



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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A Message from the President About the 2007 Minnesota Horse Expo



Twenty five years ago, a few members of the Minnesota Horse Council decided to have a Horse Expo. That was the birth of the Minnesota Horse Expo, the first of which took place in 1982 at the former Auditorium in downtown Minneapolis. The corporation of the Minnesota Horse Exposition Inc. was formed as a subsidiary of the Minnesota Horse Council to be an educational event and the main fund raiser for the Minnesota Horse Council. The Expo was held at the Minneapolis Auditorium through 1987 when the Auditorium was torn down and replaced with the new Convention Center. There was no Expo in 1988. In 1989, the Expo moved to the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul. The first years there, the Expo only rented the Coliseum and the Horse Barn. As the attendance and request for vendor and stall space grew, more buildings and outside space were added.

At present we use eight buildings and all of the outside space in the area around them, from the Judging Arena to the Empire Commons Building. The Directors, staff and you, the people who come, have made it into one of the largest educational, Horse Council sponsored Expos in the country. Last year, in spite of three days of continual, soggy, cold rain, over 49,000 horse enthusiasts came to the Horse Expo to watch, buy and learn. The profits from the Expo are turned over to the Minnesota Horse Council each year in September and they in turn distribute the money to various committees. Most of the money goes towards scholarships and grants. For more information about the Minnesota Horse Council, please visit www.mnhorsecouncil.org. Since the start of the Minnesota Horse Expo in 1982, the Minnesota Horse Expo has turned over close to three million dollars to the Minnesota Horse Council. I would like to thank those people from 1982 who had the foresight to establish the Minnesota Horse Expo. What would we do on the last full weekend of April without the Expo?

Glen G. Eaton
President
Minnesota Horse Expo, Inc.

University of Minnesota Large Animal Hospital Tours

The University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center is offering a "behind the scenes" look at the Large Animal Hospital's Equine Clinical Services. As the most advanced, full-service referral care center in Minnesota, the Large Animal Hospital at the Veterinary Medical Center provides the following services: internal medicine, surgery, reproduction, anesthesiology, ophthalmology, dermatology, dentistry, radiology, and clinical pathology. The Large Animal Hospital veterinarians represent the largest group of Board Certified Specialists in the region, making them truly experts in their field.

Don't miss your chance to tour the Large Animal Hospital, meet equine veterinarians, and learn more about how the new Equine Center will improve your horse's life. Tours will be offered:

Friday, April 27	2:30 - 4:00 pm
	4:00 - 5:30 pm
	5:30 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 28	10:00 - 11:30 am
	11:30 am - 1:00 pm
	1:00 - 2:30 pm

In addition to touring the hospital facility, participants can expect to see some of the following:

- ◆ A preview of the new state-of-the-art imaging center
- ◆ Examples of fractures similar to the one that Barbaro experienced, a discussion of repair options, and a display of the equipment used to treat fractures
- ◆ A display of horse skulls featuring a variety of tooth problems and a discussion of their treatment
- ◆ Equine athletes being exercised on a high-speed treadmill to investigate performance problems and horses using the new aqua treadmill for rehabilitation of injuries
- ◆ Sneak peak at the new University of Minnesota's Equine Center

Tour times listed above include a round trip ride to the University (adjacent to the Fairgrounds) and a one-hour tour. Each tour can only accept a maximum of 50 people. Tour passes will be available at the Bus Stop located north of the Expo ticket booth on Liggett Street on a first-come first-serve basis starting one hour before the first tour of the day. Make sure you get your hand stamped when you leave the Horse Expo grounds to pick up your pass or board the bus to avoid having to re-pay to get back into Expo when you return.

For more information on services provided at the University of Minnesota Large Animal Hospital, please visit the College of Veterinary Medicine staff and students during the Horse Expo at their booth L-608 located in the Cattle Barn.

Shop over 600 Booths • See Horses from over 50 Breeds/Registries

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U of M Large Animal Hospital Tours
• 4-H Tack and Clothing Consignment Sale
• Horseshoe Pitching Demos
• Info: mnhorseexpo.org

