

**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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**MHC 2010 Pioneer Horseman Award**

**Lyle Anderson Jr ♦ August 21, 1917 - August 28, 1973**

The 2010 recipient is the late Lyle Anderson Jr. of Owatonna, MN. Lyle was born, raised and died in Owatonna, MN. Growing up in a city family, he never outgrew his love of horses. At the age of 15 he became Daniel C. Gainey's stable boy taking care of Mr. Gainey's race horses. This began a lifelong friendship and mentorship with Daniel C. Gainey. Lyle found time to care for the horses until he joined the Army to fulfill his duties for his country in WWII. Upon his return and marriage to



Geraldine Satre, Anderson went to work for his uncle doing heating and roofing. In 1950, he purchased the business and started Anderson Heating, A/C and Roofing. His business would grow to win several awards. Anderson Roofing would become a leader in flat roofing industry. Some of those jobs included the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and the Hubert Humphrey Terminal in Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN. His knowledge and expertise was acknowledged by the state of Minnesota when offered the position of State Roofing Inspector in 1965. His love of the Owatonna community and horses caused him to decline the offer. When his daughter Anita was born in 1948, he announced "If she ever wants a pony she will have one" and in 1953 he bought her a pony and by 1955 they were exhibiting at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1956 Lyle bought what would be the first of two Arabian Stallions from Dan Gainey, thus beginning a lifelong commitment to Arabians. Lyle was active and one of the first members of the Owatonna Saddle Club and the Minnesota Arabian Horse Association. He helped and served on committees to promote the Minnesota High School Rodeo and the promotion of both Standardbred and Thoroughbred horse racing in

Minnesota. Lyle was asked and accepted to be the Assistant Superintendent to the Horses and Ponies at the Steele County Free Fair in 1958. By 1961, he was the superintendent of Horses and ponies for the Steele County Free Fair (SCFF). Under his direction the fair hosted one of the largest Shetland show pony shows in Minnesota and one of the first Arabian Horse Shows at a local level. Lyle was also responsible for securing the Bongards' Six Pony Hitch to be

exhibited at the fair for numerous years, which the community enjoyed immensely. Lyle went out of his way to secure ponies and horses for the fair so that every stall was full. At the same time, he did his best to get knowledgeable judges. As the "County Rest Home" used to back up to the area used for the Horse show, Lyle would arrange for a private horse showing for the residents. These residents looked forward to it every year.

Lyle enjoyed raising and training the young foals. He especially enjoyed the halter training and the time spent with all his Arabians. Anderson Arabians were shown all over the Midwest. Lyle was often asked to fill in as a halter handler for Gainey Arabians when they had double entries in a class. Lyle was ahead of his time and never trained a horse with force or intimidation. "Dad told me many times that the horses were for our pleasure and enjoyment, not the blue ribbons they win," Anita recalled.

Lyle mentored many young people and adults into the passion of horses and especially Arabian Horses. Many went on to succeed him

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# MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL NEWS

## GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 1

The Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) uses the revenue from the Minnesota Horse Expo to offer grants to charitable/non-profit equine-related organizations in Minnesota. Grants of up to \$7,000 are given as "seed money" to inspire new projects, capital improvements, or expansions of existing projects or services.

### Schedule

All applications must be received by October 1. During December, Grants will be chosen by the MHC and all applicants notified. Grant recipients will receive a Letter of Award signed by the MHC Treasurer. At the MHC Annual Meeting in January, the Grants will be formally announced. Monies will be paid only upon actual initiation of the project. This will be arranged between the recipient and the MHC Treasurer. Funds must be used within the year.

