



# News

**Happy 2017 to all of you!** The Banquet was a great celebration to close out 2016. Congratulations again... It was nice to see all the participation. Hope you had a wonderful time!

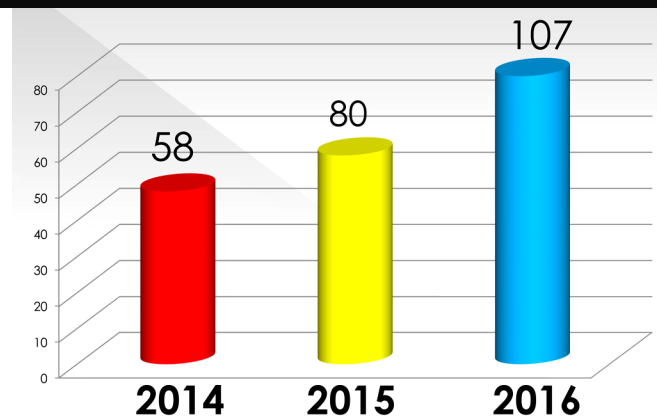
Thank you for all the donated Silent Auction items... and to those that purchased them! The auction brought in \$408.

Many volunteer hours go into preparation for the banquet and awards presentation. Thank you Teri Nielsen for the PowerPoint and Slideshow. Deanna Johnson for compiling the Awards Catalog, all the certificates, ordering the awards and the Banquet Programs. Merle & Barb Himle for all the trophy & Silent Auction work. Thank you Ingrid & Jeff Gryskiewicz for organizing the amazing games. Mark & Jill Jones, Michelle Schlaeger, Dan Drewlow, Natalie Jensen, Mason Nielsen, Kira Quam, Kayli Hulbert & Holly Olson for all the Banquet help!

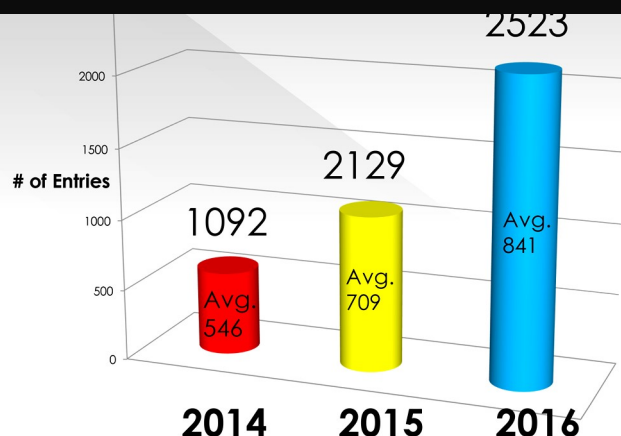
## Statistics from the last 3 years...

Highlights from the PowerPoint presented at the General Membership Meeting prior to the Banquet festivities.

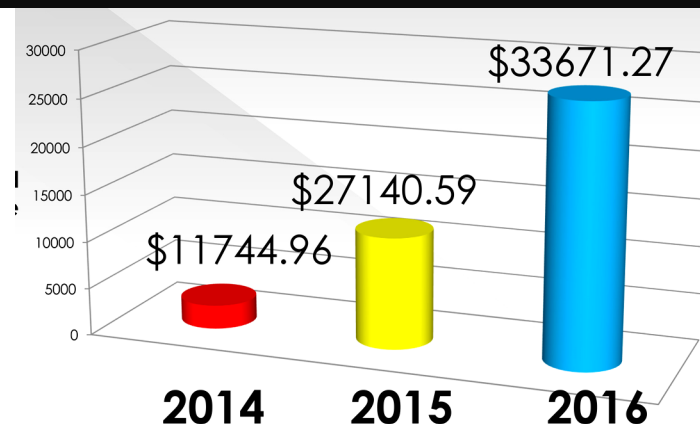
**MNSPHC Memberships • #'s are both Single & Family**  
(Not total people... Total memberships)



**MNSPHC # of Show Entries**



**Financial Growth Year End Balance**  
(Includes All Accounts)



## Election Results • New Board of Director Terms for 2017

President

Jill Jones



Secretary

Deanna  
Johnson



2 YR BOD

Merle Himle



2 YR BOD

Ingrid  
Gryskiewicz



1 YR BOD

Dan  
Drewlow



1 YR BOD

Michelle  
Schlaeger



A huge expression of gratitude to Holly Justin for her years of serving as a Board of Director and all she has done for MNSPHC.

