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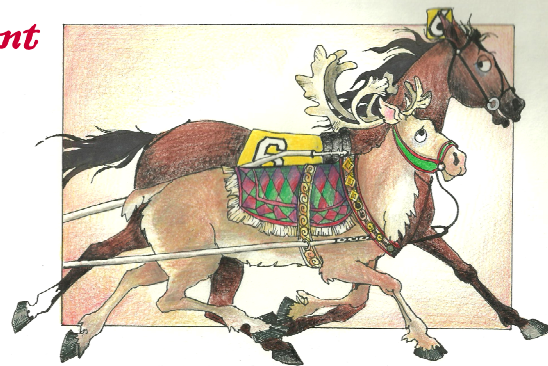
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Message from the President

Your Board of Directors is out in full force preparing for what's going to prove to be another exciting Annual Meeting and Banquet! You will find full details later in this issue, but let me draw your attention some highlighted points:

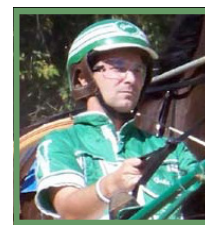
- ✿ Our Speaker this year is the great Dr. Phil Kapraun! He will be giving a great demonstration on lameness in the standardbred, and of course will have plenty of time for questions
- ✿ WHHA Meeting – This is your opportunity to be briefed on what made the WHHA successful in 2011 and offer your ideas for the upcoming racing season. Director Elections will also take place.
- ✿ USTA Meeting – Come vote on the rule changes that govern our fairs!
- ✿ Awards: Come celebrate the year's best!
- ✿ Auction: Our Biggest fund raiser of the year! We desperately need items donated and buyers for such items! Please contact Becky Swinehart if you have something to donate.



Please also note two other NEW fundraisers! Thanks to Nichole Glynn-Wedel, Kwik Trip gift cards are available for purchase in various amounts. The WHHA received 10% of the card's value while you get the full value! A can't miss! Thanks to Nellie Suppanz, we have lots of Arby's coupon books for sale! You get \$25 in great coupons for only \$5! And best of all, the WHHA keeps 100% of the profits! Another can't miss!

Happy Holidays!!

Gabe



WHHA 2011 Annual Meeting

When: Friday, January 20, 2012 & Saturday, January 21, 2012

Where: Howard Johnson Hotel
3841 East Washington Ave
Madison, WI 53704
608-244-2481

Please book hotel rooms early!

Be sure to ask for WHHA Special Room rate -- \$74.00 / night. (Remember – Your room rate **INCLUDES FREE BREAKFAST BUFFET!**) **DEADLINE January 7, 2012**

Schedule:

Friday, January 20, 2012

Networking Social – Come relive those 2011 races with friends as we gather to watch race videos and socialize. Please bring your own snacks and beverages.

Saturday, January 21, 2012

9:00 am	Registration Table Opens (Complimentary Danishes, Coffee & Juice)
9:30 am – 11:30 am	Dr. Phil Kapraun: "Lameness in the Standardbred"
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch (On Your Own)
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	WHHA Annual Business Meeting
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break (Complimentary Desserts & Soda)
2:45 pm – 3:30 pm	WHHA Annual Business Meeting Continues
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	USTA District 4-B Mtg (Robert Yohn/Gabe Wand)
	County Fair / USTA update (Jessica Schroeder)
4:30 pm – 5:45 pm	Cocktails in Northwoods Bar
	Complimentary Chips & Salsa, Cheese & Crackers
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Awards
8:00 pm	Live Auction

Holiday Greetings

**A record setting year for
the Xtreme Team and the
horses that wore our harness**

**Thank you to our many customers
and best wishes for a successful 2012**

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Equipment**

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Annual Meeting

Come help us celebrate and congratulate the recipients of our three most prestigious awards!

Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame

The Harvester
August Uihlein
Miss Gypsy Witt

Horseperson of the Year

Jeanne Marquis

James Laird Memorial Award For Excellence

Bo & Pat DeLong Stable

Running Aces 2012 Race Dates Approved

The Minnesota Racing commission approved the 2012 racing dates for the Running Aces meet on November 15th. The meet will begin on Wednesday June 6th and continue through Labor day (Sept. 3) 2012. Race days will be the same as 2011 racing Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday evenings.



The new 2012 USTA Calendar contains classic images from across racing — with the cover featuring Wisconsin's own Iowa County Fair at Mineral Point! The calendars are available for \$14.95 on the USTA website.

