



## President's Letter

Jane Seigler



This is my second "Annual Report" letter as President of MHC. I continue to be amazed and impressed by how far this great organization has come, and how much

we Maryland equestrians, working together as a united interest group, have accomplished.

The MHC Annual Membership Meeting is coming up on **Tuesday, November 18**, at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. Once again, it will be preceded by a fabulous behind the scenes tour of the Capitol. The Statehouse in Annapolis is the oldest state capitol in the US still in continuous legislative use and is the only state house to have ever served as the nation's capitol - see more details about the meeting and tour elsewhere in this issue. Scheduled as activities related to the start of the State Legislative Session begin to crank up, this is the meeting where our members gather to consider their role in one of our core missions: making our voices heard in the legislative process. Traditionally, the November meeting is our Annual Membership Meeting, so this is also the meeting where we review our progress and accomplishments in the year since our last Annual Meeting. At this meeting, we will also be releasing the Final 2014 Maryland Horse Forum Report.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Equiery you can read detailed accounts of some of our most significant activities; here is a summary of what we've been up to - quite a bit!

This year was the occasion for the third Maryland Horse Forum, a once-every-five-years event when Marylanders from all walks of equestrian life gather to assess past accomplishments, identify future challenges and target needed initiatives. This year, the Forum was co-hosted by MHC and the Maryland Horse Industry Board. Past Forums, which took place in 2004 and 2009, produced some great ideas, many of which turned into solid actions that improved the industry state-wide. The 2014 Forum was attended by almost 400 horse, farm and business owners, and representatives of equestrian interest organizations, plus legislators and other State officials, who gathered to discuss issues related to the following: industry marketing; business and regulatory issues; farm stewardship, public lands, parks and trails; and breeding horses in Maryland and coping with surplus horses. The Final Forum Report will be released at our Quarterly meeting on November 18, and the Horse Council will use that report to develop an action plan for recommended initiatives.

The signature social event of the year is the Annual MHC BBQ. This was our 8th annual BBQ, and this event has truly been getting bigger and better every year. Held at the

Capital Polo Club's beautiful polo grounds in Poolesville, the BBQ was a huge success. You can read more details and see fabulous pictures elsewhere in this issue. We are already working on next year's BBQ. Stay tuned for great things!

MHC played a special role in one fun and truly unique event - the 200th anniversary of when the Town of Brookeville was US Capital for a day. While the British burned Washington during the War of 1812, President Madison, other government officials, the Senate papers and all the money from the Washington banks, along with most of the residents of what was then the City of Washington and Georgetown decamped to Brookeville for one day, before a huge storm extinguished the flames, the British army moved on toward Baltimore, and the President returned to Washington. The Brookeville re-enactment of these events was a spectacular show, attended by an estimated 10,000 spectators. MHC assisted in coordinating the logistics of 20 mounted "dragoons," plus "refugee" re-enactors on horseback and in wagons. It was a spectacular success, blessed with great weather. You can see pictures elsewhere in this report.

We also enjoyed two fabulous nights of harness racing at Rosecroft Raceway, in November and April.

That may seem like a lot for our all volunteer organization to have accomplished in one year - but wait, there's more!

### Membership

We have continued to grow our membership, but there is still a lot of room for more growth. As we “dialogue” with our elected representatives and regulators, there is strength in numbers. Even if you belong to a club or association that is a member of MHC, we need your individual membership now! See elsewhere in this issue for our membership application, or go online to mdhorsecouncil.org. We offer 3- and 5- year discounted prepaid memberships, in addition to the 1 year and lifetime options. And if you join as an individual member, you can earn cash rebates for your member organization - contact admin@mdhorsecouncil.org for more info.

	2012	2013	2014
<b>Association</b>	26	40	42
<b>Business</b>	62	67	64
<b>Farm</b>	96	101	85
<b>Charity/Foundation</b>	n/a	9	13
<b>Individual</b>	122	178	195
<b>Youth</b>	4	3	4
	310	398	403

### Meeting Attendance

Our Quarterly Board of Directors meetings typically draw 75 - 100 Directors and guests.

This is a good place to discuss a little Horse Council 101: The Horse Council is an all volunteer organization, assisted in its work by contract with an outside administrative firm (Mythic Landing Enterprises). The MHC membership consists of associations (e.g., breed, interest and discipline groups, clubs, etc.), farms, businesses, charities/foundations, youth, and individuals. The policy of the Horse Council is set by its Board of Directors, which meets four times a year in January, May, August and November. The Board of Directors is formed as follows: each association that is a member designates a representative to sit on the Board; in addition, farm, business, charity/foundation and individual membership categories each elect directors-at-large to represent their membership category (1 director-at-large for every 25 or fewer members in each category). The policy decisions of the Board, and the day to day business of the organization, are overseen by the Executive Committee: the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five additional members, elected by the Board. The Executive Committee meets monthly on the last Tuesday of the month.

