

Minnesota 4-H Horse Association  
Minutes—November 18, 2006

Members Present— Rae Ann Bartz, Amy Bradshaw, Larry Brugger, Allison Campbell, Ashley Campbell, Jamie Campbell, Gladys Carlson, Randy Dokken, Joe Dunlavy, Ann Duran, Ruth Hemingson, Anne Koepp, Margaret Lawson, Becky Molitor, Cindy Nelson, Arthur Niemela, Kayla Ross, Emma Skaggs, Felicia Skaggs, Mark Storm, Kathy Taylor, Jenna Van Gorp, Emily Vomacka, Lynn Watland, Lynette Whittier

Members Excused—Jay Dailey, Dan Dolan, Jan Economy, Bobbi Knutson, Cynthia Niemela, Frances Niemela, Leslie Ross, Gabrielle Thon

Visitors—Jason Campbell, Caroline Koepp

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Joe Dunlavy, youth chairperson.  
The minutes were read by Jenna Van Gorp. Thank you notes were passed around from:  
Meeker County judging and hippology teams--national trips  
Kandiyohi County judging team--Arabian nationals  
Joe Dunlavy, Kandiyohi county--Dan Patch winner  
Jenna Van Gorp, Todd county--trip to Denver  
Justin Ryle, Pennington county--trip to Denver  
Julie Mills, McLeod County--Dan Patch winner (2005)  
Julie Kunz, Wright County--grant for Western Heritage clinic

The following resignations were submitted:

Amy Erickson—Association director  
Penny Erickson—Association director  
Dan Ritter--horse show co-chair  
Cory Olson—horse show co-chair, Expo tack sale co-chair  
MaryAnn Bucher—Web Site co-chair  
Marge Martin—horse show secretary  
Barb Jurgens—Hippology co-chair

It was moved/seconded (Larry/Randy) to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report—Margaret Lawson reported. The bill from the state fair for the state show is still outstanding. The auditor's report from the years ending December 2004 & 2005 were distributed.

It was moved/seconded (Larry/Kathy) to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### Standing Committee Reports

#### Hippology

Laurie Nelson reported that there were 33 teams at the state contest, up slightly from last year. A new system was used for tabulation, which helped speed things. Two versions of the written test were used—intermediate and senior. The intermediate may have been too hard. There were some negative comments about using 2 tests for intermediates on a senior team. The plan is to use only one next year. Orientation in 2007 will be for coaches only. The special needs area will be expanded next year.

Barb Jurgens, who has moved to South Dakota, has resigned as co-chair. Laurie recommended Jamie Campbell. It was moved/seconded (Larry/Randy) to appoint Jamie as co-chair. Motion carried.

Laurie said there had been some problems with some Hippology contestants having conflicts with their college classes (mostly U of M students). It was suggested that rearranging Hippology schedules be done only for conflicts with show events, not college classes. It was referred to the show committee.

### Horse Bowl

Cindy Nelson reported that the dates for regionals are March 3, 10, & 17. The snow date is March 24. Locations for the regionals and the state contest will be confirmed soon. The information will be on the bowl website.

The Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms (New Horizons Equine Education Center) has been added as a reference for the 2007 bowls.

It was noted that the 4H Horse project website ([www.mn4horse.com](http://www.mn4horse.com)) needs to be updated. The contest at the Morgan National show is no longer being held.

### Horse Judging Contest

Ann Duran reported that the contest was late getting started (because the show was running late), but that it was done by about 10 pm. There was some discussion about the cards—confusion and errors. Rae Ann Bartz suggested that the color codes be as follows—1 color for all the senior judging contest, a second color for all the intermediate judging contest, a third color for all the senior Hippology contest, and a fourth color for all the intermediate Hippology contest. The leaders would collect all the cards for each class and these would be the ones recorded for that class regardless of what class may be written in error on the card.

### National Contests

Margaret reported the following teams & individuals participated in national contests:

Bowls—McLeod Co at Quarter Horse Congress—no report

Bowls—Hennepin Co at Quarter Horse Congress—Team 1<sup>st</sup> place, Tara Greiman 1<sup>st</sup> individual

Demonstration—Keri Economy (Carlton Co)—Quarter Horse Congress—no report

Demonstration—Jenna Van Gorp (Todd)—Quarter Horse Congress—Did not place

Hippology—Meeker Co at Quarter Horse Congress—Team—8<sup>th</sup> in judging, 8<sup>th</sup> in team problems

Hippology—Hennepin at Quarter Horse Congress—Team—4<sup>th</sup> overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> exam, 4<sup>th</sup> judging, 4<sup>th</sup> stations; Individuals—Tara Greiman 8<sup>th</sup> Exam, Angela Gebhart 7<sup>th</sup> overall, Katie Anderson 10<sup>th</sup> overall, 6<sup>th</sup> exam & 5<sup>th</sup> stations

