



HOW

Haflinger Owners of Wisconsin Ltd.

Dedicated to providing recreational and educational opportunities to people interested in Haflinger horses.



Greetings from the Prez!

Rachel Meek

HOW is looking forward to a great year with our Haflingers. As you can see by the list of events printed in this newsletter, we are going to have a variety of ways to get together and have fun with and without our horses. Midwest Horse Fair is just around the corner and Brenda Strack has promised us another fantastic demonstration routine. The theme this year is "Rock, Roll & Ride" so hang on...we're in for a rockin' time at the HOW hospitality booth! Make sure to stop by and visit while you are attending the Fair.

Please note that the Haflinger sale has moved this year from the Central Wisconsin Sale in September to our very own HOW sale in August. It will be held at the **Washington County Fairgrounds on August 18, 2007**. Our sale will include a tack/equipment sale along with the horses and we may also have some demonstration time to show everyone what our wonderful Haflingers can do. If you would like to consign a horse, please contact Dave Kraus. Watch for more information about this event in the upcoming newsletters.

I would like to thank each of the board members for agreeing to continue on in their appointed positions. They have done a wonderful job keeping the club running and setting up great events to attend. If you have ever thought, "Hey, I can do that" and would be interested in becoming a member of the board, we are always looking for new people to step up and help us out. Elections are held annually in January so keep that in mind as the year goes on.

Our website address has changed, so please make a note of the new address.

www.haflingerownersofwisconsin.org. Feel free to link our site to your own website for added exposure for the club.

If you ever have any questions or comments about the club, please don't hesitate to drop me a note at Rachel.meek@wisconsin.gov or call me at 608-277-8812 after 5pm.

Stay warm and give all those wonderful horses a hug from me!

The 2007 Calendars Are Here!!

If you were unable to attend the annual meeting, then you missed a chance to purchase the new 2007 HOW calendar. Luckily, it wasn't your last chance. Send \$11 (checks made payable to HOW) to Rachel Meek at 2509 Muir Field Road, Madison, WI 53719. Once Rachel receives your check, she will mail one to you. Get one before they are gone.

Where's The Equipment?

If you are storing any equipment that belongs to HOW, please drop Randy an e-mail fourwinds@tds.net and let him know. We need to get an accurate inventory for our audit.

Annual Meeting Memories

Haley Madden

Happy new year everyone! It's hard to believe that another year has rolled around, but indeed it is 2007 and it was time for our annual meeting. The Haflinger Owners of Wisconsin meeting was held at the Kewaskum Town Hall and it was full of Haflinger enthusiasts who came with lots of ideas.

The afternoon began with a filling, scrumptious potluck lunch - after all, it's not a proper HOW gathering without good food! With full bellies and light hearts, the meeting started. While the exact details of the meeting can be found in the enclosed minutes, we started off discussing last year's events and statistics. 2006 was a year full of HOW accomplishments, from blue ribbons in the show ring to a phenomenal performance at the Midwest Horse Fair to raising almost \$10,000 in our treasury. All members present were incredibly proud of each other and our little blond treasures.

Much of the meeting was spent discussing new events and plans for 2007. Ingrid Krause, the events coordinator, has exciting clinics planned for this year. In February Craig Kellogg will be coming to Falmouth Stables in Arena. He will give private lessons for the weekend of February 23-25. Those interested should contact Ingrid Krause for more details. The clinic is completely free for HOW members. HOW will also be hosting a jumping clinic at Happy Haflingers in Middleton on May 19th. The rest of the year's events will run according to our normal schedule, including ride/drives in the spring, a summer fun show and the Nicolet Forest weekend in October. These dates will be posted in the newsletter and on the website. Our events coordinator is making great steps to include more free or low cost clinics for our members and hopes to create more opportunities in the future.

Brenda is full of ideas for this year's horse fair. This year's theme is Rock, Roll, and Ride, and we are going to do just that. While specific details are not known yet, our demonstration will be filled with spectacular driving and riding and crowd-pleasing costumes and music. If anyone is interested in being a part of this extravaganza, contact Brenda Strack.

Our meeting ended with the silent auction. Many fun items were auctioned off and while the bidding was intense, I ended up with the horse pin so all ended well. Thanks to all members who donated items!

All in all, the 2007 annual meeting was full of lively conversation, good food, and shared vision for our future. I believe we are all excited at the progress we have made and eager to see what the future holds!

Join The Group E-Mail

Hay....care to stay in touch with other Haflinger club members on an informal basis? I have started a new e-mail group in Yahoo entitled Wisconsin Haflinger. You can find it at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wisconsinhaflinger> This group can be used for a variety of things, but mainly it is a way to stay in touch and find out what everyone is up to and get information on a variety of questions that you may have. Want to know if a certain trail or park is worth packing up the horse and going to? Ask your question on this group e-mail. Want to go out riding this weekend and would like someone to come along? Ask for people to join you on this group e-mail. Want to know who is going to a certain event? Ask on this group e-mail. You get the idea...

To get going, all you need to do is to access the website mentioned above and sign up as a group member—it's that simple. Hope to share some cyber-time with you---

Treasure's Report

Dave Kraus

I would like to thank Carlo Krause, Roger Skogen and Bill Brumlic for doing the 2006 audit of the HOW, LTD books.

To date we have approximately 22 calendars sold, along with 30 renewal memberships along with 5 new ones. The silent auction and apparel sales brought in \$299 and so far we have four business card ads. Remember the business card ads not only go into the newsletter but will also be in our auction catalog. We will be printing approximately 200 catalogs so don't miss the opportunity to advertise our farm or business here.

The Haflinger group can be proud. \$1069 was deposited from the annual meeting and had another deposit of \$297 from checks sent to me directly, for a total of \$1366. We are starting the year off right. Hopefully the next time I give you a report there will be some income from raffle ticket sales, so get out there and sell, sell, sell and if can't sell then buy, buy, buy!

HOW Ya Doing?

Let's brag about our haffies! If you have attended a competition of any kind and would like to share your experience with us, this is the spot. Just let us know when and where and how you did.

Send your information to fourwinds@tds.net

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW
YOUR 2007 MEMBERSHIP!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Midwest Horse Fair, April 19-22, 2007

Minnesota Horse Expo, April 28-29, 2007

Jumping Clinic, May 19, 2007
Middleton

Spring Ride/Drive, May 20, 2007
Walking Iron Park in Mazomanie

Fall Ride/Drive, October 21, 2007
Southern Kettle Moraine

Fun Show, August 4, 2007
Four Winds in Monticello

Spur of the Moment, October 6-7, 2007
Mountain

November TBA Trail Ride
Richland Center

Did You Know?

Financial History of HOW, LTD.

2000 income was \$795 in Founders Fees contributions

2001 income was \$70 in memberships

2002 income was \$375 in memberships

Started 2003, \$1016.72 In July two members loaned HOW, LTD \$1500 to stay afloat. Ended 2003, \$1603.77 owing Russ Peterson \$1000 & Dave Kraus \$500

Started 2004, \$1603.77 Ended 2004, \$601.65
Owing Russ \$500 & Dave \$250

Started 2005, \$601.65 Ended 2006, \$6561.19
Owing nothing

Started 2006, \$6561.19 Ended 2006, \$9519.82

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