Minnesota State Fairgrounds

1265 Snelling Avenue North, St. Paul MN

FRIDAY APRIL 27 8:30AM-9:30PM

8:45	Stallion Presentations	Judging Arena
9:00	Curt Pate	Coliseum
10:05	Charmayne James	Coliseum
11:00	Ron Postleb Dressage	Judging Arena
11:00	Dr. Temple Grandin	DNR Building
11:35	Priefert Percheron Hitch	Coliseum
11:50	Horseman of the Year	Coliseum
12:00	Parade of Breeds	Coliseum
12:00	Brenda Imus Gaited Horses	Judging Arena
12:00	Rick Lamb	DNR Building
12:00	Mounted Shooting Lecture	Ramberg Bldg.
1:00	Charmayne James	Coliseum
1:00	Scot Hansen	Judging Arena
1:00	Richard Shrake	DNR Building
1:00	Equine Photography	Ramberg Bldg.
2:00	Curt Pate Colt Starting	Judging Arena
2:00	Horse Show Live!	DNR Building
2:00	Vaccinations	Ramberg Bldg.
2:30	Mounted Shooting Demo	Coliseum
2:45	Breed Demonstrations	Coliseum
3:00	Brenda Imus Gaited Horses	Judging Arena
3:00	Dr. Temple Grandin	DNR Building
3:00	Barn Disaster Readiness	Ramberg Bldg.
3:45	Priefert Percheron Hitch	Coliseum
4:00	Richard Shrake Horsemanship	Judging Arena
4:00	Legal/Insurance Protection	DNR Building
4:00	Pasture Establishment	Ramberg Bldg.
5:00	Ron Postleb—Dressage	Judging Arena
5:00	Horse Show Live!	DNR Building
5:00	Poisonous Plants	Ramberg Bldg.
6:00	Scot Hansen	Judging Arena
7:00	Mounted Shooting	Judging Arena
7:00	PRCA Dodge Rodeo	Coliseum

SATURDAY APRIL 28 8:30AM-9:30PM

8:45	Stallion Demonstrations	Judging Arena
9:00	Curt Pate	Coliseum
9:00	Brenda Imus Gaited Horses	DNR Building
10:05	Charmayne James	Coliseum
10:00	Scot Hansen	DNR Building
10:00	Mounted Shooting Lecture	Ramberg Bldg.
11:00	Ron Postleb Dressage	Judging Arena
11:00	Dr. Temple Grandin	DNR Building
11:00	Barn Disaster Readiness	Ramberg Bldg.
11:35	Priefert Percheron Hitch	Coliseum
11:50	Horseman of the Year	Coliseum
12:00	Parade of Breeds	Coliseum
12:00	Brenda Imus Gaited	Judging Arena
12:00	Richard Shrake Bits	DNR Building
12:00	Newborn Foal Care	Ramberg Bldg.
1:00	Charmayne James	Coliseum
1:00	Scot Hansen	Judging Arena
1:00	Rick Lamb	DNR Building
1:00	Care of the Geriatric Horse	Ramberg Bldg.
2:00	Curt Pate Colt Starting	Judging Arena
2:00	Ron Postleb	DNR Building
2:00	Herpes in Horses	Ramberg Bldg.
2:30	Mounted Shooting Demo	Coliseum
2:45	Breed Demonstrations	Coliseum
3:00	Richard Shrake Equitation	Judging Arena
3:00	Dr. Temple Grandin	DNR Building
3:00	Vaccinations	Ramberg Bldg.
3:45	Priefert Percheron Hitch	Coliseum
4:00	Brend Imus Gaited Horses	Judging Arena
4:00	Legal/Insurance Protection	DNR Building
4:00	Travel Preparedness	Ramberg Bldg.
5:00	Ron Postleb Dressage	Judging Arena
5:00	Horse Show Live!	DNR Building
5:00	Pasture Establishment	Ramberg Bldg.
6:00	Scot Hansen	Judging Arena
6:00	Horse Show Live!	DNR Building
6:00	Curt Pate	Ramberg Bldg.
7:00	PRCA Dodge Rodeo	Coliseum
7:00	Mounted Shooting	Judging Arena

SUNDAY APRIL 29 8:30AM-5:00PM

8:45	Stallion Presentations	Judging Arena
9:00	Curt Pate Colt Starting	Coliseum
9:00	Dr. Temple Grandin	DNR Building
10:05	Charmayne James	Coliseum
11:00	Brenda Imus Gaited Horses	Judging Arena
11:00	Dr. Temple Grandin	DNR Building
11:00	Mounted Shooting Lecture	Ramberg Bldg.
11:35	Priefert Percheron Hitch	Coliseum
11:50	Horseman of the Year	Coliseum
12:00	Parade of Breeds	Coliseum
12:00	Richard Shrake	Judging Arena
12:00	Rick Lamb	DNR Building
12:00	Equine Photography	Ramberg Bldg.
1:00	Priefert Percheron Hitch	Coliseum
1:00	Scot Hansen Trail	Judging Arena
1:00	Ron Postleb Dressage	DNR Building
1:00	Curt Pate Effect of Stress	Ramberg Bldg.
1:15	Breed Demonstrations	Coliseum
2:00	Brenda Imus Gaited Horses	Judging Arena
2:00	Poisonous Plants	Ramberg Bldg.
3:00	PRCA Rodeo	Coliseum
3:00	Scot Hansen	Judging Arena
3:00	Richard Shrake	DNR Building
3:00	Equine Protozoal Myelitis	Ramberg Bldg.
3:30	Parade of Expo Horses	Judson Avenue

**3 PRCA DODGE RODEOS At Expo
ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED!**



**Friday 7:00 PM
Saturday 7:00 PM
Sunday 3:00 PM**

\$8 Box Seats
\$7 Sections 1,2,3,13,14,15
\$6 All other Sections
Plus Expo Daily Admission
Rodeo Tickets sold at
Coliseum Box Office

Sunday Rodeo Special: Children (12 and under) \$3e admission with a paid adult!