*Thank you Holly!*

*Thank You!*

### Additional topics from the General Membership Meeting of November 19, 2016—

- **Show Bill:** Discussion on adding or removing classes and break times. The General Membership voted to LEAVE our show bill Classes as they are for 2017. Also to add 30 minute break times between classes 44 & 45 and 69 & 70.
- **Point Sharing:** Discussion on point sharing with another club for Year End Points. The General Membership voted by paper ballot... Results: NO Point sharing for 2017.
- **By-Laws:** Discussion on the proposed amendment sent to all members in the Fall Newsletter. The General Membership voted to amend Article VI—Section II, Section III and Section IV as suggested.

## Topics from the General Membership Meeting of November 19, 2016 continued—

- **Show Staff:** Teri Nielsen will be our Show Secretary in 2017, with Holly Justin as her assistant. New show program software has been purchased. Our old program had many glitches! We're looking forward to a more comprehensive show program that will save us hundreds of volunteer hours when it comes to determining our Year-End and All-Around Award winners.
- **MN Horse Expo 2017:** MNSPHC will have a booth at the expo. We will be in the same location as last year... in the Cattle Barn L630. We are looking for volunteers to staff the booth. Please contact Teri Nielsen to schedule a time— email [tnielsen13@yahoo.com](mailto:tnielsen13@yahoo.com)

### Financial • Account Summary

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#### MAIN CHECKING GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

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Beginning Balance Jan 1, 2016	24,310.24
Total Income	75,437.46
Total Expenses	69,249.85
Ending Balance December 31, 2016	30,497.85

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#### FUTURITY ACCOUNT

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Beginning Balance Jan 1, 2016	2,330.10
Total Income	2,140.00
Total Expenses	2,435.96
Ending Balance December 31, 2016	2,034.14

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#### YOUTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT

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Beginning Balance Jan 1, 2016	925.57
Total Income	470.29
Total Expenses	256.58
Ending Balance December 31, 2016	1,139.28

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#### All Accounts Ending Balance as of 12-31-16

**\$33,671.27**

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### Minnesota APHA National Directors • Congratulations!

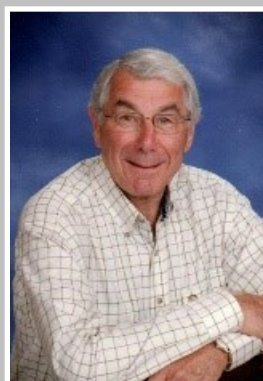
The new National Director positions you voted for, will be sworn in at the 2017 APHA Convention in February... Fort Worth, TX



**Merle Himle**  
Life time Director



**Teri Nielsen**



**Greg Simmet**



**Andrew Abeln**  
Alternate

## Survey taken at the Banquet—

- Is there a facility other than Hinckley, you would like to see MNSPHC host a show at? Yes No
- Suggestions on MNSPHC Show Class List (Add or Remove)?
- Would you like to see MNSPHC point a show with another club for Year-End points? Yes No
- Would you like to see more social activities (Pizza Party for example) at the shows? Yes No
- Other suggestions you would like the MNSPHC Board of Directors to consider?
- Is there anything you would like to be more involved with and want to volunteer? Yes No
- Comments

It's awesome to see how many members care for their club and expressed gratitude with their Survey comments for the hard work and dedication it's taken for us to be where we are today! THANK YOU!! To hear the kind words of "nice job... fun shows... great job... great numbers... love to come... keep up the great work... nothing short of amazing...really enjoy the club... Year End Award selections are great... keeping it very non-political, thank you... you've made a big difference... thanks for all the hard work you've done... you guys are doing a great job... love the venue... love your ring steward... pizza party was great... doing a good job!"

**WOW! Words like this mean the world to all the people that work endlessly for our club... thank you!**

**\*\*We can not stress enough how important it is follow us on social media... our Website and Facebook, attend General Membership Meetings AND read your Newsletters to keep informed.**

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- **Is there another facility besides Hinckley**... the majority circled "No". Some comments: "Solve issues there... improve lighting... fill holes in stalls... dislike Hinckley... Red Horse... Windom... Move things around the state... Northwest Saddle Club... Cannon Falls... Verndale... Winona... Verndale is bad... Verndale has a nice facility but No hotels close by, everything has a downside..."

