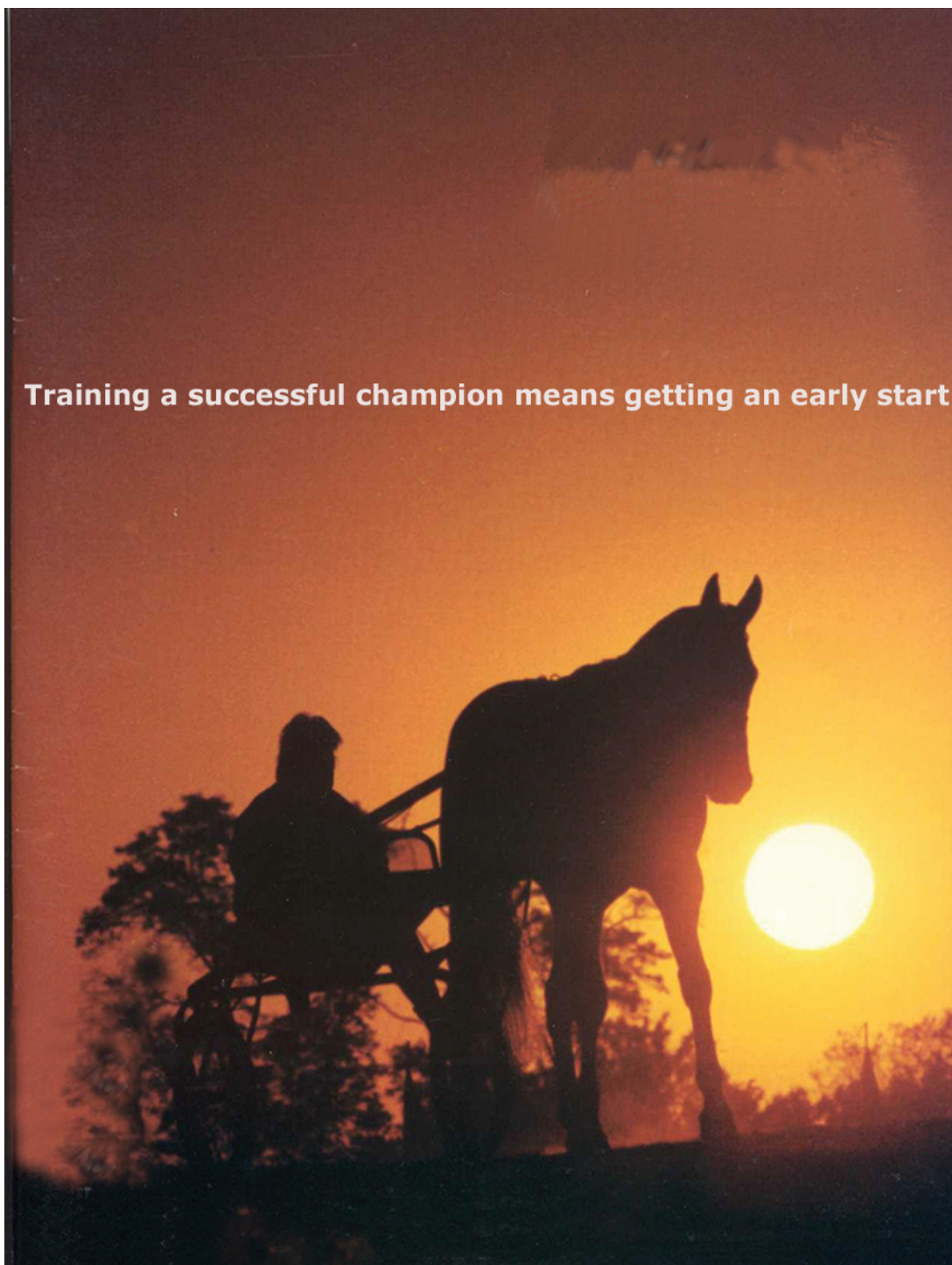




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# President's Message

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After a relatively mild winter, spring has finally arrived! I am very eager for this racing season to begin as we have another great racing schedule planned. This year also marks the 75th Anniversary of the WHHA, and we are working diligently to make 2006 the best year ever! We welcome any ideas that you may have that will make this year extra spectacular. We are planning on having special edition logo wear for sale, remembrance displays at the annual meeting, and of course we have to have a party! The 75th Anniversary Gala will be held after the races in Elkhorn on July 29th. We have not worked out the full details to this event—but I guarantee fun will be had by all! (I'm sure you are all aware that your board members are all about having fun!) This meet will also double as the Howard Benson Memorial meet with added purse money.