Daily Expo Admission

\$8 Ages 13-61
\$5 Seniors
\$5 Ages 6-12
FREE Ages 5 and under
Free Parking

Hours

Friday 8:30 am—9:30 pm
Sat: 8:30 am—9:30 pm
Sun: 8:30 am—5:00 pm
Cattle, Poultry, Sheep Barn,
Empire Commons 8:00 close

Volunteer with a group or as an individual.
For details call Missie at 952-451-9581

CHARMAYNE JAMES

See Charmayne James, 11 time World Champion Barrel Racer, as she works with beginner through advanced barrel horses and their riders all three days of Expo in the Coliseum.



RON POSTLEB

Learn from FEI level dressage rider, trainer, and clinician Ron Postleb.



CURT PATE

Curt Pate, author of *Ranch Horsemanship* and AQHA clinician, will demonstrate colt starting, ranch horsemanship and discuss the effects of stress on horse health & performance.



RICHARD SHRAKE

Noted author, trainer and judge will educate Expo-goers about bits, successful equine careers, hunt seat equitation, horsemanship and how to evaluate your horse and his potential.



DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN

An animal behaviorist from Colorado State University and author of best-selling *Animals in Translation*, Dr. Grandin will offer insights into how animals think and feel from her own unique perspective.



AND MORE:

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| Mike Murphy
Poisonous Plants | Shelley Paulson
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Visit www.mnhorseexpo.org for more detail/updates.**

At the EXPO it's HORSES - HORSES - HORSES

New to the Expo this Year - Swedish Gotland Pony

History and Breed Origin

The Gotland pony, or Russ, as it is called in Sweden, has lived in the forest region of the island of Gotland from time immemorial. Their history is mysterious and fascinating.

Discoveries from the Stone Age show that horses have been present on Gotland for 4,000-5,000 years, and perhaps longer. It is not known whether these horses were Russ horses, nor is it known how the first horses came to the island. Could it have been wild horses that came over a land bridge some 10,000 years ago? Or was it tame horses brought by humans by boat 4,000 years ago, when horses first began to be used in Scandinavia?

Russ, the Swedish word for the Gotland pony, comes from Old Norse *hross* and is related to English word *horse*. Gotlanders themselves often call the ponies, *skogsbaggar*, which means "forest rams" or "little horse of the woods." It is commonly thought that the Russ, as other European horse breeds, is a descendant of the wild Tarpan.

There are few ancient references to the Gotland ponies, but it is generally believed that they lived in freedom in the forests in a half-wild state. Discoveries made in the Iron Age village called Vallhagar (220 BC – 500 AD), a few kilometers from Lojsta Moor, show that horses became increasingly common as domestic animals during that period. The oldest reference to the Russ found is Skånelagen, a legal code from the 13th century, where "the wild horses of Gotland" are mentioned.

In the beginning of the 19th century the ponies could be found throughout Gotland, especially in the large forests in the middle of the island. Farmers kept Russes on their farms as draft horses. They often had a herd of free-roving horses in the forest as well, so they would be able to bring in new young horses to farm when needed. There were no fences, and the horses had to forage for themselves. During cold winters with heavy snowfall, they often had a hard time finding food, so they would make their way to the haystacks around the farms.

In the mid-19th century the situation changed; the number of Gotland ponies dropped sharply. Many were sold to England, Germany and Belgium where they were used for mining and other chores. On Gotland, formerly public lands were parceled out to individual farmers, which meant that more land was farmed and much of the forested area began to be cultivated. The expansive, contiguous forests were intersected by fences and cultivated land and could no longer function as foraging areas. In addition, the ponies caused great damage when they grazed and trampled down the sown fields, and they began to be seen as pests.



In the beginning of the 20th century only about 150 Gotland ponies were left, but a few people with foresight had taken note of Sweden's most primitive horse.

The Russ began to be exhibited at the summer fairs held by the Gotland Agricultural Society, and a few stud farms were established to breed the horses. But the number of Russes continued to fall. The meat rationing and food shortages of World War I led poachers to hunt the Russ. The forest ponies of Gotland were near extinction.

