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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
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The 25th Minnesota Horse Expo Celebrates Everything About Horses

When asked to name the best thing about the Minnesota Horse Expo, "HORSES! It's the HORSES!" comes back in capital letters time and time again. It makes sense that the 300 horses representing over 50 breeds and registries would be the highlight of the April 27-29 event for the over 49,000 who attend this equine extravaganza at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul. After all, if they're not actual horse owners now, they certainly have been or hope to be and the Horse Expo provides much in the way of new ideas, products, and information to take back home and to the barn.

Begun in 1982, the 2007 Minnesota Horse Expo is the 25th. As a non-profit subsidiary of the Minnesota Horse Council, the Horse Expo has proven its worth as a means of raising money to support the Council's grants, scholarships, trail improvement work and much more. Over the years, the Horse Expo has contributed over two million dollars to the Council for the continued benefit of the Minnesota horse industry.

Education is important to the Horse Expo Board of Directors. Consequently, nationally recognized equine experts have always been a part of the Horse Expo slate of presenters. The 2007 Minnesota Horse Expo features Richard Shrake, a clinician, judge, trainer, author and equine training video producer who happens to have been a speaker at the Horse Expo in the early 80's! Charmayne James, 11 time World Champion Barrel Racer; Curt Pate, an American Quarter Horse Association Professional Horseman and Montana rancher; Brenda Imus, a gaited horse clinician, breeder, inventor, trainer and professional author; Dr. Temple Grandin, author of the best selling "Animals in Translation" and expert in animal behavior; and Scot Hansen, former mounted police officer who specializes in self defense for trail riders will all present demonstrations and lectures during the three days of the Horse Expo. Rick

Lamb, host of the nationally syndicated radio program "The Horse Show Live with Rick Lamb" will discuss the evolution of horse training as well as conduct live audience participation interviews with the keynote speakers.

University of Minnesota veterinarians and professors will lecture on diverse topics including Barn Disaster Readiness, Pasture Establishment, Plants Poisonous to Horses, Caring for the Newborn Foal, Herpes, Travel Preparedness, Equine Protozoal Myelitis, and Care of the Geriatric Horse. Equine specialty lawyer, Katherine Bloomquist with representatives from the equine insurance field will advise on areas of interest to both operators of equine businesses and individual horse owners.

Equines are everywhere at the Horse Expo.

Belgians and Clydesdales pull carriages for free rides down the streets while ponies and "big" horses provide free rides for children and adults of all ages in the State Fair's Sheep Barn. Over 300 stalls in

the grand old Horse Barn are filled with

horses, donkeys and mules at Expo to meet their public and represent their respective breeds. Each Expo day at noon, the Parade of Breeds in the Coliseum features the multiplicity of horse types in brief, while at other times during Expo, the breeds are demonstrated at greater length. Each morning in the Judging Arena, stallions are presented to mare owners as prospective breeding match-ups during the Parade of Stallions.

Dodge PRCA rodeo action explodes with bull riding, WPRC barrel racing, bucking horses and more 7 pm Friday and Saturday evenings and 3 pm Sunday afternoon. Rodeo admission is in addition to Expo admission, but offers huge value with rodeo reserved seating prices ranging from \$8 for box seats to \$6 in other Coliseum sections. A special three-day reduced price

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rodeo ticket will be sold this year. To encourage families with children to attend the rodeo, the Expo is pleased to offer a Sunday matinee rodeo special price of \$3 for children 12 and under accompanied by an adult.

As a shopping bazaar, the Horse Expo is unrivaled. Vendors from all over the country with horse products to sell and information to hand out fill the entire Cattle Barn, Coliseum Concourse, Poultry Barn, Empire Commons Building, and new this year, the CHS Building with display booths. Outdoor booths line the streets of Expo and fill the large East Trailer Booth lot located near the Empire Commons Building.

Each year the Horse Expo strives to keep what is popular, but be open to new features. The 4-H Tack Sale run by volunteers of the Minnesota 4-H Horse Association has been a fixture at the Horse Expo for over 20 years allowing consignments by the public to benefit both the seller and the thousands in the 4-H program. Money raised at this sale has funded the operation of the State 4-H Horse Association, including the State 4-H Horse Show. Last year, the Minnesota Gopher State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association volunteered their time to share their expertise with anyone who wanted to learn to throw a horseshoe and will be back again in 2007.

