

AGENDA
MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD
MHIB Board Meeting: June 17th, 2025 10am VIRTUAL
Tuesday, June 17 · 10:00am – 12:00pm
Time zone: America/New York
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tvj-puqj-egg>
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Meeting Start: Call to Order: Sheila Curry, Chair ~ Call Moderator: Anne Litz

Introductions: Roll call of attendees by Anne Litz

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Laura Hannan Executive Director of the Fair Hill Nature Center

Originally from North East, MD, Laura Hannan has been Executive Director of the Fair Hill Nature Center since Jan 2022. Each year, the Fair Hill Nature Center serves 7,500 public elementary school students for hands-on environmental science field trips, inspiring stewardship and a love for the natural world.

Scot Evans with Green is the New Blue:

Creative Director R. Scot Evans has an extensive background in the equestrian world. Along with a training and coaching career, he was an “R” judge in the hunter, jumper, and equitation disciplines for over 40 years, judging such major events as the ASPCA Maclay Finals and numerous other championship shows.

Beyond the show ring, Evans has worked in Sponsor Relations for Stadium Jumping, Inc., the Winter Equestrian Festival, and the Hampton Classic. Additionally, he was the producer of the Three Masters and American System of Forward Riding video series. Evans currently serves on the boards of the Aiken Horse Foundation and the Equestrian Aid Foundation, of which he was a founding member and past president.

Saddle Up Scholars: www.saddleupscholars.org

Co-Founder, Executive & Managing Director Jennie Towner, Ph.D. and

Co-Founder, Educational & Development Director Win Lewis:

Unbridling Potential. Harnessing Education. Empowering Youth

Saddle Up Scholars provides educational services to young riders in existing equestrian outreach programs. Our mission is to make a direct and immediate impact in the lives of young horse enthusiasts from underserved backgrounds by harnessing the skills they gain from horses and channeling that into academic success.

Horseland Updates: Mini Horseland is on the move! – Christine Reter

Horseland has been busy the last few weeks spreading knowledge and joy about horses.

Horseland has participated in several Baltimore County Public Library (BCPL) events in conjunction with the Maryland State Fair. The BCPL kick off saw over 1000 people! Horseland

also was involved in a training with Equine Rescue Ambulance. In this training we taught firefighters about horse behavior and they worked on putting emergency halters on the minis.

This was a great hands-on experience for them. We have many more events scheduled for this summer and look forward to continuing to spread knowledge and introduce people to horses.

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:** **July** Leadership Meeting- Baltimore Ag. Center July 23rd , **August** 21st or 28th – In-person Maryland State Fair, **September** – No Board meeting, Committee Meetings, **October** Thursday, 16th – Fair Hill – in person, **November** -TBD Virtual. **December** – Grants Committee
4. **Preakness Festival & Preakness Recap** – Jenile Tapscott, Sheila Curry
5. **Horse Farm Tours** —
 - a. Preakness Festival Horse Farm Tours
 - b. **October Horse Month Horse Farm Tour**
 - i. MHIB sent a LOI to Rural Maryland Council for a Grant
 - ii. Planning to commence
 1. Committee
 2. Plans
6. **Equine & Education Workforce Meeting: Susanne Richards** – MAEF: In response to the Horse Forum Report, the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation requested a meeting with MHIB to emphasizing high school prep on college and career readiness. Current needs of the Horse Industry interns of Education and Workforce were discussed and explored.
7. **U.S. Equestrian Federation:** Maryland International and Horse Trials at Loch Moy Farm in Adamstown, Maryland, has been chosen to host the 2026-2027 USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships (CCIY1*-Intro, CCIYJ2*-S, CCIU253*-S). The championships will be held June 25-28, 2026, and June 24-27, 2027. – Carolyn Mackintosh
8. **Grants FY2025**
 - a. Reports are due by June 30th, 2025, 16 received
 - b. July Meeting to update Grant Process
9. **MD Horse Park System:** Marriner Update – Brand & Logo, Website – Connie Sawyer
Grant Report Due July 31st
 - a. **Prince Georges Equestrian Center**—MD Horse & Pony Show, Capital Challenge, WIHS
 - b. **Fair Hill and Fair Hill Special Events Zone-** Maryland 5 Star, Fair Hill Labor Day Racing
 - c. **Maryland Horse Library Education Center** – MTCP Program, Bender Series
 - d. **Pimlico Race Course** — Preakness 2025. Racing at Laurel until the rebuild. Pimlico is being emptied, auctioning of chairs and memorial, demolition to follow.
10. **French Delegation to Maryland:** October 2025: Discussions and Planning with International Affairs, Office of the Secretary of State, Hauts de France for an Equine

Delegation, Potential Seminar, and overlap of visit of DECOSTER François, Vice President in charge of culture, heritage, regional languages and international relations who will be visit to strength an MOU. Dr. Claire Scicluna, a college of **Dr. Anderson**, planning a Seminar or Panel to discuss new advancements in veterinary medicine

11. Upcoming Outreach

- a. **The Prince George's County Tour 2025** - Including Equestrian History June 14th
- b. October Horse Month Horse Farm Tour Sept. 2025
- c. **MD HORSE INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP GROUP July 23rd, Ag Center**
- d. PATH Intl. Region 2 July 11th
- e. **SADDLIN' UP FOR BREAST CANCER Saturday, September 20, 2025**
8:30 am - 3:30 pm Tuckahoe Equestrian Center : Board is invited
- f. **Maryland Horse Month Meetings** – including October Horse Month Horse Farm Tour Sept. 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Introductions from Industry Sector Board Members:

Trails & Recreational Riding _____
Humane Societies _____
Standardbred Sector _____
Thoroughbred Sector _____
At Large _____
MD Horse Council _____
Organized Shows & Events _____
Equine Academic Community _____
Standardbred Sector _____
Licensed Stables _____
MD Dept. of Agriculture _____
Licensed Veterinarians _____
Trade & Support Industries _____

Jennifer Sulin
Erin Ochoa
Lisa Watts
Jenile Tapscott
Genevieve H.R. Macfarlane
Carolyn Mackintosh
Sheila Curry
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Lisa Watts
Adrian Ford III
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