Your eyes will be reading this print just a few short weeks before the Midwest Horse Fair. You will be able to find all the information on demo times, barn locations, etc elsewhere in this issue. I hope everyone takes time to stop on by—and perhaps lend a helping hand for an hour or two. Becky Swinehart & Rick Davis are co-chairs of this event and would appreciate any help you are able to give them.

We will not be having an annual meeting in 2006. With the decrease in annual meeting attendance and by the advisory vote taken at last year's meeting, the board unanimously voted to move the banquet back to the traditional January time frame. Our 2006 Annual Meeting & Banquet will be held on Friday, January 19th and Saturday, January 20th. It was also unanimously decided to stay at our current location in Madison as it has the best rates. The only change is that the hotel is no longer a Holiday Inn. It was sold and is now a Howard Johnson property. Not worry though, the staff is still the same, and we will have the exact same rates the past 2 years with no inflation! I do want to thank everyone for their legwork to seek other locations—especially that of Margie Clausen. One other tidbit—we are working on a plan to get all of our members there. In the event of bad weather, we will do our best to make sure all of our faithfuls are in attendance—not to worry!

On a more disappointing note, the board has accepted the resignation of Rick Tong from the board effective at our February meeting. Rick felt that he did not have the time to fully devote to his position and asked to be excused. I know that the WHHA

takes a lot of time, and I am sad to see RT leave the board as he was a valued member—especially in the starting gate committee. Perhaps he will rejoin us after some time off. We have appointed Gary Rath to finish the remaining year of RT's term. Gary will definitely bring new views to the board, and I am very eager to work with him on a variety of projects this summer. Welcome aboard Gary!

It looks like once again, I have become long winded. I hope to see everyone at the Midwest Horse Fair. If by chance I miss you there, you can either consider yourself lucky or wait in anxious anticipation until the racing season begins. Happy training!

~ Gabe Wand

## For Sale Still too many horses!!!

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No Nukes – Tropic Town – Big Towner

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## Contact:

**Becky Swinehart 608-868-4874 or  
Cliff O'Beirne 608-868-4496**

# Bits & Pieces

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## Congratulations!

Rachel Yohn, daughter of Bob & Carol Yohn, was accepted to the Veterinary School at the University of Illinois! Rachel is finishing up her undergrad degree at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisc. Her father Bob is our USTA Director and her mother Carol has served numerous terms on the WHHA Board.

## Get Well

Dominic H. Frinzi, president of Harness Horsemen International, underwent surgery Thursday, March 23rd at St. Joe's Regional Medical Center in Milwaukee.

The surgery is needed to repair a broken bone, sustained in a recent accidental fall.

Those wishing to send their wishes for a speedy recovery should send mail to Frinzi at his home, located at 2825 N. Colonial Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53222.

## New from the USTA

The U.S. Trotting Association has introduced what it is calling a "paperless registration certificate," meaning that, effective immediately, the owner of a horse can request that registration certificates be held electronically at the U.S. Trotting Association.

When the USTA is informed that a horse will be "paperless" it will no longer be necessary to have the registration papers in hand when buying or selling that horse; the fact that the horse is registered as "paperless" will be noted in the official records of the Association, and only a transfer slip will be needed to complete a sale.

The USTA will still issue a first-time registration certificate, as it always has, when a new foal is registered, but after that any certificate can be made "paperless" by checking the certificate in the appropriate place and mailing it back to the USTA.

If you possess one of the many older certificates that do not have this section, simply write somewhere on it that "this should now be paperless" and then mail it back to the USTA.

Those who have questions about paperless registration certificates should contact USTA Customer Service at (877) 800-8782, ext. 81.

## Midwest Horse Fair Update

Come to the Midwest Horse Fair and spend some time talking about your favorite subject - racing and Standardbreds! We will be in Barn 9 with demonstrations at 8:10am Saturday and 5:05pm Sunday, as well as the Parade of Breeds Friday-Sunday.

