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- ◆ 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 NAMES

2007 MINNESOTA HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR

The Minnesota Horse Council announced the selection of Miriam Tschida of Maplewood, MN, as Minnesota's HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR. The announcement was made at the MHC Annual Meeting on January 19, 2008.



Some of the words and phrases that friends have used to describe Miriam are: an inspiration, an institution, generous, selfless and giving, charismatic, tireless, dedicated, amazing, loving and supportive to family and friends. In the Minnesota horse industry, she has been described as knowledgeable, ambitious, funny, super fair, nonjudgmental as to type, breed or discipline, humble, motivating and encouraging, seems to DEVOUR life, and most of all, is optimistic and determined to make lemonade out of lemons.

Miriam has been involved with every aspect of the horse world, either owning or showing ponies, grade horses, Quarter Horses, Paints, Palominos, Miniatures, Draft Horses, Saddlebred Parade Horses and Arabians in all the different divisions for the breed--both English and Western. Ownership of a boarding and training stable made it possible for Miriam to teach and share the joys of a beautiful sport with untold numbers of people--many who have gone on to be the movers and shakers in the equine world.

Miriam has lent support and considerable talents over the years to the Western Saddle Club Association, the Minnesota Horse Council, the Minnesota Horse Expo, the State 4-H Association as well as to local 4-H clubs

and many saddle clubs, often serving as an officer or chairman of a committee.

Diagnosed with cancer of the liver, lung and bone last September, Miriam has faced this bump in the road with her usual mixture of determination and optimism. An aggressive treatment of chemotherapy has reduced the cancer and it is officially in remission.

She is a fighter and certainly isn't backing down from this battle. In fact, early in December, after a week of chemotherapy, Miriam judged a show at the Rhino Arena on Saturday and then attended a party held in her honor on Sunday. She was at first embarrassed by all of the fuss about the party, but when told that the horse world felt that it was their turn to give back some of the love and caring that she has given to so many, she reluctantly agreed. She left the party tired but happy, and secure in the fact that life is indeed a gift and every day is special.



Miriam and granddaughter, Beth Wampfler

2007 MHC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Maxine Bach

Maxine Bach is a sophomore at Rochester Community and Technical College. She is the first member of her county 4-H to pass the Achievement level 6 test. She's also achieved her National FFA degree. Maxine is majoring in Veterinary Technology and Equine Science. She has finished her Veterinary Assistant Certificate with honors. Her plan is to graduate in May with her Vet Tech degree, complete her certification for CVT, and finish her Equine Science Riding and Training degree. She's a member of the new IHSA western team at RCTC. Students travel to member schools and compete on totally unfamiliar horses. She's described as tireless in her efforts to help other riders on the western team.



Michelle Bagley

Michelle Bagley is a senior in the pre-vet program at the University of Wisconsin River Falls campus. When she was 13, she entered a 4-H essay contest to win a yearling Arabian filly, and she won! The stipulation was that she had to complete one year of 4-H training with the filly. She took that filly all the way through all six levels of the training program. She's now a member of the River Falls IHSA western team. She's also volunteered a large amount of her time back to 4-H. Her goal is to be a vet. She's described as "one of the stars in our program."



Kari Buse

Kari Buse is a high school senior. She works in her family's business, Rainbow Country Trolley. Three of their seven horses are Belgians. She's involved in grooming, handling, horsemanship, transporting and being assistant driver. She's shown Belgians, Tennessee Walking Horses, Quarter Horses, Shetlands, and Warmbloods in such varied classes as Halter, Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, English Equitation, English Pleasure, Pole Weaving, Barrel Racing, Hay Racing, Jumping, Trail and Training. She's held leadership positions in 4-H and was involved in multiple other activities throughout high school. She has been involved in applying for a MHC grant towards funding the 1st Annual Horse Health and Safety clinic in St. James. 30 people and 20 horses benefited and she is hoping that it will grow each year. Kari hopes to work as an equine educator and eventually own her own tack business, stable and have a horse rescue.



Caitlin Campbell

Caitlin Campbell is a high school senior who competes in hunter divisions with her Holsteiner mare, Fassa. She is a committed student, teacher, and role model for younger riders. She tutors other students at her school and is routinely ranked in the top 10 percent of her class. She also manages her school team at DECA marketing club competitions. Caitlin intends to pursue a major in Equine Studies, Animal Science, or Equestrian Business Marketing/Management. Because she enjoys teaching so much, she would eventually like to run a boarding and lesson barn.



Jamie Horner

Jamie Horner is a first-year vet student at the University of Minnesota. For the past 8 years she was a successful hair stylist and helped start a salon. She worked full time and finished her undergraduate degree in 3 years. Working at the salon taught her good communication skills, and she acquired an understanding of business organizations and management. In fact, she couldn't attend the annual meeting because she is the Vice President of the Veterinary Business Management Association and is attending their national convention. Jamie is a member of the Long Lake Hounds and participates in 3-day eventing. She's been a volunteer at the Large Animal Neonatal program. Her goal is to go into equine sports medicine. Her evaluation from a precaptorship at the Littleton Colorado Large Animal Clinic put her in the "truly exceptional" category.

