



# South Dakota Horse Council

Annual Meeting  
June 2010

## South Dakota HORSE FAIR! INC.

### 20 Years and Still Going Strong

2010 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the South Dakota Horse Fair held at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds March 19, 20, and 21<sup>st</sup> in Sioux Falls. This unique expo promotes and showcases all breeds and aspects of the horse industry. The main arena was action packed with Richard Winter from Ojai, CA engaging the audience and challenging them to ask questions they wanted answered, even working with local horses. Laura Hicks was back again this year showing how to train young working dogs and even put on a Dog Trial. New this year was the spectacular Wild Riders Trick Riders.

Juli S. Thorson, editor-in-Chief of Horse & Rider Magazine, talked about the future of the horse industry, students from SDSU presented "Finding the Balance: Horse Processing and Legislation," and much, much more.

The Horse Fair always has something for everyone. Different breeds and beautiful stallions were on display for the entire event. Saturday night featured a Ranch Rodeo. Fifteen teams competed in team doctoring, sorting, and roping events. Youth competed in judging and hippology events.

Event goers were able to enjoy one of the regions largest trade shows that had everything from hats for you to bell boots for your horse and everything in between.

Plans for the 2011 South Dakota Horse Fair are underway. Keep an eye on the website for the latest information.

[www.sdhorsefair.com](http://www.sdhorsefair.com).

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*A Note from the  
Secretary*

#### **NEWSLETTER CHANGE**

We have decided to e:mail the newsletter instead of mailing them. However, if you would still like it mailed please send a message to:

[southdakotahorsefair@hotmail.com](mailto:southdakotahorsefair@hotmail.com)

And we will be happy to mail you one.

## President's Message

Check out the  
Website at  
**www.sdhorsefair.com**  
it has all of the latest for  
the  
**South Dakota**  
**Horse Council**  
&  
**Horse Fair**

**SDHC Officers:**

**President:** Gene Carr, Hayti  
**Vice President:** Doug Nickel,  
Canistota  
**Secretary:** Rhonda Dinan,  
Harrisburg  
**Treasure:** Diane Nickel,  
Canistota

**Directors:**

**2011** Gene Carr  
Judy Schroeder  
Deb Stamm  
Jo Waldner  
**2012** Doug Nickel  
Rhonda Dinan  
Farrah Green  
Sandy Hubard  
**2013** Diane Nickel  
Rebecca Bott  
Machelle Bonde  
Irene Graves

The 2010 South Dakota Horse Fair sponsored by the South Dakota Horse Council was a great success with persons coming from fifteen (15) states. The greater numbers came from the adjoining state of Minnesota and Iowa. In South Dakota 42 counties were represented in attendance. The counties of Minnehaha and Lincoln had 42 percent of the attendees which is expected as it is the highest population area in the State of South Dakota.

The registries are all reporting lower registrations and transfers due to two primary factors of which are the economy and large number of horses. The overproduction of horses and lower demand for horses has brought prices not seen since the period of the mid-1940s. I believe the economy is slowly starting an upward swing and it will be slow! The budgets of many horse owners has changed as will the activities that they will be participate. Some of the breed shows will be down in numbers, but the large established shows that are well managed will survive. The smaller breed shows will in a large part will eliminate themselves as the expenses of the show will exceed in the income.

Show management must be able to determine the classes that will draw the most exhibitors. The open shows will continue to draw good numbers due to the lower costs to have the shows. The registered shows will have to recognize the needs in their area. The halter classes are very small with the larger classes supporting the halter number is the AQHA performance halter classes. Some areas are finding that the events that support their shows are reining, cattle events and games. Other geographical areas are finding other activities are drawing better.

The all-around horse will be making a comeback in this new era. People will try to do more with less ownership of horses. Hence the numbers of horses entered in a show may be less, but the number of entries the same or increasing. The versatile horse that can compete in several events successfully is limited and therefore will bring higher prices.

The trail horse that is safe has a definite niche in the market and people want to ride a fancy horse with disposition and quality.

The lack of availability of well trained horses is also starting to be a trend as the well trained horse is getting older and there are fewer young horses entering the market.

Another market that is developing is the introductory person who wants a well broke horse to start in competition. They will usually purchase a horse that is not the top horses as they themselves are not competent, but need horses that will fit them so that they can compete. As they advance their abilities, they will purchase better horses. The introductory market must have classes that these people can compete with others of similar abilities.

There is great interest in roping in many of the areas of this country. Other areas of competition that are doing well are barrel racing, pole bending, team penning and ranch sorting. Also the Ranch Versatility shows have a large niche.