### Eligible Organizations

- ♦ Equine related
- ♦ Charitable Organizations: Non-profit, Federal 501c3 or State of Minnesota registered charity
- ♦ Non breed specific
- ♦ Non discriminatory practices followed, with equal opportunity for all
- ♦ Must not have received an MHC Grant in the past 3 years
- ♦ Operations congruent with MHC Goals and Objectives:
  - Improve communication with the general public for all horse-related activity.
  - Gather information of value for horse-related activities and disseminate that information to horse owners via printed material, online, or clinics and seminars. Sample equine-related topics: public and private trails, zoning regulation, stable safety, legislation, veterinary health, vehicle safety, legal concerns of horse-owning, humane treatment.
  - Provide expertise, consultation, and advice in horse-related matters.
  - Promote and support equine educational activities

### Eligible Proposals

- ♦ Capital expenditures to build or expand facilities on non-profit owned property
  - ♦ New projects or services
  - ♦ Expansion of existing projects or services
  - ♦ Research projects
- Proposals will NOT be accepted for day-to-day operating expenses, normal maintenance and upkeep, year-end or hi-point awards, or improvements to private property.

### Applying for a Grant

Please send the information listed below directly to the Grants Committee at following address:

MHC Grants Committee

4309 30th Ave. S. ♦ Minneapolis, MN 55406-3710

612-721-1007 ♦ Email: T-Bonham@scc.net

1. Short cover letter which must include:
  - a. Full name and address of your organization
  - b. Name, address, phone number and email of a contact person within your organization
  - c. Short summary of the organization's history, including a statement of goals and objectives.
  - d. Short description of the organization's current activities including indication that they are equine-related and not breed specific.
  - e. Location of the facilities where activities will be conducted
  - f. Description of facilities, including whether they are owned, or leased (from whom and how long a lease)
  - g. Short summary of the project you are proposing
  - h. Short description of the people served by the project (who and how many)
  - i. Dollar amount of grant requested
2. Additional page with general information about your organization
  - a. Summary copy of your most recent operating budget or financial plan.
  - b. List of officers, directors, and managing employees
  - c. Proof that your organization is non-profit/charitable, such as a copy of IRS 501c tax status, Minnesota Sales Tax exemption approval, or MN Secretary of State Registration for Business Corporations (M-SS1) indicating non-profit charter number. (If not yet received, send a copy of your application.)
  - d. Proof that your activities are available to all people regardless of race, religion, age, gender, disability or sexual orientation, e.g., copy of publicity describing your activities which includes such a non-discrimination statement.
3. Additional pages with detailed information about your proposed project
  - a. Clear and specific description of the project (not more than three pages).
  - b. Proposed schedule for the project
  - c. Detailed budget giving expenditures to start the project
  - d. Description of anticipated operating and maintenance costs for future years, and details of what income you will use to meet these costs.
  - e. Clear statement as to who will own and operate this project.

Please include all this information so we can give your proposal our full consideration. We will attempt to notify you if some required information is missing, but our volunteer time is limited so it is your responsibility to include all requested information. Remember to be brief and succinct. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the grant application.

Further information is also available at  
[www.MnHorseCouncil.org](http://www.MnHorseCouncil.org)

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## GRANT RESULTS

### MEL-O-DEE VAULTERS

Mel-O-Dee Vaulters is a non-profit vaulting club. Vaulting is the combination of dance and gymnastics on horseback! We vault 2 times a week (Friday and Sunday nights) and use a 17.2 hand Shire mare named Sophie to vault on. It is a great way to make friends while improving balance, strength, coordination and horsemanship.



Melodee Vaulters received a \$2,400 grant in 2009 from the Minnesota Horse Council. We were able to use the funds to greatly expand the visibility of vaulting in the Minnesota area. The money helped to sponsor three beginning vaulting clinics, paid for the development of a regional web site, and also paid for the development and printing of an informational brochure on vaulting in the Minnesota area.

Elizabeth Whillock  
Mel-O-Dee Vaulters ♦ White Bear Lake

### TODD COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT



I am pleased to inform the Minnesota Horse Council that the project to upgrade stalls and put lights in our arena is completed. In addition to the \$3,880 that was awarded to Todd County, another \$2,100 was collected from area organizations to cover the expenses. The city of Long Prairie donated 12 lights that were used to light an ice skating arena but were no longer used. Todd County donated the gravel and equipment to repair the horse stalls. It is amazing how this project just kept moving forward with the help of the community because they wanted this project to succeed. As for me, it was a learning experience of how many meetings a person can attend to get permission to do a project.

