



ONE COMMON BOND—THE HORSE; ONE COMMON VOICE— MARYLAND HORSE COUNCIL

MHC UPDATE

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Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors* May 15, 2007 • Show Place Arena • Prince George's Equestrian Center

Officers, Staff & Directors* Present

President: Mike Erskine
Vice President: Jane Seigler
Treasurer: Keith Wills
Secretary: Crystal Kimball
Administrator: Vanessa Finney
Breland, Monica – Potomac Hunt Club
Burk, Amy – Director at Large, Individual Members
Buschling, Darryll Ann – Director at Large, Youth
Christensen, Terry – MD State Quarter Horse Assn.
Herman, Royce – Tuckahoe Equestrian Center
Hilleary, Felicia – Maryland Standardbred Breeders Assn.
Huffman, Priscilla – TROT - Trail Riders of Today
Raymond, Beverly A. – Director at Large
Rochelle, Mardee – Potomac Valley Dressage Association
Sasscer, Patty – MD Assoc. of Wildlife Conservation
Troutman, Dorothy – Maryland Equestrian Foundation/ Rosaryville Conservancy
Warley, Guillermo – New Market-Middletown Valley Hounds
Yewell, Elizabeth – Prince George's Equestrian Center

Directors* Absent

Bricker, Christine – Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Inc.
Clagett, Christy – Marlborough Hounds
Colgan, Charlie – Fair Hill International Inc.
Corcoran, Ann – The Ranger Foundation Inc.
No Rep – Howard County-Iron Bridge Hounds
Dobson, Kathy – League of Maryland Horsemen
Everly, Carrie – Maryland Jockey Club
Goodall, Cricket – Maryland Horse Breeders Assn.
Hamilton, Holly – Goshen Hounds
Harrington, Jacqueline – Maryland 4-H Foundation
Hill, Doreen
Jennings, Michelle – Director at Large, Businesses
McDonald, Jim – Graham Equestrian Center Inc.
Miller, Gayle – Plantation Walking Horses of Maryland
Mobberley, Gretchen – Director at Large, Farms
Noble-Strong, Deloise – Maryland Horse Shows Assn.
O'Hara, Vicki – Director at Large, Individuals
Pittman, Stuart – Director at Large, Farms
Ratcliff, Nicky – Humane Society of Carroll County

Roberts, Sharon – Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Assn.
Rollins Frank, Debbie – Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation Inc.
Schwartz, Kathleen – Days End Farm Horse Rescue Inc.
Steele, Mary Anne – Howard County Horse Shows Assn.
Streaker, Tim – Maryland Farriers Assn.
Strohmaier, Judy – Maryland Combined Training Association
Turner, David – Mid-Atlantic Saddlebred Assn.

Don't Miss This One! Maryland Horse Council Meeting! Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. Meet & Greet Reception

Frederick County Fairgrounds
Open to all members of MHC
and the general public

For directions, please visit:
<http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com/2007/Eventplex/directions.htm>
For more information, visit
mdhorsecouncil.org
or contact secretary@mdhorsecouncil.org

Webb, Susie – Washington International Horse Show
Wilterdink, Margaret – Maryland Dressage Association
Wood, Cindy – Wicomico Hunt
No Rep – Elkridge-Harford Hunt
Zentgraf, Joseph – Carroll County Equestrian Council

What Did You Miss?

- status of Maryland Horse Park concept
- status of Naval Dairy Farm and the intentions of Anne Arundel County officials
- liability legislation and tort reform
- necropsy fees and carcass disposal
- attempts by the state to tax pony rides; potential to tax lesson stables
- wonderful reception provided by PGEC, Show Place Arena

**About the MHC Board of Directors*

Every association that is a member of the MHC is entitled to one representative to serve on the MHC Board of Directors. That individual represents his or her association's point of view on critical legislative and regulatory matters. Associations are encouraged to send alternates when the regular representative is unavailable to attend the quarterly meetings.

Attention Trail Groups and Hunt Clubs: Assistance for Trails

The Community Assistance Arm of the National Park Service (NPS) is accepting applications for assistance through August 1, 2007. The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program works collaboratively, by invitation, with partners on a wide variety of conservation and recreation projects. These partners include nonprofit organizations, community groups, and local, state, or federal government agencies. While not a grant program, RTCA helps carry out the natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation mission of the National Park Service in communities across America by providing a wide variety of technical assistance.