We are still looking for a retired, level-headed trotter that would love to come and do demos for our breed. We will provide groomers and care for the horse during the fair.

Any volunteers can call Becky Swinehart at (608) 868-4874. Come for a couple hours or the whole weekend and have fun!!!

## Update on Minnesota's Track

A ruling by a state appeals court in Minnesota has favored a group licensed to build a harness race-track in the northern suburbs on Minneapolis-St. Paul - although another hurdle remains.

Metro North Harness, Inc., which was licensed by the Minnesota Racing Commission to build a five-eighths mile racetrack and card room in Anoka County was favored by the court when it ruled yesterday that the state's racing commission, which in late 2004 turned down Metro North's license application, acted legally when it reconsidered the application and issued a license in early 2005.

"We're delighted," Jim Druck, president of Southwest Casino and Hotel Corp. and a 50-percent partner in the North Metro project, told the St. Paul Pioneer Press. "It confirms what we always believed: that the issuance of the license was proper and valid and appropriate."

Druck has said he hopes to begin construction this summer.

A group called the Columbus Concerned Citizens mounted the court challenge; it has another case pending against the Commission, which claims the panel violated the state's "sunshine laws" when it voted to reconsider issuing the license. Oral arguments in that case will be made on April 20.

~Written by John Pawlak of the USTA

## Old Race Bike for Sale

Lamar Pockrandt has an early 1900's Bent hickory race sulky in excellent condition. If you or anyone you know is interested in it, please call him at 715-259-7663 or email him at [bigpines@centurytel.net](mailto:bigpines@centurytel.net)

## Coggins

If you race in Wisconsin this summer, you to have a 2006 COGGINS; coggins run from January 1st to December 31st. Per state law, horses will not be allowed on the grounds and you will not be allowed to race if you do not have a 2006 coggins.





## Giant Triumph

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Dem Speedy Bones 3, 1:57.2 (\$94,261), Consumate Hero 5, 1:57.2 (\$74,729)  
Corleone 3, 1:57.4 (\$63,670), Feature Presentatsn 4, QQ1:59.1 (\$93,629)

2nd Dam Heidi Rodney, dam of Joie De Vie 3, 1:56.3 (\$1,017,251), Swiss  
Connection 4, 1:57.3 (\$78,341), Dem Bones3, 1:58 (\$1133,124), Davids Lucky  
Day 4, 1:58.4 (\$130,668), Hy Dilly 3, 1:59 (\$54,880), Came To Pass 5, TT1:59  
(\$14,784), La Dolce Vita 3, TT1:59.1 (\$33,514), Bunty 3, 2:00.3q (\$74,647)

Dem Speedy Bones is a royally bred son of Speedy Crown and already  
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# Nukes Himself

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## Nukes Himself

(No Nukes – Herself – Best of All)

p, 3, 1:55; 5, 1:53 (\$358,394)

### *Sub-1:58 Winners*

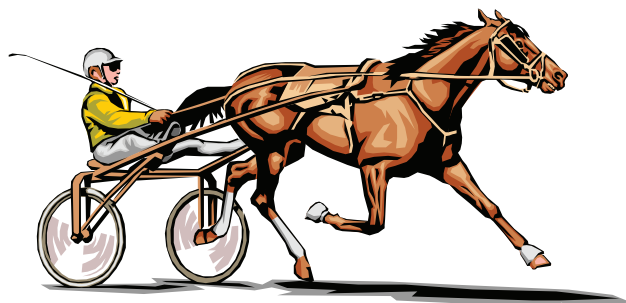
Four Star Mike	p, 4, 1:50.4 (\$41,193)
Nananukes	p, 5, 1:52.3 (\$47,661)
El Gees Mr Q	p, 6, 1:52.4 (\$213,385)
C Don	p, 4, 1:54.0 (\$29,002)
Prairie Would Ya'	p, 6, 1:54.2 (\$107,457)
Uknowwho Iam	p, 4, 1:54.4 (\$53,806)
Tiny Oh	p, 3, 1:57.1 (\$37,819)
Lookiere Bluegrass	p, 4, 1:57.2 (\$17,877)
Granny Mare	p, 4, 1:57.4 (\$22,505)
Sweet Amber	p, 4, 1:58.0 (\$20,478)

**Nukes Himself** is the sire of 33 starters, 17 of which have taken racing marks under 2:00

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# In Training Report

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## WHA Member Owned Training Roster

### Adams Stable, Waukesha, WI

Touch of Sorcerer, 2BG by Sorcerer Hanover-Touched. Owned by LaVern Adams.