Then a few farmers in the communities of Gerum and Lojsta, together with the Gotland Agricultural Society intervened to save the Russ. They fenced in about 200 acres, the area that now constitutes the winter pasture. There five Russes that had been captured on the moor were let run, together with three other



Russes that were donated by a stud farm that had gone out of business. In this area the horses were allowed to run free, and soon a little Russ tribe had developed. These horses formed the basis for the breeding that has been carried out at Lojsta Moor in an effort to maintain the stock as pure as possible.*

Today, there are about 9,000 Russes in Sweden and they can also be found in Denmark, Finland and the United States.

Gotlands were first imported into the United States in the 1950s for use in handicapped riding programs. A registry was formed in the 1960s, and over 500 animals have been registered in the past thirty years. The breed almost became extinct in North America during the 1980s. The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy and a small number of breeders have worked to encourage a revival of the Gotland breed. Over 100 purebred Gotlands are currently found in the U.S. today, and the population is increasing.

Breed Characteristics

The Gotland is light and elegant in conformation. The breed has pronounced withers, a long back, and a sloping croup. The chest is deep, and the shoulders long and sloping. The legs are strong and the feet are hard. Gotlands stand 11.2 to 13 hands (46-52") at the withers. Dun and bay predominate in the breed, but all colors are allowed except albinos, roans, and piebalds. Characteristic of the breed is a gentle disposition and a lively intelligence. Gotlands are athletic, making excellent trotters and jumpers. Though strong enough to carry adults, they are primarily used for driving and as children's mounts.

See the Swedish Gotland Ponies in the Horse Barn at Stalls 43-44.

WHY DO PEOPLE COME TO THE EXPO?

Read some of the comments people gave about their experience at Expo. Questionnaires are available in the program and can be dropped off at the MN Horse Expo Booth at it's new location outside on the northeast side of the Cattle Barn on Judson Avenue. It's also available at www.mnhorseexpo.org. We really value the comments.

"I love horses! Love the vendors, seeing the different breeds and the training sessions. Good place to get something you need for your horses."

"The obvious - HORSES and equipment/trainers. Been coming for 9 years now, wouldn't miss it unless I had a sick horse!"

"I own two American Quarter Horses and have been interested in horses my entire life, horses are amazing and I love to learn new things about them and love to enjoy the *horsey atmosphere*."

"Girls weekend, spend time with my daughter. Shopping. Rodeo. Parade of Breeds."

"We are new to owning horses and are trying to learn the ropes."

"We love the Expo! I have come every year for the past seven years after being a California transplant to Minnesota. We love everything horses."

"We have been attending for the last 8 years; my daughter has Morgans and we love the whole horse atmosphere. My 3 granddaughters start asking at Christmas: Is it Horse Expo time yet?"

"I have attended for 16 years straight now, it is something of a tradition. I have loved horses all my life, this is a venue designed for all horse-people!"

"To browse the exhibitors. We don't have any western stores around our area, so I buy everything I need for that year at the Expo otherwise I have to order it off the internet and sometimes that becomes a problem with shipping and everything. It is a lot more convenient to shop at the Expo! I also come for the speakers and to learn new techniques. I am very excited for Charmayne James this year. I have been her number one fan ever since I was a little girl! I can't even explain how much she has motivated me to do what I do best and that is barrel racing!"

"Three years ago, I was traveling from Winnipeg Manitoba, back home to Thunder Bay, Ontario. While driving partially through Minnesota, I came across a "horse paper" in a gas station. The Expo was the following weekend. I yearned to go but was tired from traveling (and broke). We were undecided until the Wednesday before. My hubby, son and I left on Thursday for the 8 hour drive. I was blown away by the Expo (in a good way). I vowed that I would try to go back every year."

"To show off my breed of horse"

"Because it is a time to meet new horse people. It is a time of learning. A yearly event that we would not miss....It is our state fair!"

"I am living in (a nearby state), I find your Expo to be the most FUN, and the most educational!!!"

"We own horses and are always looking to learn how to care for them, train them and to drool over the trailers."

"I love all the training info from famous trainers, the shopping, the shows, all the demonstrations, the Rodeo, I come there for it all."

"I just wanted to say that we live in Regina, Saskatchewan, noticed a poster for the Expo in a tack shop in Williston, ND a couple of months ago, and decided a trip to the Expo for my 15 year old daughter and I would make a very special and memorable mom/daughter outing. We were not disappointed in the least. It was outstanding! The drawing card that got us there was John Lyons.Not only were the many booths outstanding, but my daughter bought a saddle she had been saving up for.and despite the exchange, I know that she saved \$700 Canadian by buying it at your Expo. Wow! Perhaps we can come back next year and bring some friends. Keep up the good work."