New this year, the Minnesota Farrier Association will conduct

mock horse shoeing competitions to illustrate the art of hot forging with a little extra added excitement. The Priefert 8-Horse Hitch - all the way from Texas - will thunder into the Coliseum each day to demonstrate both the driver's skill and the beauty of the big hitch. Try square dancing in the Sheep Barn; watch Cowboy Mounted Shooting in the Judging Arena. The Horse Expo Finale Parade will make its debut at 3:00 pm on Sunday - featuring selected units from among the horses at the Expo parading past the Coliseum down Judson Avenue for an extra special Horse Expo wrap-up.

The 2007 Minnesota Horse Expo hours are 8:30 am to 9:30 pm on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 with the Cattle Barn, Poultry Barn, Empire Commons Building and CHS Building closing at 8 pm; 8:30 to 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 29. Expo daily admission prices are \$8 adults (ages 13-61), \$5 seniors (62+) and Youth (ages 6-12). Children age five and under are free. Parking in the State Fair lots is free. Rodeo admission is in addition to daily Expo admission. All rodeo seats are reserved: \$8 Box Seats; \$7 Reserved Section A, \$6 Reserved Section B. Sunday Rodeo Special: Kids 12 and under \$3 with adult.

For more Minnesota Horse Expo information, please visit www.mnhorseexpo.org or call 1-877-462-8758 or 952-922-8666.

The presentation schedule will be available online after March 1.



How to Reduce Gastric Ulcer Risk in Horses

Ulcers are a man-made disease, affecting up to 90% of racehorses and 60% of show horses. Stall confinement alone can lead to the development of ulcers. A horse's feeding schedule also can be a factor. When horses are fed just twice a day, the stomach is subjected to a prolonged period without feed to neutralize its naturally produced acid. In addition, high-grain diets produce volatile fatty acids that can also contribute to the development of ulcers.

Stress, both environmental and physical, can increase the likelihood of ulcers, as can hauling of horses. Strenuous exercise can decrease the emptying of the stomach and the blood flow to the stomach, thus contributing to the problem.

The treatment and prevention of gastric ulcers is directed at removing these predisposing factors, thus decreasing acid production within the horse's stomach. Follow these tips from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) to properly treat your horse's ulcers.

1. Allow free-choice access to grass or hay. Horses are designed to be grazers with a regular intake of roughage.

2. If the horse must be stalled, arrange for the horse to see the horses he socializes with. Consider offering a ball or other object that the horse can enjoy in his stall.

3. Feed the horse more frequently to help buffer the acid in the stomach.

4. Decrease grains that form volatile fatty acids.

5. Medications that decrease acid production are available, but are only necessary in horses showing signs of clinical disease or when the predisposing factors, such as stress, cannot be removed.

The prevention of ulcers is the key. Limiting stressful situations along with frequent feeding or free-choice access to grass or hay is imperative. Neutralizing the production of stomach acid is nature's best antacid. For more information about gastric ulcers, ask your equine veterinarian for the "Equine Gastric Ulcers" brochure provided by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) in association with Nutrena, an AAEP Educational Partner. Additional information also can be found on the AAEP's horse-health website, www.myHorseMatters.com.

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Do you hear the Thunder???

The ground will rumble with Texas Thunder rolling into town this April 27, 28 and 29. This spectacular team of black Percheron Draft horses will be making an unforgettable appearance that you don't want to miss. Priefert and the Minnesota Horse Expo want to share a bit of history with you by bringing their spectacular Draft Horse hitch all the way from Mt. Pleasant, Texas. These massive horses originated in France and have been used as workhorses in the US for generations. Each horse weighs an average of 2000 pounds and stands an average of 18.2 hands.

Jason Goodman, the Texas Thunder driver, has been working with draft horses most of his life. Jason began driving as a child to feed his family's livestock. He has driven the Priefert Hitch for audiences at the Denver National Western Stock Show & Rodeo, the Quarter Horse Congress, the International Rolex Competition, as well as many PRCA Rodeo events, major horse fairs, and parades all across the United States.