Nancy Becker  
Todd County 4-H Horse Project ♦ Browerville



### NORTH COUNTRY HORSEMEN SADDLE CLUB

The North Country Horsemen Saddle Club is a non profit organization that supports various community events as well as hosting many horse related activities for their

members and the community. The Minnesota Horse Council awarded a \$5,000 grant to the North Country Horsemen Saddle Club for the materials to build a new crows nest/announcer stand.

“I would like to thank you again for your support on this project. Because of your help we were able to have the new building ready for our first event, an NBHA show, we held last weekend on June 5th.”

Mardy Anderson  
North Country Horsemen Saddle Club ♦ Middle River



*Finished Project*



## 2011 MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The MHC has chosen to hold the Annual meeting on the third Saturday in January each year going forward. This will help members remember the date, and allow other organizations to plan their meetings and banquets without a date conflict.

Please mark your calendars for January 15, 2011 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park.



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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.horses-mn.org](http://www.horses-mn.org)

### 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 Trina Joyce, Chair, MHC Scholarships Committee by phone at 612-729-7798 or  
Trina Joyce  
3035 34th Ave. S. ♦ Minneapolis, MN 55406-2103

## MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL UPCOMING DEADLINES

Grant Applications - October 1

Horseperson of the Year Nominations - November 1

Tony Gasser Memorial Scholarship Applications - November 1

# MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL NEWS



## HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1

The Horseperson of the Year program was started a quarter-century ago as a way to honor some of the outstanding people in the horse industry -- those who stand out from the rest for their contributions to equine activity.

*Do you know a special person who should be considered for the honor of Horseperson of the Year?*

### Horseperson of the Year Criteria

- ♦ Long term, serious commitment to equine activity in the Midwest
- ♦ May be professional or amateur
- ♦ Should have contributed in many areas, i.e., western shows, English shows, 4-H, Rodeo--Little Britches and High School, trails, legislation, clinics and other equine related activities
- ♦ Usually the individual will have been a horse owner for many years although it certainly is not a requirement. (The person could have worked "behind the lines" to great achievement)
- ♦ A mature individual, "long term commitment"
- ♦ The individual should have excellent character.
- ♦ The individual will likely be recognized by members of many horse-related groups, and perhaps by the general population.

Write a letter nominating that special individual. Clearly state reasons why the individual meets the above requirements. Be accurate; facts will be checked. Current members of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Horse Council are not eligible for consideration.

Entries must be postmarked no later than November 1st of the current year. Send your letter to:

### HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

Dawn Moore, Chairperson  
PO Box 1095  
Minnetonka, MN 55345-0095  
dmoore834@comcast.net

## Minnesota Horse Council 4th Annual Director's Ride

When: October 15, 16, and 17

Where: Crow-Hassan Park Reserve  
(Blue Stem Campground)

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 3:00 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 10.

### *Pioneer Award--continued from page 1*

as Superintendent of Horses at the SCFF, and as leaders in the world of Arabian Horses. The SCFFair in Owatonna, MN is always held the week immediately preceding the Minnesota State Fair. Lyle could be found for the entire week at the fair, putting together one of the finest exhibitions of horses anywhere. Starting around 1967, The Minnesota State Fair learned of his success with the SCFF's Horse Department and spent the next 6 years attempting to lure him to the position of Superintendent of Horses for the Minnesota State Fair. August 28, 1973 just days after the SCFF had ended, Lyle died of a massive heart attack.

Lyle's daughter Anita Anderson Grant is humbled that after 37 years, strangers and horseman still fondly remember her father. In 2008, Lyle was one of the first inducted into the Steele County Free Fair Equine Hall of Fame. Many of his friends have been awarded the MHC's Horseperson of the Year in the past and of course his mentor and friend Daniel C. Gainey was the 2001 Recipient of the MHC's Pioneer Award. Lyle's only daughter Anita Anderson Grant lives in Northfield, MN and carries on the family tradition of Arabian Horses and service to the breed and equine community her father so eloquently taught her.