Tyne Hovda

Tyne Hovda is a freshman at Hollins University in Virginia. Tyne was not able to attend the annual meeting because she had to go back to school. She is majoring in chemistry and planning to attend vet school. She is the only freshman on the college IHSA equestrian team. Canterbury Park employs her as a detention barn technician and horse truck driver. She's volunteered at a Thoroughbred horse rescue named "Because We Care." Tyne has been involved in the youth leadership of the Pinto Horse Association and the Pinto Youth team. She just recently earned her Youth Supreme Champion award.

Fonda Lewis

Fonda Lewis was the National Cutting Horse Association Area 6 Youth Director and founder and president of North Central Youth Cutters in high school. At North Dakota State University, she was president of the pre-vet club. Now she is a junior at the Vet School. Fonda is interested in reproduction, lameness, internal medicine and surgery. Her recommendation letters mention her "dedication to her craft and willingness to put out a tremendous effort to become exceptional." They also mention that "they have never seen a young woman study and try so hard to be the best that she can be."



2007 MHC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Christine Penn

Christine Penn is a senior at the University of Wisconsin Madison majoring in Journalism and Strategic Communications. She was president of Washington County 4-H and Youth Chair of the Minnesota 4-H Association. She found her passion in 4-H learning leadership, organization and communication skills. Christine shows in 4-H, WSCA, and AQHA events. She has continued to stay involved with 4-H while in college. She's currently working as a marketing intern for the Wisconsin Horse Council. Christine has received awards for speech contests, leadership skills and writing. She plans to pursue a Masters Degree and a career in public relations in the equine industry.



Kayla Ross

Kayla Ross is a high school senior. She started out with a leased 4-H horse and progressed into owning two horses. She shows at WSCA, 4-H, and AQHA shows and has learned patience and responsibility along the way. She's working part time at Strohfus Stock Farm caring for 55 horses. She has also worked at Happe Performance Horses. Kayla has been active at leadership positions at club, county, and state 4-H programs giving speeches and demonstrations at all those levels. For three years she organized and lead the Washington County Schooling Show which is designed to help introduce young, new, or inexperienced members to the show experience. She's also Youth Chair of the Education Subcommittee in the Washington County Horse Project Development Committee. In 2007 she was awarded the Minnesota State 4-H Horse Association Dan Patch Award, the highest leadership award in Minnesota State 4-H Horse Project. She plans on an undergraduate degree in Animal Science and then vet school.



Terra Schroeder

Terra Schroeder has always had horses. She was active in 4-H, WSCA, and FFA. She also held many leadership positions at the county and state level. She competed in 4-H and WSCA game shows. Her first job was at Genesis Training where she was eventually left in charge of the 40-stall barn when the trainer was away. She took lessons including dressage, saddleseat, jumping, barrel racing and cutting. Currently a junior at William Woods University, she's majoring in Equine Science and Business Administration. She spent the summer of 2006 working in Kentucky at Alliance Stud, a Saddlebred breeding and training farm of over 200 horses. Last summer Terra worked at Lowry Stables in Illinois, a training and lesson facility of about 50 Morgans and Saddlebreds. She worked show horses, started horses under saddle, showed under the direction of top trainers and worked at national shows. Next summer she has a job with the U.S. Equestrian Federation in Kentucky.

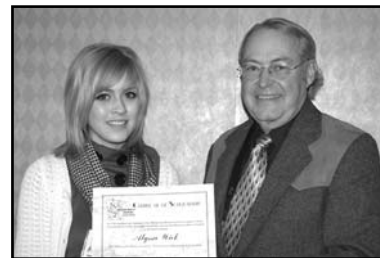
Kristi Takasaki

Kristi Takasaki attended Brainerd High School, which has one of the only working high school farms in Minnesota. She held leadership positions in 4-H and FFA. She started riding at R Amazing Farm and ended up being employed there. This year she's applying for her National FFA American degree for her Equine Science work. Kristi has been a volunteer at Mounted Eagles, a therapeutic riding program. She attended Central Lakes College in Brainerd so she could continue working at the farm during her freshman year. Now she's at U.W.R.F. pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science with an emphasis in Equine Industries Management. She has also started her own company - Equine Creations, making drawings from photos. Her goal is to manage an outdoor recreation resort catering to horse owners and special needs families.



Alyssa Wick

Alyssa Wick is a high school senior who began her show career at age 5. She now trains, gives lessons, and teaches horse camp in the summer at Hardwood Creek Farm. She has been involved with Forest Lake FFA and participated in a state leadership conference for chapter leaders, a week-long camp that focused on building qualities of leadership. In her show career she has won four world championships, one reserve world championship, and two Morgan Horse Association gold medal finals, all in different divisions. She plans to major in equine science and minor in equine administration. She plans a training career in the Morgan and Saddlebred industries.