Priefert Manufacturing started in 1964 with Marvin Priefert producing and selling his specially designed head gate. His son Bill carries on Marvin's vision with tradition ensured as Bill's sons, the third generation, enter the business. What began as a one-man operation now employs over 400 people with both domestic and international markets. The product line has grown to include cattle, horse and dog confinement and handling equipment designed



to make any ranchers' life easier. Priefert Manufacturing is known as the innovative leader for quality and craftsmanship in the ranch equipment industry.

Texas Thunder is scheduled to appear at various dealers and special events all across the country. To make this travel possible, Priefert has two custom designed 18-wheelers. The beautifully marked trailers are hard to miss. So watch for the storm and listen for the rumble as Texas Thunder rolls into St. Paul and the Minnesota Horse Expo on April 27, 28, and 29 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

Jackie Retires to Greener Pastures

By David Chanen, Star Tribune, January 24, 2007

Jackie kind of moped around a downtown sidewalk Wednesday afternoon, oblivious to the gathering attention and falling temperatures. People tenderly patted her on the back, congratulating her on an esteemed career with the Minneapolis Police Department and wishing her a happy retirement. At 18, Jackie will retire as one of the department's youngest employees. But the chestnut quarter horse worked on the streets for seven years, calmly gliding through angry protests and drunken bar crowds. "This is a such a sad day," said officer Laurarose Steberg, Jackie's partner for the past two years. "She's just been the perfect horse."

The Police Department's eight horses generally work downtown from May through December. This week, the Minneapolis Downtown Council announced plans to raise \$100,000 toward the department's goal of adding four more horses and building a \$1 million horse patrol facility in north-east Minneapolis. The mounted patrol unit now keeps the horses at a stable in Delano.

A horse owner from rural Wisconsin donated Jackie to Minneapolis police in 1999. One of her first assignments was patrolling a protest at the International Society for Animal Genetics conference in July 2000. Jackie's massive size and the extra height she gave her rider allowed the horse to safely clear the rowdy crowd in much less time than it would have taken a group of 10 officers on foot.

"And you're not going to outrun a horse," Steberg said. Not every horse has the disposition to work in a mounted patrol unit. They're trained to deal with loud noises and breaking glass, and occasionally people try to slap them on the backside, she said. "Nothing spooks her," said Steberg, who had no experience with horses when she decided to work with the Mounted Patrol unit. "Jackie has done everything we've ever wanted her to do."

Lt. Ray Witzman, who oversees the Mounted Patrol unit, has heard the criticism that horses are more for show than actual police work. Besides the size and height advantage for crowd control, horses can be less antagonistic than an officer in uniform, he said. And they are far cheaper to operate than a squad car, he said.

At 18, Jackie is still a fine physical specimen and could work for a couple more years. The wear and tear of walking on concrete is hard on a horse, Witzman said. Because Jackie has a life expectancy of about 30 years, the department decided to send her into retirement while her quality of life is still high, he said.

Her new owner will be JoAnne Williams, who met and fell in love with Jackie when she visited her own horse at the department's stable. She plans to fill Jackie's days with leisurely trail rides. "I told her she won't have to work hard anymore," Williams said.

The Importance of Personal Expertise

By John Alan Cohan, Attorney at Law

In all activities that the IRS regards under the hobby loss rule, including horse ventures, the issue of one's personal experience and expertise is an important consideration. In audits, the IRS will ask, among many other things, what expertise you have in conducting this type of venture, and whether you consulted others who are experienced in the industry about the feasibility of making money in the activity.

One Tax Court case said on this point: "Efforts to gain experience, a willingness to follow expert advice, and preparation for an activity by extensive study of its practices indicates that a taxpayer has a profit motive."

It is difficult to make a statistical analysis of the issue, but in most Tax Court cases where the taxpayer lost on the hobby loss question, the taxpayer failed to introduce evidence of his or her expertise, or evidence of consultations with those who are experienced in the economics of the industry.