### Committee Reports

Our Legislative, Business Network, and Farm Stewardship, Racing, Trails and Greenways and County Issues committees, as well as our PAC, and our off-shoot the Maryland Fund for Horses have also been hard at work. Read more about their achievements elsewhere in this issue.

### Bylaws

No new amendments were adopted this year.

### Administration

Just prior to the start of the last legislative session, the Horse Council entered into a lobbying agreement with Frank D. Boston III, Esq., to assist us with our lobbying efforts in Annapolis. Mr. Boston’s assistance has been invaluable, and we hope to continue his support going forward.

### American Horse Council/Coalition of State Horse Councils

MHC has continued its membership in, and active involvement with, the American Horse Council and the affiliated Coalition of State Horse Councils (CSHC). MHC member and Maryland Fund for Horses chairwoman Vicki Carson continues to be our liaison with CSHC.

## **Farm Bureau**

MHC has continued its membership in, and involvement with, the Maryland Farm Bureau. Our Legislative committee works closely with the Farm Bureau on many issues, including deer herd management strategies.

## **Maryland Horse Industry Board**

MHC has one formal representative (currently Dorothy Troutman) on the Maryland Horse Industry Board, but a majority of the MHIB board members are also active members of the MHC. Funding for MHIB has been a major MHC legislative priority in past years and will continue to be in the future as MHIB pursues our common vision of promoting the horse industry to the public in Maryland. Our November meeting will be joint meeting with MHIB. Mark your calendars - Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Miller Senate Office Building, Annapolis, MD

# **Legislative and Regulatory Committee**

## **Steuart Pittman**

The MHC Legislative Committee had a big year. With Frank Boston as lobbyist we hit the ground running during the General Assembly with weekly conference calls to review all bills that might affect our members. Working from a list of 70 bills we chose to monitor, support, or oppose each with or without testimony.

We supported the bill to prevent sunset of the legislation that created our Maryland Horse Industry Board. We wrote testimony in support of a bill to allow harness racing purse funds to support the organizations representing the industry. We opposed legislation increasing liability for owners of loose dogs. We backed up our friends at Farm Bureau extending the range of farm-use licensed vehicles and requiring economic analysis of the impact of changes to nutrient management regulations. We testified alongside Chesapeake Bay Foundation in support of a bill that would encourage establishment of composting facilities. We wrote to oppose a budget proposal that would have redirected Program Open Space and Maryland Ag Land Preservation funds to other uses.

It was our campaign against a plethora of Sunday hunting bills, however, that put the Maryland Horse Council on the map as a powerful legislative player. We killed all of the statewide

Sunday hunting bills and three county bills: Anne Arundel, Calvert, and Harford. We unfortunately lost the battle in the western counties of Frederick, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett, but did force DNR to comply with state law by seeking public comment before adding the authorized Sundays.

Our primary opponent in the campaign to preserve Safe Sundays was DNR itself. Despite the fact that its own 2009-2018 White-Tailed Deer Plan did not recommend Sunday hunting as a population control method, and even included a public opinion survey showing that both landowners and the public oppose it, DNR actively lobbied in support of Sunday hunting bills with very little backing from deer hunters themselves. The hunters are now mobilizing for the 2015 session and publicly saying that their goal is to be as well-organized, well-funded, and well-represented in Annapolis as the Maryland Horse Council.

While MHC opposes the expansion of Sunday hunting, its members are as eager to reduce crop damage from deer as any other sector of agriculture. Maryland Farm Bureau and MHC are working together on a package of proposals to encourage a larger harvest of does to reduce the deer herd.

On the regulatory front MHC filed

comments on proposed manure composting regulations and on an MDE regulation relating to erosion and sediment control plans and stormwater management plans for agricultural structures.

All candidates for state office received questionnaires from Maryland Horse Council in July asking for their views on issues of concern to our members. The responses were used by the Board of Directors in its process of selecting candidates for endorsement and by the Horse Council PAC in its fund disbursements. We believe that these questionnaires served to educate candidates as well as to inform our members.