## American Horse Council Annual Meeting and National Issues Forum

Submitted by Tracy A. Turner, DVM, MS, Vice President MN Horse Council

I attended all 3 days of the meeting, Day 1: Unwanted Horse Coalition meeting, Day 2 covered National Issues in particular emerging diseases. Day 3 was spent "on the hill" where I visited the offices of Representatives Colin Peterson and Michelle Bachmann and Senators Franken and Klobuchar.

The Unwanted Horse Coalition meeting was very important. The Coalition announced their new Strategic Plan. There are four major areas to work on, (1) continue current educational mission, (2) expand awareness and enlist industry involvement through distribution of "Best Practices Handbook", (3) Collaborate with the horse industry to develop specific solutions through the development of haybanks/feedbanks, through the development of castration clinics nationwide (Minnesota is the model), through the development of equine care facility wellness programs, and develop nationwide euthanasia/disposal clinics. Most importantly, the UHC has set up an ad hoc committee to look at funding these projects. (4) The UHC will develop resources for equine care facilities, they will develop webinars on pertinent topics, develop informational materials for the facilities and start a list serve for the facilities to communicate to each other.

There was also a horse welfare update in the afternoon. The "slaughter bill" house or senate versions have not had any action. There is an ongoing GAO study on the impact of closing the horse slaughter facilities, report will be finished early 2011. The horse transportation and safety bill prohibiting all double decker trucking of horses continues to slowly work its way through Congress, The Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro bill prevents the animals from being sold or used in any commercial way. This has led to unforeseen consequences according to the BLM. According to the BLM, 26,000-27,000 horses and burros can be

appropriately sustained on BLM land. However, there are about 38,000 horses and burros on this land presently and there are an additional 32,000 head at long term holding facilities. These horses cost \$1.21-\$1.26/head/day to maintain. That is a yearly expenditure of over \$14 million/ year.

Finally an update on the NAIS, National Animal Identification System. It has been scrapped for ADTP, Animal Disease Traceability Program.

Day 2 was the national issues forum with discussions on emerging diseases. Discussions were centered on the government's attempts to prevent these disease from being established in the U.S. Two foreign animal diseases horse people must worry about, equine piroplasmosis--a tick-borne blood disease and contagious equine metritis--an equine venereal disease. Both diseases have USDA programs designed to eliminate them from the country. In regards to emerging diseases, the discussions were centered on the neurologic form of equine rhinopneumonitis. The most important develop has been the development of vaccines against this disease variant.

Day 3, I visited a few of our representatives. All were pro horse and understood horses are an important part of the Minnesota agriculture economy. I gave each representative a report about the MHC accomplishments. I also gave them information on the gelding project and information on how the MHC is assisting with the unwanted horse problem in Minnesota. I offered to each legislator the MHC as a resource for information on horses should they ever need it.

Overall, I think the MHC can be very proud of our accomplishments on a national level.

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EXTENSION

### Overo Lethal White Syndrome (OLWS)

By Nichol Schultz, DVM and Molly McCue, DVM, PhD, Univ. of Minnesota

The overo coat pattern features white markings that do not cross the back of the horse between its withers and its tail. An overo may be either predominantly dark or white. OLWS is a recessive disorder (two copies of the mutation are necessary to produce disease) that appears to have been selected in horses where white spotting is a desirable trait. The defective gene has been found in American Paint Horses, American Miniature Horses, Half-Arabians, Thoroughbreds, and crop-out (horses with excessive white markings) Quarter Horses.

Horses heterozygous for the mutation most commonly have an overo-type white coat color pattern with the highest association in frame overos (> 94% heterozygotes, frame overos typically have white patches centered in the body and neck). However, there certainly are many exceptions within horses of overo lineage where horses without white coloration carry the mutation (up to 20% incidence of heterozygotes in broodstock lacking excessive white patterning).

OLWS foals are homozygous for the mutation and are born alive with blue eyes and a white coat. Small black markings on the

head, mane and tail can occur in OLWS foals. These foals initially appear normal except for their unusual coloring. After a varying period of time, signs of colic emerge due to the foal's inability to pass feces. The OLWS foal has an underdeveloped, defective intestine caused by a failure of the embryonic cells that form nerves in the gastrointestinal system. Oddly enough, these cells also play a role in determining skin color.