Are You An Expert? How does anyone become an expert? A police detective who comes to be known as an expert does not get that way studying police science, but by on-the-job experience. The same applies to professional athletes. Often expertise comes with mentoring, and work. At a certain point others will look to you as a mentor because you have acquired expertise. Or, at some point a dedicated athlete will become a "professional."

"Expert" in the context of the hobby loss rule is a loosely formulated term. It does not mean the same thing as someone qualified to testify in court as an expert witness--but is a less rigid formulation.

The IRS views your individual expertise and/or your use of experienced advisers as evidence in your favor under the hobby loss rule. There are two components here: (1) the relative expertise of the taxpayer gained or developed through education and/or experience; and (2) the seeking out of advice from others who are experienced in the industry--particularly if you are not an expert in your own right--and following the advice obtained.

As an expert, you are able to make businesslike decisions without the need to consult outside experts. Many cases have hinged

on a showing the taxpayer acquired knowledge and even personal expertise by consultations with people in the industry and other processes. If you have entered into the activity "as a novice," you may nevertheless acquire considerable knowledge in many facets of the business after the fact by the informal process of hands-on experience, studying of trade magazines, attending industry events and seminars, and so on.

The IRS will also want to see evidence, if any, of what you did to further develop your expertise during the course of engaging in the venture. Evidence would consist of receipts and programs from seminars and classes that you attended, a list of books and other publications that you study, notes from consultations you have had, written recommendations from others, and so on.

In an important case that I have previously mentioned, Fred and Georgia Berry of Roland, Arkansas, claimed they were engaged in a horse breeding activity for profit, and they incurred many years of losses. The Tax Court, in ruling that their activity was a hobby, not a business, noted that they did in fact seek expert advice on how to make the horse breeding venture profitable--but the court faulted them because they did not follow the advice obtained.

Many individuals who convert a hobby into a business have already attained some level of expertise through the years they have engaged in the hobby. A stamp enthusiast, for instance, may well become quite knowledgeable about the industry practices, the pricing of stamps, what the market will bear, where deals can be made, what sort of advertising venue is worthwhile, and so on.

Many individuals have a considerable amount of expertise prior to entering the horse field as a business. The fact that you grew up with horses and worked with horses as a hobby can work in your favor to show that you had experience in the subject matter before changing it into a business.

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Total Association Memberships

American Horse Council Statistics • For more information, see www.horsecouncil.org



American Driving Society 1996: 2,600 2006: 3,279 CHANGE: +26%	National Reining Horse Assoc. 1996: 7,800 2006: 14,200 CHANGE: +82%	U.S. Equestrian Federation 1996: 66,000 2006: 88,915 CHANGE: +35%	U.S. Trotting Assoc. 1996: 31,506 2006: 25,000 CHANGE: -21%
American Endurance Ride Conference 1996: 5,400 2006: 6,585 CHANGE: +22%	Pro Rodeo Cowboys Assoc. 1996: 11,225 2006: 9,100 CHANGE: -19%	U.S. Eventing Assoc. 196: 10,660 2006: 14,250 CHANGE: +34%	
National Cutting Horse Assoc. 1996: 11,767 2006: 16,600 CHANGE: +41%	U.S. Dressage Federation 1996: 37,364 2006: 34,713 CHANGE: -7%	U.S. Pony Clubs 1996: 11,462 2006: 11,500 CHANGE: +0.3%	

Warm Up to Winter Riding

By Debbie Moors

It's not always the easiest time to ride, but you can beat the cold-weather blahs with some of these tips and strategies for winter riding.

If you live in a cold weather climate, you know how challenging riding through winter can be. Here are a few tips for taking the chill off barn and riding time.

1. **Wear layers.** Before you head out to the barn, know whether you're just going out to feed and check on the horses, or if you'll be riding. If you're not doing strenuous barn chores or schooling your horse, wear heavier clothes. If you are going to be getting your heart rate up and working hard, dress in layers. Wear a lightweight base layer that will wick sweat away from your skin (polypropylene or silk are two options) then follow that with a middle layer of wool, or a synthetic that insulates without adding a lot of bulk. A jacket system that has a zip-in vest or jacket offers even more options.