The legislative committee made awards to four legislators: Senate President Mike Miller, Speaker Mike Busch, Senator Joan Carter Conway, and Senator Roy Dyson. All four attended MHC events to receive their awards. Additional legislators joined us at quarterly meetings, at our tour of the Maryland Horse World Expo, at our Barbecue, and at the Maryland Horse Forum co-hosted with Maryland Horse Industry Board.

MHC polled its members and attendees at the Maryland Horse Forum about legislative issues that the committee has been monitoring. The results will provide us with a guide to prioritize efforts in 2015.

# Horse Council Political Action Committee

## Win Hayward

The Horse Council PAC was authorized by the Maryland Horse Council (MHC) Board and created in 2011. It is registered with the State Board of Elections and as a PAC is affiliated with the MHC.

The idea of a PAC for the MHC came out of the 2009 Horse Industry Forum. Working in concert with the Legislative and Executive Committees of the MHC, the PAC provides another means to demonstrate the strength and unity of the Maryland horse industry to Maryland elected officials.

2014 has been a year of growth for the PAC. Thanks to the generosity and determination of

horse industry members, in 2014 the PAC has raised more money (nearly \$1500) and had the highest level of funds (nearly \$3000) in its history. The activity side is superlative as well: in 2014 the PAC has made transfers (the technical term for PAC donations) of \$5200 to 23 different candidates for public office.

Of major importance has been the coordination between the PAC and the MHC Board in the run-up to the 2014 Fall elections. In August, the MHC Board voted to publicly endorse 15 candidates for office (you can see the list on the MHC web-site). The PAC was able to reinforce the impact of

the endorsements with financial transfers, as well as provide transfers to selected candidates who did not get endorsed but who are nevertheless influential to legislative issues important to the MHC. Included in the totals are transfers to the two major candidates for Governor, another first for 2014.

Organizationally the PAC continued to evolve per the by-laws. Stuart Pittman enjoyed his first full year as Chair, and Win Hayward was appointed to a new 2-year term as Treasurer. The other PAC Board members are: Christy Clagett, Royce Herman, Jane Seigler, and Crystal Kimball.

# Farm Stewardship Committee

## Jane Thery

MHC's Farm Stewardship Committee is only a few years old, yet it has already made a huge mark on Maryland's equestrian "green" landscape. In the past year, the Farm Stewardship Committee held quarterly meetings with high-level participation and speakers from government agencies, advocacy groups, and businesses on such issues as: environmental legislation, farm stewardship certification, composting, stream buffer strips, energy efficiency and sustainability, native plants, wildlife habitat and pollinators. These meetings received sponsorship support for hosting and refreshments from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Persimmon Tree Farm, the Potomac Hunt Club, Piedmont Insurance, SolarCity, Brooke Grove Farm and R.D Bowman. We further enhanced

our outreach on farm stewardship issues by posting about three entries per month on the MHC Farm Stewardship Blog, with important news and information.

The Farm Stewardship Committee has made it a priority to promote the certification of horse farms within the Soil Conservation District's Farm Stewardship Certification and Assessment Program (FS-CAP). In just two years, 20 horse farms were inducted into this voluntary program, which rewards and recognizes outstanding farm stewardship and management - far exceeding our initial goal!

Another major initiative of the Farm Stewardship Committee is the gathering of information necessary to explore ways to make manure management more

effective, environmentally sound and economically feasible, including development of a possible marketable end product. To that end, with a grant from the Maryland Department of Agriculture Horse Industry Board, we conducted a survey of horse farms and service providers on all issues related to managing, composting, transporting and re-using horse manure. Results of this study will be available in January. We also submitted comments on proposed Maryland Department of the Environment regulations for composting facilities.

Finally, we moderated the 2014 Horse Forum "Going Green: Farm Stewardship" Session and drafted the session report for the final 2014 Horse Forum Report.

# Trails and Greenways Committee

**Ron MacNab**

## **Study of Patuxent State Park trails**

The Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) contracted with Applied Trails Research in May, 2014 to assess the recreational trail system in the northern portion of Patuxent River State Park. MORE had previously approached Maryland Park Service/Department of Natural Resources about expanding mountain bike opportunities in this portion of the Park. The Maryland Park Service felt it could not immediately consider the request due to the current lack of a trail inventory and assessment of current trail conditions. The study was completed in August 2014 and the report submitted in September 2014.

The report found that the existing network of trails, developed by users over many years, does not meet modern standards for a sustainable public trail system. The recommendation was that a new trail system be built using the current standards and many of the existing trails closed. Development will take time and money. Although much of the labor to build the trails will be done by volunteers, bridges and parking lots will be costly. Development costs for the project are not in the Maryland Parks budget. If the project is approved, funding will need to come from private user groups, donations and grants.