"My mother and I went last year and we thoroughly enjoyed it! It was exciting and we learned SO much! My mother even found her favorite breed and is looking to find one that has just the right personality for her."

"Spent lots of money. Watched the rodeo, parade of breeds, polocrosse, shopped, ate, manned the Pony Club booth for awhile."

"Look at the horses, shop for tack, attend clinics and the rodeo. My personal favorite was the trip to the U of M."

"Saw exhibits and shopping, 4-H Tack Swap, watched stallions and Parade of Breeds. Walked through barns."

"I visited every exhibitor! I stay for all three days, so that gives me the time to do all I want to do!"

"In 2006, we got wet! My son had numerous horse and pony rides (wonderfully free)! We love to see the rodeo every year (while I pray that clown won't pick me out of the crowd again.) Once was plenty. The 4-H sale is always great! I totally love all the booths and do a lot of shopping. All of us enjoy the lectures. The parade of horses gave me such goose bumps that I could hardly contain myself!"

What's the best thing about the Expo:

"THE HORSES!!! And the guest speakers of course! They are fabulous too. Last year's tour of the vet school was great too. "

"RODEO!!!!"

"The clinics and the vendors and all the breeds of horses. Everything!"

"The knowledge gained, the fun to be had, the shopping to be done...everything. What I especially love is the anticipation of going on a little weekend getaway. I look forward to this every year and I'm in Heaven while I'm there. My son, 8 says he just likes to see all the horses."

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**MN Horse Exposition 2007
Advanced Ticket and Group Advanced Ticket
Gate Admission Order Form**

MN Horse Expo Gate Admission

_____ Adult Tickets \$8.00 ea \$ _____
 _____ Child's Tickets \$5.00 ea (ages 6-12) \$ _____
 _____ Senior Tickets \$5.00 ea (over 62) \$ _____

Advanced Group 2007 Gate Admission (10+ tickets)

_____ Adult Tickets \$7.00 ea \$ _____
 _____ Child's Tickets \$4.00 ea (ages 6-12) \$ _____
 _____ Senior Tickets \$4.00 ea (over 62) \$ _____

Shipping & handling charge \$ 2.00
TOTAL \$ _____

Name _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Deadline for advance ticket ordering is April 13, 2007
 Please cut out and send order form and check
 (written out to MN Horse Exposition) for full amount to:

MN Horse Exposition Advanced Tickets
 Brenda Miller
 13208 Henning Circle NE
 Prior Lake, MN 55372



**New Location for Minnesota Horse
Expo Information Booth at Expo!**

The Minnesota Horse Expo Information Booth will be located outside on Judson Avenue at the northeast corner of the Cattle Barn.

- ◆ Get your questions answered
- ◆ Purchase official Expo logo merchandise
- ◆ Turn in Expo Survey

**MN Horse Exposition 2007
PRCA Dodge Rodeo Advanced Ticket Form**

Friday, April 27 ♦ 7 pm ♦ # of tickets

Box Seats _____ @ \$8.00 ea _____
 Reserved A Sec 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15 _____ @ \$7.00 ea _____
 Reserved 'B' all others _____ @ \$6.00 ea _____

Saturday, April 28 ♦ 7 pm ♦ # of tickets

Box Seats _____ @ \$8.00 ea _____
 Reserved A Sec 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15 _____ @ \$7.00 ea _____
 Reserved 'B' all others _____ @ \$6.00 ea _____

Sunday, April 29 ♦ 7 pm ♦ # of tickets

Box Seats _____ @ \$8.00 ea _____
 Reserved A Sec 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15 _____ @ \$7.00 ea _____
 Reserved 'B' all others _____ @ \$6.00 ea _____

Subtotal \$ _____

*****Special*****

Order tickets for all 3 days and receive \$1 discount per ticket

Discount per ticket for special # of tickets x \$1 -- _____

Shipping & Handling Charge \$ 2.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Deadline for advance ticket ordering is April 13, 2007

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**Volunteers Needed at
Minnesota Horse Expo 2007!**

Volunteers are needed to help in all areas at Expo from Thursday set up to Sunday tear down! Each volunteer (must be 16 or older) will receive one paid admission and a souvenir volunteer T-shirt as a Thank You.

Organizations (Saddle Clubs, Breed Groups, etc) can earn \$10 per person for each 4 hour shift the club member works. There must be a minimum of 10 participants from each club to qualify.

To sign up or to ask questions please e-mail Missie at bmschwartz@msn.com or call 952-451-9581

Dealing With Choke in the Horse

By Dr. Sabrina Brounts, UW Madison School of Veterinary Medicine

The esophagus is a collapsible tubular organ that connects the horse's mouth to its stomach. If this organ is obstructed, it is described as "choke." This obstruction will block the passage of food and water to the stomach, but does NOT cut off the horse's breathing. This is different from choke in humans where an obstruction is a life-threatening emergency because it prevents the victim from breathing.