There is no treatment for OLWS, and surgery to bypass the intestinal damage has never been successful due to the extensive nature of this type of lesion. Euthanasia is advised for all OLWS foals with colic. There are some completely white foals that do not have OLWS. Although owners call these "living lethals" they actually are heterozygous for the OLWS mutation or have a separate viable white coat color gene.



Photo Credit: Stephanie Valberg,  
University of Minnesota

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## American Horse Council Highlights Recreational Riding

On Tuesday June 22, the American Horse Council (AHC) held its first Recreation Forum in Washington, DC to highlight issues of importance to recreational riders. The forum was attended by representatives from national equestrian organizations, state horse councils from around the country, as well as individual recreational riders.

The forum began with a presentation by Stephanie McCommon of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). McCommon, briefed attendees on AQHA's Stewards for Trails, Education and Partnerships (STEP) program which seeks to "increase participation in trail stewardship among equine enthusiasts." The forum continued with a presentation by Dennis Dailey of Backcountry Horsemen of America (BCHA). Dailey spoke on the U.S. Forest Service's Trail Classification System and its impact on equestrians in National Forests.

The forum also included two enlightening panel discussions. The first panel focused on the benefits of equestrians building better partnerships with other traditional recreational users and conservationists. The panel featured Kim Hutson de Belle of the American Hiking Society (AHS) and Anne Merwin of the Wilderness Society (TWS) as well as Dennis Dailey, BCHA. The panel discussed many important issues including declining numbers of Americans recreating in the outdoors and its impact on conservation, the need to link public and private lands with trail easements, and the challenges equestrians, hiking and conservation groups face when working together.

"The equestrian, hiking and conservation community have many shared interests. I believe Tuesday's discussion demonstrated that these shared interest are being recognized and great progress is being made in efforts to work together," said Ben Pendergrass Legislative Director of the AHC.

The second panel focused on building better relationships between equestrians and federal land managers. The panel included Rick Potts, Chief, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division, National Park Service (NPS), Bob Ratcliffe, Division Chief, Recreation and Visitor Services, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Jonathan Stephens Program Manager, Congressionally Designated Areas and Trails, National Forest Service (FS). Topics included the need for equestrians to build relationships with their local federal land managers before problems arise, the backlog of trails and facility maintenance, the Presidents America's Great Outdoors Initiative, and efforts to preserve traditional recreational uses.

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## AHC Seeks Information on Health Benefits of Riding

There is a growing concern with childhood obesity in America. In the Spring President Obama established a Taskforce on Childhood Obesity to address the mounting problem of overweight children.

The AHC is looking for any documents, studies, articles, etc. that highlight the physical benefits of equestrian sports and recreational riding. Being able to document that riding is good exercise for children would be very helpful in making the case to the Task Force. If you have such information, please email them to the AHC.

The AHC has already submitted some comments to the Task Force proposing that riding be included in the scope of expanded opportunities for physical activities that the Task Force focuses on to increase physical activity among the young. In its comments, the AHC noted that:

Competing on horseback is a complex and demanding physical sport. Riders must develop muscular strength, endurance, flexibility, coordination, balance, and fine motor skills. Riding can also improve posture and cardiovascular health. Though there is often the perception that the horse is doing all the work, riding certainly requires athletic skills and activity from the rider that develops muscle and burns calories. Additionally, the daily care of a horse such as mucking out stalls, stacking hay, grooming, etc., promotes physical fitness also. Riding for pleasure on a regular basis has many of the same benefits as competitive riding.

Today a great many individuals who are involved in equestrian activities are young people. In fact, there are many equestrian organizations specifically geared toward youth like the United States Pony Club and the National High School Rodeo Association. Additionally, most equestrian organizations have youth programs like the United States Equestrian Federation's "High School Equestrian Athlete" program or the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

A Pennsylvania State 2006 study (Impact of Equine Activities on Youth Development) found that once children became involved in a youth horse program that 90.8% stayed involved for more than four years and 58% stayed involved for more than 8 years.

The AHC needs as much information as possible to continue making its case for the health benefits of riding. Please email [bpendergrass@horsecouncil.org](mailto:bpendergrass@horsecouncil.org) with any information regarding this issue.