## **Frederick Watershed**

Frederick Parks has organized an advisory committee to provide assistance and advice in maintaining sustainable trail system in the Frederick Watershed. The committee is made up of representatives from user groups that frequent the trails.

## **Catoctin Mountain State Park trails**

Catoctin State Park trails have been greatly improved thanks to the work of volunteers. Throughout the spring and summer volunteers have participated in trail work days. Trails which had become overgrown are now in excellent shape.

## **Sunday Hunting**

Sunday hunting remains a problem for trail riders and everyone else who wants to enjoy our parks and forests during the winter months. Governor Glendening vetoed a Sunday hunting bill in 2002, stating the citizens should have one weekend day in which they can safely enjoy the outdoors. Since then the hunting faction and DNR have been working successfully to add counties that permit Sunday hunting. Currently only the highly populated counties of central Maryland restrict Sunday Hunting.

The Maryland Horse Council working with lobbyist, Frank Boston, is seeking to reverse the trend. Hunting season could be extended in exchange for Sundays being return to the general public.

## **Camping at Little Bennett**

M-MNCPPC built two equestrian campsites along the wood line at the rear of the Prescott Road parking lot. This is a pilot program. More sites are possible if demand warrants it. The lovely grass sites provide parking for truck and trailer, fire ring, picnic table and room for portable corrals. Water and port-a-pots are available at the entrance to the parking lot, hot showers and toilet facilities are available at the main campground a few miles away. Fee is \$25 per night. As of this writing,

the sites have not been added to the computer system but should be available soon.

## **Agriculture History Farm Park**

M-MNCPPC has completed refurbishing the trail leading to Route 108. Four new bridges have been added to trails eliminating muddy stream crossings on sanctioned trails.

## **PEPCO/Exelon Merger**

The proposed sale of PEPCO to Exelon may open the door to public access to some of Exelon's right of ways. The Maryland Horse Council has joined Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts, Inc., Trail Riders of Today, Inc., Potomac Bridle and Hiking Trail Association, Inc., Equestrian Partners in Conservation, Inc.; Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, Inc., Montgomery County Road Runners Association, Inc., The American Hiking Society and the International Mountain Bicycling Association, Inc. in a petition to intervene in the PEPCO/Exelon merger proceeding currently before the Maryland Public Service Commission. Exelon has permitted some public use of its right of ways in other of its holdings.



# Business Network Committee

## Crystal Kimball

The MHC Business Networking Committee had an interesting year. It kicked off with an exclusive lunch (hosted by The Equiry) for MHC Business, Farm and Charity members at Horse World Expo, during which MHC members were able to meet and chat with the headline speakers for the day's Business Seminars. Guest speakers included John A. Blackburn, AIA, President & Senior Principal of Blackburn Architects, P.C.; Daniel Glick, Principal & Founder of B&D Builders (also an MHC sponsor); and Todd C. Gralla, SDA, Principal / Director of Equestrian Services of Populous, designer of the equestrian facilities for the 2012 Olympic Games. These three were the keynote panelists for "Designing your Barn & Farm." Lunch was followed by seminar sessions on Finding, Managing & Keeping GREAT Employees; Major Horse Health Care Costs & Your Business – You DO Have Options; Business Marketing: Leveraging Social Media Marketing for your Horse Business, concluding with how to create a professional portfolio of photos.

In the spring, we were pleased to welcome Keith Wills, Commercial Loan Officer for Farm Credit (also a sponsor for MHC) and Patrick Shurney, Senior Vice President for Sandy Spring Bank, with tips and advice on How To Get A Loan For Your Equine-Related Business. Lunch again was hosted by The Equiry.

In the summer, our attention turned to the 3rd Maryland Horse Forum. Held every 5 years, the Forum is an opportunity for all industry stakeholders to voice their opinions and concern about the industry. Each Forum has had a track specifically for the business of the horse industry, with this year's focus on insurance, liability, labor and workers' compensation.