### Bon Fire Stable, Elkhorn, WI

Bon Fire's Spice, 3BF by Sportsmaster-Bon Fire's Camfire. Owned by Bon Fire Stables.

Bon Fire's Sugar, 3BF by Precious Bunny-Paradise City. Owned by Bon Fire Stables.

Snickelfritz, 3BrF by Sportsmaster - Bon Fire's Bon-fire. Owned by Becky Swinehart.

Bon Irish, 2BF by Precious Bunny-Paradise City. Owned by Bon Fire Stables.

Bonfire's Boo, 2BF by Sportsmaster-Bon Fire's Camfire. Owned by Bon Fire Stables.

### C&D Stable, Mineral Point, WI

Avid Sportsman, 3BrG by Sportsmaster-Margie's Lyric. Owned by Scott & Aric Douglas & Francis Considine.

I'm A Hot Tom, 3BG by Big Tom-Imahotnumber. Owned by Scott & Aric Douglas & Francis Considine.

Lucky Lamont Kid, 3BlkG by Nukes Himself-Claire's Lucky Girl. Owned by Scott Douglas.

Scootin' Perry, 4BM by Scootin' Along-Sargeant Perry. Owned by Scott & Aric Douglas & Francis Considine.

Blind Love, 2BF by Real Desire-China Moon. Owned by Scott & Aric Douglas & Francis Considine.

Fox Valley Largo, 2BG by Richess Hanover-Susan My Love. Owned by Scott & Aric Douglas & Francis Considine.

### Clark Stables, Mineral Point, WI

Deuteronomy, 3BG by Richess Hanover-Fox Valley Snazzy. Owned by Dan Clark.

Red Warrior, 3BG by Warrior For Peace-Crimson Rambler. Owned by Dan Clark.

Never Clark, 2BG by Seafood Special-Never Tire Me. Owned by Helene Mindham & Dan Clark.

Gitrdonescuff, 2BG by Scootin' Along-Sand In My Hare. Owned by Dan Clark.

### Gald Stables, Richland Center, WI

Wymar's Image, 4BM by Wilson Wyoming-Martown Madeline. Owned by Jeanne Marquis.

Muskiemar I, 7BG by Swiss Connection-Willamar I. Owned by Jeanne Marquis.

Truffles Hotspur, 3BG by Cole Muffler-Apple Turn-over. Owned by Jim Springer.

Diamonds For Donald, 3BrG by Incredible Finale-Albateeze. Owned by Don Laufenberg.

Crossthelineintime, 3BrF by Sportsmaster-Deadline. Owned by Don Laufenberg.

Weezatease, 5BrM by Incredible Finale-Albateeze. Owned by Don Laufenberg.

Barus Oxplosion, 3RnG by Oxford Fella-Prairie Sizzle. Owned by B. Russell Shannon.

Margene's Kim, 2BF by Wilson Wyoming-Martown Madeline. Owned by Jeanne Marquis.

Deadline Daisy, 2CHF by Incredible Finale-Deadline. Owned by Don Laufenberg.

Frontline Finale, 2BrF by Richess Hanover-Castle Haven. Owned by Don Laufenberg.

Sheza Big Tom Boy, 2RnF by Big Tom-Adeltia Rose. Owned by Russ Gald.

### Grismore Stable, Freeport, IL

Dislocated, 2BF by Sportsmaster-Overrule N. Owned by Robert Grismore.

### Long Stable, Livingston, WI

Rastus B Fastus, 2BG by Kentucky Spur-Bold Imagination. Owned by June & Kerry Long.

### Maas Stable, Jefferson, WI

Herman's Art, 2BC by The Fire Pan-Helix Hanover. Owned by Durwood Maas.

### Magee Stable, Shawano, WI

B-T-Rocket, 2BG by Action Factor-J T Martha. Owned by Rick & Kevin Magee & James Dins.

King Stanley, 8BG by King Cam-Rally Round. Owned by George Woodbridge.