Wisconsin Winners!

Wisconsin connections are performing well following the fair season. Congratulations to these horses, their owners and trainers!

TROTTERS	Mark	Track
Candy Is Dandy	1:57.3	Aces
DJ French Baby	2:00.3	Aces
Holiday Runaway	Q2:01.1	BmlP
Diamond Joe	2:01.3	BmlP
Fritter	2:02.2	Aces
Ras Shakinthbacon	2:02.3	Aces
Al Mar Peggy Sue	2:02.4	Aces
Fair Trial	Q2:05.3	PrM

PACERS	Mark	Track
Fiveknuckleshuffle	1:52.2	BmlP
Avalon's Z Tam	1:53.2	BmlP
Windy City Ron	1:53.2	May
Dirt Merchant	1:54.2	PrM
Ronny B Good	1:55.1	Aces
Western Deal	1:55.1	May
Power and Purpose	1:55.3	BmlP
You Little Rascal	1:55.3	PrM
Arizona Gabe	1:55.4	PrM
Audrey's Queen	1:56.4	Aces
Hot Laps	1:56.4	Aces
Do Me Bliss	1:57	BmlP
Uma Hanover	1:57	Aces
Peel Away	1:57	Sgta
Delco Lotto	1:57.1	PrM
Tricky Grin	Q1:57.2	May
Red hot Adrenaline	1:57.4	Aces
Meet Me In Maui	1:58.1	Aces
Mr Creepy	1:58.1	Sgta
Made to Be	Q1:58.2	May
Don't get me excited	1:58.3	PrM
Lemondrop Martini	Q1:58.3	May
Maid In the Mist	1:58.4	BmlP
Cliff's Cam	1:59.1	Aces
Simplee Peacefull	1:59.1	Aces
Colemanandthesea	1:59.2	May
SS Skywin	1:59.3	Aces
Cypher	1:59.3	Aces
WFN	Q2:00.2	Aces
Floragamy	2:00.3	Aces
Khakis Fancy	Q2:01	May
Mack Brenlin	2:01.2	May
Rally To Win	2:02	PrM
Pretty Place	2:02.3	May

as of 11/30/10

Our apologies if we missed a winner!

UNITED STATES TROTTING ASSOCIATION

Proposed Rule and Bylaw Changes 2012 to be voted on January 21 at the WHHA Annual Meeting

1. A proposal to amend Rule 18, Section 1 by adding new subsection (n) to read as follows: "Failure to make a reasonable effort to keep holes closed."
Source: Jerry Glantz, Delray Beach, FL
2. A proposal to amend Rule 18, Section 1 by adding new subsection (o) to read as follows: "Any horse pulled to the outside must make a reasonable effort to advance [its] position. Driver may not be half in [or] half out and block the outer flow."
Source: Jerry Glantz, Delray Beach, FL
3. A proposal to amend Rule 18, Section 12 to provide the following: "Any trainer shall have the option to race a trotter with or without hobbles at 2 the trainer's discretion if the horse had qualified in their lifetime with and without hobbles."
Source: George K. Miller, Cohocton, NY
4. A proposal to amend Rule 10, Section 9 to add the following:
 - Proposed as Part (B) – Post Race Urine and/or blood samples collected from claimed horse shall be submitted to the testing lab, marked as "Priority", within 24 hours of collection.
 - Proposed as Part (C) – A successful claimant will automatically waive his or her right to void the claim once the horse has made a start for the new claimant.
 - Proposed as Part (D) - Disbursement of claiming funds. Claiming funds shall immediately be credited to the originals owners account upon a negative forensic analysis report for prohibited substances OR the successful claimant starting the horse in a race.
Source: Neal Ehrhart, Manheim, PA
5. A proposal to add new sub section (a) to Rule 14, Section 7 to read as follows: For matinee, qualifying and county fair races, driver changes must be made one (1) hour prior to the race or the judges may scratch the horse.
Source: Jim Austin, Lincoln, IL
6. A proposal to add the following sentence at the end of Rule 26, Section 30: "Permanent identification assigned and administered by the USTA or by Standardbred Canada, including lip tattoo, neck freeze brand, microchip, or any future identification method, may not be altered or obliterated."
Source: USTA SOS Committee

