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## Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2011

John and Paula Wright gave a saddle, pad fitting clinic.

Amanda Johnson called the GM meeting to order at 7:35pm.

A summary of the February meeting minutes was approved as restated by Amanda.

**Treasurer's Report:**  
 Beginning—\$6128.90  
 Ending—\$9282.52  
 Approved as read

3 motions were made and 2nd.

**1st motion:**  
 To change a statement at the beginning of the bylaws book saying a member can show his or horse for points.  
 Unanimous; motion carries.

**2nd Motion:**  
 To change 9 and Under verbiage in the rule book to "youth"..  
 Unanimous; motion carries

**3rd Motion:**  
 To have any SSA verbiage removed from the rule book.  
 Unanimous; motion carries

***Congratulations Theresa Plank for winning the Free class drawing.***

**Business:**  
 The September show has been moved to the 10 and 11.

A show secretary has been found.

Rules and bylaws will be sent

out to vote on at the April GM meeting.

Dr. Blair Lybbert will be giving a Colic Vet Talk at the April GM meeting.

A possible Ty VanNorman horsemanship clinic could be in the works.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

## Meeting minutes for April 6, 2011

Dr. Lybbert did a presentation on Colic and how to treat for it.

GM was called to order at 7:35 pm by Debbie Armuth, Vice President.

A summary of March meeting minutes was approved as read.

No treasurer's report at this time. Donna is very ill.

3 motions were made and 2nd.

**1st motion:**  
 To remove all SSA verbiage from the rule book. Unanimous; motion carries.

**2nd Motion:**  
 To accept the language as written for the proposed bylaws.  
 Ayes—7; Nays—2; Abstain—1;  
 Motion carries.

**3rd Motion:**  
 To change the verbiage in Section 3 Article 7 to the proposed verbiage. Unanimous; motion carries.

Premium will be completed soon.

Still looking for a show manager.

Website is up and looking great...thank you Kim Steninger, it looks awesome.

Dr. Wade Taylor will be at the next GM meeting discussing VOM (veterinary orthopedic manipulation).

***Congratulations Corinna Algerio for winning the Free class drawing.***

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

### **\*\*COME AND JOIN US\*\***

Monthly Membership Meeting

May 4, 2011

Upstairs at the Stockman's Hotel & Casino

6:30pm

**Chance to win a free class (of your choice) at the next horse show!**



The minutes for  
March Monthly Meeting  
are available for viewing  
at [www.nenha.org](http://www.nenha.org)

**AGENDA**  
*May 4, 2011*  
*Membership Meeting*

*Committee Reports*

*Committee Actions*

*Membership*

*New Business*

*Old Business*

**NOTICE**

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### Veterinary Corner with Dr. Blair Lybbert, DVM

Dear Northeastern Nevadans,

Last month's lapse in providing a column has prompted March to be a double-topic issue of *Veterinary Corner*. Both topics I wish to discuss fall under the broad heading of "Potential Perils of Spring". Neither are common, but both are misunderstood.

There are many horses out there that get a little sore-footed in the spring when the green grass comes in. No matter how bad it is, or how soon they get over it, they are suffering from laminitis. In other words a horse that is tender-footed in the spring has foundered to some degree.

It may not look like a "typical" case of founder, but it is. Many horsemen and horsewomen have had a difficult time grasping the gravity of this. Believe me, the horse has inflammation in the tender tissues of his feet. This is technically known as laminitis. It should not be ignored.

The horse likely had a more severe episode of founder in the past and/or is overweight and is thus predisposed to the condition. The flare up is due to the high levels of sugar that they are consuming in the new grass. The same signs would be seen if large amounts of pellets, grains, or high-quality alfalfa were fed.

If your horse has a cresty neck, crease down the back, lumpy fat deposits, or has a history of being sore-footed, then take precautions now. He needs to be kept away from high sugar foods and/or needs to lose weight.