Front Row: Kari Buse, Kristi Takasaki, Trina Joyce (MHC Scholarship Chair), Fonda Lewis

Back Row: Caitlin Campbell, Kayla Ross, Alyssa Wick, Maxine Bach, Michelle Bagley, Christine Penn

MHC AWARDS \$88,500 IN GRANTS

The Minnesota Horse Council uses the revenue from the Minnesota Horse Expo to offer "seed money grants" for new projects and capital improvements by Minnesota equine groups. At the Annual Meeting held January 19, 2008 in Brooklyn Park, MN, the Minnesota Horse Council announced that \$88,500 in grants had been awarded to the following projects:

DISABLED RIDING

Subtotal \$26,100

Free Winds ♦ Richmond, MN ♦ \$1,600

This therapeutic riding program is just getting started. The MHC grant will help them purchase safety equipment and tack needed by their program.

Seeds of Hope Youth Ranch ♦ Duluth, MN ♦ \$3,500

This program currently depends on borrowing a trailer when needed to transport horses to sites, or to pick up rescue horses. This grant will help them purchase a used 4-horse slant goose-neck trailer, so they will have one available whenever it's needed. Grant matched by local donors.

River Valley Riders ♦ Hugo, MN ♦ \$5,000

This very successful disabled riding program is in the process of purchasing their own grounds, and developing it for use. This grant will purchase fence panels for an outdoor riding arena. Only materials, they will build the arena themselves.

Advocates for Develop. Disabilities ♦ Owatonna, MN ♦ \$5,000

This grant funds purchase of a special saddle, for use by severely disabled riders. It has a headrest, backrest, sidearms, forearm supports, & hand grips; all adjustable as needed.

Rising Stars Therapeutic Equitation ♦ Little Falls, MN ♦ \$5,500

This grant purchases a special accessible carriage, for use by disabled drivers in their Therapeutic Driving program.

Equul Access ♦ Hutchinson, MN ♦ \$5,500

This therapeutic riding program needs a sound system to give instructions to riders and a video camera to record them to show riders how they are doing.

EDUCATIONAL

Subtotal \$4,700

MN High School Equestrian Assn ♦ Plymouth, MN ♦ \$4,700

This program supports high school equine teams in 20 school districts. The grant will develop a website to provide news and information to the teams, provide a scheduling calendar, and allow teams to enter their points earned & hours spent themselves online.

FAIRGROUNDS FACILITIES

Subtotal \$40,400

Mille Lacs County 4-H Horse Proj ♦ Milaca, MN ♦ \$1,200

Horse activity at this county fair uses a 1980s era sound system that frequently breaks. This grant will help purchase a new sound system and a timer/scoreboard system.

Murray County Draft Horse Classic ♦ Slayton, MN ♦ \$1,800

This grant will help fund wash racks at the county fairgrounds, which are badly needed. This grant will be matched by local donations to fund the project.

Isanti County Fair ♦ Cambridge, MN ♦ \$2,500

This county fairgrounds is heavily used for shows and clinics. They often run late and the lighting is inadequate. This grant will partially fund improvements in the electrical and lighting system at the arena. The remaining funds will be raised locally.

Sunset Saddle Club ♦ Clarks Grove, MN ♦ \$2,500

Their arena on the Freeborn County fairgrounds is in need of new lighting. This grant will partially fund new lights; they will raise the rest of the money needed.

Yellow Medicine 4-H Horse Project ♦ Clarkfield, MN ♦ \$2,500

This show arena is used by many horse events, but has no seating and the antique sound system broke and is unrepairable. This grant will purchase two sets of bleachers and a sound system. Materials only, club volunteers will install these at the grounds.

Brown County 4-H Horse Project ♦ New Ulm, MN ♦ \$3,500

A new horse barn is badly needed because of the growing horse activities at this fairgrounds, the only show grounds in this area of Minnesota. This grant will just help them get started. They will have to raise the major part of the cost from local donors.

Kandiyohi County 4-H Horse Project ♦ Willmar, MN ♦ \$3,500

This frequently used show facility contains an indoor arena, an outdoor ring, and horse barns, but there is no effective sound system connecting them. This grant will partially fund the purchase of a new sound system for use on the grounds.

Swift County Fair ♦ Benson, MN ♦ \$3,500

Horse activities at this fairgrounds have outgrown their barn. This grant will purchase materials for an extensive addition to the horse barn. Doors, etc., from the existing barn will be moved and reused in the new addition. Materials only, volunteers will build the project.

Washington County Fair ♦ Afton, MN ♦ \$3,500

This heavily used horse show grounds is right next to a major highway with no fence to keep loose horses safe. This grant will provide half the cost of a chain-link fence between the highway and the grounds. They will match this grant with funds raised locally..

Sherburne County Sheriff's Posse ♦ Becker, MN ♦ \$3,900

This posse currently does its training work at borrowed locations. This grant will purchase posts and fence panels to build an outdoor arena on the county fairgrounds--for their use, the county fair, and other horse groups. Materials only, volunteers will build the arena.

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Marshall County Fair ♦ Warren, MN ♦ \$5,000

The Fair Board is building a new horse barn to accommodate increasing numbers of horses, but they don't have funds for stalls in the barn. This grant will purchase materials to build stalls in the barn. Materials only, local club members will build the stalls.

