cannot be assigned to a leg
- ◆ Difficulty flexing at the poll, neck or back
- ◆ Difficulty with collection or lateral movements
- ◆ Inability to stretch or lengthen topline
- ◆ Difficulty with leads or cross cantering
- ◆ Brushing or interfering
- ◆ Stiffness . generalized or on one side of the body or neck
- ◆ Decreased coordination in gaits
- ◆ Horse is on the forehand
- ◆ Stiffness coming out of the stall
- ◆ Horse pulls against one rein
- ◆ Back does not swing

Each animal is an individual and the goals of treatments are unique to each case. A problem usually takes time to become severe enough to show clinical signs and symptoms. Therefore, a single treatment is usually not enough to eliminate a problem. Most animals show significant improvement after 1 to 3 treatments. Chronic problems usually take longer to resolve and require more chiropractic treatment, whereas animals with acute problems often respond more quickly. Even after a specific problem is resolved, it is recommended that your animal have regular spinal checks by an animal chiropractor in order to ensure a healthy functioning nervous system. It is much easier to resolve joint motion issues when they are identified early.

The initial consultation, exam, and treatment will usually last between 45 minutes and one hour. The initial visit tends to take longer than subsequent treatments, which usually last between 30 and 45 minutes depending on the animal chiropractor’s findings.

“Stuck joints” can occur at all ages. Performance injuries, stress, poor nutrition, fatigue, and even the birth process are among some of the most common causes. However, chiropractic is not a replacement for traditional veterinary medicine. Animal chiropractic should be integrated with veterinary care.

Dr. Kyla Awes is contracted by the University of Minnesota. Equine Center to work out of the Piper Performance Clinic.

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Endorsements Continue for the AHC Welfare Code of Practice

The American Horse Council is pleased to announce that PATH International, American Warmblood Registry, North American Short Pony Registry, National Walking Horse Association, Kansas Horse Council, Certified Horsemanship Association and HorseSafetyUSA.com have all endorsed the AHC Welfare Code of Practice.

“This latest round of endorsements emphasizes the industry’s unified and continued commitment to the welfare and safety of horses. We look forward to bringing in as many organizations as possible to support the code of practice,” said AHC President Jay Hickey.

The Welfare Code outlines in generic terms what it means for an organization to be committed to the responsible breeding, training, care, use, enjoyment, transport, and retirement of horses. Many associations have undertaken studies, reviews, and initiatives that show their commitment to the welfare of their horses. This generic code is simply a continuation of that effort.

They join 28 other national groups that have already endorsed the Code. They include: American Association of Equine Practitioners, American Endurance Ride Conference, American Paint Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association, American Saddlebred Horse Association, American Riding Instructors Association, Appaloosa Horse Club, Arabian Horse Association, Florida Thoroughbred Breeder’s and Owner’s Association, Harness Horsemen International, International Walking Horse Association, Kentucky Horse Council, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, League of Agricultural and Equine Centers, Masters of Foxhounds Association, National Cutting Horse Association, National Reined Cow Horse Association, National Thoroughbred Racing Association, North American Trail Ride Conference, Pinto Horse Association of America, The Pyramid Society, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors Association, Texas Quarter Horse Association, Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, U.S. Dressage Federation, U.S. Equestrian Drill Team, U.S. Equestrian Federation, and U.S. Trotting Association.

The AHC encourages all members of the equine industry to support and endorse the Welfare Code of Practice as yet another indication to the public, the media, federal and state officials and the horse community that the industry “Puts the Horse First.”

Winner’s Circle Scholarship Program

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Kathryn Livesey, University of Wisconsin
 Tessa Lumley, Tufts University
 Elise Madara, Louisiana State University
 Caitlin Manring, Ohio State University
 Marianne Marshall, Colorado State University
 Kelly McGowan, University of Florida
 Danielle Miller-Boster, Mississippi State University
 Lisa Millican, University of Prince Edward Island
 Richelle Neundorf, University of Guelph
 Leah Northfield, University of Montreal
 Joseph Pluhar, Texas A&M University
 Lauren Ray, Tuskegee University
 Elizabeth Reidy, Auburn University
 Sarah Schmoke, Ross University
 Audrey Seling, St. George’s University
 Sara Lynn Specht, University of California-Davis
 Eiry Spence, University of Calgary
 Daniel Thomsen, Iowa State University
 Riley Traywick, Virginia Tech
 Aimee Vaughn, University of Georgia
Kami Vickerman, University of Minnesota
 Brooke Wilson-Zaja, Cornell University
 Whitney Zoll, Michigan State University

For additional information about The Race for Education, visit www.raceforeducation.org or call (859) 252-8648.