### Information—

- Red Horse is not an option. It is closed for hosting any horse shows.
- Northwest Saddle Club Arena is an outdoor arena, with a small indoor. There are limited stalls that would not be able to accommodate our members.
- We *are* technically a club of the North, that's how we received our Regional Club status from APHA. Granted, that does not mean we are beholden to activities only in our jurisdiction BUT we also want to respect MPHA. They hold their shows at Winona and Cannon Falls.
- Verndale had comments both positive and negative. Our numbers began to decline show after show last we were in Verndale. If the majority of our members would be committed to going there, it could make a difference. Availability would be the next thing, as our weekends have not always been open and/or they are booked out for a couple years.
- Hinckley has it's issues as every venue does, but have made many improvements and continue to do so. They have also treated our club very well. Starting with the reduced tack stall rate. No other venue does this, they charge the same full price as a horse stall. Along with this, in 2015, they sponsored the grooming towels that were given out to the exhibitors. In 2016, they gave our club \$1,000.00 Sponsorship. These are huge donations and benefits you don't see from any other venue.

*Survey Continued*

## *Survey Continued—*

- **Add or Remove Classes...** Comments: “Not at this time... No I like it... good show bill now... like what we have... it’s good... 2 YR Old Longe Line... Remove Ranch Horse... Add Youth Reining and Youth Western riding... Cut classes that do not have entries or at least a 1/2 point class... too many... too many SPB... Walk Trot Trail... Add additional Lead Line classes... Youth Walk Trot Trail... Add ideal Paint... Eliminate or combine Weanling, Yearling, 2 YR Old and 3 YR Old... more Walk Trot Classes for Youth... Tandem Bareback... Masters Amateur Classes.”

### **Information—**

- The show bill class line up is decided and voted on by the General Membership at our 4th Quarterly Meeting for each up coming year.
  - For classes with “no” entries, the general consensus the members make is “they don’t cost us to be on the show bill...**OR** ...the class is available if it draws new people to our show... **OR**... it may bring exhibitors that need to qualify in that event for the World Show. If the class has zero entries, it will not hold up the show.”
  - Some classes mentioned in the survey, are not APHA approved classes... additional Lead Line Classes and Tandem Bareback. In the future, maybe APHA will make a lead Line Division and add classes. If the majority of our members desire, we could still offer those classes, however...there is a specific way these classes must be judged. Not all APHA Judges have had this training. It would limit us to hiring only Pinto Approved Judges.
  - More Youth Walk Trot Classes: there are only two classes in the Division that we do not already offer, Trail and Working Hunter Over Fences. Trail is an option to add, but if you want it... We need you at the General Membership Meeting when classes are added and approved.
  - Eliminating or combine Weanling, Yearling, 2 YR and 3 YR Old... we do not have Weanling classes on our show bill, as they are not APHA National point earning classes. Combining of these classes is up to the exhibitors participating. They are generally point earning classes in which those exhibitors all pay entry fees and want their horses judged too.
  - SPB Classes: Our show for these classes is minimal compared to all the Divisions. The SPB Youth classes are not broke down by ages and we offer NO Novice Youth or Novice Amateur. It is a shout out to MNSPHC for “our” SPB exhibitors listed in the point standings with the Paint Horse Journal. We’re proud to support those horses too. See our announcement below about the SPB Super Horse of the Year for 2017!
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- **More Social Activities...** Majority said “Yes”. Some of the comments: Love social stuff... anything it’s fun, brings people together... what we had, pizza party was fun... definitely have these activities, but have them on Saturday so all exhibitors can participate, by having on Friday it excludes those who work all day and get to the show late... Youth ice cream party...Hot dogs... Pot luck... Difficult as the shows run so long... Maybe early morning Sunday Breakfast... Beverages in warm up pen... BBQ... Saturday evening get together... Host evening meals sponsor based ie trainer barn/group of people...Taco Party... Tobies Cinnamon Rolls... Offer sponsored dinners by exhibitors and or trainers...

### **Information—**

- Keep this in mind... on Saturdays & Sundays we bring a food vendor in. It’s very difficult to find food vendors willing to come — We have to guarantee them a sales amount for the day. **We do ask that members will patronize the vendors so that there is no additional cost to the club.**
  - We can not hold a club Pot Luck or Social event while the show is going on... exhibitors are still showing and members are still working the show. Saturday evening “club socials or pot luck” could end up starting very late.
  - If there are people that would like to volunteer and form a committee for Social Activities... Awesome! Please contact a Board Member with your interest.
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- **Share points with another club...** Majority answered “No”. Some of the comments: MPHA... Iowa... NWPHC... WI... State Fair... Unless the Florida Paint Horse Club in the Winter!... Maybe but be careful... in the future... no out of state clubs... Maybe if the other club shows it starts to grow again... if we can support WI, we should be able to support another MN club.

**Information—** The sharing of points is decided by the General Membership at our 4th Quarterly Meeting. It's done by Ballot vote. The result from November 2016 was “No” point sharing for 2017. **History:** 2017 will be the first year we have not shared points with NWPHC or any other club.