Douglas County 4-H Horse Project ♦ Alexandria, MN ♦ \$7,000

Last year, the 4-H and horse clubs replaced the fairgrounds show arena but the announcer's stand is old and decrepit. This grant will help purchase materials to build a two-story office/announcing stand. Materials only, local club members will build the building.

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER FACILITIES

Subtotal \$17,300

Watowan County 4-H ♦ St. James, MN ♦ \$1,900

Interest in horses is growing in this county. This grant will provide materials for a Horse Health & Safety clinic. Materials only, they will provide the training.

Martin County Sheriff's Posse ♦ Truman, MN ♦ \$4,100

This new sheriff's posse is just forming. The grant will partially fund purchase of safety equipment needed to operate (radios, flashlights, saddlebags, first-aid kits, etc.). They will raise the rest of the money needed from local donors.

Silver Buckle Saddle Club ♦ Plymouth, MN ♦ \$5,000

This club show grounds is heavily used by local saddle club shows, riding programs, and 4-H horse groups, often at little or even no rental fees. To maintain the grounds, they have been using a 1946 Allis-Chalmers tractor which is now wearing out. They have raised about a third of the funds needed to purchase a newer used tractor. This grant will provide the remaining amount needed to purchase the tractor. Purchase only, club volunteers will maintain the tractor (possibly for 31 years, as they did the old one!).

Mpls Police Mounted Patrol ♦ Minneapolis, MN ♦ \$6,300

This mounted patrol serves the Minneapolis Police, especially in crowd control at parades and events, and PR work at neighborhood festivals. Currently patrol horses are kept in rented stalls at a Delano barn. Rent is expensive, and the barn is a 1-hour round trip away. This grant will help in building a barn and exercise facility on the riverbank, right in north Minneapolis. The barn will also have extra space, if other nearby towns want to house their mounted patrol horses there. This grant is only a small part of the total cost, but shows the City Council the support of horsepeople for this Mounted Patrol.

TOTAL GRANTS \$88,500

Over the past 17 years, the Minnesota Horse Council has awarded \$630,756 in grants to equestrian projects in Minnesota. This is in addition to other charitable donations by the Horse Council, such as the Direct Funding awards, the Tony Gasser educational scholarships, and the Trails Funding program. The majority of the Minnesota Horse Council budget goes back into the Minnesota horse industry in donations to various projects.

MIRIAM TSCHIDA BENEFIT

Legendary Western Saddle Club Association judge Miriam Tschida arrived in style at Centre Pointe Stables, owned by horsewoman Judy Jensen, on a snowy Saturday night in December. Miriam was chauffeured by her dedicated granddaughter Beth Wampfler and husband Tim. Miriam was immediately graced with a silver crown and rhinestone scepter, which she wore proudly for the evening. The occasion was a benefit event for Miriam, who was diagnosed with cancer in October.

There were approximately 200 to 225 attendees throughout the evening. It was an open house so some people came early and left, and some came late and stayed until it ended. Those who were unable to attend graciously sent cards and donations. Attendees enjoyed great food, music, silent auction, raffle, and stories. While sitting at round tables clad with fancy, white linen tablecloths, attendees were asked to jot down a favorite "Miriam story" and place it in the special collection box. All the stories will be compiled into a memory book.

The silent auction contained over 150 items. A few of the silent auction items included framed prints, horse blanket, leather chaps, riding lessons, photo sessions, headstalls, gift basket, first aid kits, and trail riding duffels. Many more terrific items were added with arriving guests.

The raffle items ranged in value from \$160 to \$800. Raffle items included bolo tie and matching bracelet donated by Vee Ann Wood and Shakopee Trading Post; Wooden Log framed print donated by Bud and Cora Dorsey; horse portrait by Lynn Liljeblad; Washburn Photography 11x13 photo donated by Terri and Kirk Washburn; Radon saddle carrier (English or Western) donated by the Sibber Family; custom-made riding vest (English or Western) donated by Carlos Chavez, custom riding clothier; custom-made ranch show bridle and spur straps donated by Mike Brey, Custom Saddlery; Buffalo Wild Wings certificate and product donated by Dede Disbrow; and custom-made stained-glass panel donated by Sher Parker.

The highlight of the evening was a moment of prayer for Miriam as she was presented with a prayer shawl. The shawl was knitted by Debbie Wyman, while her group prays for the return of health to the recipient. The prayer shawl was then passed amongst the guests for a personal blessing. Upon its return to Miriam, it was draped warmly around her shoulders for others to touch and give prayers.

The benefit raised close to \$6,000 when last counted. Thanks to friends like Judy Jensen, Marian Robinson, Dan Dolan, Sue McDonough and family, Dawn Moore, Claudia Peltier and many others, the task of fundraising was a success. There are still donations coming in from saddle clubs and individuals.

Judy Jensen gave a huge thank you to everyone for their help, kindness and financial assistance. She asked for people to contribute to the memory book. "If you have a memory note or a photo, please send it in so we can work on Miriam's memory book," Judy said. "It doesn't have to be fancy, just send your best remembered story of Miriam-funny, nice or whatever."