For more information about Platinum Performance, visit www.platinumperformance.com.



APRIL 25, 26, & 27



MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - July 9, 2013

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

Board Members Present: Missie Schwartz, Tim Bonham, Jan Schatzlein, Marian Robinson, Trina Joyce, Jennifer Willey, Darrell Mead, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Charlyn Cadwell, Dawn Moore

Absent: Mark Ward, Sue McDonough, Judy Jensen, Glen Eaton, Dave Fleischhaker

Members/Visitors: Allison Eklund, Meg Sax, Doug Persian

I. Meeting called to order: 6:34 P.M. by President Darrell Mead.

II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors

III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda

1. Trina Joyce added review of previous months minutes to New Business.
2. Tracy Turner added National Equine Issue at AHC to New Business.

IV. Treasurer's Report for July was presented by Tim Bonham. Discussion and review followed. Assets total \$782,618.55 with total liabilities of \$324,145.71. Jan Schatzlein motioned to accept the June treasurer's report as presented. Tracy Turner seconded, motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes - Tim Bonham motioned to approve the June minutes with correction in the Communications committee report. Tracy Turner seconded, motion carries.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore reported the PO Box fees have come due. The cost to renew for the year is \$44. One test email was received from the online membership system on June 14th.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Horse of the Year Procedures - Jennifer Willey advised the committee has approved their policies and procedures and she will email them to the board again this evening. Darrell Mead asked that the board review the procedures and be prepared to vote on them at the September meeting.

B. TEEFA Procedures - Charlyn Cadwell presented the procedures to the board for approval. Discussion followed. It was requested to clarify a couple of items and bring updated procedures to the September meeting for approval. Tom Tweeten requested any suggestions from the board be brought to the attention of Charlyn Cadwell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Expo - Glen Eaton, absent. Darrell Mead reported all bills for the 2013 MN Horse Expo have been received and paid. Glen Eaton will provide a full report in September.

B. Direct Funding - Mark Ward advised the following electronically: \$500 approved in June to purchase drill team equipment for the Morrison County Hoofbeats 4H. They compete at the State 4H Horse Show and also at their county fair. In summary, the 2013 total budget includes \$6,000 for direct funding grants, which would allow for a total of twelve \$500 grants. So far, we have approved six grants for a total of \$3406.26.

C. Scholarships - Trina Joyce advised she will have a report in September.

D. Pioneer Award - Judy Jensen (report sent through Dawn Moore) reported there are several candidates to consider for 2013.

E. Grants - Tim Bonham advised the deadline is October first and one application has been received already. Tim Bonham and Trina Joyce conducted a presentation for their respective committees at the 2013 MN Horse Expo.

F. COSHC - Glen Eaton reported he and Tracy Turner have traveled to Washington DC for the American Horse Council meeting which the State Horse Council Coalition is a part of.

G. Promotions - Jennifer Willey reported on the activities at Equine Day at Running Aces Harness Track. The buttons that were a success at the

2012 Aisle of Breeds are going to be done again with a new look and feel. Jennifer Willey also advised the committee is looking at sponsoring a polo event. Jennifer Willey shared a new sponsorship for the Valley Equestrian Newsletter which gives the MHC a section in the publication as well as a Fergus the Horse comic strip. For National Farrier week, the MHC has been running informational and educational material on Facebook.

H. MN Horsemen's Directory/Website - Mark Ward presented the following electronically: Our Horse Council website and the Horsemen's Directory site continue to be frequently updated with current information and new listings and both continue to be frequently visited by users from all over the world. Recent stats at www.MnHorseCouncil.org, show over 600,000 hits by almost a 100,000 visits to view more than 200,000 pages during the last 12 months. That's more than last year. Meanwhile, the latest stats on www.mnhd.org show many times the activity of the MHC home site: almost 3 million hits during over 250,000 visits to view over 1.5 million pages. That's about a 30% increase from last year's activity level. We now have 846 users registered on the MNHD site. That's an increase of about 120 from the start of this year (January 2013). With the help of website committee members, many listings that have included categories that didn't apply directly to their business or organization have been identified and corrected and some obsolete listings have been deleted. The biggest upgrade to our website is nearly complete. Members can now apply and pay for membership online, using an online membership form and Pay Pal. This system is still being improved, with an emphasis making it easier for our treasurer and secretary to track all incoming members and their payments, but it is up and running and brings us into the modern world of joining and paying online. Tom Tweeten requested a breakdown of costs to use PayPal. Jennifer Willey will look into the specifics of the fees and present her findings at the September meeting. Tim Bonham will check into the PayPal account to see if the member's monies who joined online in April/May is available to transfer to the MHC account.