### Nelson Stable, Richland Center, WI

Great Getaway, 5BG by Yankee Glide-Kissimmee. Owned by Van Nelson.

Notinamillionyears, 3BF by Yankee Paco-Won't She Tell. Owned by Van Nelson.

### Noack Stables, Shawano, WI

Storms A Brewin, 5BG by Village Jekyll-Brewski Hanover. Owned by Tom Noack.

### Schroeder Stable, Elkhorn, WI

N Courage, 4BG by Armbrro Mackintosh-Overrule N. Owned by Jessica Schroeder.

Ohmysportyhotspur, 3BG by Sportsmaster-Don't Tell Me No. Leased by Susan & Jessica Schroeder & Kyle Falvey.

Starry Night Star, 5BH by Van Gogh-Certainly Devine. Owned by Susan Schroeder & Vern Devine.

### Wand Stable, Shullsburg, WI

Dancin' In Dakota, 4BG by Keystone Guardian-Pacing Renee. Owned Gabe & Bob Wand.

Wand's Fighting Gypsy, 4BM by Fighting Major-Miss Gypsy Witt. Owned by Robert Wand.

Whoopla, 3BM by Armbrro Force-Joy To All. Owned by Mary Schmidtke & June Long.

Ima Dream Chaser, 2BF by Smokey Legend-Clue. Owned by Gabe & Bob Wand.

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# USTA Rule Changes

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The USTA Board of Directors, at their recently concluded annual meeting, adopted some new rules and regulations that you may want to consider relative to your own rules and regulations. These regulations become effective on May 1, 2006 unless otherwise indicated.

Amend USTA Rule 18 Section 9 by changing the first sentence to read as follows:  
"Drivers will be allowed whips not to exceed 4 feet, plus a snapper not longer than 6 inches."

Amended USTA Rule 18, Section (i) (1) to read as follows:

(i) Mud Fenders

(1) Effective January 1, 2007 and thereafter, the mud fenders shall provide coverage from the top of the fork brace that attaches to the shaft of the sulky to a point 18 inches beyond the back of the arch as measured along the fender.

The mud fenders shall be easily attached to the sulky in such a manner as to make them totally secure to the sulky.

For sulky models approved on or after January 1, 2007, if the design of the sulky precludes a customary/universal mud fender from being used, it shall be the responsibility of the sulky manufacturer to provide such mud fenders for any or a sulky models produced by the manufacturer.

Amend USTA Rule 18, Section 1 by adding the following to subsection (k) that reads "To drive in a careless or reckless manner" ADD "or fail to maintain reasonable control of the horse at all times during the race".

Amend USTA Rule 26 Section 7 by adding the following language at the end:

"Beginning with the 2009 breeding season, the total mares bred in the United States to any stallion that has never covered a mare shall not exceed the following:

Breeding Season:	2009	2010	2011 and thereafter
Trotting Stallions:	140	140	140
Pacing Stallions:	160	150	140

These limits on total mares bred may only be exceeded in the event of death, injury, disease, or illness preventing a booked mare from being bred, in which case a new mare may be added to the mares bred list and bred to the stallion. In any such extraordinary circumstances, a signed certificate from a licensed veterinarian (which the Registration Committee may require to be notarized) verifying the death, injury, disease, or illness must be submitted to the Registration Committee. The Registration Committee shall have sole authority to determine if such extraordinary circumstances did, in fact, exist. In the absence of extraordinary circumstances approved by the Registration Committee, each mare bred in excess of the above limits shall constitute a separate violation of this section, and for each violation a fine in the amount of twice the pertinent stud fee or \$25,000, whichever is greater, shall be applicable to the violating stallion syndicate, syndicate manager, or mare owner as the Registration Committee may determine."

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# Board of Directors Minutes

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**Feb. 4, 2006**

**Portage Public Library, Portage, Wis.**

*Present:* Gabe Wand, Susan Schroeder, Becky Swinehart, Brian McMahon, Jeanne Marquis, Basil Remley, and Rick Davis. *Guests:* Nancy Remley & Jessica Schroeder *Absent:* Jeanne Wendricks, Rick Tong

1. Call to order. Gabe began 10:06.

Rick Tong has asked to be excused from duty on the board. Gary Rath has agreed to serve out his term. Motion to accept made by Susan, seconded by Rick. Carried.