Through the RTCA, the National Park Service helps local groups plan and develop new trails, greenways and open spaces that help protect natural resources, are close to home, and encourage regular physical activity.

The NPS National Capital Region Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program may be able to help your organization. Comprehensive RTCA program information and a variety of useful river, trail and conservation resources can be found at www.nps.gov/RTCA. Please contact Chris Niewold if you have any questions or would like to set up a consultation visit: 202-619-7195 or 202-345-7520.

Maryland Horse Council membership is open to all associations, farms, businesses and individuals.

To join, please visit mdhorsecouncil.org, contact secretary@mdhorsecouncil.org or call 410-489-7826 and request a membership form.

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Trails & Greenways Committee Spring 2007 Meeting & Invitational Ride

On April 18, over 50 equestrians filled the clubhouse at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center (TEC) for the combined TEC meeting and the Maryland Horse Council Trails & Greenways Spring Meeting. After a brief TEC general membership meeting, Peggy Bree gave an overview of the Trails and Greenways Committee and invited the various clubs that attended to share information about their organizations.

Trails & Greenways Committee Overview

Peggy Bree explained that the Trails & Greenways Committee is devoted to creating a networking environment whereby groups, citizens, and concerned individuals can organize and share information in a manner that supplies the necessary information but does not overburden anyone's e-mail list. Peggy said that we are losing trails and open riding spaces at an alarming rate, and once we know of a plan to develop or remove trail areas, it is too late to organize and save our trails.

Peggy invited all trail riders to become part of the network by joining Maryland Trail Riders on-line at MarylandTrailRiders@yahoo.com. People can also read and post messages on the web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MarylandTrailRiders/>.

Representatives from the following associations attended the meeting and/or ride.

- Tuckahoe Equestrian Center
- League of Maryland Horsemen
- Trail Riders of Today (TROT)
- Fair Hill Mounted Patrol
- Tuckahoe City Regulators
- First State Coon Hunters
- Delaware Dusty Boots
- Eastern Shore Jousting Assn.
- Delmarva Driving Club
- Delaware Quarter Horse Association
- American Mustang & Burro Association

After presentations from the above groups, the room buzzed with energy while everyone networked, shared information, and made plans for a fun-filled year of trail riding. The Fall Meeting of the Maryland Horse Council Trails & Greenways Committee will be held on

October 3 at the League of Maryland Horsemen in Marriottsville. Information and directions will be posted on the Maryland Trail Riders message board at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MarylandTrailRiders/>.

For a full set of minutes, contact Co-Chairman Peggy Bree at 410-224-8804 or visit mdhorsecouncil.org.

'WOW' Was the Word **-Joyce Bell, Tuckahoe Equestrian Center**

Every time we heard the word "wow," it made all the work to put on our first Invitational Ride even more worthwhile. And there were a lot of "wows"! Sixty-one registrants from around the state joined us, including nearly the entire Board of Directors of the Southern Maryland Trail Riders Association as well as many veteran campers from the League of Maryland Horsemen. Everyone expressed delight with Tuckahoe Equestrian Center, the picturesque trails, and of course the sunny, 60-degree weather. Several riders were awed by the sight of an eagle, others with fish swimming between their horses' legs, the turtles on so many logs in the river, or the wildflowers carpeting the forest floor.

The clinics were fun and informative. Vern Blume's excellent reining demo and clinic provided hands-on help applicable to any riding discipline. Likewise Karen Mack's drill. Donnie Sherwood must have walked off 15 pounds as he continually set up the jousting rings (spearing a 1" ring at a full gallop seems inconceivable -- the 2" rings were plenty hard enough!) The polo was fun to watch and even more fun to try out.

A highlight of the weekend was the food. Dave Dinkle not only planned the dinner (pork barbeque, fried chicken cooked by John and Becky Lofland, mac & cheese, scalloped apples, slaw, veggie medley, fruit, iced tea) but managed to get it all donated. Along with an assortment of desserts, it made "a meal fit for the White House," according to one guest. Stan and Gail Schmidt's breakfast menu was no less scrumptious: pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled

eggs, fruit, plenty of strong coffee and juice.

Heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers (you know who you are), but especially to Peggy Bree for her inspiration and insight.

**WISH YOU'D BEEN THERE?
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!
October 12-14, 2007
MHC Trails & Greenways Committee Fall
2007 Meeting and Invitational Ride
League of Maryland Horsemen
Marriottsville, Patapsco State Park
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