I. NEW BUSINESS

A. National Equine Legislation - Tracy Turner advised there are future forward looking individuals within the Unwanted Horse that are encouraging each breed group to improve themselves and the plight of the unwanted horse. 1. Women leaders of the horse industry--women are currently leading several of the national level equine organizations. The main focus of these organizations for the future will be horse welfare. 2. Loss of youth--many organizations are suffering as a result of losing the youth to other activities. 3. Obamacare and the horse industry. The horse industry at this point is not concerned with negative issues as a result of the impending national affordable healthcare act. National Equine Healthplan: this plan looks to protect the population of horses within the United States by streamlining the education on diseases and disease outbreaks with an information center. This center will provide spokespeople in addition to the education. They are now looking for funding.

B. Allison Eklund reported on her findings regarding the requirements and responsibilities regarding the care of credit card numbers from Expo contracts, etc. Allison Eklund advised there is no current legislation regarding this issue for organizations such as the MHC.

C. Trina Joyce reviewed previous minutes and asked for clarification on issues that she felt were unresolved.

Announcements:

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

X. Darrell Mead adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

****NO AUGUST MEETING****

NEXT MEETING September 10th, 2013 ♦ 6:30 p.m.

University of MN ♦ Leatherdale Center

Van Ness Award Goes to Maryland's Beverly Raymond

Each year, the American Horse Council presents the Van Ness Award to a person who has shown leadership and service to the horse community in her state. It is awarded in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Van Ness, one of the founders of the New Jersey Horse Council and the AHC's Coalition of State Horse Councils. This year's award was presented at the AHC's annual meeting in June to Beverly Raymond of Upper Falls, Maryland for her long and successful service to the horse community in Maryland and nationwide.



"As a founding member of the Maryland Horse Council, Ms. Raymond has made her state council effective and critical to the industry's health at the state and national level," said AHC president Jay Hickey in presenting the award. "For 35 years, she has been the embodiment of education and outreach. She is one of those individuals who has a vision and is committed not just to her job as a State Stable Inspector, but also to helping foster, grow and improve the horse industry in Maryland."

During her time in the industry, she has had tremendous influence on the development of state policies as they apply to horses. She helped create one of the first certified Volunteer Mounted Patrols. She worked with the Maryland Department of Agriculture to expand the definition of agriculture to include all horse operations. She worked to pass legislation to create an equine commodity board – the Maryland Horse Industry Board, a great promoter of the Maryland horse industry.

"My first reaction was 'Wow!'" said Raymond. "I am very overwhelmed; receiving this award is far beyond anything I had ever expected. I am extremely touched by the number of people that came to support me receiving this award, as well as by how many people have told me how much they have gotten out of the work I had done."

Ms. Raymond is a leading advocate for setting standards for equine welfare, rescue, and adoption programs. She helped spearhead the equine industry's formal interpretation of Maryland's Code for the "Minimum Standards of Care for Equine." As a result, the Maryland Horse Council's interpretation is now used as the basis for determining cases of neglect or abuse. Since its inception 28 years ago, she has been a tireless advocate for the Maryland Horse Council, and because of her work and dedication, there is a thriving Maryland Horse Council and a dynamic Maryland Horse Industry Board.

Although Ms. Raymond is retired, she is still active within the Maryland Horse Council. She also spends her days riding her horses, painting, and rehabbing her parent's old house that was built in the 1700s.

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Oct. 8, 2013	Feb. 11, 2014	July 8, 2014
Nov. 12, 2013	March 11, 2014	Sept. 9, 2014
Dec. 10, 2013	April 8, 2014	Oct. 14, 2014
Jan. 18, 2014 - Annual Meeting	May 13, 2014	Nov. 11, 2014
	June 10, 2014	Dec. 9, 2014

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

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