7. Amend Rule 24, Section 1 to change the timing of races from "fifths or seconds" to "one hundredths of a second".
Sources: Phil Langley, Frankfort, IL & Jason Settlemoir, Athens, PA
8. A proposal to amend Rule 25, Section 1, by changing the first sentence of the middle paragraph to read as follows: "Except for foals under 17 months of age, no export certificate will be granted to any horse that is not tattooed or freeze branded or otherwise permanently identified and parentage verified as authorized by this Association."
Source: Russell C. Williams, Hanover, PA
9. A proposal to amend Rule 26, Section 2 (h) to read as follows: "The status of a previously registered Standardbred may be changed to Pleasure Horse upon application by the owner. Conversion to Pleasure shall include a restriction to future racing and may also include a restriction to the registration of future offspring. Any eligibility previously issued for such horse shall be terminated, and no new eligibility shall be issued. If the horse has the breeding restriction, a registration will be issued stating that future offspring of such horse will not be registered by the USTA. Any transferee must be a USTA member at the time of registration."
Source: David Raybin, Lathrup Valley, MI
10. A proposal to amend Rule 26, Section 4 to provide for the change of who is considered the breeder of the horse when the horse is the subject of a lien sale by adding the following language after the first sentence: "For unregistered horses and pregnant mares sold in a lien sale, sheriff sale, 6 etc., the purchaser who pays the stud fee or obtains the mating certificate and registers the horse shall be considered the breeder of the horse."
Source: Maria King, LaGrange, IN
11. A proposal to amend Rule 26, Section 26 (h) relative to embryo transfers to read as follows: "Any successful embryo flush of a mare and subsequent transfer to a recipient mare shall be reported to the Registrar within 35 days of the transfer. a. change certificate date to within 35 days and no later than August 31st of the breeding season that the transfer occurs b. delete R26 S26 - 6
Sources: Janet Terhune, Registrar & Jean Brown
12. A proposal to amend Rule 26, Section

26 by deleting the word "transplant" from the first sentence.

Current Rule: § 26. No horse that is conceived by embryo or ovum transplant, or by artificial insemination not meeting the requirements or restrictions as set forth in Rule 26, Section 6, shall be registered with USTA

Source: Janet Terhune, Registrar

13. A proposal to amend Rule 26, Section 26 (d)(6) to read as follows: "the application for registration and the Mating Certificate are on file with the Association, and the registration fee is paid no later than December 31st of the horse's foaling year."

Source: Janet Terhune, Registrar

14. A proposal to amend Rule 26, Section 26 (f) by adding the following words after the words "shall not": "be exported or."

Source: Janet Terhune, Registrar

15. A proposal to amend Rule 26, Section 26(H) by adding the following language after the words "donor mare" in the second sentence: "and also terminates the breeding of the donor mare."

Source: Janet Terhune, Registrar

16. A proposal to amend Rule 26, Section 26 by adding the following sentence at the end: "Thus a foal which results from an embryo/ovum transfer in 1997 or thereafter may be registered with the United States Trotting Association provided that an application is submitted to the Registrar on the Association's prescribed form and is accompanied by the prescribed fee of \$25.00."

Source: Janet Terhune, Registrar

17. A proposal to add new Section 32 to Rule 26 to read as follows: "A new foal that is the result of sperm sorting shall not be eligible for registration."

Source: Janet Terhune, Registrar

18. A proposal to amend Article VII, Section 7 of the Bylaws by adding the following language: "No new rule change proposals shall be considered after the completion of the district meetings and before the annual meeting."

Source: Dr. Kenneth L. Walker, Sherman, IL





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Subtotal				\$ _____

TOTAL				\$ _____

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Nichole Glynn
312 Lexington Drive
Waunakee, WI 53597

Questions? Contact Nichole at (608) 333-5278 or email whha.webmaster@gmail.com

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Membership Form

Please fill out the following information completely.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

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Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address _____

Active Membership - \$20.00 _____

***NEW* - Three (3) Year**

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TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

**Make checks payable to WHHA.
Return this page with your check to:**

**Jeanne Marquis
6651 Hyslop Road
Dane, WI 53529**

Wisconsin Harness Horse Association Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2011 - Dane, Wis.

Present: Gretchen Springer, Becky Swinehart, Del Moldenhauer, Gabe Wand, Jay DeLong, Susan Schroeder, and Jeanne Marquis. Nichole Wedel and Wayne Moldenhauer were welcome guests.