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## • **Other Suggestions...** Some of the comments and Information—

- **Give All-Around Awards... Need All-Arounds**

**Information—**In January of 2016, the General Membership voted to incorporate All-Around Titles in to our Awards Program. The award was to be certificates, unless we came up with Sponsorship funds directed to those awards. The information was on our Website, on Facebook, and in the Newsletter. Sheets were at the shows with a break down of the specific classes each Division had to qualify in. The Newsletter last Fall, also had a separate section listing all winners for All-Around.

- **Get rid of Super Horses...** Not a fan of Super Horse, because it's less about the horse and more about how many people show it (it's a plus if you have a youth exhibitor and disadvantage if you don't) Maybe it should be a Super Horse Show Family Award.

**Information—** The Super Horse of the Year is a prestigious High Point All-Around title. This award has been given out for the past 3 years. Three different people have won it, ALL exhibiting the horse themselves, that is ALL points were accumulated from ONE exhibitor. **What is the Halter Horse of the Year?** The High Point Halter Horse. To make this award fair, we broke it down and added a Youth Halter Horse of the Year, so those with a Youth did not have an advantage over others. In 2016, we gave the Open/Amateur Halter award to 2 horses because there was a misunderstanding of the rule wording ... Now the ruling is clearly stated to prevent it from happening again. The Super Horse Titles are a “brand” of our own, making us different from any other club. To date, all these awards have been sponsored... which is awesome! Also tells us the sponsors like them too.

- **SPB Horses...**

**Information—**We are about promoting the Paint Horse. Solid Paint Bred Horses are a big part of the American Paint Horse Association. Many of these horses are not coming to the Breed Shows, they're either left at home or showing WSCA. Why? Because many clubs have left them by the wayside and are not offering them anything. MNSPHC can proudly say “We're not one of those clubs and support them also.” For 2017, SPB Super Horse of the Year has been added to our awards program. We hope this can be another way of reaching out to those exhibitors to come join us.

**Shorten class length for less entries...** no matter what size the class is, each exhibitor has paid an entry fee and waited for their class to come up. The Judges know their requirements to judge the class... for those horses to move in both directions or go through the pattern just as a larger class.

**More arena time during lunch...** Our show bill has a 30 minute lunch break. Prolonging the lunch break for more arena time, prolongs the show. At the July show, on Saturday during lunch there was a Youth Fundraiser Costume Class... asked for by the Youth. This did take up arena time. It's hard... there's a lot of people to accommodate. At the same time, everybody wants the show to get over sooner and they want fun fundraiser classes.

**Kid craft and activity table...** Is there somebody willing to take this on? A group or barn or individuals to set it up, over see if needed and be responsible for clean-up?

*Survey Continued—*



## *Survey Continued—*

**Higher recognition of Youth— Lead Line & Walk Trot, pass out rosette ribbons...** thoughts for the General Membership to go over. We try to keep our entry fees down and have not raised any fees in several years. For the past couple years, we've had Members/Trainers/Barns that have donated all the Lead Line prize bags to give to each exhibitor. There's also been discussion on giving something out to the Youth Walk Trot exhibitors at the show, but what can be difficult is they have several classes. Rosette ribbons are nice, but expensive... it's a hard line to draw for who would be entitled.

**Complimentary drink tickets should be given to all members, not just for those paying for meals. We all spend \$ with the club through out the year...** We have given a complimentary drink ticket at the banquet to those that purchase a meal as a perk for joining the group. Without meals, we would have to pay for the facility. People that pay for meals, get us the room. We also have "non-members" that come to the banquet, Spouses, Grandparents, additional family and friends... not just members.

**Better Judges and Show Staff...** Our Judges are all APHA approved judges who we pay for an opinion. It doesn't matter who is hired... some exhibitors love them, some complain. We have hired some of the most respected names available, we still had complaints. Now they won't come back. It's not an easy job and we thank the Judge's Committee for all the hard work getting them lined up. Qualified Show Secretaries are hard to come by also. It didn't help us last year working with an out-dated show program. It caused a lot of issues and extra work for several people. Hopefully that will all be solved this year... we're excited about the new show program and thankful Teri Nielsen and Holly Justin are taking this task on.

**Club seems to have a Halter BOD and seems to brush off performance horses...** the membership decides the show bill line up. We have 123 classes, 28 of them are Halter. We award Grand, Reserve and Top 5 titles for every qualifying class. Additional Titles and recognition are given... All-Around titles, (11) of them, both a Grand & Reserve. Super Horse of the Year and now SPB Super Horse of the Year. That makes for (24) special award titles up and above Grand and Reserve for performance horses. Halter horses have (2) Special Awards. Halter horse exhibitors contribute a large portion of the individual class fee revenue the club receives from the shows. They do not qualify for All-day fee discounts. MNSPHC has stepped out of the box from the rest of the clubs so those horses/members may be honored too.

