

AGENDA
MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD
MHIB Board Meeting: August 21th, 2025 11am In-Person
Maryland State Fair

Meeting Start: Call to Order: Sheila Curry, Chair

Introductions: Roll call of attendees by Anne Litz

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from the June 17th, 2025 meeting

Welcome to Horseland: Christine Reter, Michael Reuter and Evie Hickman invite you to visit Horseland after our Board Meeting. over est. 50,000 (MD State Fair estimate) people come through the Horseland Tent to meet the horses, make stick ponies, learn about horse anatomy as well as horse disciplines and ride our very own “Little Secretariat”. The fairgoers also got to learn more about the horse industry and how to get involved with horses. The Horseland Tent is in addition to the seven days of Thoroughbred racing, race track tours, daily horse and breed shows, rodeo, horse pulling contests, and the pony and mule shows already featured at the state fair. We have some of our Horse Discovery Center’s participate in helping people discover their love of horses. Visitors of all ages make 2,000 MHIB Stick horses – year after year.

Bev Raymond Tribute: Kathleen Tabor will read Ross Peddicord tribute to retired Board Member, Beverly Raymond

COMMITTEE UPDATES & DISCUSSION – Executive Director Reports –

1. **Stable Licensing Update:** FY26 Renewals: Opened June 1st
 - a. Late Fee \$100, Sept 1st
 - b. OneStop, Salesforce & Communications
Stable Inspectors: Peggy Morgan & Ellen James
 - i. Report of New Stables
 - ii. Any Issues with current inspections
 - c. Question or concerns to our inspectors
2. **New Hire Process:** Contractor Position: State is on a hiring and spending freeze
3. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule: September** – No Board meeting, Committee Meetings, **October** Thursday, 16th – Fair Hill – in person, **November** -TBD Virtual. **December** – Grants Committee
4. **Maryland Horse Library & Bender Series –**
 - a. Aug 7 panel on Equine Emergency Preparedness well attended; topics included barn safety, first aid, emergency network capacity, and equine ambulance response
 - b. Survey went out to gauge interest in future talk, in corporation with Animal Health & MDA
5. **Maryland State Fair** – Horseland and more!
6. **USLGE Germany Trip 2025 – Stone Slade & Cindy Harris: Harris Paints**

7. October 2025 Hauts-de-France: Equine Panel/Seminar

- a. Working title: "The Future is Now" – International Horse Veterinarian Panel.
- b. Monday Oct 20, 3–5 PM at PGEC Exhibitor's Lounge, with reception to follow.
- c. Speaker and topic planning underway with Dr. Anderson and Dr. Scicluna. Integration with Vice President Decoster's visit; Sister States coordination on broader delegation schedule.

8. Grants FY2025

- a. MHIB Grants are on Google Forms!
- b. MDA meeting to talk Grant Process, Dec. Meeting for Grants Committee

9. MD Horse Park System: Marriner Update –Website & Ads– Connie Sawyer Grant Report Submitted

- a. **Prince Georges Equestrian Center**—MD Horse & Pony Show, Capital Challenge, Washington International Horse Show
- b. **Fair Hill and Fair Hill Special Events Zone-** Maryland 5 Star, The Races at Fair Hill, Aug 30th
- c. **Maryland Horse Library Education Center** – MTCP Program, Bender Series
- d. **Pimlico Race Course** — Preakness 2025. Racing at Laurel until the rebuild. Pimlico Ceremonial Demolition Event Aug 21st.

10. October Horse Month

- a. Maryland Horse Park System Website Launched
- b. Proclamation request sent in to MDA

11. Green Advocates Group

- a. Proposed small group to advance environmental best practices in equine facilities; stakeholder list compiled.
- b. September kickoff meeting via Google Meets anticipated.

12. EQUUS

- a. Mustang Summits – Aug.28th -31 Bel Air, Sept. 19 – 25th Wild Kid Acres
- b. EQUUS Film Festival – MD Horse Library & Pikesville Cinema Nov. 13th-16th
- c. Potential Iberian Horse Alliance event to PGEC in July 2026

13. Committee Meetings: Chairs to speak with Anne about potential need for meeting dates. Budget meeting Sept. 22nd

14. Upcoming Outreach & Sponsorships

- a. Horseland at the Maryland State Fair : August 21 - 24 | August 28 - September 1 | September 4 - 7
- b. European Paint Horse Championship: **August 23 to 30, 2025, Germany**
- c. The Races at Fair Hill – Aug 30th
- d. Maryland Horse and Pony Show: September 10th -14th 2025

- e. Great Frederick Fair: SEPTEMBER 12-20,
- f. Capital Challenge: September 24 - October 5,
- g. Loch Moy "Maryland International: Oct. 3-5th
- h. Tuckahoe Celebration of the Horse: Oct 11, Tuckahoe Equestrian Center
- i. Maryland Million LLC: Oct. 11, Laurel Park
- j. Maryland 5 Star Oct. 16-19, 2025 Fair Hill
- k. The Future is Now" – International Horse Veterinarian Panel. Oct 20th
- l. Washington International Horse Show: Oct 20-26, 2025 Prince George's Equestrian Center
- m. Maryland Outdoor Rec Summit: October 28-30, 2025,

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Introductions from Industry Sector Board Members:

Humane Societies_____	Erin Ochoa
Equine Academic Community_____	Dr. Amy Burk
Thoroughbred Sector _____	Jenile Tapscott
At Large_____	Genevieve H.R. Macfarlane
MD Horse Council _____	Carolyn Mackintosh
Trails & Recreational Riding_____	Jennifer Sulin
Organized Shows & Events _____	Sheila Curry
MD Dept. of Agriculture_____	Cassie Shirk
Licensed Veterinarians _____	Dr. Kathleen Anderson
Trade & Support Industries_____	Connie Sawyer
Standardbred Sector_____	Lisa Watts
Licensed Stables_____	Adrian Ford III

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT