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President's Column

We begin another great year with our favorite breed of horses and the people who share our love of horses.

We conducted our financial and business meeting Saturday, January 27th at Ellen and Randall Collins home. I want to thank them for hosting this important meeting and providing the wonderful food to munch throughout the day. As in the past, they did a wonderful job hosting our meeting.

A quick overview for those of you who missed the meeting. Jeff Whiteman proposed a bylaw change and introduced a new bylaw. These will be in the minutes in this issue of Tales and will be voted on at our February 25th, White Elephant meeting. We set up the event calendar. I requested some committees for this year, which are listed below.

Stan Bodnar will be coordinating the Horse Fair demo again this year. If you want to participate, get in touch with him ASAP. I believe we need a variety of members in our club booth this year. Nothing promotes our breed better than members who "adore" our Morgan breed.

We will have the Silent Auction at the Morgan Sale again. The proceeds go to our Club account for scholarships, dinners, etc. If you can acquire some donations, or have some collectible items to enter, please contact Cheryl Bozarth.

Committees I proposed and will be asking for information/reports from are:

Morgan horse promoter(s) of the year - Chairperson: Jim Hallbauer

Youth page for Tales - Chairperson: Kalie Bozarth, with Kathy Firch's assistance

"Atta Boy" column - Chairperson: Carolyn Hallbauer & several helpers

Hall of Fame Award - Chairperson: Pam Wallace

We discussed special events for our 50th Anniversary for 2008. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact me.

The "Atta Boy" column is a chance to recognize publicly (in Tales) of primarily youth and young adults who have done something nice for someone or had an accomplishment. We will need to contact Carolyn Hallbauer, as she can't be everywhere at once. Please contact her if you see or know something nice about one of our members.

Our April 1st meeting, at Dave & Janet Williamson's farm, will consist of Stan Bodnar giving a clinic on driving. If you have a driving horse and are interested in bringing the horse for the clinic, please get in touch with Carolyn Firch or Janet Williamson.

"People that complain the most are usually the ones who fail to commit from the beginning"
Author unknown.

"Become part of the solution, don't let the above quote be applied to you"

See you in February!

Brenda

MVMHC Bake and White Elephant Sale

Please plan on attending one of the greatest meetings of the year – the one and only MVMHC Bake and White Elephant Sale. The meeting is guaranteed to be filled with laughter, good food and lots of surprises and will be Sunday, February 25, 2007 at 1:00 pm.

There will be lots of goodies, and wonderful homemade food items, including Melissa Mathes' world-renowned bumbleberry pie, and the Firch rum cake! Since this is one of the major fundraisers for the club, please plan on attending!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February

14-17 AMHA Convention, Atlanta, Georgia
25 MVMHC Bake and White Elephant Sale, Gardner Township Hall, Springfield, 1:00 pm

March

2-4 IL Horse Fair, IL State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL
24 - MVMHC Tack and Horse Sale, IL State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL.

April

1 MVMHC Meeting and Driving Clinic, Williamson's, Bloomington

May

5-6 Mid Illinois Charity Horse Show, Heart of IL Arena, Peoria Ellen Ringenberg 815/875-3525
12 MVMHC Historical Demonstration at Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, Hartford

June

12-16 Midwest Charity Horse Show, IL State Fairgrounds, Springfield
23 MVMHC Versatility Show, Heart of IL Arena, Peoria

July

1 MVMHC Scholarship Applications due
7-8 Brunk Museum Charity Horse Show, Heart of IL Arena, Peoria
28 MVMHC Historical Demonstration, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg

August

15-18 IL State Fair Morgan Division and Futurity
16 MVMHC Luncheon at the IL State Fair
29-Sept 1 Jubilee Regional Championship Morgan Horse Show, IL State Fairgrounds
9 Celebrate the Morgan! MVMHC Historical Demonstration, Brunk Museum of the Morgan Horse, Rochester
15-16 Autumn Fest, Heart of IL Arena, Peoria
21-23 United Classic/Morab Nationals, Wahl Equestrian Center, Sterling

October

5-7 Youth Charity Horse Show, IL State Fairgrounds
28 MVMHC Meeting, Brunk Museum of the Morgan Horse, Rochester

November

11 MVMHC Dinner and Election of Officers, Hamilton's, Jacksonville

December

TBA MVMHC Christmas Party

If you know of any events that would be of interest to our members, please send them to: Kathy Firch, 6009 Old Salem Rd., Springfield, IL 62711 for a free listing in the calendar of events.

Proposed By-Law Changes

The following are the proposed By-Law changes from the January meeting. They will be voted on by the membership at the February meeting.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of Officers and Directors of the Club.

Section 2. The officers of the Club shall be: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, PUBLICITY SECRETARY, AND HISTORIAN.

Section 3. Five Directors shall also be elected as voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. A minimum of four Ambassadors shall also be elected. One Youth Representative shall be elected as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The election of Officers, Directors, Ambassadors and Youth Representative shall be held at the annual November meeting and shall be elected for a period of one year beginning January 1.

Section 6. A member of the Executive Committee of the MVMHC must attend at least five club meetings/events per year or the member will be removed from the board.

Article VIII - Meetings

Section 1. A minimum of ten club meetings or functions will be held during the year.

Section 2. Meeting notices will be sent to members only if the newsletter does not carry the information.

Section 3. A member may be represented by a written and signed proxy presented to the President at the beginning of the meeting.

Section 4. Order of Business shall be as follows:

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Reports of the Publicity Secretary.

Reading of Communications

Old Business (election of officers at the annual meeting)

New Business.

Discussions

Adjournment.

Section 5. A Quorum shall consist of the majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee. ~~However, in the event that a quorum is not met, those members present shall continue to conduct any business as if a quorum was present. Decisions arrived at under these conditions will become final if not challenged at the next meeting at which a quorum is met.~~ The President, or anyone acting in his behalf, in conducting the meeting shall vote only in case of a tie.

Minutes of the MVMHC Executive Committee Meeting, January 27, 2007

Members present: Brenda Whiteman, President
Darlene Wise, Vice-President
Eugene Mathes, Secretary
Kathy Firch, Publicity Secretary
Carolyn Firch, Historian
Ellen Collins, Director
Jim Hallbauer, Director
Jeff Whiteman, Director

1. Jim Hallbauer moved and Carolyn Firch seconded that the budget presented below be accepted. The motion passed: 7 yea, 1 nay

Income: AMHA Awards, 0; CD Interest, 35; Copier Income, 180; Directory Ads, 300; Directory Horse Listings, 400; High Point Fees, 0; Horse Clinic Promotion, 0; Membership, 1300; Miscellaneous Income, 1205; Promotional Sales, 0; Reimbursements, 0; Scholarships, 0; Versatility Show Entries, 2000; Versatility Show Sponsors, 300; Tales Ads, 100; White Elephant Sale, 800

Total Income: \$6,620

Expenses: AMHA Membership, 40; Annual Filing Fees, 5; Awards Banquet, 0; Bank Charge, 0; Business Machine/Copier Expenses, 250; Donations, 0; Futurity Luncheon, 725; Hall of Fame Awards, 50; High Point Expenses, 0; High point Trophies, 0; Horse Fair Fees, 600; Illinois Horse Council Dues, 50; Insurance, 150; Memorials, 0; Office Expense, 100; Olde Tyme Horse Show IHPBEA Fees, 0; Olde Tyme Horse Show, 0; Postage, 900; Refunds, 0; Scholarships, 500; Scrapbook, 100; Show Trophies/Ribbons (MVMHC), 100; Sponsorships, 50; Travel Expenses (MVMHC Demos), 300; Versatility Show, 2000; Uncategorized, 0

Total Expenses: \$6,620

2. The following calendar was created:

February 25, White Elephant Auction, Gardner Township Hall
March 24, MVMHC Morgan Horse Sale
April 1, Williamson's Driving Clinic with Stan Bodnar
May 12, Lewis and Clark Demonstration
June 23, Versatility at Heart of Illinois Arena
July 28, New Salem Demonstration
August 16, State Fair Luncheon
September 9, Demonstration at Brunk Museum
October 28, MVMHC Meeting at the Brunk Museum
November 11, Banquet
December ? Christmas Party
December 21, Scrapbook Meeting

3. Jeff Whiteman moved and Kathy Firch seconded that the following bylaw change be made. For Article 8, Section 5 the following sentence will be removed: "However, in the event that a quorum is not met, those members present shall continue to conduct any business as if a quorum was present." The motion passed unanimously.