Donations are still being accepted and can be mailed to:
Centre Pointe Stables, 5756 Ehler Ave. SE, Delano, MN 55328



AHC Supports Tightening of Slaughter Horse Regulations

The American Horse Council has told the U.S. Department of Agriculture that it supports the Department's proposal to amend the regulations governing the commercial transportation of equines for slaughter. The proposed changes would extend the regulatory protections provided by the Commercial Transport of Equines to Slaughter Act to horses bound for slaughter, but delivered first to an assembly point, feedlot, or stockyard.

"The AHC was one of the principal organizations involved in passing the Commercial Transport of Horses to Slaughter Act. The AHC was also involved in working with USDA in drafting the rules adopted under the Act to regulate the transport of equines for slaughter in December, 2001," said Jay Hickey, AHC President.

The rules presently require that shippers certify the fitness of these horses to travel and provide them with water, food, and rest for 6 hours prior to being loaded for transport. Horses cannot be shipped for more than 28 hours without being off-loaded for 6 hours and given the chance to rest, eat and drink. While in transport, horses must be checked at least every 6 hours to ensure that no horse has fallen or is in distress. Trucks used to transport horses to processing facilities must allow for the segregation of stallions and aggressive horses from others.

The rules prohibited the use of double-deck trailers to commercially transport horses to slaughter after December 7, 2006.

"The current rules apply only to the transport of horses directly to the slaughter plant, not to any initial shipment to an assembly point, feedlot or stockyard during the shipping process," said Hickey. "USDA felt that this was a gap in the protections of the Act and the AHC agrees."

The proposed change would broaden the protections to include all horses "being transferred to a slaughter facility, including an assembly point, feedlot, or stockyard." In effect, the proposed changes would move up the point at which the regulations apply in the process of moving horses from sales, farms, and other points to a slaughter facility. This would provide horses delivered to intermediate points en route to slaughter with the same protections regarding food, water, hour limits, and the prohibition on double-decker trucks as those horses moved directly to plants.

The rules do not - and would not under the proposed changes - apply to the transport of horses for other purposes, such as breeding, racing, show or recreation.

For more information about the American Horse Council, please visit: www.horsecouncil.org or call 202-296-4031.

Grants Available to Promote Land Conservation for Horses Through Equestrian Land Conservation Resource and Breyer®

Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) and Breyer Animal Creations® are offering funding for local conservation groups to protect land for equestrian use. Applications are available on January 1 and must be received by midnight September 1, 2008. Grant applications and application information are available on-line at www.elcr.org or www.breyerhorses.com.



Many equestrians face the loss of land available for equestrian use - whether for riding, training, competing, breeding or growing hay and grain. Land use loss is one of the greatest threats to horse owners and our country's equestrian heritage. "The impending loss of open land for horse activities has reached crisis proportions," says Deb Balliet, ELCR CEO. "Since 2000, economic, cultural, demographic and political forces have converted 13 million acres of rural land into subdivisions, malls, offices, roads, parking lots and resorts. In practical terms, what that means is that equestrians are losing 250 acres of open land per hour."

That's why Breyer and ELCR partnered to create a special model horse from which a portion of the proceeds will create a fund that will help local conservation groups preserve land for horses and horse related activity. Breyer has pledged a minimum donation of \$10,000 to ELCR.

Applications and information about the grant opportunity are available on-line at www.elcr.org or at www.breyerhorses.com or the application may be obtained by purchasing a Breyer ELCR benefit model which has an application within the custom designed packaging.

About Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR):

ELCR, the only national not-for-profit organization assisting in the conservation of land for horses and horse-related activity, serves as a clearinghouse and technical resource for land and horse owners on issues related to good land stewardship, conserving land, and preserving horse access on public and private lands.

About Breyer Animal Creations:

Breyer is the world's best selling brand of equine themed toys and collectibles. Breyer designs, manufactures and markets authentic model horses and animals of enduring quality for play and collecting. Each Breyer Model is crafted and hand decorated by Breyer artisans, so that each Breyer model is an original. See the entire collection at www.breyerhorses.com.