Judging—E. Ottertail Co at National Arabian—Team 12<sup>th</sup> Overall

Judging—Fillmore Co at Morgan National—Team 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> performance, 1<sup>st</sup> in hand;

Individuals—Justin Blumer 8<sup>th</sup> overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> performance; Lexie Eberley 5<sup>th</sup> overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> in hand; Wesley Freiheit 1<sup>st</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> performance, 1<sup>st</sup> in hand

Judging—Wright Co at Morgan National—Team 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> oral reasons; Individuals—Morgan Petersen 1<sup>st</sup> overall; Amelia Leuer 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

Judging—Meeker Co at Quarter Horse Contest—Did not place

Judging—Kandiyohi Co at National Arabian—Team 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> reasons, 1<sup>st</sup> halter; Individuals:

Emily Vomacka 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> halter, 1<sup>st</sup> reasons; Kaitlyn Ohden 1<sup>st</sup> overall, 6<sup>th</sup> halter, 3<sup>rd</sup> performance; Joe Dunlavy 9<sup>th</sup> halter

Speech—Morgan Peterson (Wright Co) at Quarter Horse Congress—No report

### Grants Committee

Margaret reminded people to send in applications for grants—information is on the website.

### Horse Training Program

Gladys Carlson reported that there were 50 entries at the state, down slightly. Revised rules & guidelines are on the website.

A question was brought up about incorrect judging at the county level, with a judge not restricting questions to what is in the step. There was discussion that this could be a problem with a judge not following guidelines (refer this to Margaret) or with the judge being unclear about the procedure for Training Program judging. It was suggested that the county develop a set of questions for the judge to use. Contact Gladys for samples of these questions.

There was a question about being able to use a bosal in training. This will be clarified in the guidelines.

### Horse Expo Tack Sale

Margaret reported that sales were \$267,476, giving the Association a profit of \$32,700. Becky thanked everyone who helped, especially with computers.

Cory Olson has resigned as co-chair. At this time there is no replacement.

All the equipment (display racks, cash registers, etc) are currently being stored in a trailer at Cory's. Margaret reported that she has arranged to have the trailer stored in LeSueur at a storage facility for \$300 per year. The trailer will be moved to Expo on April 25 & we will have one hour to unload it (if it takes longer, there will be an additional charge of \$45 per hour). It will then be brought back to reload on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The charge for transporting it back and forth is \$200 a trip.

There was a question about the policy on providing lodging for workers. In the past if someone worked 2 days, lodging was provided. This may be a bed or a spot for a sleeping bag. There have been some complaints about having to sleep on the floor. It was moved/seconded (Kathy/Jamie) that everyone who signs up ahead of time and works their time will be guaranteed a bed. Motion was carried. The deadline for signing up for a room is two weeks before Expo.

Kathy reminded everyone that we need lots of help—that we need a commitment from everyone in the Association to help out.

### Winter Roundup

The dates will be January 26-28. So far Dale Froyum and a professor from Wisconsin have been lined up.

### Horseless & Horse Related

Cathy Geifer requested that the quota for Horseless entries be increased. It was moved/seconded (Larry/Ruth) to increase the minimum number of quota entries to 2 per county for Horseless. Motion was passed.

Another judge is also needed and timers. A request (day & times) for volunteers should be submitted to Lynn Watland.

### Sales and Promotions

Margaret reported that there was \$2443.65 in sales of shirts by Northwest Designs.

### Library

Ruth Hemingson reported that there is currently \$1102.84 in the checking account. About \$700 in DVD's and videos were purchased at Expo for the library. She plans on purchasing copies of the new bowl reference.

Ruth is looking into being part of the interlibrary loan system to eliminate the need for the deposit. Shipping costs would still be required.

The updated list is now available.

### Web Page

Larry reported that there have been some technical difficulties which he is working on.

Mary Ann Bucher has resigned as co-chair. It was moved/seconded (Kathy/Larry) to appoint Laurie Nelson as co-chair. Motion carried.

### Speech/Demonstration

Felicia Skaggs reported that the contest went well. There were 8 individual demonstrations, 1 team demo, and 9 speeches. The 2007 contest will be held in the coliseum.

She requested that impromptu speech be added since it is now available at the national contest in Denver. It was moved/seconded to add impromptu speech. Some guidelines for this is that a topic will be selected and then each contestant will be given a designated amount of time to prepare the speech. Motion was carried.

### Western Heritage

Arthur Niemela reported that the regional clinics & competition was well attended. There were 94 individuals entered at the state. Sorting & penning will not be offered at the state show anymore because of the expense and time. At the judges certification, 4 new judges were certified and one was re-certified.