(Wayne brought an autographed John Campbell poster from The Red Mile for Jay!) **Absent:** Rick Magee, Scott Gald

The Board began at 10:40 with a full agenda. **Minutes** from the summer check-in meeting in Mineral Point were reviewed. Del moved that they be accepted, Susan seconded and they were approved. See attached.

Gabe reported that with a few bills yet to pay, the **treasury** will be only about \$300 in the red. We gratefully acknowledged Tom and Mary Puetz's gift of \$1000. Tom is hoping that we put the funds toward new back pads. Starting gate brought in \$4850 with the extra starts at Morrison and Belvidere for which NICA was pleased. Gretchen moved that this report be accepted. Del seconded. Unanimously approved. See attached.

Year in Review

Many thanks and kudos was extended to Nichole Wedel for her great work on re-vamping the **website** and setting up the Harness the Stars site. She reported that she will add an easy way for linking results and videos on You-Tube Her request for suggestions netted the following: a more obvious link to the Harness the Stars site, a Memorial page similar to Harness Horse Youth Foundation's, a page of our promotional materials, and a "virtual stable" type automated way of following individual horses throughout the year. She suggested that she would look into setting up a Pay Pal account which might facilitate collection of membership dues on line.

Racing Review. Problems included two missed recalls where both had clearly called for a decision. Some excessive whipping was not called. Comments about the need for consistent judging were expressed. Dick VandenBroucke has offered to judge more meets next year. Some complaints were received about the extra \$5 charged for charting. Viroqua will no longer be necessary as Prairie Meadows is off. Susan added that it is very hard to do, easier if she has help. But many agreed that having charted races was nice for reviewing a horse's performance.

Mineral Point fair was declared a success. We will know how successful when the Blue Ribbon Fair awards are announced in December. T.J Burkett (USTA) said our promotion was great. We had an awesome crowd. Rick Tittsler and Nichole Wedel provided constant color commentry. Track-side interviews, some from sitting on the bike with the winning driver, added personal connections. Nicole will try to make more fairs and feels the interviews will be easier as the drivers get to know her. Del reported that by the end of the season, drivers were getting into the trip to the track for the classy National Anthem, signing and tossing T-shirts, barn notes, and autographing their pictures for giving out at the end of the program. We thank them.

Richland Center grandstand crowd was not good. People were charged at the gate and to get into the stand.

Weyauwega crowd was down due to the same reason. Some misunderstood that the horse people were the ones demanding the grandstand fee. Gabe will speak to Gary Magee about how to rectify this as well as to inquire about Wautoma for next year.

The **Monroe** make-up meet had some confusion about a gate charge. The track surface, excluding the sudden patch of limestone in front of the grandstand, was in great shape thanks to Jays, DeLong and Garrels.

Elkhorn Trotting Club lost \$239 dollars because of rain the first day. The auction between the 1st and 2nd heat hurt the later crowd.

Midwest Horse Fair. It was determined that we would again participate. Applications are due Nov. 15th. We will request the same number of stalls hopefully across from each other. Last year we had 6 horses, one tack stall and one display stall. We need more room for our display. Becky suggested that we dress up the horses a little more. I.e. ribbons in manes and color on harnesses. Nichole suggested that we set up a time for Willie Win It to appear for his fans. Jeanne wants to use our own announcer.

Membership. Membership this year was 163 down from 182. Some of the missing members did not race with us this year. We will try a 3 year \$50 membership fee option for 2012 but not a family membership.

Starting Gate All mechanics worked well

this summer. Patti Strand said Clark Whitney offered to work on air conditioning if we wanted to get it fixed. It is in the barn in Viroqua. Back pads are showing wear and tear. New ones are very expensive. Jay will check out repairs.

Annual Meeting. Date and place are ready. Morning speaker suggestions pointed to Phil Kapraun for his work on the relationship between breeding and scans. Jay will ask him. Gretchen will do a presentation on how to do photo finish. This will help people who might question the process and entice someone to take over the job for next year. (She will be nursing in Grinnell, Iowa) Susan, Scott and Jeanne are finishing their terms. Susan and Jeanne have offered to run again. Jay and Del form the nominating committee and will try to find some willing names for January.