Chris Cox

Horses Galore at the State Fairgrounds April 25-27, 2008 for the 26th annual

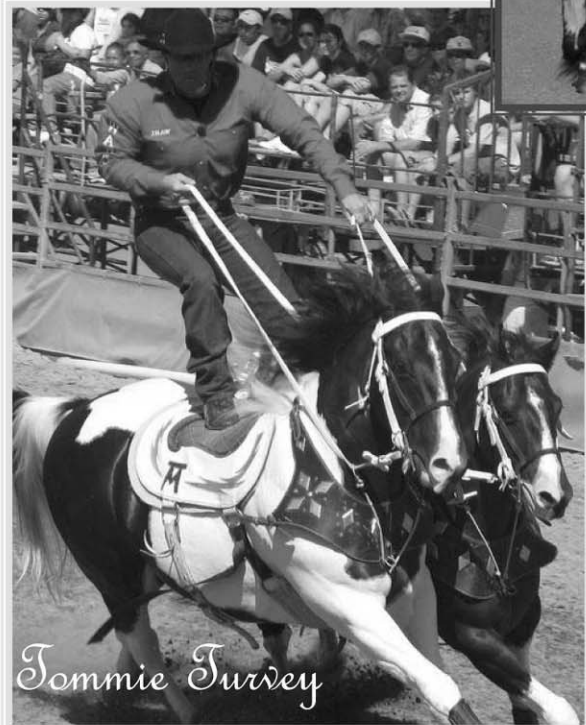
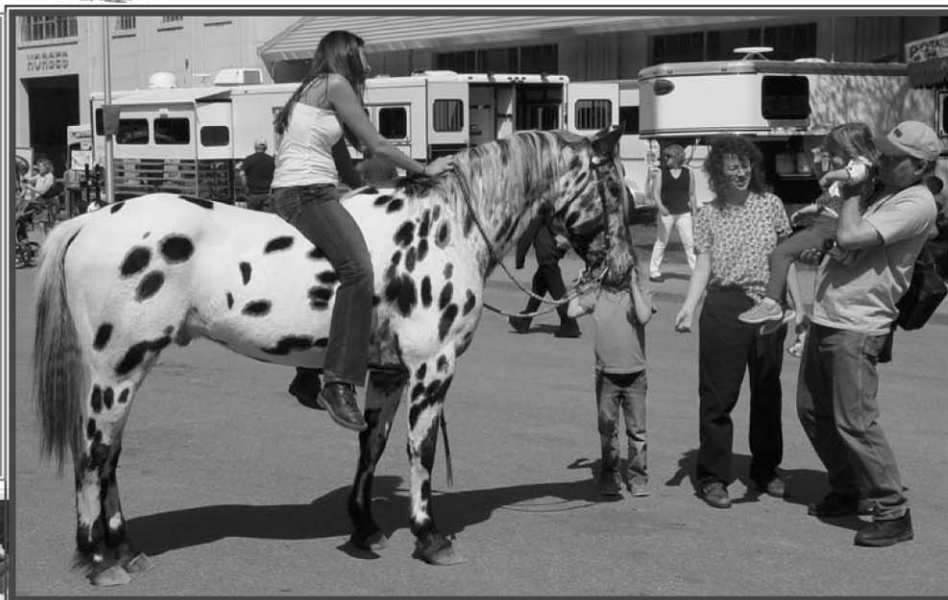


Minnesota Horse Expo 2008

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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES

November 13, 2007

Meeting Location: Maple Grove Community Center

Board Members:

Present: Tim Bonham, Dan Dolan, Teresa Hanson, Judy Jensen, Trina Joyce, Sue McDonough, Dawn Moore, Marian Robinson, Missie Schwartz, Laurie Slater, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Mark Ward

Absent: Glen Eaton, Miriam Tschida, Christie Ward

Members/Visitors: Cyndy Nitz-Vrlie, Rick & Carol Dobbelaire, Irene McMillan, Vicky Inget, John Dahl

I. Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m. by President Dan Dolan

II. Introductions: of Visitors

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

IV. Treasurer's Report - Tim Bonham

Motion by Teresa Hanson to approve the October 2007 Financial Report with noted changes, seconded by Sue McDonough. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes - September 2007 and October 2007 - See old business.

VI. Secretary's Report - Dawn Moore

AHC contact list has been updated. Attendance list has not been maintained since January 2007. I have September and October attendance, but still need to find February through July meeting attendance. This is taking some time as there are no hard copies in the files of any of the minutes or attachments since 2006. Darrell has been picking up mail and distributing it most Mondays at this time. I have not had a chance to check into alternate box locations yet. This seems to work, weekly. I am currently working on the annual meeting packet with some assistance from Miriam. Because we have changed the procedure, we want to make sure we are following what the board had specified. Annual Meeting is January 19 2008 at the Northland Inn. Keith notified me that Comcast has not switched the MHC email over from their address to mine yet. We are trying to get this straightened out this week. We are currently working out details with Christie in regards to using the meeting room at the University for next year. Miriam Tschida resigned from the MHC on Thursday, October 18 when Dan and I went to visit her in the hospital. She has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing chemo treatments. The Council gave her a terrarium/floral arrangement. Handful of renewal memberships have come in already.

Next year's meeting dates are: Jan 19 Annual Meeting Northland Inn, Feb 12, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug No Meeting, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9

OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and approve Septembe Minutes with Nomination Procedures. Tim Bonham made motion, Tracy 2nded. Motion passed to accept changes.

B. Treasurer's Report September - Tim Bonham Mark made motion to accept, Tom Tweeten 2nd. Passed.

C. Nomination & Voting procedure. Tim Bonham made motion to approve. Mark Ward 2nd. Passed.

D. Audit - Dan will send form to Secretary of State.

E. Bylaws - Miriam - emails tabled until December meeting.

F. Proposal for Website/Horseman's Directory - Mark Ward will join committee. Tabled buying Vicky's copyright to the Horseman's Directory for nominal amount.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Annual Meeting - I am currently working on the annual meeting packet with some assistance from Miriam and Tim. Because we have changed the procedure, we want to make sure we are following what the board had specified. Annual Meeting is January 19, 2008 at the Northland Inn. More to follow at next meeting.