## Tourism Promotion Bill Becomes Law

The Travel Promotion Act has been signed into law by President Obama. The bill was originally introduced by Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) in the Senate and Representative Bill Delahunt (D-MA) in the House. The purpose of the new law is to market the U.S. as a tourist destination to people around the world. The bill should benefit tourism involving the horse industry.

Equine tourism is a growing and diverse segment of the horse industry. Examples of equine tourism include individuals traveling to see the World Equestrian Games or the Kentucky Derby as well as the family who takes a pack trip in Wyoming. Because Equine tourism encompasses so many parts of the industry including recreation, showing and racing, any effort to promote the U.S. to foreign tourist should benefit the entire horse industry.

“We are pleased the Travel Promotion Act is now law,” said AHC President Jay Hickey. “If the horse industry in the U.S. is to expand, it is important that we promote it abroad as well as at home. We believe this Act 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 Act creates a Corporation for Travel Promotion that will be responsible for explaining U.S. entry policies and providing useful information to foreign tourists and others interested in traveling to the United States. The Act also requires the corporation to “identify opportunities and strategies to promote tourism to rural and urban areas equally.” A travel promotion fund requiring non-federal matching funds will also be established.

The law will also create a new Office of Travel Promotion in the Department of Commerce. This office will support and encourage the development of programs to increase the number of international visitors to the United States. In general this office will be responsible for disseminating information to international visitors about U.S. entry procedures. Additionally it will 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 or rodeos throughout the country or one of our exciting races, this bill has the potential to help let foreign tourist know what the U.S. horse industry has to offer,” said Ben Pendergrass, AHC Legislative Director.

The AHC will keep the industry informed of the progress of both the Corporation for Travel Promotion and the Office of Travel Promotion in the Department of Commerce as these new entities get up and running.



## Free Equine Castration Clinic

The MN Horse Welfare Coalition will be hosting its third Free Castration Clinic on September 11, 2010 in Cannon Falls, MN. To be eligible, horse and jack (male donkey) owners must be referred by a certified horse rescue, humane agent or their veterinarian based on an economic hardship. Castrations are performed by veterinary students, under close supervision by licensed veterinarians. Stallions must be halter broke with 2 descended testicles and be at least 4 months of age. There is no upper age limit. Castrations must be scheduled in advance. Contact Krishona Martinson, University of Minnesota, at 612-625-6776 or [krishona@umn.edu](mailto:krishona@umn.edu) to make an appointment. Horse owners must be MN residents.

## Fall Regional Horse Owner Programs

**Saturday, October 2, 2010**

U of M Leatherdale Equine Center ♦ St. Paul, MN

Cost: \$20/person

Topics include: Equine Dentistry, Research Updates, Nutrition Roundtable, Fly and Pest Control, Care of Elderly Horses, How Do You Roll?, and Q&A with Presenters

Online registration available at:

<http://www.regonline.com/FallRegHorseStP>

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 29

Program Sponsors: ADM Alliance Nutrition and Purina Mills

**Saturday, November 6, 2010**

Apollo High School ♦ St. Cloud, MN

Cost: \$20/person

Topics include: Research Updates, Nutrition Roundtable, Fly and Pest Control, Care of Elderly Horses, Winter Care, First Aid Away From Home, and Q and A with Presenters

Online registration available at:

<http://www.regonline.com/FallRegHorseStCl>

Registration deadline: November 4th, 2010

Program Sponsors: ADM Alliance Nutrition and Purina Mills



**APRIL 29, 30 & MAY 1**



**MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES - June 8, 2010**

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

Board Members Present: Darrell Mead, Missie Schwartz, Mark Ward, Jan Schatzlein, Tim Bonham, Tom Tweeten, Tracy Turner, Dawn Moore, Glen Eaton, Lynn Wasson, Trina Joyce, Judy Jensen

Absent: Teresa Hanson, Sue McDonough, Marian Robinson, Christie Ward, Carol Dobbelaire

Members/Visitors: Miriam McGurran, Tim Wampfler, Jessica Rehak, Jean Fredlund

**I. Meeting called to order:** 6:32 p.m. by Mark Ward

**II. Introduction of Board Members/Visitors**

Mark Ward introduced the aforementioned guest.