4. Jeff Whiteman moved and Darlene Wise seconded that the following be included in the Bylaws under Article 4: "A

member of the Executive Committee of the MVMHC must attend at least five club meetings/events per year or the member will be removed from the board." The motion passed unanimously.

5. Jim Hallbauer moved and Eugene Mathes seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the MVMHC Meeting, January 27, 2007

1. Darlene Wise moved and Jim Hallbauer seconded that the minutes of the November meeting as published in the Tales be accepted. Motion passed.

2. Dave Williamson reported for the Treasurer that as of December 31, the club had taken in \$14,309.99 and spent \$11,105.91 for a balance of \$3,204.08. Carolyn Firch moved and Jim Hallbauer seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Motion passed.

3. Eugene Mathes moved and Jim Hallbauer seconded that the budget proposed by the Executive Committee be accepted. Motion passed.

4. The Publicity Secretary reported that 36 members had not renewed their memberships. Their names were read and people volunteered to contact them. Ways to increase membership were discussed.

5. The President appointed the following committees: **Caught-You-Being-Good or Atta-Boy Committee**, Chaired by Carolyn Hallbauer

The purpose of this committee is to look for members performing acts of kindness and reward them with a mention in Tales.

Learning Page Committee, Chaired by Kathy Firch

The purpose of this committee is to create a learning page for kids to be published in the Tales each month. An example would be to find the horse words in a set of letters.

Morgan Horse Promoter of the Year Committee, Chaired by Jim Hallbauer

The purpose of this committee is to select the club member who excelled at promoting the Morgan horse throughout the year.

Hall of Fame Committee, Chaired by Pam Wallace

The purpose of this committee is to select a club member(s) for induction into the MVMHC Hall of Fame at the November meeting.

50th Anniversary Committee, Chaired by Carolyn Firch

The purpose of this committee is to prepare for the celebration of the Club's 50th anniversary.

6. Possible speakers for the November meeting were discussed. A reigning demo by Dave Williamson was discussed.

7. Ellen Collins thanked the Club for the memorial to her father.

8. Darlene Wise moved and Eugene Mathes seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Passed.

Eugene Mathes, Secretary

Horses Needed for the Illinois Horse Fair

Horses are needed for the Morgan demo March 3-4. There will be stalls available for four horses, but if you will be participating in one of the equitation or other clinics you will also be welcome to join the demo. Needed are English, Western, Hunt Pleasure, halter, driving (pleasure, park or carriage) and other things like reining, jumping, leadline, sidesaddle or whatever you think might be appropriate. Stan Bodnar is in charge and you can call him at 815/568-7392 or e-mail at hooligan@mc.net. Please contact him as soon as possible as he refuses to beg this year.

Also, help is needed to man the MVMHC booth. If you can work for a couple of hours, please let Carolyn Firch know when (217/793-0723).

Planning on Breeding This Spring?

If your answer is yes, plan ahead. Reproduction facilities, stallion stations, and veterinarians are establishing new guidelines in response to EVA (Equine Viral Arteritis) outbreaks. These new guidelines vary—some will not accept mares at their facility if the mares have not been vaccinated. Others will not accept shipped semen from stallions unless they have recently tested negative for EVA and have been vaccinated. Some require the mares/stallions to be vaccinated a minimum of 30 days prior to the mare's arrival or shipment of the stallion's semen. The restrictions are being imposed by the facilities so the restrictions will vary from facility to facility and many facilities may not have any restrictions in place.

Get informed and plan ahead so your breeding program can stay on course!

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to MVMHC!

Anna Ehlen
23 Kemp Road #B
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Jim, Fay, Ebby and Audrey Lowry
Lowry Stables, Inc.
1522 County Road 100 East
Seymour, IL 61875

Dennis McEvoy
Southfork Farms Morgans
35 Forest Ridge
Springfield, IL 62712

Jeremy Wick
16995 Roosevelt St. Lot 3
Middletown, IA 52638

Midwest Charity Horse Show wins UPHA National Honor Show

The 65th Annual Midwest Charity Horse Show held in June 2006 won the prestigious United Professional Horseman's Association (UPHA) Honor Horse Show of the Year at their recent convention, Jan. 4-6, 2007. Midwest is a part of UPHA Chapter 10 and also won the Chapter 10 Honor Horse Show of the Year this year.