Choke can develop if a horse:

- ◆ Eats a foreign object
- ◆ Eats too fast ("greedy eaters") and tries to swallow food that has not been chewed enough
- ◆ Has poor teeth or damage to the esophagus
- ◆ Receives feed that is too dry, because the horse has no access to water
- ◆ Receives feed while still sedated or recovering/waking up from surgery

Common substances associated with choke are pelleted feed, corn cobs, hedge apples, pieces of fruit, shavings, medicinal boluses or foreign bodies.

Signs that your horse is choking include:

- ◆ Retching and stretching of the neck
- ◆ Discharge from the nose which looks green, sometimes foamy and containing little bits of food
- ◆ Frequent attempts to swallow and excessive salivation
- ◆ Restlessness or panicky behavior
- ◆ Possibly a lump in the throat area or on the left side of the neck

The best thing to do is call your veterinarian immediately. Although choke may not be a life-threatening emergency, it is no laughing matter.

While waiting for your veterinarian, make sure that you remove all food and water from the stall or place a muzzle on the horse. If the horse continues to eat or drink, the food or water could go down the trachea (windpipe) and cause aspiration pneumonia or other secondary infection. If you feel a lump in the throat or neck area, there is a small chance you can dislodge the obstruction by massaging the lump; however do be careful, since you do not want to cause any more damage by rupturing the esophagus.

Your veterinarian will try to flush the esophagus with fluids through a nasogastric tube and try to dislodge the obstruction and pass it to the stomach. A tranquilizer may be administered to help relax the horse and have it lower its head. After the obstruction is removed, an endoscope can be used to determine the damage to the esophagus. Stubborn chokes might need surgery and need to be referred to a university hospital.

After an episode of choke, there is a danger of recurrence within the next 72 hours. During this period it is recommended to feed the horse a soft, easy-to-swallow gruel and multiple small meals rather than one or two big meals.

Long-term effects, such as ulcerations or strictures only occur if the esophagus is severely damaged by the obstruction or by efforts to remove the choke.

To prevent choke make sure you:

- ◆ Avoid feeding large chunks of food
- ◆ Provide your horse with proper and regular dental care
- ◆ Avoid leaving foreign objects within reach
- ◆ Avoid feeding after sedation

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"The speakers/instructors that come. Everyone from the world-class trainers to local specialists regarding management/care issues. They are all helpful."

"Our whole family is pretty excited to see Temple Grandin, as our two sons also have autism. It is very inspiring for them to see someone who has accomplished what she has - Dr. Grandin is quite the role model."

"The horses, being able to see each breed up close and speaking with the owners. The education, the shopping and of course the pony rides."

"I love that you brought Jane Savoie to Minnesota! Her seminars were fabulous and I brought home a lot of great tips and valuable information."

"The quality of speakers you bring to us."

"HORSES!!.....and it's close to Canada"

"The rodeo and the shopping! It's really the only place I buy tack at, and the rodeo is too fun to miss!"

"The opportunity to, for only \$8/day, learn from experts and see magnificent horses."

"The camaraderie of the event. We go as a vacation my husband and I. Then we meet up with family and friends to visit...compare notes on where to buy etc."

"Being able to do my collecting of Breyers."

"Being able to see the big name clinicians at a reasonable price! Thoroughly enjoyed it all. If I had to pick one thing it was the shopping, my husband would say the speakers and my kids would say the rodeo."

(From a horse barn exhibitor) "Beautiful horses everywhere, no matter what breed, variety is wonderful. Also showing people our horses in the barn - people, especially children, that never get to see or pet a horse."

Good deals, good people, good time!

**MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

Meeting location: Maple Grove Community Center

Board Members: Tim Bonham, Dan Dolan, Glen Eaton, Trina Joyce, Sue McDonough, Darrell Mead, Dawn Moore, Marian Robinson, Missie Schwartz, Miriam Tschida, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Christie Ward

Absent: Teresa Hanson, Laurie Slater, Jesse Vouk

Members/Visitors: Cherie McKenzie, Irene McMillen, Rhonda Danielson, Miriam E. McGurran (MAHA Liaison), Keith Payden

I. Meeting called to order: 6:35 p.m.

II. Introductions

III. Additions and Changes (Additions to Old and New Business)

IV. Treasurer's Report (December) - Dan Dolan

Motion by Dan Dolan, seconded by Glen Eaton, to approve the December Treasurer's report. Motion is carried.