Margaret reported that the regionals' finances now must go through the Association. The following is a report:

SW	Income \$890	Expenses—none submitted
NE	Income \$745	Expenses \$602
SE	Income \$940	Expenses \$980
NW	Income \$1210	Expenses \$1834

There followed much discussion about the finances of Western Heritage—the inconsistencies from region to region on charges, awards made, etc; why don't we support the program financially as we do other areas?; need for better communication between the chairs and the association; etc. It was moved/seconded to table this to the next meeting, with the suggestion that the chairs be in attendance. Motion was passed.

### State Horse Show

Cory Olson, Dan Ritter, and Marge Martin have resigned. Some possible replacements are Cathy Giefer, Mark Storm and Randy Dokken. It was moved/seconded (Margaret/Larry) to appoint Mark Storm and Randy Dokken as co-chair. Motion was carried. At present there is no secretary.

There was a request for more seating during the awards presentation.

### Dan Patch

Kathy reported that the Dan Patch winners were Joseph Dunlavy, DP winner, and finalists Emma Skaggs, Rebecca Stevens, Alexandra Economy, Emily Vomacka, Meghan Lentsch, Jenna Van Gorp, and Kayla Ross.

The 6-9<sup>th</sup> grade Bonus Trip winners are Ally Campbell & Keri Economy. (17 were entered)

The Friends of 4-H Award winners are Marge Martin, Cynthia Niemela, Dan Ritter, Gladys Carlson, Amy Bradshaw, Jay Dailey, Becky Molitor, and Duane Duenow.

The traveling trophy for the Dan Patch award is full, with 36 names on it beginning with Noel Larson. It has been retired. The State Fair has given permission to display it in a case in the entryway of the coliseum, along with the new trophy and possibly a list of Friends of 4H Award recipients. Rae Ann's brother has agreed to make a case (45 x 48 x 6, with glass sliding doors and a lock) for \$500. It was moved/seconded to have him make this case. Motion carried.

Kathy handed out a procedure/responsibility outline for the DP event and a judges form. She encouraged the Association directors to recruit judges and submit forms with suggested names.

It was moved/seconded to add 2 trips to the 6-9<sup>th</sup> grade Bonus Trips. Motion carried.

### Budget

Each area is to submit a budget request to Margaret by January 1. These will be evaluated and finalized at Winter Roundup by a finance committee. Volunteers for this committee are: Margaret Lawson, Amy Taylor, Kayla Ross, Emma Skaggs, Laurie Nelson, Kathy Taylor, Rae Ann Bartz, and Joe Dunlavy.

### Judges Certification

Margaret reported this will be held on March 23 and 24 at the HiCircle Vee Ranch in Isanti. Help is needed for registration, scoring, riding, etc. Contact Margaret if interested.

### Materials

Lynn reported that there were some changes to the Training Program and Achievement Program booklets on the website. These will be submitted to Larry.

### Rule Book Change requests:

1. Snaffle Bit—The request is that snaffle bits may be used on any age horse—reason is that it is a less severe bit. It was moved/seconded to deny this request. Motion carried. 4-H needs to conform to breed and industry standards of showing.
2. Pony Size—The request is that the pony limit be 56" & under, rather than 54". Reason—safety and to conform to breed standards (POA, American Paint Pony, American Pinto, American Quarter Pony are all at 56", Welsh Pony is at 58") and to conform to other state 4-H Horse Programs (Wisconsin, No Dakota, So Dakota, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa). It was moved/seconded

to deny this request. It was pointed out that the numbers in the pony classes at the state show are declining. The motion was defeated. It was moved/seconded (Ann/Ashley) to accept the request to change the pony height to 56". Motion carried.

3. Headgear—The request is to leave the rule as it was—cowboy hat or helmet is allowed. No action—It was suggested that the MN Horse Association emphasize the State 4-H Office is requiring the use of helmets and charged the Association with implementing that policy.
4. Curb Bit—The request is to take out the picture of the curb bit on page 12 of the Rule Book and to add the phrase "If the bit has a port" to the sentence the maximum height of the port is 3.5 inches. Reason—confusing to 4-H'ers, some think they must use this kind of curb bit or that a bit without a port cannot be used. The phrase "If the bit has a port" will be added and a caption will be put under the picture "Measuring A Curb Bit"
5. Reins with Bosal—The request is to include the phrase "with mecate reins" added to page 12, #1 under Bosal & Hackamores, to read "A bosal with mecate reins is permissible, provided the horse is five years old or younger." Approved
6. Boots—Request is that wherever western boots are mentioned, the phrase "for safety reasons boots with waffle type tread greater than or equal to 1/8 inch will not be allowed in riding classes. After much discussion the request was not approved.

There was a question about Cloverbuds riding. It was clarified that they may ride with leadline only. There was a question about when helmets are required—it was clarified that they are required for any mounted activity.

### Old Business

Ethics Program—no report

### New Business

None

Next Meeting—February 10 at Charlie's Café in Freeport—Show meeting at 9:30, Association meeting at 12:00.

Submitted by:

Lynn Watland and Jenna Van Gorp  
Association secretaries