Gene Carr

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The South Dakota Horse Council held its annual meeting April 17, 2010 at the South Dakota State University Animal Science Conference Room in Brookings South Dakota. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President Gene Carr. Members present were: Brenda Miller, Colton; Jo & Rich Waldner, Brookings; Judy Schroeder, Brandon; Gene Carr, Hayti; Rhonda Dinan, Harrisburg; Janice Cronin, Elkton; and Doug & Diane Nickel, Canistota; Rebecca Bott, Brookings; Robin Mathison, Canton; Mabelle Bonde, Brookings; Alise Nickel, Canistota; Amanda Hersom, Garretson; Jayne Solberg, Baltic; Sandy Hubbard, White; Irene Graves, Woonsocket; Farrah Green, Baltic; Patty Larson, Hartford; and Courtney Solberg, Baltic.

The Treasurer's report was given by treasurer, Diane Nickel with \$16,197.19 in Checking, \$13,157.92 in Savings, and \$7,151.16 in a CD that will mature in May. There was discussion about the income and expenses for the Horse Fair and there are about \$10,000 still outstanding in bills. Rhonda Dinan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read and Jo Waldner seconded it. Motion carried.

The Secretary's report was read by secretary Rhonda Dinan. There were no corrections or additions to the report. Jo Waldner made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as read and Brenda Miller seconded it. Motion carried.

## **Elections**

Current directors Larry Schumacher, Dallas Anderson, Jodie Svennes, and Deb Stamm had not paid dues. Jodie and Dallas' positions were both up for re-elections. Deb Stamm has been very active, but has turned in her resignation for the Horse Fair Breed & Stallion Manager, but did not give a resignation for the Horse Council. She will be contacted to find out her intentions. Larry Schumacher had not paid his dues for 2009 or 2010. The by-laws state all directors must be current on their dues. Doug Nickel made a motion to elect a new person for Larry's director position, Jo Waldner second it. Motion carried.

Brenda Miller resigned as a director, but would like to continue as a member.

## Directors

2013: Diane Nickel, Rebecca Bott, Mabelle Bonde, and Irene Graves were elected as new directors.

2012: Doug Nickel and Rhonda Dinan were standing directors. Farrah Green and Sandy Hubbard were elected to replace Larry Schumacher and Brenda Miller.

2011: Gene Carr, Judy Schroeder, Deb Stamm, Jo Waldner were all standing directors.

## - President

Judy Schroeder nominated Gene Carr to be re-elected as president. There were no other nominations. Richard Waldner moved to accept the nomination, Doug Nickel seconded it. Motion carried.

## -Vice President

Rhonda Dinan nominated Doug Nickel to be elected as vice president. There were no other nominations. Rhonda Dinan moved to accept the nomination, Rebecca Bott seconded it. Motion carried.

## - Secretary

Richard Waldner nominated Rhonda Dinan to be re-elected for secretary. There were no other nominations. Judy Schroeder moved to accept the nomination, Diane Nickel seconded it. Motion carried.

## - Treasurer

Rhonda Dinan nominated Diane Nickel to be re-elected as treasurer. There were no other nominations. Rhonda Dinan moved to accept the nomination, Richard Waldner seconded it. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

The South Dakota Horse Fair Committee report was given by Chairperson Doug Nickel. The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Horse Fair took place on March 19-21 at the Expo Building in Sioux Falls. The main clinician was Richard Winter and there were many good comments about him.

**Stallion & Breed:** There was a slight decline in numbers from 2009. There were 6 Stallions and 2 of their get entered the Stallion Versatility contest. New this year the stallion owners could show the offspring of their stallion in the Stallion Versatility contest. This was very well received. The Stallion area has been declining due to the economy and horse market slowing people who would normally be breeding mares. There were 6 different breeds represented at the Horse Fair. Participation has been down in the breed area due to the decline of breed clubs overall. Deb Stamm was the program manager for this area and recently resigned from the committee. A new chairperson will need to be found.

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### Horse Fair Committee Report cont.

**Trade Show:** This year the trade show was full with 37 10' x 10' booths, 12 bulk spaces, and 2 trailer booths filled and a waiting list was started. There were no discounts being given for vendors like other events and only one comp booth for the Cowboy Way Church. The Trade show was expanded to the area between the bleachers and concession stand. All of the contracts were online again this year and this has worked very well. The committee is discussing whether to send out e:mails instead of post cards as has been done in the past to inform people the contracts are online. The Silent Auction booth was smaller this year due to the increase of vendors.

**Youth:** There were 22 juniors and 19 seniors representing 9 counties for the Hippology Contest. It was organized by the SD Arabian Horse Assoc. again this year. The horse judging contest had 12 beginners, 15 juniors and 16 seniors and nine counties were represented. Horse Council sponsors the Horse Judging with 3 \$25 gift certificates for division Champions and \$15 gift certificates for division Reserve Champions. Patty Larson coordinated the Horse Safety training and there were about 150 people attending. Richard Winter opened and Farrah Green also presented.