Awards for horses and drivers of the year have been determined by point accumulation. See attached. Service awards agreed upon include the following: Ken Walker (You-Tube photographer), Nicole Wedel, Rick Tittsler, and perhaps Elisha Oesch (Channel 27). Laird Memorial will go to Bo and Pat DeLong for their successful year in Ill. and Indiana. Woody requested some attention be given to women in racing. Nicole will put together a montage of women in racing for review at the next meeting. A list of Wis. "firsts" (owners, drivers, trainers) certificates is attached. Gabe is considering his options for Horse-person.

Del presented some ideas for a Youth Scholarship award to be given to a young person who gives us lots of help over time. Specific requirements need to be determined and the idea will be considered at the next meeting.

Hall of Fame. Wayne Moldenhauer, Robert Yohn, and George Woodbridge have been consistent members. Susan will consider some new additions. Jim Springer, Buck Weaver, Mishelle Kline and Diane Kliensteiber were suggested. She will follow up. Rick Davis needs someone to pick up the Hall of Fame display. Latest pictures are missing so some updating needs to be done. Susan will ask Gary Magee if he could bring stuff to the January meeting.

Insurance. Del reported that he added

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emergency road service to the gate. He added Wayne Weaver to the driver's list. Insurance has been switched to storage mode.

Fundraising. Becky asked us to think of stuff that would be good for the auction. We have a JH Harness. Service donations go over well. She said we did OK on the Calendar raffle and she was able to get the drawings done easily. She will have 2012 ready for the first early meet.

New Business. Wayne asked for logo caps, but we would need to search for additional people to help sell. Gretchen will order and decorate 100 hobby horses. The possibility of setting up an exhibit at the State Fair will be determined by the willingness of someone to set it up and take it down.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sun. Nov. 27th, possibly at Culver's in Newville, WI.

Minutes are not approved or published until the following board meeting is complete. Minutes are also posted on the WHHA website,

www.wiharnessracing.com

OBITUARY

James J. Prevost, 81, Green Bay, laid to rest early Wednesday morning, Dec. 14, 2011. Born April 30, 1930, in Champion, he is the son of the late Abel and Emma (Bournville) Prevost. Jim faithfully served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a long time employee of James River Paper Mill for over 40 years, retiring in 1992. Jim was an avid participant in harness racing for over 50 years.

Jim is survived by five children, Betty Prevost, Cindy Noack, Mary Greenfield, Judy Klarner, and Mark Prevost, all of Green Bay; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter; three sisters, Jeanne Graume, Inez Dommer, and Grace (Jeff) Koehler, three brothers, Rick Prevost, Carl Prevost, and Jeff (Laura) Prevost, all of Green Bay area; friend and mother of his children, Eunice Prevost; nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by two brothers, Clayton and Merlin Prevost; and his long-standing significant other, Margie Clausen.

Jim's family extends a special thank you to Angel's Touch, Heartland.

BOARD ATTENDANCE 2011

	Annual Meeting	Mar 6th	May 15th	Jul 30th	Oct 16th	Nov 27th
Wand, Gabe	X	X	X	X	X	X
Moldenhauer, Del	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marquis, Jeanne	X	X	X	X	X	X
Swinehart, Becky	X	X	X	O	X	X
DeLong, Jay	X	X	X	O	X	X
Gald, Scott	X	O	O	X	O	O
Magee, Rick	X	O	O	O	O	O
Schroeder, Susan	X	X	X	X	X	X
Springer, Gretchen	X	X	X	X	X	O
X = Attended O = Absent						

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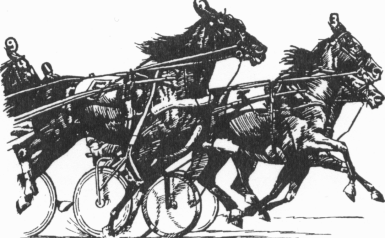
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A photograph of a large, red, octagonal sign with a yellow border. The sign features a yellow silhouette of a horse in profile, facing right. Above the horse, the text "JOHN'S" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below "JOHN'S", the text "PRAIRIE ACRES" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below "PRAIRIE ACRES", the text "Standardbred Training Center" is written in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the sign, the text "Robert & Carol John" is written in a yellow, cursive script. The sign is mounted on a red wooden post. In the background, there are green trees and a blue sky. To the left of the sign, there is a green bush with red flowers.

We are doing well at Insko's Training Center "goin' around in circles" and looking forward to racing this summer. If you are in the neighborhood, drop by, we would love to talk horses!

Bob 920.988.8881 cell Carol 920.988.0158 cell
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Any questions give us a call.