Last year's record-breaking show boasted an attendance of almost 700 horses from 26 states including California, Connecticut, Virginia, Florida, Oklahoma, Texas, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky and throughout Illinois. Midwest also has a superior line-up of show officials and had 27 vendors.

Midwest Charity is well known for its hospitality, striving to fulfill the needs of the trainers, exhibitors and spectators that attend the show as well as for the superior equestrian facilities of the Illinois State Fairgrounds. As tradition dictates the Midwest Charity Horse Show delights and entertains exhibitors with nightly parties, Tuesday-Friday nights, after the last class in the famous "Party Barn."

The 66th Midwest Charity Horse Show, June 12-16, 2007, held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds Coliseum runs five days with class sessions at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily and will feature a full line-up of classes for Morgans. Midwest also offers the UPHA Classic for Morgans in the pleasure driving, and park harness divisions.

Since 1988 the Midwest Charity Horse Show, an all-volunteer organization, has donated its annual proceeds to Camp COCO creating an endowment fund that has exceeded \$134,000. Thanks to its generous sponsors Midwest was able to donate \$10,000 to Camp COCO from the 2006 show.

For more information about the Midwest Charity Horse Show call Show Manager and President, Judy Kjellander at 217-793-0670. For more information about Camp COCO call 217-545-2955. Those who are online can log-on to www.midwestcharity.com to check for updates regarding the 2007 show.

MVMHC Membership Information

Memberships are good for the calendar year. Memberships paid after September 1 count for the next year.

Family memberships are \$20.00

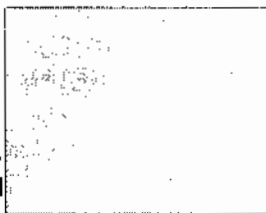
Individual memberships are \$15.00

Youth memberships are \$10.00

Memberships should be mailed to Kathy Firch, 6009 Old Salem Road, Springfield, IL 627011.

It's An Icy Mouthful

There are twenty members plus the new members, the Loony Bins of Springfield, and three horses in this month's Mouth which is ice coated and nearly (but not quite) frozen shut.



The Weather Channel crew worked hard over the MLK Jr weekend but also played hard by sledding on a cardboard box. That looked like more fun than the ice-skating most members were doing.

This is your call for horses for Horse Fair in March. We have someone to coordinate the demo, but he will NOT get down on his knees and beg people to bring horses.

He and one of his horses were having a nice talk outside when a second horse snuck up and bit his horse on the butt. The bitten horse swung to retaliate and he was between the two horses. He caught the left hook and got decked. His glasses are now in "mod" condition with the lens out and the frame mangled. His face looks like a losing prizefighter, between the cut and the huge shiner.

There is a new computer "wiz" in the Club. At the tender age of 85 she was given her first computer for Christmas and is still trying to figure out how to use it.

The club now has a bag lady as a member. She was seen hauling her bag through the office store. When she was done she had everything for the 2007 scrapbook, the covers for the directory and some assorted things for Tales. The savings totaled over \$11. She had 15 items, including a 5" notebook, a ream of paper and two boxes of sleeves packed into a paper "grocery" sack.

You know that you have driven into fame when your news video taken and shown during the 2006 Mid West Charity Horse Show is replayed at 5:06 PM on the ABC Channel 20 Evening News on January 9, 2007. Another member was interviewed.

By the time you read this, the Club will have delivered between 33-35 gallons of pop tops to the Ronald McDonald House in 2007. Two Club members dropped off a few gallons (28-30) on January 20th. Three more members gave us almost 3 gallons, wrapped as a Christmas gift, the first week in January and add the 2-3 gallons we missed taking in December.

You know your social life is in question when you spend a Saturday night having a laundry party at 11:30 PM. Actually, this was just one more reason to party. This same person is one LSC (love sick chick).

She went through the complex like Moses PARTING THE RED SEA with her comforter. Friends melted out of the halls and even gave up the jumbo washer so the pink

flamingoes could get their second bubble bath this year after they got decorated.

We have the first entry for the 2007 Photo Contest. From the board meeting who was seen kissing the wrong female during the meeting? He did it more than once while seated next to his wife. Actually there are six photos of him and this longhaired beauty named Lucy. When he got boring, Lucy proved fickle and "hit" on every other married man in the room. More than one man was threatened with "all your stuff will be out on the sidewalk when you get home". The ladies got into the act by bullying people, even if it was just their husband.