**Ranch Rodeo:** The Horse Fair Committee put on the Rodeo again this year. There were 15 teams, the events included: Team Doctoring, Your Cows Are Out Sorting, Rope'n Drag Relay, Sort'n Hold.

**Program:** Included Richard Winter from California, Juli Thorson, Editor of the Horse & Rider Magazine, SDSU Students presenting the research they had done on horse slaughter.

Arm bands were used this year and worked very well.

The biggest issue is the lack of volunteers to organize and help at the event. More help is needed to keep the event going.

Next Horse Fair Committee Meeting will be held May 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Diner, Madison, SD.

There was no Trail Riding Committee report. Richard Waldner volunteered to be the new chairman of the committee.

The Legislative Committee report was given by Chairperson Jo Waldner.

#### Animal Welfare and Animal Abuse Legislation

State Vet, Dr. Dusty Odekoven and the Animal Industry Board has formed a working group to address animal welfare issues and propose proactive legislation. This group will meet to revisit livestock treatment laws which haven't been revised since 1991. Farm groups want clear exceptions in any future felony cruelty statutes for agriculture and are concerned particularly about any attempt to define all horses as companion animals.

Gene Carr and Jo Waldner will represent the Horse Council in the working group at a meeting in Pierre on May 11.

#### New Property Tax Evaluation Method

New methods prescribe land being valued based on the NRCS Maps. Cropland and pastureland are valued separately. Everyone should check their tax statement to make sure the land was valued properly.

Dept of Revenue has determined horses are not "farm" livestock and has trained their Directors as such. SD Legislature has determined horses to be livestock.

Jo Waldner is trying to find the law that says horses are considered as farm livestock. This is an important distinction in the fight against horses being deemed as companion animals.

The Membership & Publicity Committee report was given by Chairperson Rhonda Dinan.

The homepage is a Horse Council page with a link to the Horse Fair.

There is a list of events. If you would like an event on the website contact Rhonda Dinan.

The minutes, by-laws, a map to the fairgrounds, a link the AHC, and the newsletters will also be put up on the website.

The Newsletter Committee report was given by Chairperson Rhonda Dinan.

There was a newsletter before the Horse Fair and there will be one coming out with the annual meeting minutes.

It was suggested to e:mail newsletters instead of mailing them. The next issue will be mailed out but following issues will be e:mailed, but a hard copy will be sent to the members who what them mailed.

The SDSU Foundation Committee report was given by Chairman Doug Nickel.

A draft of the criteria can be formulated by the Council.

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## Old Business

State 4-H Horse Show Sponsorships: The South Dakota State 4-H Horse Show is still soliciting sponsorships. Doug Nickel went to a meeting with the county educators and expressed the Horse Council's concerns. The last time the SDHC sponsored awards the Council requested that the SDHC banner be hung and a Director would be permitted to hand out the buckles. Both of these requests were denied. Also no recognition was given to the Council for the sponsorship. The SDHC decided not to sponsor award until the requests are met. At the meeting Doug attended, Ron Gephart indicated we would be able to hang the banner and present the awards. Brenda Miller asked that it be in writing. Sponsoring Grand & Reserve Champions for a class cost \$150, Grand Champion alone \$100 and Reserve Champion alone \$50. Different levels of sponsors have been formed. If you are a Gold sponsor of \$500 you are able to hang a banner, hand out awards, etc. Jo Walder made a motion to sponsor the Grand Champion awards for all of the Stock Seat Classes, making the Horse Council a Gold Sponsor. Irene second, motion carried.

## New Business

### 4-H Judges Training:

SDSU is sponsoring a 4-H Judges Training May 14-15. In order to be a 4-H judge you must be certified every 3 years. Recertification has not been held in several years. Also there is now a provision for judges who hold a National Breed Judges Card. New regulations include: National Judges Card holders pay \$20 and pass a written test every 3 years. Non card holders must come to the training, pay \$30, and pass the written test.

Judy Schroder expressed concern about out-of-state judges not knowing the South Dakota rules. Judges should be sent the rules and have to pass the written test.

### Horse Person of the Year

"Nominations should be type written" needs to be added to the application. It was also expressed that the nominee of the recipients is responsible for writing an announcement that is suitable for the announcer to read, not just a list of accomplishments. The committee has had to put together write-ups for several recipients in the past.

### Audit

The new directors and officers called for an audit of the books. The committee will include Judy Schroder, Farrah Green, Jayne Solberg, and Rhonda Dinan. Farrah Green will try to find someone who will donate their time for the audit.