2. Minutes of October meeting were approved. Moved by Brian. Second, Susan. Carried

3. Treasurers Report. Treasurer Susan questioned a bill she received from Harness Horse International which provides our racing coverage. She had paid \$272 in June of '05 to cover until June '06. (Since we are paying \$17/ participant and charging \$15 we may have to raise the fee in the future) This question was referred to Rick Davis who sends lists of participating race events and training stables to them each year. This insurance covers accidents in training facilities and all race day facilities except on the track. Comments about individual umbrella policies to cover that were exchanged. Basil wondered about the possibility of double coverage for those belonging to IHHA. Rick D will check on coverage with Michigan and Ill.

Regarding the \$23,184.24 in our money market, Brian moved that we put \$20,000 in a 12 month money market account convenient to Susan. Becky second. Motion carried.

4. Election of Officers

*President* Gabe was supported for staying on as he has "things to do" yet. He feels that he can provide consistency with pari-mutual contacts.

*Vice-Pres.* Rick Davis says his job is not too difficult as Gabe is doing such a good job and agreed to stay.

*Secretary* Jeanne Marquis agreed to be secretary. Debbie Davis volunteered to be recording secretary. *Treasurer* Susan agreed to stay on as Treasurer. Basil moved to establish. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

5. Committee Reports

a. **Annual Meeting** – Gabe agreed to stay on as chair, but welcomed a co-chair. Basil volunteered.

i. Comments regarding the 2005 banquet: 50/50 during the day worked well as the winner spent her winnings at the auction! Big ticket items brought OK especially things like the wheelbarrow. Good meeting. Good speakers.

ii. 2006 Date and Location. Rick spoke for keeping the meeting in Madison as the cost is good. There is plenty of space to set up and it's easier to meet the guarantee of number of rooms to get the rate. Gabe reviewed the efforts to find places in Green Bay and felt they were too expensive and too risky to fill the room guarantee at those prices. Gabe said that we would try to find a way to get our faithfuls there in case of bad weather. Gabe recommended that we go back to the same place as the prices are best; we know that we will have plenty of room to set up expanded displays for the 75th anniversary, and we will be working with the same person there.

Discussion of the Nov. vs Jan. date included the difficulty of travel in January, but given this January, poor weather is not a given and the fact that there are lots of conflicts in Nov and we are all a little tired after the past season's efforts. Nancy says it's more exciting in January when we are all anxious to get together.

Susan moved that we go to Madison in January. Rick seconded. Carried. Gabe will make reservations.

b. **Fund Raising** – Becky expressed concern that she does not have the time to devote all to fund raising. She agreed to handle raffles at the Horse Fair, Elkhorn and for the Annual Meeting. Nancy Remley offered to help with race day fundraisers. It was suggested to see if the Puetz's would consider handling the logo wear.

i. 2005 Financial Recap. Becky's efforts this year brought in \$4500, the most since 2000. Kudos to Becky! She said that we made \$1000 on the pedal horse. Susan got the last two from Big D's and will call and get 2 medium reserved. She will pick up when she goes to Columbus. They will be raffled at the Horse Fair and Elkhorn.

ii. 2006 Strategy. Encourage Kwik Trip enrollment. If you enroll in Feb, you get a \$25 credit. We should get one for the starting gate, as it might be a great way to make money.

c. **Insurance** – Rick will stay on as chair. The starting gate is set up. We have general race day coverage. Third party/owner is protected off the track. Markel-Van Gundy individual insurance needs to be set up for owners on the track. The cost depends on the number of horses. He doesn't know about umbrella policies.

d. **Legislation** – Gabe will continue with contacts. Tim Towne's \$6 million offer for the Delavan track was turned down as he wouldn't give them cash and has to enlarge the track as well as build ship-in barns. He has an option on adjacent land. They

# Board of Directors Minutes cont'd

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feel it is not dead in the water and feel that Delavan is the best option, as the existing pari-mutual facility would make it easier to get the license, simply changing from dogs to horses. It is now up to Delavan. The state racing steward, Richard Pederson is staying informed of new gaming developments.

e. **Membership** – Jeanne will get lots of help from Joanne Gilbertson who updates printed list of membership. We should let people know what they get for their \$20 dues. (Free programs, condition books, 10% on logo wear, free classified ad in the newsletter) We need a sign of these benefits for the Horse Fair where anyone joining will get a logo water bottle. Gabe has the membership cards and will remember to send them to Jeanne so she can send to members and send PO expenses to Susan.