During these sessions we learned

that the owners of Maryland equine-related businesses are still concerned with protecting horse businesses from the threat of litigation due to the unpredictability of horses themselves, and the unavoidable dangers of the farms or stables in which they are kept. Many equine businesses cannot afford the cost of a prolonged court case, or even the high cost of insurance for simply protecting their investments from unexpected (catastrophic) loss. Additionally, the ever escalating costs for workers comp, even when there have been no claims, is a particular burr under the saddle of the owners of Maryland horse businesses. The MHC Business Networking Committee had several "take aways" from these sessions, including:

- Continuing to Study the risks associated with instituting a special interest Equine Limited Liability statute, and the risk that such a law might result in unfavorable changes to the existing standards of negligence.
- Encouraging horse businesses to implement measures to protect their operations, including the use of signs, waivers, legal agreements and other business documents.
- Measures should be taken by the industry to reduce insurance rates, including but not limited to formulating uniform best practice standards and adopting them.
- Work with the Maryland Insurance Administration and with various private insurers towards making workers' compensation insurance more accurately reflect the risks associated with various equine businesses, and the historical lack of claims.

In September, a delegation from the MHC Business Networking Committee (chairs Jane Seigler and

Crystal Kimball and several members of the committee) met with officials from the Maryland Insurance Administration on the high costs of workers' compensation and what – if anything – can be done about that. The results of that meeting will be reported in a Business Networking Session in early 2014.

For November, we are tackling the thorny topic of Obamacare and Small Business, right when open enrollment begins for individuals in healthcare.org. By the time the general membership meets on the evening of November 18, we hope to have resolved some of the questions facing some owners of small businesses. For this discussion, we are very grateful to have Michele Eberle, Acting Director of Plan & Partner Management from the Governor's Office of Health Care Reform.

We have an exciting line-up of Business Networking Sessions for 2015.

In January, MHC Business and Farm Members will once again be invited to an exclusive pre-Expo lunch on Friday, Jan 16.

Our February network meeting will delve into labor and employment issues, covering such topics as Finding, Managing & Keeping GREAT Employees. Workers' Compensation – It's Killing My Business! Tips for saving money. When is a contract worker NOT a contract[or] worker (and how you could be fined), and Fair Labor Standards Act & Ag Exemptions.

We are also going to host a two or three-part series in conjunction with the American Equestrian Trade Association called "Maryland Made – Sold Worldwide! How to get your great product or idea developed, manufactured & distributed!"

# **MHC: Who We Are**

## **Welcome to NEW Maryland Horse Council Members**

The Maryland Horse Council would like to welcome the following individuals, farms, businesses, charities and foundations, and associations who have joined since the beginning of 2014.

Thomas Booker  
Donna Bottner  
Donna Bourquiiin  
Juanita Breland, Comus Sky Farm  
Gayle Conard, Three Generations Farm  
Renee & Pat Dixon, Freedom Hills  
Therapeutic Riding  
Peter Drury  
Carlene Eaton, Enchanted Haven  
Horse Rescue/  
Jewels Landing Farm  
Mark and Savannah English, Patuxent  
Run Stables  
Kathy Farley, Lost Diamond Farm, LLC

Robin Ficker  
Alison Fold  
Lori Geis  
Shelley Hopkins  
Bill Hopkinson  
John Husman  
Ellen James  
Karen Kraushaar, Simple Gift Farm  
Cheryl Lancaster  
Alexandra Ledbetter  
Krista Liller  
Richard Malmgren  
Carl Maus  
Stephanie Maus

Ray McKelvy  
Alyce McKelvy  
Joseph Michael, Whistling Hill  
Debra Nissen, New World Stables, LLC  
Karen Ortner  
Teresa Reilly  
Pam Saul, Farm and Equine Business  
Services, LLC  
Mary Lou Savage  
Betsy Smith, Hall's Choice Farm  
Katie Turner  
Lisa Watts  
Elmer Zook, Quality Buildings, LLC

## **Maryland Horse Council Association Members**

The MHC represents 30,000 Maryland horse people from individuals, farms, businesses, charities and foundations, and the following associations:

Beverlys Hill  
Carroll County Equestrian Council  
Carrollton Hounds  
Chesapeake Plantation Walking Horse  
Club  
Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners  
Association  
Days End Farm Horse Rescue  
Equine Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc.  
Fair Hill International, Inc.  
Frederick County Equine Alliance  
Freedom Hill Horse Rescue  
Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding  
Goshen Hounds  
Howard County Farm Bureau, Inc.  
Howard County Horse Shows Association  
Howard County Iron Bridge Hounds

Humane Society of Carroll County  
League of Maryland Horsemen  
Marlborough Hunt Club  
Maryland 4-H Program  
Maryland Association for Wildlife  
Conservation (MAWC)  
Maryland Association of Equine Prac-  
titioners  
Maryland Combined Training Association  
Maryland Draft Horse & Mule Association  
Maryland Equestrian Club  
Maryland Equestrian Foundation/  
Rosaryville Conservancy  
Maryland Farriers Association  
Maryland Horse Breeders Association  
Maryland Horse Shows Association  
Maryland Jockey Club