B. Facilities Report: Facilities listed on our "MHC Indoor Arenas in Minnesota" handout and on the MHC website under "industrial facilities" (www.horses-mn.org/facilities.aspx). The handout is available to MHC members, breed associations, saddle clubs, and horse fair attendees. The listing was updated for the 2007 Minnesota Horse Expo and will again be updated for the 2008 Expo. Each facility is called or visited each year. I visited four sites in 2007 and talked directly with those facility owners. These facilities included: Minnesota Equestrian Center, Winona, Windom Arena (Cottonwood Fairgrounds), Windom, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom, and Jim Simon Arena, Canon Falls. Consensus is that it is impossible to cover the cost of building and operating a show facility based on pleasure shows alone. It must either be a multi-use facility like the one at the Cottonwood Fairgrounds in Windom or be able to host competitions beyond the normal weekend pleasure horse or gymkhana events. This website has listed a very interesting article from Prairie Business on the Red Horse Ranch Arena near Fergus Falls: <http://www.prairiebizmag.com/articles/index.cfm?id=761§ion=News>.

The University of Minnesota Equine Center has an indoor arena that will take proposals for doing different types of educational training and demonstration events. I have contacted Holly Kovarik, Pope County Fair Board, in Glenwood Minnesota. The Equine Facility project has been cancelled to her knowledge. Her direct contact was Larry Zavادل. It is now up to him purchase property for doing the equine facility.

The Rhino Arena, Hinckley, MN, has an active website listing with shows scheduled into both December of this year and for 2008. In talking with Randy Isham, facility owner, they are working to put a strong year together for next year but need to find some additional financial backing to continue serving the horse community beyond June 2008.

The Minnesota State Fair continues discussions on design and building of a facility to replace the Judging Arena at the State

Fairgrounds. They are looking for a donor to make a ground floor significant contribution to move it forward. There are several organizations with whom they have had discussions. This is a project that the State Fair Board cannot fund out of their general operating income.

Canterbury Park completed its live racing season over Labor Day weekend (www.canterburypark.com). Simulcast racing continues year around. Based on a conversation with the owners of Canterbury Park, Shakopee, no one single effort has been defined for Racino or construction of a pleasure horse show facility.

Running Aces Harness Park, Columbus, MN (west of Forest Lake) continues to move forward (www.mnharness.com). Tentative opening day at the new 5/8 mile track is set for April 11, 2008. According to Jeff Halpern, the barns are done with room for 300 horses. They have no plans at this time to host any pleasure horse shows at the facility.

C. Budget - Dan Dolan - 2008 budget was approved prior to November meeting.

D. Nominations - Mark Ward
Carol Dobbelaire, Rick Dobbelaire and Lynn ? were nominated

E. Expo - Glen Eaton (absent, but written report submitted)
The website is being brought up to date at this time with Chris Cox and Julie Goodnight to be added at this time. The spread sheet for the Vendors and Stall Renters will be added as they are two speakers that we have booked. The Expo had a vendor booth at the Minnesota EquiFest at the Convention Center in Minneapolis and about seventy (70) people registered for the free ticket to the Expo. We received a few applications for vendor space but the traffic was very light. We also attended the 100th Anniversary for Schatzlein Saddle Shop and the Grand Opening of the Equine Medical Center. Some promotion is being done at this time but the heavy promotion starts later. More Clinicians are being contacted at this time and we have had several contact us. Two Hundred and Sixty Three (263) Completed contracts for Vendor Booth and Stall Rental have been received which is about in line with the 07 Expo.

F. Grants - Tim Bonham asked for \$10,000 more for Grants. Tim Bonham made motion, Tracy Turner 2nd, Passed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Miriam Tschida's Resignation - Written Motion by Dawn Moore to accept, 2nd by Sue McDonough, Passed.

B. Horseperson of Year Committee - Chair change. Dawn Moore will be chair of this committee and also Pioneer Award.

C. Horse losses and reward funds. Tim Bonham moved, Mark Ward seconded, to allocate \$500 to be paid when and if someone is arrested and convicted in the incident in Long Prairie. Motion carried. Tim Bonham moved, Mark Ward seconded, to allocate \$500 to be paid when and if someone is arrested and convicted in the incident in Eagan. Motion carried. Funds will come from "Special Projects Fund."

D. State Horse Council Meeting Report given by Dan Dolan and Darrell Mead - verbal.

E. Expo Policies - Expo Committee will exercise their right to accept or reject horses for exhibition at the MN Horse Expo.

F. Membership: Tabled until February, 2008. New committee will be set up after January elections.

G. Trina Joyce made motion to purchase brochures from U of MN at a cost of \$5.00 per brochure to give out to new members and also Certified Stables. Tracy Turner 2nd it. Motion passed.