**III. Call for Additions/Changes to Agenda**

1. Trina Joyce requested correspondence be added to committee reports.

**IV. Treasurer's Report** for June was distributed by Tim Bonham. Total assets: \$702,902.16 with total liabilities of \$293,964.89. Darrell Mead motioned to accept the May treasurer's report as presented. Tracy Turner seconded, motion passed. Discussion followed regarding the MHC policy regarding mileage reimbursement. Trina Joyce was charged with clarifying the current policy and presenting it at the July meeting.

**V. Approval of Minutes** - Tracy Turner moved to accept the May minutes with one correction (the date of the AHC meeting). Tim Bonham seconded, motion passed.

**VI. Secretary's Report** - Dawn Moore reported Teresa Hanson has a new phone number. The new number will be emailed to the directors.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Funding of Attorney's Retainer** - Mark Ward reported he is still searching for the funds, within the current budget, to retain Allison Eklund. Tim Bonham was charged with reporting in July details regarding the original budget and current amount paid out to Allison Eklund as of this point in time. Mark Ward requested discovery and findings be reported to the executive committee within a few days following the meeting. Darrell Mead suggested using the unused 2009 trail committee funds of \$4,667.98 to retain Allison Eklund. Tracy Turner motioned to use \$4500 of the \$4667.98 unused trail funds from 2009 to retain Allison Eklund for one year, with the understanding that any litigation would be charged separately. Glen Eaton seconded, discussion followed. The board charged Dawn Moore with contacting Allison Eklund regarding a contract and attending monthly board meetings. Motion passed by a vote of the board.

**B. State Fair \$25,000 donation** - Mark Ward reported a thank you has been received from the MN State Fair. They also advised that the MHC has been given a full page ad in their 2010 show program.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. EXPO** - Glen Eaton reported the following: Most of the figures are complete for the 2010 Minnesota Horse Expo. with the attendance at 46,000 people. Indications from the surveys are that most Vendors had a good Expo. The bottom line for the financial figures is not complete as we just got the State Fair bill and some of us want go over line by line. All in all we had a great Expo. The Expo will have a booth at the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, July 20-22 at the Peterson Family Farm in River Falls.

On to the 2011 Minnesota Horse Expo which will be held April 29-30 & May 1. More improvements are going to be made at the State Fairgrounds before Expo 2011. The first contracts for Vendor Booths and

Stall space will be mailed on August 28. The next Expo meeting is June 29 at Byerly's Community Room St. Louis, Park. The meeting starts at 6:30 and usually over by 8:00.

**B. Direct Funding** - Christie Ward absent, Mark Ward relayed that another request had been submitted and she will be presenting it to the committee.

**C. Communications** - Missie Schwartz reported several articles have been received for the July newsletter. Miriam McGurran inquired whether an article on the IRS audits would be of interest to the readers. The board advised the AHC has pertinent tax information on their website and the link to the information should be included in the July newsletter. Discussion followed regarding email vs postal mail delivery of the newsletter.

**D. Inventory/Storage** - Glen Eaton reported the bill has just been received and will be paid.

**E. Certified Stables** - Sue McDonough absent. Report received via email. The Certified Stable Program has welcomed five new Stables to the Program. We have certified five new stables in 2010 and enjoyed meeting everyone and viewing these beautiful facilities. Welcome to the following: Marlett Stables in Prior Lake, JD Bar Ranch in Oak Grove, Amador Acres in Shafer, Merlot Farm in Carver, and Manahan Stables in St. Frances. We will continue working on re-certifying and updating the list. Thanks to all the stables in the Certified Stable Program. You show "Pride in Ownership."

**F. SHCAC** - Glen Eaton reported the AHC wants a written record of delegates from the MHC. Glen Eaton motioned to appoint the following delegates: Glen Eaton, Tracy Turner, Darrell Mead and Tom Tweeten in that order. Tracy Turner and myself will be going to Washington June 20th through the 23rd. Tracy will be attending the AHC meetings as I will the SHCAC meetings.