**Club is run too much by the Board, Don't have Quarterly Meetings, Keep the membership involved in decision making...** All major decisions that impact our club are done and have been done at the General Membership Meetings. In 2016, there was a General Membership meeting in the 1st Quarter and the 4th Quarter. As required, all members are notified when and where the General membership Meetings will take place. MNSPHC By-Law Article III, specifically states what the (10) responsibilities and concerns are for the Board of Directors in conducting our club.

- **Is there anything you would like to be more involved with and want to volunteer...** The majority answered "No". There were (2) answers for "Yes" but did not leave any contact information.

## *End of Survey*

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**Again... please stay tuned. Read your Newsletters. Come to our meetings...this is where major decisions are made. This is where your input is heard. Follow us on Social Media... our website is your "go to tool" for all forms and information. It also has it's own "News Board" page with what's the latest. Facebook is another way to advertise and keep you updated.**

# 2017 Directory



## Member Discounts!

Full Page Color \$100.— Half Page Color \$60.

Member Sales Incentive: 10% of the sales  
you acquire off the price of your own ad!

## Advertise in our Directory!

Full Page Color \$125.— Full Page B & W \$100.

Half Page Color \$75.— Half Page B & W \$60.

1/4 Page Color \$40.— 1/4 Page B & W \$30.

Color Business Card \$25.

**Ad space must be paid in full and camera  
ready art in no later than February 28th, 2017**

Email ad or send CD/DVD and payments to:

Deanna Johnson • 2427 230th Ave • Brook Park, MN 55007  
tripledfarms@Q.com

## Cowboy ~ Cowgirl Gathering



Food Stand on site



## WANTED

**Horse Related Items**  
**Used Tack – 15% fee**  
**Saddles, Trailers & Equipment 8% fee**  
**Hay 10% fee**

Western Wear – including  
clothing, hats, boots sell in a  
separate booth for 15% fee

Auction starts @ 10:30 inside  
And outside  
Saddles @ 3:00 pm  
Door Prizes to follow saddles

**All Consignors must call for  
Consignment number**  
**Steve 612-390-1216**  
**Randy 315-296-6411**  
**Merle 320-679-4993**

Vendor Spaces available  
10'x10' - \$50  
Bring your own tables

Hinckley Community Center  
106 First St. S.E.  
Hinckley, MN 55037

### Notice—

as was discussed at the  
Banquet... MNSPHC has  
members willing to take on  
the food stand for this event  
as a fundraiser. We'll be  
serving the food...

**Come grab a  
bite to eat!**

For more info – contact  
[randyisham@yahoo.com](mailto:randyisham@yahoo.com)

Not Responsible for accidents or lost or stolen items





**Mark your calendars!**  
Follow us for updates at  
[www.mnsphc.com](http://www.mnsphc.com) & on Facebook

## Show Schedule

### June 24 & 25, 2017 • Double F Arena • Hinckley, MN

Saturday Judges: Lori Gordon & Marty Jo Hayes

Sunday Judges: Carl McCuistion & Karen McCuistion

### July 22 & 23, 2017 • Double F Arena • Hinckley, MN

Saturday Judges: Gigi Bailey & Gayle Lampinen

Sunday Judges: Curt Summers & Bruce Army



### August 19 & 20, 2017 • Double F Arena • Hinckley, MN

Saturday Judges: Leon Borcharding & Rick McLain

Sunday Judges: Leigh Ann Skurupey & Jennifer Cignoni

## Lodging/Motel

***Important! Accommodations tend to fill up fast from local events. Make your reservations as soon as possible. Make sure to identify our group: MN North Star Paint Horse Club and specify the bed size as noted per location to get in our block.***

**Grand Northern Inn** (located behind Tobies Restaurant)  
604 Weber Avenue  
Hinckley, MN 55037  
800-468-3517



**June block is here only.**  
**2 Double beds.**

**Grand Hinckley Inn** (across from Grand Casino)  
800-468-3517



**July & August block is here only.**

**2 Queen beds.**

**Grand Casino Hinckley Hotel**  
777 Lady Luck Dr.  
Hinckley, MN 55037  
800-468-3517

**Days Inn**  
104 Grindstone Ct.  
Hinckley, MN 55037  
320-384-7751

**America's Best Value Inn**  
325 Fire Monument Rd.  
Hinckley, MN 55037  
320-384-6112