Dan handed out a copy of the January Treasurer's Report to be reviewed by the Board before the next meeting. (Attachment) There are several grants that have not been used yet (2005). Motion by Dawn Moore, seconded by Sue McDonough, to have Tim Bonham write a letter requesting the status of open grants dating back to 2005. There will be a report at the next meeting, March 13, 2007. (Old Business)

V. Approval of Minutes - (December)

Motion by Tracy Turner, seconded by Tim Bonham to approve the minutes for December. Motion is carried.

A change has been made to the December minutes on-line. Under New Business, item C. The last two sentences in that paragraph have been removed. Keith Payden announced his resignation at the end of the December meeting.

Motion by Tim Bonham, seconded by Dan Dolan to accept with regret Keith's resignation. Motion is carried.

Treasurer to obtain and fill out 990 form for the Attorney General's Office. Other forms like the official address for the non-profit organization and the Articles of Incorporation also have to be filled out. Rhonda Danielson (member) stated that according to the Patriot Act the address can not be a P.O. Box, it has to be a physical address, home or building. Dan Dolan and Darrell Mead will look into the definition of "official address." These forms and the dates they need to be done will be added to the MHC Calendar.

VI. Secretary's Report - Trina Joyce

The following Thank You notes and letters have been received from grant/scholarship winners and direct funding: Ride for Colic and Breast Cancer, Sundance Riding, FFA, Wilton River Rider Saddle Club, Anoka County Fair Board, St. Croix Horse & Carriage, Jessica Schuster, Terra Schroeder, Jacque Anderson, Linda Dahl (Newsletter Editor) and Heather Case who wrote an article for the newsletter.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Special Election - Meeting Minutes Approval - Tom Tweeten

Motion by Tim Bonham and seconded by Missie Schwartz to approve the Special Election minutes.

Addition/Amendments to minutes: On page 3 - 4th paragraph, sentence should read; Tom Tweeten asked if there was any additional discussion on the motion (3 times).

Motion by Tim Bonham, seconded by (not audible) to table the motion until Sue has time to write up a summary statement to be added. Carried.

The following statement should be inserted after Tracy's report under Part II.

Sue McDonough asked Katy Bloomquist if she had been in contact with Board Members concerning the Election. Katy responded yes, she was in contact with Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten and Darrell Mead prior to our Special Meeting on February 13, 2007. Sue McDonough asked Tracy Turner if the ballots had not had "Proxy" and new member's names written on the ballots, would he have challenged the Election. Tracy Turner responded, "No." Katy shared with the Board that prior to the Annual Meeting on January 12, 2006; she had informed the President of the Horse Council that there could be problems or concerns with the proxies. Directors vote on proposed amendment to minutes. Amendment will be added to minutes. Special Election Minutes were approved with additions, corrections and amendment.

B. Special Election - Process - Darrell Mead

Katy Bloomquist sent a recommendation of two independent companies that would be able to help with the new election (Attachment); they are John Tauer at Larson Allen and Rick Erhrich at Olsen Thiem. Darrell Mead will get a bid from Larson Allen which Katy recommended.

Motion by Tim Bonham, seconded by Dan Dolan, that the packet that is sent out should include: mailing list, ballot, instruction letter, minutes (Special Election Meeting), biographies, ballot envelope, stamped, self addressed envelope (to put ballot envelope in). We need to set a dead line, possible use the post-mark date. Once they are received and counted they will provide a written reply. (According to our By-laws - 20 days from mailing.) Motion not carried.

Amendment offered to the previous motion by Dawn Moore, seconded by Tracy Turner, to allow the firm that we hire to recommend what process they would suggest, based on a similar situation and use this in the future as our process. Motion carried as amended.

The cover letter should contain specific information. This should be left up to the firm chosen. Katy Bloomquist could edit the letter. Ask the firm to start before March 13th. Mailing List - Motion by Dawn Moore, seconded by Dan Dolan that the mailing list should be a list of members in good standing for the year of 2006 and the year of 2007 before January 13th. Motion is carried.

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C. Travel Reimbursement Procedure - Tom Tweeten

Any comments, changes or additions should be sent to Tom Tweeten (tnt@integraonline.com) before next meeting. (March agenda item under Old Business)

D. Membership Procedure - Dawn Moore

Committee will have a proposal for March meeting. (Old Business)

Accessibility to the Mailing List as stated in the By-laws is only with the Board's approval.

Motion by Darrell Mead, seconded by Glen Eaton, that the Board or the new candidates can not solicit membership for votes. Motion is defeated. There were concerns about the first amendment - "Freedom of speech." Statement by Trina Joyce, "Can we all just act in an ethical manner?"

E. Grants - Tim Bonham

No report.