2. If you'll be trail riding, pack a small waterproof container or ziplock bag that has matches, an extra layer of warmth and a "space blanket." Boating supply companies offer small kits that are waterproof and crush proof, and can usually be slipped into a saddlebag or fanny pack.

3. **Warm up.** A good grooming session before you ride will warm you up and will help warm your horse's muscles, too.

4. During your grooming routine, check your horse's hooves for snow or ice if he's been outdoors. Pick out his feet, then spritz with cooking spray or coat with Vaseline to keep snow and ice from packing into his feet.

5. While you groom your horse, wear your horse's bridle under your jacket to help warm the bit, or wrap it in gel hand warmers. Or, check out The Bitten Store's bit warmer, which can double as a body warmer or can slip into your pocket as a hand warmer.

6. Plan extra time to cool your horse down after a ride. If your horse is clipped, consider using a quarter sheet--it will drape over his hindquarters and keep him a little warmer during cold-day rides.



7. If you wear insulated boots, make sure you're able to move them easily in the stirrups. Consider ordering over-sized stirrups for use during the winter months. Try gel-pack foot warmers to protect against popsicle toes.

8. Take time to stretch and warm your muscles before climbing into the saddle and give your horse plenty of time to warm up before you start a strenuous schooling session.

9. If you're going on a long ride, wear a Camelbak (drink delivery system that you wear like a backpack) or similar product to carry water. It's easy to get dehydrated in the winter, and dehydration makes you more susceptible to hypothermia and frostbite.

10. Water is a concern for your horse, too. Studies show that when they're offered warm water, horse's will drink more in the winter than if their water is ice cold. Keep an eye on water tanks and buckets (make sure they're clean and ice-free). Decreased water intake can increase risk for colic.

11. On really cold days, take a riding break. Check in on your horse, then grab your tack and head to a warm tack room, or your house, and do a little cold-day cleaning. Wash bits (Listerine makes a great bit cleaner and disinfectant), clean headstalls and saddles, and check for any worn leather or broken buckles.

12. Do a safety check. Walk through the barn and pasture, checking for ice and hazards. Mix sawdust and de-icer to both melt ice and absorb moisture, and double-check water lines when frigid temps are predicted.

13. Visualize summer. Sometimes, staying motivated requires goal setting. Think about goals for yourself and your horse, plan to attend some winter clinics and horse expos, and make a month-by-month list of what you'll do to make your goals come true.

14. Enjoy your horse. Even if you only have time for a deep whiff of eau d'equine or you just sit and listen to barn noises for awhile, it can help recharge your batteries for that next sparkling winter day, when winter riding is at its best.

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MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL ELECTION

A Special Meeting of the Minnesota Horse Council (MHC) Board was held February 13, 2007 to listen to concerns raised regarding the election process used in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in January. Katy Bloomquist, MHC attorney, was present to lay out questions associated with the election, outlined her concerns for the MHC as a result of looking into those questions, and give her recommendations based on state statutes regarding non-profit organizations along with the MHC by-laws. The board voted to have another election. The minutes of the Special Board Meeting along with election materials will be distributed by mail under the direction of a third party to MHC members as of January 13 (Annual Meeting Night). This mailing will occur as soon as the Board selects a third party to manage the election process.

Tom Tweeten, MHC President

Pilgrimage is Response to "Gut Feeling"



Lee Crafton, a Montana horse logger, is making what he calls a "pilgrimage" around the United States. His intention is to travel east to Boston, south to the Gulf Coast, west to California and up north again to Alaska. He has two reasons for making such a trip. The first is to make a very special stop

on the way to Boston, to visit his childhood sweetheart near New York, where he grew up. The second reason can be best described as self-discovery and Crafton's feeling that this is a mission he's supposed to complete. "I know I am supposed to do this; it's a gut feeling."

This "gut feeling" came to him a year and a half ago, when, after visiting the doctor for bad headaches and severe nosebleeds, he was diagnosed with lymphoma. Following a homeopathic treatment plan, he chose not to have surgery to remove the lump found in his neck. At first the holistic treatment seemed to work. But, the cancer came back, and the tumor in his neck didn't diminish in size. "The cancer is a gift. I choose to use it as a gift. It's a slow-growing cancer, but it's getting bigger," he said. It is this gift that allows the 46-year-old the freedom to follow his gut feeling because, "Life can either be lived or it will live you until you learn your lessons."