### Humane Society of the United States

Rebecca Bott presented a letter that Dr. Latif Lighari, Associate Dean and Director, SD Cooperative Extension Service had written to the National CYFAR Coordinator, Lisa Lauzman. The letter expressed concern and opposition for putting the HSUS on the program at the National 4-H Conference March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The letter also asked for "more rigorous peer review of all future programs."

### Horse Council Presence at other venues

Janice Cronin asked if the Horse Council is represented at any other venues. Due to the lack of volunteers the Council has not been at any other events. There is a place at the State Fair that used to be used by the Horse Council and still is available. If someone would be willing to take the materials up and man the booth the Council has no opposition. Farrah Green volunteered to try to put something together.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm

Other upcoming events: SDSU is sponsoring a Managing Your Business, marketing class. It is a 6 week course. If you are interested please contact Irene Graves

## Committees

### SDSU Foundation:

Doug Nickel, Chair  
Brenda Miller  
Rebecca Bott  
Machelle Bonde  
Sandy Hubbard  
Jo Waldner

### Newsletter:

Rhonda Dinan, Chair  
Jayne Solberg  
Sandy Hubbard

### Membership:

Rhonda Dinan, Chair  
Amanda Hersom  
Farrah Green  
Robin Mathison

### Legislative:

Jo Waldner, Chair  
Rebecca Bott  
Gene Carr  
Judy Schorder

### Trail Riding:

Richard Waldner, Chair

### Horse Fair:

Doug Nickel, Chair  
Janice Gronin  
Jayne Solberg  
Amanda Hersom  
Patty Larson  
Farrah Green  
Irene Graves  
Robin Mathison  
Gene & Carrie Carr  
Rhonda & Tim Dinan

Respectively submitted by Secretary elect Rhonda Dinan April 25, 2010.

## Horse Events

**Check out the website for upcoming horse events. Here is listing so far.**

### Horse Shows

#### **Aberdeen Area Horsemen's Association Open Shows**

Contact: Pearl Holt 605-229-2111

June 6  
June 27  
July 10  
August 1

Arena: Brown County Fairgrounds, Start time: 10:00 am

#### **Southeastern South Dakota Horse Show Association**

Contact: [www.sesdhsa.shutterfly.com](http://www.sesdhsa.shutterfly.com)

June 20 Windy Hills  
June 27 Windy Hills  
July 11 Windy Hills  
July 31 Madison  
August 8 Windy Hills

### Barrel Races

#### **Boldheart Inc.**

Contact: [www.boldheartinc.com/](http://www.boldheartinc.com/)

#### **National Barrel Horse Association**

Contact: [www.nbha.com/shows/local/index.shtml](http://www.nbha.com/shows/local/index.shtml)

#### **United Barrel Racing Association**

Contact: [www.ubra.org/](http://www.ubra.org/)

#### **Blazin Barrels**

Contact: [www.livestockconcepts.com/content/24-Blazin-Barrel](http://www.livestockconcepts.com/content/24-Blazin-Barrel)

#### **Larchwood Summer Series**

Contact: [www.facebook.com/pages/Larchwood-Summer-Series-Barrels-Poles/113112708709825?v=wall](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Larchwood-Summer-Series-Barrels-Poles/113112708709825?v=wall)

### Team Pennings

#### **Tri-State Penning Association**

Contact: President, Tami McKenney 605-929-3792

May 22, 2:00 pm  
June 13, 2:00 pm  
July 10, 5:00 pm  
July 31, 5:00 pm

August 28, 2:00 pm

September 11, 2:00 pm

October 9, 2:00 pm Finals

(Entries close 30 min before event starts)

Arena: Hammerstrom Arena, Lennox SD

### Other

**June 18-20-** Today's Horse Magazine's National Versatility Ranch Horse Association Clinic & Competition

Contact: [www.NVRHA.org](http://www.NVRHA.org)

**July 11-** Today's Horse West Fest Ranch Horse & Mule Competitions

Contact: Deb E. Black at 605-716-5000 or 605-390-3410

**July 24-25-** Wessington Springs NVRHA Clinic & Competition

Don & Kamber at 605-539-WHOA

*You too can have you event listed on the South Dakota Horse Council Web site.*

*Contact Rhonda Dinan at [rshoe33@hotmail.com](mailto:rshoe33@hotmail.com) or 605-368-2441.*



## Horse Council Membership Form

Dues: \$10.00 per person or  
\$50.00 per 50 members for clubs, organizations, and associations

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add me to the judges list. \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail South Dakota Horse Council dues to: SDHC, PO Box 386, Canistota, SD 57012

**Clubs, organizations, and associations who are members of the SDHC get a  
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