IX. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING December 11TH, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

MAPLE GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER

Rochester Regional Equestrian Center Holds Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Rochester Regional Equestrian Center (RREC) was held on November 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heintz Center of Rochester Community and Technical College. The meeting consisted of two parts: Speaker Mary Jones on the "Rescue Horse" and Board Members introducing David Halverson, Equine Coordinator for RREC. David has considerable experience in equine facility management have managed the All-Phase Arena in Spring Grove, MN and the Equine Facility at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IA.

David discussed an overall developmental business plan and entertained questions from the audience relative to our current building plans. At this time, approximately five sites are being evaluated for this huge project. The facility will include a 150x300 show pen with seating for approximately 1500 people, a 200x200 warm up pen, vendor facilities and growth for a possible collegiate educational wing. Bids are in the process for land development, fire/sprinkler issues, electricity, and other areas. No one donor has been identified at this time. All bids are welcome.

Area communities have expressed an interest in having the facility near their town. Once the costs have been determined, a huge capitol campaign will begin. All naming rights are still open. This facility can also be used for other animal venues such as dairy goats, beef, dairy, llamas, dogs, etc.

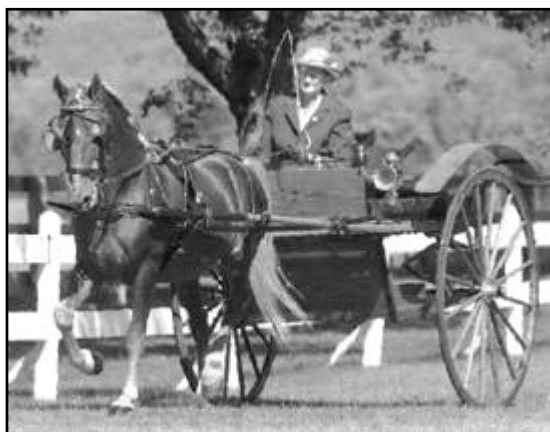
RREC is a 501c3 organization striving to provide equine science, education, and recreation to the area and develop a State of the Art permanent, public equine facility in the Rochester Minnesota area. RREC continues to strive to provide educational programming while working on fund raising. Our next event will bring John Lyons to Rochester the weekend of July 11, 12, and 13th. More information will follow on our web page at www.rrec.info.

To send your comments/concerns/questions/volunteer willingness, please contact RREC@Charter.Net or call Audrey Lidke at 507.288.8726. Volunteers are welcome at any point.



APRIL 25♦26♦27

**2006 HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR
RAE DELL ROBBINS HAS DIED**



Rae Dell Robbins, 2006 Horseperson of the Year, died Wednesday, Sept 19, 2007 after a 5-year battle with cancer.

Just 10 days previously, she had shown her stallion *Absolute Starlight* at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic show winning the Cross Country event after many years of trying.

Donations can be sent to: Rae Dell Robbins Fund, 14134 SW 70th St , Cokato, MN 55321.

2008 UPCOMING EVENTS

View www.mnhorsecouncil.org for additional events

Minnesota Horse Council Board Meetings

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

January 19 - Annual Meeting - Northland Inn		
February 12	June 10	October 14
March 11	July 8	November 11
April 8	August - No meeting	December 9
May 13	September 9	

Minnesota Horse Expo Board Meetings

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

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

January 29	May 20	September 30
February 26	June 24	October 28
March 25	July 29	November 25
April 15	August - No meeting	December 30



**2008 MINNESOTA
HORSE COUNCIL
ELECTION RESULTS**

The following people were elected to the Minnesota Horse Council Board of Directors at the annual meeting held January 19, 2008:

Tim Bonham	Darrell Mead
Christie Ward	Tracy Turner
Dawn Moore	Lynn Wasson

JOB OPENING

The Minnesota Horse Council is looking for a
Part Time Administrative Assistant

Primary job duties include:

- ♦ Attending MHC monthly meetings
- ♦ Transcribing meeting minutes
- ♦ Updating MHC website
- ♦ Handling PO Box materials

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March	2/15/07	September	8/16/07
April	3/15/07	October	9/13/07
May	4/12/07	November	10/11/07
June	5/10/07	December/January	11/15/07

MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- Individual - \$15
 Family - \$20
 Organization - \$25
 Corporation - \$25
 Certified Stable -
 \$35 first year, \$25 annually

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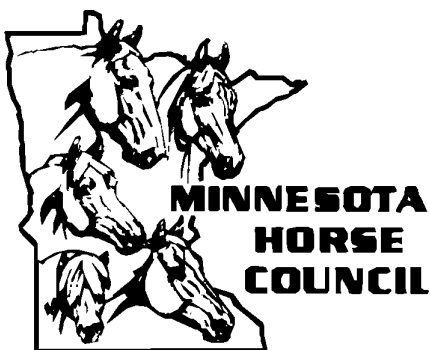
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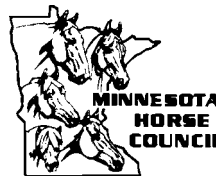
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