Crafton has met many people so far--kind and giving people, each with a story and wisdom to share. He told of a 70-year-old woman who stopped him to hand him a \$20 bill. "I thanked her and she told me it was from her husband, who had died awhile back," he said. Evidently the woman's husband had always dreamed of taking the same sort of trip in the Dakotas, but never got the chance before he died.

"I've heard that kind of story a hundred times. Things people wanted to do, but never followed through because they had responsibilities, or thought they had more time," said Crafton. "Life is too short, and while we need to keep our responsibilities, we were put on this earth to learn lessons." Of one thing Crafton is certain, "It'll all work out. When you're doing what you're supposed to do in life, there's a peaceful feeling," he said. "And if I wasn't supposed to make this trip, people wouldn't show up and help like they have."

Parking in a field, or in someone's backyard for the night, he is very often approached with offers of a place to stay, a shower to clean up, offers to share a meal, and food for his horses and the dogs that travel with him. "I started this trip with 75 bucks in my pocket, and have yet to ask for help. It's all been offered to me," said Crafton. Although he pointed out that if he did ask for anything, it would be out of desperation for the safety of his animals, which is of utmost importance to him.

Max and Tom, 12-year-old Suffolks, pull the homemade sheep camp wagon--what Crafton calls "a sort of barn on wheels." The draft horses are members of a dwindling breed he said, explaining there are probably only about 1,300 left in the world. Used to hard work, the horses have no trouble pulling the wagon, and actually thrive on the physical work. As for the cold, keeping the animals out of the wind is the most important issue. Every week Crafton gives the horses a day's rest.

Also traveling with Crafton are Katie and Kerr-Mutt, two very friendly Great Pyreneese dogs. They are St. Bernard size, with long white hair. The dogs travel and sleep inside the wagon, and between them and the eight to nine bales of hay for the horses, there's just enough room for a small bunk where Crafton can sleep.



Crafton claims he has no idea how many miles the trip will be, but figures he's come between 1,200 and 1,300 miles so far. He estimates the entire trip may be somewhere

around 2,500 to 2,700 miles total and may take around three years. Traveling at a speed of two and one-half miles per hour, he figures his entourage covers about 100 miles per week.

Crafton doesn't have an exact route planned, and doesn't take the time to use maps--they're too messy. He feels it's much better when the people he meets along the way point him in the direction he needs to go. When he asks them what kind of route would be safest for the horses, they also give him advice on which route in their area is the best. "I'll just see where the path leads me," Crafton said.



Crafton recently traveled through Minnesota. To read more on Crafton's story and progress, log on to his website: www.lee-the-horselogger.com.



Trail Tip

You can establish an east-west direction by using a fence post or a three-foot stick stuck in fairly level ground. Place a stone at the tip of the post's or stick's shadow. About fifteen minutes later, stick a second stone at the tip of the shadow. The line between the two stones runs east-west, with the first stone pointing to the west and the second stone pointing to the east.

Considerations When Purchasing a Horse: The Pre-Purchase Exam

Dr. Heather Case, DVM, MPH
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It's springtime again and in addition to new foals, trail rides to plan and upcoming horse shows, many people will be purchasing a new horse. The following are some of the considerations made during a pre-purchase exam. Working with your veterinarian to tailor the pre-purchase exam to your situation will give you the best chance of purchasing a horse that meets your needs.

What has the horse been used for in the past?

A multi-titled champion mare may become a wonderful broodmare, however, if she has never produced a foal and is older, she may have difficulties

What do you intend to use this horse for?

Will this change over time? If you are buying a mare to show today and have an interest in breeding her later, the veterinarian should examine her reproductive tract

Who will perform the pre-purchase exam?