One member was asked how he got in to the house (the front door was locked as it kept blowing open). His answer "through the window!"

For once in a blue moon not every motion gets passed unanimously. The Board meeting got started once Miscellaneous got there, but every time Miscellaneous was mentioned he got a nay vote. By the end of the General meeting the question was what are we neighing about this time?

Plans are already underway for the 50th Anniversary Celebration in November 2008. One idea was to make it a formal affair with the ladies in tuxes and the guys - well you get the picture. That was "neighed" down.

There are a number of new committees being created and many of them will have certificates or citations being awarded this coming November. There was a discussion on certificates or citations until it was decided that citations come from the State Police and get thrown out while certificates are awards that are kept.

Speaking of the State Police, one member mentioned that she got a certificate from the ISP for crawling into a dumpster to retrieve a piece of evidence. She kept that piece of paper for a long time.

Some people don't read Tales too closely. More than one person tried to come on Sunday. For those of you who missed the Saturday meeting you may find yourself heading one of the new committees.

Finally this month there is a young lady who doesn't want to wear lipstick in the show ring as she thinks that it will stick her lips shut.

News from Gold D Morgans, Butler

We lost our beloved Kentview Fancy Free on January 16, 2007 due to an apparent heart attack. She was a wonderful mare and she will be deeply missed at our farm.

Frank & Bonnie Davis

For the Youth (and young at heart)

Each string of horse-related words belong in a unique category. Unscramble the letters to figure out the category!

Morgan, Thoroughbred, Arabian.....DREBES
Saddle, bridle, halter, harness.....ACTK
Stalls, loft, tack room, office.....BATESL
Corn, pellets, hay, oats.....EDESFL
Snaffle, curb, Pehlam.....SIBTL
Cow hocked, parrot mouth, pigeon toed.....TFEDEC
Wolf, incisors, canines.....HETET
Oxer, verticle, roll top.....SPUJM
Snip, sock, bald, blaze.....GRINSKAM
Ergot, stifle, fetlock, hock.....MAYOATN
Hackney, Shetland, POA.....SNEIOP
Net, electric, wood.....IFGENCN
For answers: Turn up-side-down and hold to a mirror!

Answers: Breedz, Tack, Stables, Feedz, Bits, Detectors, Tackz

FOR SALE: Funquest-Brunk bred stallion, Sangamo Falcon by the Brown Falcon by Flyhawk and Interpreting Excellence by Arboria Excellency. Five crosses to Flyhawk. 7 years old, 15 hands, dark brown, broke to ride and drive. Gentle disposition.

Warren Lawson and Nancy Bower
rfmorgan@adams.net
Ph. 217 656-3150

The First History Quiz

As we start counting down the time to our 50th Anniversary in November 2008 there will be a short history quiz each month. The answers will appear someplace in this issue. All answers for future questions will be found in the Directory, 40th Club History or Tales.

1. How many founding members attended the first meeting?
A) 15 B) 18 C) 20 D) 21 E) 22
 2. How many of the founding members are still alive?
A) 0 B) 2 C) 3 D) 5 E) 10
 3. Which has NOT been a site for the Versatility Show?
A) Logan County Fairgrounds B) Christian County Fairgrounds C) Carter's Lumber Company D) Big Creek Arena F) Sangamon County Fairgrounds
 4. Which is not a name of a MVMHC created/sponsored horse show?
A) Versatility B) Pleasure C) Jubilee National D) All-Morgan E) Youth
 5. How old is "Mouth"?
A) 55 B) 42 C) 31 D) 25 E) 23
- I C 5 D 3 E 4 D 2 D (ammonp A)

SALE BARN

Advertising Rates: Full page \$10, half page \$5, classified ads \$2 per column inch. Ads due by the 25th of each month. Send to do Kathy Firch, 6009 Old Salem Road, Springfield, IL 62711. Payment payable to do MVMHC must accompany ad.



MVMHC 17th Annual Morgan Horse Sale

March 24, 2007

Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL

Tack - 8:30 a.m. Horses - 1:30 p.m.

Catalog consignment deadline
February 16, 2007

Contacts: Horse consignments
Brenda Whiteman 309-647-1818 (evenings or leave message) or
wccmorgan@yahoo.com

Sale information:
Darlene Wise 217-24301298 (evenings) or dswise@webnet.net
Melissa Mathes 309-776-4172 (evening)
or see the website www.mvmhc.org