Youth membership is non-existent as we do not have enough young people now that we do not have the staff to do the youth camps well.

f. **Newsletter** – Jessica says she sends out 108 and notes a 47 increase from 2005. There are 114 USTA members in Wis. who do not belong to WHHA. She and Susan are working with Walsh for a new look with color and glossy paper. Condition Books will be sent to members who ask for them as well as anyone who raced at our meets in 2005.

## g. **Promotion/ Publicity**

i. Susan has found the opening charter from 1930-1931 and would like to use the 75th anniversary for promotion. We encouraged this.

ii. Logo wear. Tom and Mary might be interested in continuing as well as doing 50/50 at the fairs as Becky cannot guarantee that she will be able to be there. Becky will ask them and will continue to coordinate and keep up her contacts. Nancy says that Kim Remley has someone who will make logo hats. Pat Springer's design is with the contact in Hazel Green. Susan will check out alternatives regarding cost, turnaround, dates etc. It was decided that the logo should be the same as the one for the 75th Ann. and have minimum number of colors.

iii. Website. The new website is just up. Jessica is updating as we speak. She is entering all the names in the Hall of Fame as well as all relevant information as it becomes available.

iv. Midwest Horse Fair. The dates are April 21-23 and the theme is "Horses of the World". We thought we could show that harness horses are raced in many countries and we might be able to get some promotional material from international organizations and/or Walsh as they sell throughout the world. We'll also use the 75th anniversary. We are not allowed to sell logo wear. We are going to see if we can get into the flag ceremony with our

flag on a horse as used at Elkhorn. That fair board has a DVD for Becky to show when she asks. We have 5 stalls: 3 saddle horses and 2 pacers, need a quiet good looking trotter. Gabe will be there 3 days!

## h. **Racing**

i. 2006 Racing Dates . Gary takes care of contracts for regular fair events. These are set.

ii. We determined that the non-fair events we can support will be:

Monroe Kim Remley is working on sponsors. Rick moves that we support this meet with \$1,500 with the stipulations that they charge an entry fee, pay for our starting gate, and obtain race day insurance from us. Brian seconded. Carried.

Elkhorn As the only weekends open are the first 2 weekends in July, we determined that we race on those 2 Saturdays. The first for our regular co-sponsorship of \$1500 and the second we would add the \$3000 Benson Memorial to the regular \$1500 and make it a 75th Anniversary Celebration racing for \$4500. Both Saturdays, July 1 and July 8, Elkhorn will charge entry fee to cover the gate, insurance, sound system and ambulance. Susan moved. Basil second. Carried.

Horsemen will be reminded in the Condition Book to get Coggins in early, preferably at Monroe.

iii. Purina Series. Purina had offered to sponsor a Midwest Championship. Gabe will call Rick Decker to find out what they are interested in doing in Wis.

iv. County Fair Alliance. This is similar to the Ohio Signature Series, an internal series where participating states send best horses to Jug days at Delaware. Penn and Iowa are interested as each state has its own series. Susan and Gabe will go to a meeting in Columbus.

v. MACC Fund. We will continue. We need to get horse owners tax statement for end of the year.

i. **Starting Gate** – Gabe will approach Mike Renard. We need drivers with impeccable records. Rick will pick up the gate from the barn at Viroqua and take it to Mark Swinehart in Elkhorn for needed repairs. Basil offered space to store for southern events. We are still looking for a chair person.

j. **Hall of Fame** - Rick Davis will chair. He says that Gary Magee's sister will frame and mat pictures of all members for \$40 each. Sponsorships are needed. Rick will send letters to nominators and Jessica will post. It was suggested that we add Hall of Famers to programs.

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# Obituaries

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## Pete Vande Velde

Rock Valley, IA - Pete Vande Velde, 82, died Monday, February 20th at his daughter's home. Funeral services were at the Pioneer United Methodist Church on Friday, February 24th.