F. Philanthropy Job Description approval - Trina Joyce

Motion by Tim Bonham, seconded by Tracy Turner, to accept description on Philanthropy job description. Vote - 2 opposed - 1 abstained - 10 for. Motion is carried. (Description attached)

G. Nominations & Voting Committee Procedures - Tom Tweeten

Please find attached the Committee Procedure proposed changes to allow voting by mailed ballot.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Expo - Glen Eaton

Please find attached report. There is a non-compete clause in the contract with the clinicians that they could not compete within 300 miles. This year Richard Shrake is attending the Iowa Horse Fair in Des Moines. We have made the decision that this is not a problem.

B. Direct Funding - Christie Ward

Please find attached report.

C. Annual Meeting - Dawn Moore

Please find attached report.

D. Promotions - Teresa Hanson

No report

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Audit - Tom Tweeten

Motion by Tom Tweeten, seconded by Tracy Turner, with regard to issues related and not clearly addressed related to Board responsibilities, Committee procedures, general MHC operating procedures, and required filings with state and federal agencies, I propose to make the following motion at the February 20 regular board meeting: I move that the Minnesota Horse Council

(MHC) Board prepare for and receive a full reviewable audit by a 3rd party to include:

1. The MHC treasury for the past 3 years including 2005 and 2006.
2. The MHC by-laws, MHC Operating Procedures and MHC Committee Procedures to insure they are in compliance with Minnesota State Statutes and Federal Statutes pertaining to Non-profit Corporations. As part of that audit we will ask for recommendations for changes and additions to existing MHC by-laws and procedures.

A list of 3rd party auditor(s) should be presented by the MHC Attorney to the board for selection by the Board as we have done with the special election process. This should be done as soon as feasibly possible so that the 2007 MHC Board can begin the orderly process of implementing recommendations from the respective auditors.

Motion by Sue McDonough, seconded by Dan Dolan to table this discussion until next meeting. Motion is carried.

B. Statement by Administrative Assistant

At the last Board meeting there were numerous attacks on the recent election process. Since some of these were personal in nature, I feel compelled to put my thoughts on record.

It may be confusing to some of you, but you should understand that I am an administrative assistant. As such, I take my direction from the officers of the Board. At no time do I make policy or determine administrative procedure without first seeking direction from the appropriate officer(s). This was particularly the case in the recent election, as I realized the importance of the process. In the months preceding the election I asked for guidance and direction for balloting process, supporting correspondence as well as fielding the questions that came from membership in advance of the election. The process that resulted came from the direction I received.

On a more personal note, I am extremely disturbed about the lack of civility and the mean spirited behavior of many of the Board. It is painful and hurtful to be the target of that behavior. It is also distressing to witness the lack of ownership and responsibility for actions for which I have been targeted.

Mary Payden
Administrative Assistant

C. Additional Hours for Administrative Assistant

Motion by Trina Joyce, seconded by Tracy Turner, to add an additional ten hours for the administrative assistant in February due to the additional meeting and the work generated from it. Motion is carried.

IX. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2007 ♦ 6:30 pm
Maple Grove Community Center

HIPAA Legislation for Recreational Riders Introduced in Congress

Representatives Bart Stupak (D-MI) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) recently introduced "The HIPAA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act" (H.R. 1076). This bill would bar employers from discriminating against those who take part in legal recreational activities such as horseback riding, motorcycling, ATV riding and snowmobiling in the health-insurance programs they offer their workers. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Russ Feingold (D-WI) introduced identical legislation (S. 616) in the Senate.

Specifically, the bill provides that a group health plan, or a health insurance issuer offering group health insurance coverage in connection with a group health plan, may not deny benefits otherwise provided under the plan or coverage for the treatment of an injury solely because such injury was sustained while engaged in any particular mode of transportation specified in the plan consisting of the use of a motorcycle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or other similar recreational vehicle or horseback riding.

The Senate passed identical legislation in the 108th Congress.

AHC Position

The American Horse Council supports this legislation and will work with a coalition of other recreational groups for its passage.



I love the horse from hoof to head.
From head to hoof and tail to mane.
I love the horse as I have said --
From head to hoof and back again.

~ James Whitcomb Riley, "I Love the Horse" ~



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2007 UPCOMING EVENTS

Minnesota Horse Council Board Meetings

Maple Grove Community Center ♦ 6:30 pm
12951 Weaver Lake Road ♦ Maple Grove
Located at the intersection of Weaver Lake Road
and Pineview Lane, ½ mile east of I94 on the
Weaver Lake Road exit.

February 13	June 12	October 9
March 13	July 10	November 13
April 10	August - No meeting	December 11
May 8	September 11	

Minnesota Horse Expo Board Meetings

Pearson's Restaurant ♦ 6:30 pm
3808 W. 50th St. ♦ Edina

If you wish to order dinner, please be there by 6:00 pm.

January 30	May 22	September 25
February 27	June 26	October 30
March 27	July 31	November 27
April 17	August - No meeting	December 18

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October	9/7/07
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December/January	11/2/07

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