Using a veterinarian who has not previously examined the horse you are purchasing is recommended and will avoid conflict of interest, particularly if the veterinarian finds a concern

Before the exam, discuss with the veterinarian what procedures will be performed in the examination

- ◆ Be present for the examination
- ◆ Schedule the examination in a well-lit, dry area with a flat surface (a lighted indoor arena for example)
- ◆ Discuss the findings of the examination with the veterinarian and don't be afraid to ask questions

The pre-purchase exam is not a pass or fail on the veterinarian's part. The veterinarian will provide you, the purchaser, with valuable information on the horse's condition on the day and time of the exam allowing you to make an informed decision on the purchase of the horse.

Animal Terrorism Bill Passes Congress

President Bush has signed the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act of 2006. The bill strengthens the ability of the Justice Department to prosecute animal rights terrorists who do damage to property or threaten individuals associated with an animal enterprise. The measure expands criminal prohibitions against damaging or interfering with the operations of animal enterprises to include intentional damage to any real or personal property and intentional threats of death or serious bodily injury against individuals (or their family members) who are involved with animal enterprises. It also increases monetary and criminal penalties for such crimes and modifies the definition of animal enterprise to include an enterprise that uses or sells animals or animal products for profit, food, agriculture, education, research and testing purposes; and an animal shelter, pet store, breeder of furrer. This definition also includes equine activities such as rodeos, horse shows and similar lawful equine events. Expressive conduct such as picketing or other peaceful demonstrations is protected by the First Amendment. President Bush is expected to sign the legislation.

More than 130 animal-rights groups, led by the Humane Society of the United States, opposed the measure while many agricultural and research groups supported the measure.

Congressman Collin Peterson says, "I co-sponsored the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act because it is important to ensure that organizations conducting research can do their work in a safe environment. Threats of violence are a constant concern for the research community, and this legislation supports their right to do their work without fear."

The Senate passed the bill by unanimous consent in September. A similar bill, H.R. 4239, was approved by the House of Representatives this month.

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Learn from all the experienced equine professionals
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Visit mnhorseexpo.org for speaker updates.

The schedule of all presentations will be available online after March 1.

Watch the daily **Parade of Breeds**

at Noon in the Coliseum; the Stallion Presentations in the Judging
 Arena each morning, and individual breed presentations throughout the
 three days of the Horse Expo.

Why not shop?

With the addition of the CHS Building on the East side of the
 Coliseum, the Horse Expo has five buildings filled and the streets lined
 with over 600 vendor booths featuring merchandise, products and
 information for you and your horse.

EXPO HOURS

Friday & Saturday 8:30am-9:30pm
Sunday 8:30am-5:00pm

Livestock Building, Sheep Barn,
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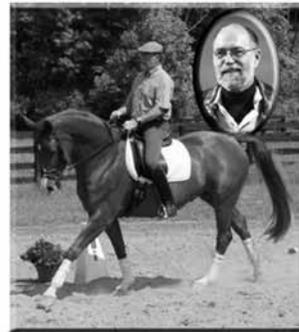
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**MINNESOTA HORSE COUNCIL
BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2006**

Meeting location: Maple Grove Community Center

Board Members: Tim Bonham, Dan Dolan, Glen Eaton, Teresa Hanson, Trina Joyce, Sue McDonough, Darrell Mead, Dawn Moore, Keith Payden, Marian Robinson, Missie Schwartz, Laurie Slater, Miriam Tschida, Tracy Turner, Tom Tweeten, Jesse Vouk, Christie Ward

Members/Visitors: Rick Dobbelaire, Irene McMillen, Vickie Inget, Cherie McKenzie, Faith Kingman

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 - Keith Payden

Motion by Tracy Turner, seconded by Darrell Mead, to approve the November Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Please find attached the Treasurer's report (December).

V. Approval of Minutes -

Motion by Glen Eaton, seconded by Tracy Turner, to approve the November minutes. Motion carried.

VI. Secretary's Report - Trina Joyce

MHC received thank you notes for two grants issued to Intermediate District 287 - Venture Students and Ride Ability. The procedure for covering the administrative assistant's office while she is away has been working well. The MHC Board members (Tom Tweeten, Trina Joyce, Dan Dolan and Glen Eaton) picture was featured in the "U's" newspaper for the ground breaking of the new Equine Center. Trina has written a job description for Philanthropy Chair that will be reviewed under Old Business at the February meeting. Job review of administrative assistant was completed.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Travel Reimbursement Procedure - Tom

There was a discussion regarding the proposed Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement for MHC Business procedure. Many additions/changes were added to the proposal. Please find attached the updated proposal that is to be discussed under Old Business in February.