Pete Vande Velde was born November 11, 1923 to Pete Sr. and Josie (Wissink) Vande Velde in Rock Valley. After graduating from Rock Valley High School, Pete entered the United States Navy in December, 1942 and served his country during World War II. He was honorably discharged in January, 1946. Pete was united in marriage to La Vonne Boscaljon on January 1, 1947 in Inwood, IA. He worked at Rock Valley Cement/Block and Tile for 35 years until retirement. Pete then helped La Vonne with the Stable Cafe. Pete lived the harness racing life for 43 years. He raised, trained and raced horses, with Rolling Thunder being his first. Pete was inducted into the Iowa Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2003.


Pete is survived by his wife of 59 years, La Vonne; daughter, Lori (Robert) Boogerd of Rock Valley; sons, Mark of Denmark, WI, Craig of Orlando, FL and Jeff (Pat) of Tishomingo, MS; and many other relatives.

## Dave Tolle

David Tolle, age 48, died Saturday March 18th, 2006. Dave's passion for photography and his abilities with a camera, led to his founding DigiTolle Photography Company and his long time position as track photographer at Balmoral and Maywood Parks.


He was preceded in death by his child, Kelly Lorraine, daughter of Kim Bouley. He was the beloved son of Rose and the late Larry Tolle of Springfield; brother to Gary (Debbie) Tolle and Lynn (Jerry) Burger of Springfield; honorary brother of Jim Gallichio and Jeff McMurry; fond Uncle of Christopher Tolle and Jennifer (fiance Mark Kurtz) Tolle.

Visitation was held Friday, March 24th at Pederson-Ryburg Funeral Home in Elmhurst from 11a.m. til 7p.m, with a short service at 1:00 p.m.



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## Editor's Note

It saddens me to know that Dave Tolle will not be in the winners circle anymore. Everytime I went to the Maywood grandstand he greeted me with a smile, and if he saw me at the bookkeeper, he made sure I came over to his area and visit with him for a while.

As you have noticed, our next issue will not come out until July. In mid-May however, the WHHA annual condition book will come out. It will have all the information you will need to race in Wisconsin during the summer months, including racing conditions, contacts and hotel information. New this year, we will send condition books to everyone who raced in Wisconsin last year and anyone else who requested one on their membership form. If you want to make sure you get one, please call me at 608-772-5600 or email me at [wiharnessnews@yahoo.com](mailto:wiharnessnews@yahoo.com)

Right about the time you receive this newsletter, the WHHA website will sport the final phase of a new design in celebration of our 75th Anniversary. As you heard from Gabe, the Board is doing everything it can to make this year a memorable one. If you have an old story to tell, a memory from the past, please let us know so that everyone can hear it.

~ Jessica Schroeder

## Next Issue Notes

The deadline for the next issue is June 20th. If you have any advertisements, an article or letters to the editor, please email or mail them by that date.

## Meeting Minutes Cont'd

6. New Business. There was a question of the newly announced USTA County Fair Initiatives. Gabe will contact Bob Yohn and expects USTA will send info.

7. Next meeting will be in Madison. April 1. Jeanne will find a free place.

Susan moved we close. Seconded Becky. Carried.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Marquis  
Recording Secretary

## In Training Roster cont'd

### Wand Stable cont'd

One Shot Wand, 2BG by Giant Triumph-Crowning Lori. Owned by Bob Wand.

Wand's Banjo, 2BG by Tribeca-Miss Gypsy Witt. Owned by Robert Wand.

### Yohn Stable, Columbus, WI

Katy's First Lady, 2BF by Sportsmaster-First Lady Katy. Owned by Robert Kain.

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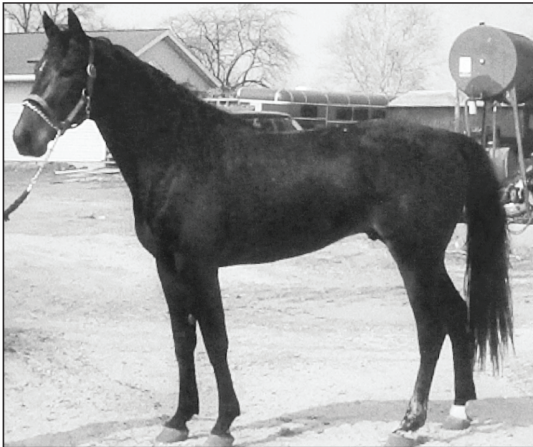
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