**G. Aisle of Breeds** - Glen Eaton reported. The Minnesota State Fair is August 26 through September 7. We will have the Aisle of Breeds in the Horse Barn and setup will be August 24. We will need a lot of help to set up and of course people to attend the information table for the Council/Expo. More in the July report.

**H. Trina Joyce** presented an invitation received to an event as well as a thank you card for a recent sympathy card sent.

**I. Trails** - Darrell Mead reported that since early May he has been trying to visit as many of the horse camps as possible. We have worked a lot at St. Croix State Forest trimming trails, there has been more wind storms than normal. He has also been to Pillsbury State Forest and Lincoln County Park Hole in the Mountain Horse camp where we have spent \$1650 to rebuild the picket lines. We are also working with the camps up north with some projects that won't start till this fall.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Trail at Afton Park** - Mark Ward reported one of the best trails in the park has been closed. Mark Ward requested Darrell Mead look into the situation and report back at the July meeting.

**B. IRS Audits of Horse Businesses** - Miriam McGurran shared that she is being audited and is concerned that others may be, or will be, in a similar situation and would like to pool resources (attorneys, Equine appraisers, accountants, etc) to help with these situations.

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**C. Covered walkway from Horse Barn to Cattle Barn at the State Fairgrounds** - Miriam McGurran presented an idea to have a covered walkway from the Horse Barn to the Coliseum. Mark Ward will mention the idea to Mark Goodrich at the State Fair. Miriam McGurran will take the idea back to MAHA to see if they would like to pursue it.

D. Tim Bonham inquired whether any more information has been received regarding the Dept. of Transportation stopping truck/trailer combinations. Mark Ward advised that no additional information has been received, however, he has discussed this issue with Allison Eklund and she will be researching the issue.

E. Mark Ward advised the MHC tax bill has passed. Information will be presented in the July newsletter.

X. Mark Ward adjourned the meeting at 7:57PM.

**NEXT MEETING** - July 13, 2010 ♦ 6:30 p.m.  
University of MN ♦ Leatherdale Equine Center

### **Recreational Riding--continued from page 7**

The forum wrapped up with Ginny Grulke of the Kentucky State Horse Council discussing the challenges faced by trail riders in Kentucky on the state level and how they have been responding.

“Recreational riding is important to millions of Americans and these Americans rely on public lands and trails to ride. The AHC believes it was important to bring equestrians, leaders from NPS, FS, BLM, and AHS, TWS together in Washington to talk about recreational riding and our public lands,” said AHC Legislative Director Ben Pendergrass. “We are very happy with the outcome of the Recreation Forum and believe it is a positive step in ensuring recreational riders continue to support and have access to our nation’s public lands.”

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### **Minnesota Horse Council Board Meetings**

Leatherdale Equine Center ♦ 6:30 pm  
1801 Dudley Ave ♦ St. Paul  
Located on the U of M St. Paul Campus

February 9	June 8	October 12
March 9	July 13	November 9
April 13	August - No meeting	December 14
May 11	September 14	
January 15, 2011 - 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 26	May 25	September 28
February 23	June 29	October 26
March 30	July 27	November 30
April 13	August - No meeting	December 28

## **For Horse's Sake**

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January/February	1/22/10	July/August	6/11/10
March	2/12/10	September	8/13/10
April	3/12/10	October	9/17/10
May	4/16/10	November	10/15/10
June	5/14/10	December	11/12/10

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Testing for the OLWS gene is performed at the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at the University of California, Davis (www.vgl.ucdavis.com). This test is recommended for all frame overos and their descendants. Mares or stallions that have previously produced an OLWS foal are in all likelihood heterozygous for the mutation. Carriers should not be bred to each other to avoid the birth of OLWS foals.

The horses at greatest risk of carrying the defective allele are overos, particularly of American Paint Horses and American Miniature Horse breeding. A small number of Tobiano and breeding stock horses also carry the defective gene, and a very small number of carrier horses have been detected in other breeds. These other carriers include Pinto horses, which indicate that as other breeds import overo color patterning, they can also import the lethal gene.



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