B. Membership Procedure - Dawn

Tabled until February meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. EXPO - Glen Eaton

Promotions for the 2007 Minnesota Horse Expo are in or will be

in Horse Publications shortly. Ads will be in the next issue of Horse'n Around and Family and Friends newspapers. Speakers are Charmayne James, Richard Shrake, Dr. Temple Grandin, Curt Pate, Rick Lamb, and Brenda Imus. Kathy is working to get one more Keynote Speaker. We are ahead of 2006 Expo in booking of stalls and vendor booths. We stand at 324 completed contracts at this time. In coming contracts are slower this time of year but will pick up after the first of the year. Ads for the Program are coming in and will pick up after the first of the year. The planning of the 07 Minnesota Horse Expo is in fine shape. Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

No State Fair or Aisle of Breeds report.

B. Direct Funding - Christie Ward

Please find attached the report for Direct Funding.

C. Communications - Missie Schwartz

The new newsletter got great reactions from the Board.

D. Horseperson of the Year - Miriam Tschida

One has been selected and the plaque and jacket has been ordered. Dawn will purchase the flowers.

E. Legislative - Tracy Turner

- Horse Slaughter Bill - added to Ag Appropriation bill. Status unknown.

- Passed - Animal Terrorism Act

It makes it an act of terrorism to damage furs, research activities etc. with the exception of legal protest (1st amendment rights).

- USDA National Id - strictly voluntary only

- State of Minnesota is exploring making a bid for 2020 Olympics.

At this time feasibility study is in progress, pending selection of 2016 Olympic sites. If Los Angeles or Chicago gets the bid, Minnesota will not make a bid.

F. Scholarships/Grants - Trina Joyce/Tim Bonham

It was decided that there would be 10 scholarships awarded at \$3,000 each. College and high school students were judge separately. The deadline for the review is December 15, at which time all results should be given to Trina. It was suggested that the Scholarship Committee should have a meeting. All members of the committee were polled and it was the consensus of the committee that it was not necessary. The chairperson is in contact with all members and the process is in place.

Grant notices have been sent out and all winners have been invited to the Annual Meeting. Tim was asked to look at the list of 2006 grant winners to remind them to submit their invoices. This will be discussed under Old Business (Grants) at the February meeting.

G. Annual Meeting - Dawn Moore

This is a reminder that Board members need to get their dinner reservations and membership dues into Dawn and Mary.

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2007 UPCOMING EVENTS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Trademark MHC Logo - Tom Tweeten

Motion by Jesse Vouk, seconded by Trina Joyce to proceed with the process of registration of the MHC logo at the \$275 price quote. Motion carried.

B. Minnesota State Fair Ag Society Annual Meeting - Tom Tweeten

The MHC will be sending the following people to the meeting:

Dan Dolan, Tom Tweeten, Glen Eaton

Alternate: Marian Robinson

Meeting date: January 12-14, 2007

Information regarding the meeting can be obtained from Tom Tweeten.

C. Accomplishments - Tom Tweeten

Please find attached a list of MHC accomplishments for 2007.

D. Computer Depreciation - Miriam Tschida

Motion by Tracy Turner, and seconded by Dawn Moore, to stick to the original agreement that the Payden's will own the computer after one year. Motion carried.

E. Nomination Procedures -

Updated and changed copy attached.

F. Website Status - Keith Payden

I have been in contact with Dan Dolan to discuss the contract for Horsemen's Directory. There was a meeting of Dawn Moore, Miriam Tschida, Tim Bonham and myself to discuss changes/updates to the website. Cherie McKenzie was unable to attend but sent her suggestions by email.

G. Resignation of Keith Payden

X. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: Annual Meeting January 13, 2007

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

February 13, 2007 6:30 p.m. Maple Grove Community Center



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

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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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November	10/8/07
December/January	11/2/07

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