Maryland State Quarter Horse Asso-  
ciation  
Maryland Steeplechase Association  
Mid-Atlantic Saddlebred Association  
My Ladys Manor Driving Club  
New Market Middletown Valley  
Hounds  
Plantation Walking Horse Club of  
Maryland  
Potomac Hunt Club  
Preserve Harness Racing at Rosecroft  
The Humane Society of the U.S.  
TROT - Trail Riders of Today  
Tuckahoe Equestrian Center  
Washington International Horse Show  
Wicomico Hunt Club

## **Maryland Horse Council Meeting**

Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Miller Senate Office Building • 11 Bladen St, Annapolis, MD 21041

4pm: Legislative tour

6pm: Reception

7pm: Meeting – all are welcomed!

Tentative Agenda: Outlook for upcoming legislative session in Annapolis 2014 Maryland Horse Forum Report  
2014 Maryland Horse Forum Report

For more information, or to join MHC, please visit  
[www.mdhorsecouncil.org](http://www.mdhorsecouncil.org).

# 8th Annual BBQ: Polo Anyone?

Valerie Ormond

One of the strengths of the Maryland Horse Council (MHC) is its diverse membership reaching across all breeds and disciplines, providing members and guests the opportunity to learn more about other aspects of the horse industry. On September 13th, Capitol Polo Club hosted the MHC's 8th Annual Barbeque at the picturesque Capitol Polo Club grounds in Poolesville, and polo was the equine focus of the day. Highlights of the day included a fast-paced match between two Capitol Polo Club teams, an Argentine Asado barbeque meal, music by Hot Buttered Nuggets, featuring MHC members Art and Nancy Lisi, and a "celebrity" polo match between Maryland Horse Council members.

MHC member Neil Agate, also a member of Capitol Polo Club, coordinated the polo-related activities and served as emcee

for the day, explaining the sport to over 200 members and guests in attendance. The Maryland Horse Council Cup, sponsored by Donatelli Veterinary Services and Chesapeake Corporate Advisors, entertained the crowd with a high-scoring match, galloping horses, swinging mallets, and plenty of heart-pounding action.

The Capitol Polo Academy graciously loaned their superb polo ponies to the "celebrity" teams for the half-time show, also known as the Horse Council Community Polo Challenge. Maryland Horse Trails @ Loch Moy (Carolyn MacIntosh) and State Farm Insurance (MHC Treasurer Dale Clabaugh) sponsored the two teams in this match, which ended in a 2-0 victory for Team Maryland Horse Trials @ Loch Moy over Team State Farm Insurance. The Polo Challenge included MHC officers, Executive Committee

members, Association representatives, and a representative from MHC's youth membership category.

Besides MHC's barbeque being its signature annual social event, it is also a means to raise funds for priority projects. This year, MHC offered sponsorship opportunities for the polo teams, barbeque sponsorships, and special ticket packages. Additionally, over 30 donated silent auction items and a 50/50 raffle earned funds for the organization.

A huge thank you goes out to Neil Agate and Capitol Polo Club for such a successful event this year. If anyone is interested in hosting the MHC annual barbeque in the future, please contact MHC's Association Manager, Margaret Rizzo McKelvy at [admin@mdhorsecouncil.org](mailto:admin@mdhorsecouncil.org).



## **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee is comprised of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and five Directors elected by the Board. The Executive Committee executes the business, policy and priorities established by the Board, and in the course thereof has authority to exercise all the powers and duties of the Board, not specifically reserved to the Board by the By-laws. A written report on Executive Committee meetings is available to all the Directors. The Executive Committee may appoint additional non-voting, advisory members from time to time in its discretion.



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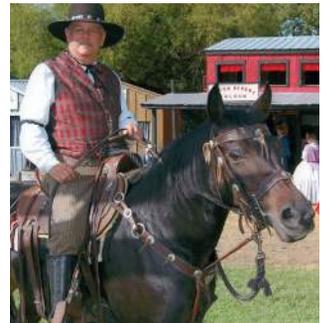