Mild episodes can potentially develop into very severe, chronic lameness. Such pain significantly decreases quality of life, and use of the animal. It can also be costly to manage.

Next I want to discuss "tying-up". Although this is not a condition that occurs only in the spring, it does seem to be reported more often during this time of year. "Tying-up" is actually known as rhabdomyolysis; it has also been known as Monday morning disease. It is a painful disease of the muscles which is not completely understood. There are genetic, environmental, and physical factors that cause this condition to occur.

Often the signs are nonspecific. An episode can look like tetanus, laminitis, or colic. Signs typically include mild to severe muscle cramping of the large muscles in the hindquarters, anxiety, profuse sweating, refusal to move, increase breathing rate, and elevated heart rate. They may also stretch out like a gelding that is about to urinate.

If your horse is experiencing these signs DO NOT force them to move. "Walking them out of it" will cause further damage. Keep the horse still and quiet, do not allow the muscles to cool completely, offer small amounts of water, possibly give a dose of a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory such as Banamine or Equioxx. Muscle contractions should abate within several hours and the horse will begin to move more comfortably. Recovery may take days to weeks for mild to moderate cases.

Severe cases require veterinary attention. A severe case may result in the horse being down, failure to become more comfortable after several hours, failure to sweat, and dark colored urine. If your horse has dark urine, then it needs to see a vet immediately. Dark urine has large amounts of myoglobin in it. Damaged muscle cells release myoglobin which can irreversibly damage the kidneys without appropriate treatment. If the affected horse can no longer sweat, seems otherwise dehydrated, or has dark urine then do NOT give any anti-inflammatories.

A single episode of this most likely indicates that the horse has been over-exerted physically. This may happen even with horses that may be considered "fit". Repeated episodes likely indicate a genetic factor which will require tests to verify. Regardless, either situation can be managed in most horses. Good basic fitness is key to preventing episodes.

The key points I want to emphasize with these topics are 1) do not ignore spring sore-footedness, and 2) do not force a tying-up horse to walk; get them appropriate treatment. There is so much to understand about these conditions. I hope my basic introduction has been clear and informative.

I hope to see you all in April where we will talk about colic at the next NENHA meeting.

Dr. Blair Lybbert, DVM  
Elko Veterinary Clinic

## Veterinary Corner with Dr. Blair Lybbert, DVM

Dear Northeastern Nevadans,

When spring-time comes around many mare owners debate whether or not to breed their mare. She may be a beloved pet or investment, young or old, maiden mare or long-time broodmare. Regardless of what she currently is or what she used to be, every mare owner should ask themselves why they want to breed the mare. More importantly, it may be best to ask if it is *appropriate* to breed that mare.

To ward off the effects of a poor economy and the growing number of unwanted horses, being a responsible breeder should be a goal for every mare and stallion owner. This means carefully evaluating the qualities of the mare and stallion. The foal's future use, the time and resources it will take to get that foal marketable, and the overall condition of the economy should all be considered.

I bring this up because there are thousands of unwanted horses in the United States. According to the *Unwanted Horse Coalition*, "Unwanted horses may be sick, injured or old. They may be unmanageable or dangerous. They may be horses that an owner is no longer economically able to care for. They may no longer be wanted because they do not meet an owner's expectations and have become more of a burden than a joy. Or, they may simply be horses that an owner does not know what to do with." Horses that fall into this class are at an increased risk of neglect, abuse, and even abandonment. Breeding responsibly is one solution to reducing the number of horses that fall into this category.

Following are some of the reasons I have heard for breeding, "she is a sweetheart and I would like to get a foal out of her before she gets too old", "my friend has a stallion that I can breed to for free...", "I think it would be great for my kids to see a foal being born", "the market should turn around by the time I want to sell the foal, so I will go ahead and breed her", "I know she has crooked legs, but she is really well bred...", "she might be a mean mare, but she sure is fast...", "I want another horse with her same markings and color, so we are going to breed her", and "my kid really wants his own horse...".

