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July 22, 1978

Dear Horsemen;

We met with Harold Fahl last week to discuss the future of the horse club facilities. It seems there is a shortage of space for storage of materials for Plant Service and Humanities, and UMM can solve those problems by implimenting the following plan: (see map of horse barn)

- 1) Construct wall at 2 across the south end of Big Barn, this space will be used for Plant Service storage-(no gasoline or toxic material). We get first use of that space if Plant Service gets their new building in the future.
- 2) Plant Service will build two new stalls in the south end portion, and will reroute the water to the tackroom.
- 3) We will have hay and straw storage in the loft, north of the diagonal line. Plant Service will build a stairway and drop holes this summer for our use. There is a good chance that we will get more loft space in the near future.. (The loft will easily hold 4,000 bales)
- 4) In the near future, the annex will be used for storage for Humanities things, (within the next two years.) In the far future it will be torn down (within the next five or six years.)
- 5) Plant Service will build new stalls for us along the west wall of the big barn (tear out concrete mangers and fill holes to make a flat floor). These will all be finished before we would move out of the annex.

Plant Service is already doing the building in the south end of the big barn. This will be finished by the Fall. If we have no objections to giving up the annex in the next two years, they will start tearing out the mangers this summer and will build new stalls this winter or next summer.

I can see no disadvantage to this plan. The annex was to be torn down in the future, and this way Plant Service will be building the stalls at no cost to us. We also will gain three new stalls that we did not have before. We may have to buy a bale elevator, if we can not use West Centrals.

The Provost and Plant Service are very anxious to work with us, and are willing to do all they can to give us a good deal, because we are such an active club. They do not want to take any of our space with out making up for it.

As mentioned before, the building of the south wall is being done. We will have loft space with a stairs and drop holes for next Fall, as well as the six stalls in the south end of the barn. The building of the west stalls will start as soon as possible if we have no objection to giving up the annex. (we have it for next year for sure).

Please write or call by August 1st, if you have any objections or comments on this plan. (phone 589-2535 or address RR1, Morris, MN. 56267)

Thanks,

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September 7, 1978

To: Harold Fahl
From: Jim VanAlstine
Subject: UMM Horsemen

Here are a few comments and measurements for the changes in the big horse barn. Some of them have already been discussed with you. Everybody is very pleased with the changes.

1. Loft openings and stairway will be needed soon. If possible, could they have covers on them to prevent down drafts during the winter? Drop holes can be smaller, with shorter guard rails. Could one drop hole be placed next to the temporary wall divider and the other towards the south end? The stairway would remain in the center.
2. Water hydrant, if possible, could it be placed in the corner space between door opening that leads towards the tackroom and stall No. 4? It would be a lot handier and less likely for someone to forget to lock up the tackroom.
3. Stalls are fine (would it be possible for the breaking up of the concrete to be finished before school starts because of the dust and noise?).
approx. measurements: door - 4'8" high - made of planks. There should not be any gaps in the lower 3', the upper 18" could be spaced.
stall wall - 4'8" high - of planks, again no spaces in the lower 3' The upper part of the wall should be wire.

Both the walls and door should be flush with the floor.

There is a suggestion of setting a heavy wood plank in the trench, level with the floor, and imbedded in concrete. This would prevent slipping on the floor.

4. Arena should have square corners again. It is 100' by 200' with the rails placed on the inside. The sand depth can be either 6" to 8" deep. It was also suggested if possible to have a level area for refreshment and announcer stands, equipment building and trailer space.

P.S. Could the Annex barn faucet be repaired (it leaks) and new heat tape put on? Thanks.

⑨ Hay will be stored up in the loft, the perforated diagonal line represents a temporary wall to separate West Central's area from our usage space. There is future possibility to expand in the loft at a later date.