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ASSETS				Jun 30, 14	Jun 30, 13	\$ Change	% Change
	Current Assets						
		Checking/Savings					
			M&T Checking	28,439.05	27,237.93	1,201.12	4.41%
			M&T Savings				
			Lobbying Fund	2,060.56	2,060.56	0.00	0.0%
			Restricted Cash	15,463.02	6,443.00	9,020.02	140.0%
			M&T Savings - Other	2,797.99	2,027.68	770.31	37.99%
			<b>Total M&amp;T Savings</b>	<b>20,321.57</b>	<b>10,531.24</b>	<b>9,790.33</b>	<b>92.97%</b>
		<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>		<b>48,760.62</b>	<b>37,769.17</b>	<b>10,991.45</b>	<b>29.1%</b>
		Accounts Receivable					
			Accounts receivable	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	100.0%
		<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>		<b>2,400.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
		Other Current Assets					
			Undeposited Funds	0.00	505.00	-505.00	
		<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>-505.00</b>	
	<b>Total Current Assets</b>			<b>51,160.62</b>	<b>38,274.17</b>	<b>12,886.45</b>	<b>33.67%</b>
	Other Assets						
		CD 13 Month		0.00	6,160.06	-6,160.06	
	<b>Total Other Assets</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,160.06</b>	<b>-6,160.06</b>	
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>51,160.62</b>	<b>44,434.23</b>	<b>6,726.39</b>	<b>15.14%</b>
	LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
	Liabilities						
		Current Liabilities					
			Other Current Liabilities				
			Pre-Paid Fees	10,003.34	1,743.32	8,260.02	473.81%
			<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>10,003.34</b>	<b>1,743.32</b>	<b>8,260.02</b>	<b>473.81%</b>
		<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>10,003.34</b>	<b>1,743.32</b>	<b>8,260.02</b>	<b>473.81%</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>			<b>10,003.34</b>	<b>1,743.32</b>	<b>8,260.02</b>	<b>473.81%</b>
	Equity						
		Opening Bal Equity		22,205.99	22,205.99	0.00	0.0%
		Unrestrict (retained earnings)		20,484.92	13,869.70	6,615.22	47.7%
		Net Income		-1,533.63	6,615.22	-8,148.85	-123.18%
	<b>Total Equity</b>			<b>41,157.28</b>	<b>42,690.91</b>	<b>-1,533.63</b>	<b>-3.59%</b>
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			<b>51,160.62</b>	<b>44,434.23</b>	<b>6,726.39</b>	<b>15.14%</b>

					Jun 30, 14	Jun 30, 13	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ORDINARY INCOME/ EXPENSE</b>								
	Income							
		Donation						
			Lobbying/Legislative Donation		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.0%
			MFFH		95.50	100.00	-5.00	-5.0%
			Donation - Other		730.00	166.97	563.03	337.2%
		<b>Total Donation</b>			<b>1,825.00</b>	<b>266.97</b>	<b>1,558.03</b>	<b>583.6%</b>
		Dues						
			Association		2,700.00	3,000.00	-300.00	-10.0%
			Business		5,435.00	6,520.00	-1,085.00	-16.64%
			Charitable Foundation		1,065.66	525.00	540.66	102.98%
			Farm		5,559.32	8,536.68	-2,977.36	-34.88%
			Individual		4,530.00	5,795.00	-1,265.00	-21.83%
			Lifetime		800.00	3,400.00	-2,600.00	-76.47%
			Youth		35.00	10.00	25.00	250.0%
		<b>Total Dues</b>			<b>20,124.98</b>	<b>27,786.68</b>	<b>-7,661.70</b>	<b>-27.57%</b>
		Event Income						
			BBQ		10,079.40	7,672.29	2,407.11	31.37%
			DAR Income		0.00	3,816.02	-3,816.02	-100.0%
			EAR Income		2,701.48	0.00	2,701.48	100.0%
			HOY Dinner		0.00	12,704.36	-12,704.36	-100.0%
		<b>Total Event Income</b>			<b>12,780.88</b>	<b>24,192.67</b>	<b>-11,411.79</b>	<b>-47.17%</b>
		Grants			3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	100.0%
		Hospitality Fund			750.00	1,500.00	-750.00	-50.0%
		Interest Income						
			Fed Withholding Tax		-1.58	0.00	-1.58	-100.0%
			Interest Income - Other		15.58	65.93	-50.35	-76.37%
		<b>Total Interest Income</b>			<b>14.00</b>	<b>65.93</b>	<b>-51.93</b>	<b>-78.77%</b>
		Item Sales						
			Taxes		0.00	-7.20	7.20	100.0%
			Item Sales - Other		220.66	240.80	-20.14	-8.36%
		<b>Total Item Sales</b>			<b>220.66</b>	<b>233.60</b>	<b>-12.94</b>	<b>-5.54%</b>
		Sponsorship			10,115.00	10,000.00	115.00	1.15%
	Total Income				49,330.52	64,045.85	-14,715.33	-22.98%
	Expense							
		Association Representation			470.00	250.00	220.00	88.0%
		Awards			1,526.93	0.00	1,526.93	100.0%
		Bank Fees			881.73	1,030.81	-149.08	-14.46%
		Contributions and Donations			0.00	46.00	-46.00	-100.0%
		Donations						
		BBQ-PAC			1,602.37	0.00	1,602.37	100.0%
		MFFH			190.00	2,789.00	-2,599.00	-93.19%
		Donations - Other			100.00	651.25	-551.25	-84.65%
		<b>Total Donations</b>			<b>1,892.37</b>	<b>3,440.25</b>	<b>-1,547.88</b>	<b>-44.99%</b>