Sentiment, good bloodlines, color/markings, convenience, low initial cost, and novelty alone are not ideal reasons to breed. I am encouraging everyone to be more responsible by breeding mares that are the most likely to produce structurally correct, good-minded foals that will have the potential to excel in their intended future career. Although all horses have intrinsic value it is important to produce horses that also have good extrinsic value. As a whole, doing so will improve equine quality of life and prevent injustice against the animals we love.

It is not my intent to offend or judge, but only to create reflective thinking about what is best for our horses. Lets all begin to play a bigger roll in resolving the "unwanted" horse problem that has become an epidemic in this country. The horses deserve it.

Dr. Blair Lybbert, DVM





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**Membership**—Eric Molyneux—934-2130

If you see a committee that you would like to help with, please contact the Chairperson and let them know. Thank you in advance!!!!

## MAY 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 GM Meeting Stockman's Hotel 6:30 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Elko's Equine Expo Horse Palace 9 am—12 pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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- Wright, John or Susan

You must be a paid 2011 member to vote. If you don't have your membership form turned in yet, please contact Jenny Marlar for information on getting a form. Membership forms are also available at [www.nenha.org](http://www.nenha.org).

Please go in to our sponsors' place of business and thank them. Without their continued support we wouldn't be able to have the successful club, shows or awards that we do.

***The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit and freedom.***





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This association is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote horse related activities in a healthy, family and community-oriented atmosphere. We seek to model good sportsmanship through friendly competition. We strive to educate ourselves, our families and our community in the proper care of horses and the art of preparing and showing horses through educational seminars, clinics, four yearly horse shows and other horse related functions.

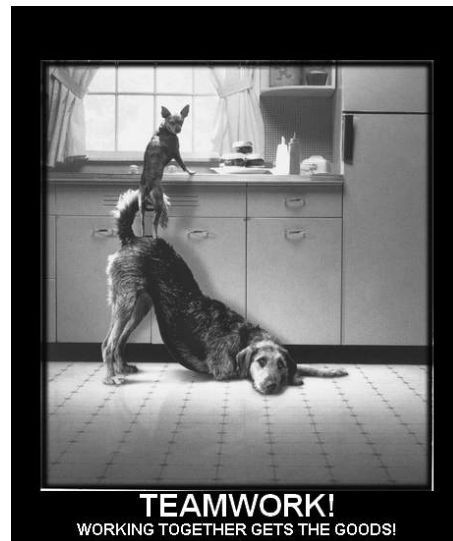
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### ~~ATTENTION~~

If anyone has any good show/members/horse pictures they would like to see on the website, please send them to Kim Steninger at [cbs@steninger.us](mailto:cbs@steninger.us). Type in "Please Post" on the subject line.

Get your membership in now. The fees will go up \$5 after April 1, 2011. The Membership forms will be available on the website as well as sent out in the newsletters. If you need more, call Jenny at 397-5347. They will also be available at Stockman's Supply and IFA.

*When your horse follows you without being asked, when he rubs his head on yours, and when you look at him and feel a tingle down your spine...you know you are loved.*

John Lyons



## 2011 HORSE SHOW DATES

*Tentative until approved*

*Judges & Times To Be Announced later*

**June 18—Gymkhana Events**

**June 19—Halter & Performance**  
At the Elko County Fairgrounds

**July 30—Gymkhana Events**

**July 31—Halter & Performance**  
At the Spring Creek Horse Palace

**August 20—Gymkhana Events**

**August 21—Halter & Performance**  
At the Elko County Fairgrounds

**September 10—Gymkhana Events**

**Sept. 11—Halter & Performance**  
At the Spring Creek Horse Palace



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## **2011 DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 4—*Monthly Meeting at Stockmen's Hotel & Casino—6:30pm*

Mar 14—*Elko Equine Expo; Horse Palace —9:00am—12 pm*

Jun 1—*Monthly Meeting at Stockmen's Hotel & Casino—6:30pm*