					Jun 30, 14	Jun 30, 13	\$ Change	% Change
		Dues and Subscriptions			770.00	1,185.00	-415.00	-35.02%
		Events						
			BBQ					
				Entertainment	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.0%
				Food & Beverage	3,976.38	3,409.19	567.19	16.64%
				Rental Expense	619.70	571.67	48.03	8.4%
				Supplies	169.94	87.00	82.94	95.33%
			<b>Total BBQ</b>		<b>5,366.02</b>	<b>4,667.86</b>	<b>698.16</b>	<b>14.96%</b>
			Evening at The Races		999.85	0.00	999.85	100.0%
			Horse World Expo		517.58	324.24	193.34	59.63%
			HOY Catering		0.00	10,389.00	-10,389.00	-100.0%
			HOY Expense		0.00	135.71	-135.71	-100.0%
			Events - Other		0.00	3,508.53	-3,508.53	-100.0%
		<b>Total Events</b>			<b>6,883.45</b>	<b>19,025.34</b>	<b>-12,141.89</b>	<b>-63.82%</b>
		Flowers/Gifts			136.86	492.48	-355.62	-72.21%
		Hospitality Fund Exp			396.14	1,190.41	-794.27	-66.72%
		Income Tax			0.84	0.00	0.84	100.0%
		Insurance						
			Liability Insurance		0.00	382.00	-382.00	-100.0%
			Insurance - Other		1,110.00	810.00	300.00	37.04%
		<b>Total Insurance</b>			<b>1,110.00</b>	<b>1,192.00</b>	<b>-82.00</b>	<b>-6.88%</b>
		Lobbying Expense			6,600.00	0.00	6,600.00	100.0%
		Management Fees						
			Bookkeeping		3,250.06	3,004.42	245.64	8.18%
			Management		13,000.00	12,210.00	790.00	6.47%
			Management Bonus		3,438.96	3,865.29	-426.33	-11.03%
		<b>Total Management Fees</b>			<b>19,689.02</b>	<b>19,079.71</b>	<b>609.31</b>	<b>3.19%</b>
		Meetings			1,454.77	1,025.29	429.48	41.89%
		Miscellaneous			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
		Office Supplies			1,113.39	607.45	505.94	83.29%
		Postage			1,240.49	927.00	313.49	33.82%
		Printing & Copying			5,586.19	5,741.84	-155.65	-2.71%
		Projects			26.00	2,000.00	-1,974.00	-98.7%
		Promotions/Website						
			Embroidery		447.42	184.52	262.90	142.48%
			Promotions/Website-Other		620.00	1,432.50	-812.50	-56.72%
		<b>Total Promotions/Website</b>			<b>1,067.42</b>	<b>1,617.02</b>	<b>-549.60</b>	<b>-33.99%</b>
		Rentals			65.00	0.00	65.00	100.0%
	<b>Total Expense</b>				<b>50,910.60</b>	<b>58,850.60</b>	<b>-7,940.00</b>	<b>-13.49%</b>
Net Ordinary Income					-1,580.08	5,195.25	-6,775.33	-130.41%
Other Income/Expense								
	Other Income							
		Investment Income			46.45	0.00	46.45	100.0%
		Misc Income Adjustment			0.00	1,419.97	-1,419.97	-100.0%
	<b>Total Other Income</b>				<b>46.45</b>	<b>1,419.97</b>	<b>-1,373.52</b>	<b>-96.73%</b>
	<b>Net Otheer Income</b>				<b>46.45</b>	<b>1,419.97</b>	<b>-1,373.52</b>	<b>-96.73%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>					<b>-1,533.63</b>	<b>6,615.22</b>	<b>-8,148.85</b>	<b>-123.18%</b>