

Board meeting of the Pony Of the Americas Club, Inc.

September 25, 2024, Rantoul, IL

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am central time by President Tomlin.

The roll call was taken with the following board members present.

Shingleton, Schaefer, Peaton, Filla, Drish Kata, Rorick, Keen, Zahm, Klein, Killion.

Not present Tabor. A small group of members attended (no specific people identified).

Minutes of July 3, 2024, the Board meeting was presented by Director Schaefer.

A motion was made by Director Peaton to approve July 3, 2024, meeting minutes. The second was made by Director Keen. Motion passed with one abstention by Klein.

The financial report was presented by Director Schaefer.

Director Peaton spoke on the topic of inspection of ponies and how we do this. Director Keen made mention that the open show ponies need to be inspected at least once per year. A small discussion took place with Director Peaton indicating that we need to make sure we are looking at these animals and documenting what we find.

Member Kathy McKenzie spoke on the topic of the need for a 4-H award. She spoke of the promotion of this organization and how it could benefit our organization.

Director Tabor joined the meeting via phone at this point, 9:01 am central time.

The Breeders' Committee had no report at this time.

The Congress report was given by Director Killion for 2024.

His report included the total stall count of 351, of which 124 were tack stalls, 227 pony stalls and he noted that there were 29 stalls given away free.

The East World report was given by Director Shingleton.

The Finance Committee report was given by Director Tabor.

Her report included the recommendation of raising prices, adding Stock Ranch classes, Cross training in the office, making sure the membership knows what is going on, moving some of the Youth money to a money market account, and no weekend show should be granted more points than Congress to increase the participation at this show.

The Futurity Committee report was given by Director Drish Kata and Diane Kamps.

Their report included the committee had looked into other facilities and have not found any other facility to date that would be acceptable. The report also included that the committee has asked for a bid from Gordyville USA for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 Futurity show. The committee should have this bid shortly. Diane discussed this year's attendance and said that the number of participants was up over last year. Her report also included money collected for sponsorship.

Discussion took place on changing of the showbill for the 2025 event. The sponsorship levels will be determined after the committee sees the cost of the new contracts.

The Inspection Committee report was given by Director Peaton.

The report included that there were a few members working on becoming inspectors.

The Judges Committee report was given by Pat Burton.

The report included the proposal to use Horse IQ to test and educate our judges. The cost of doing this would be very minimal for our organization. The cost of this program would fall mostly on the judges as they would need to register for this service, which most of them do already. The board gave Pat permission and a \$1000.00 budget to get this moving forward. The report went on to talk about the CBC and some online opportunities.

The board took a comfort break from 10:00 am central time to 10:08 am central time.

Tammy Virzi gave a report on the year end magazine.

Tammy indicated that she had a good start on information and was looking forward to a December 1, 2024, deadline for completion. She will be checking pricing and letting the office know of the bid when she receives them.

The Rules Committee report was given by Director Klein.

The report included the following rule proposals:

1. Addition to RULE 59, OPEN SHOW POINTS B. To receive ROM points from open shows, the POA must be inspected during that calendar year by a State Inspector or National Inspector, unless the pony has a Permanent Card. **For members where a National Inspector, State Inspector or an approved POAC event is not within a reasonable distance, a licensed veterinarian, who must be approved by the CEO and Registrar, may inspect ponies to fulfill this requirement.**
2. Additions to Rule 100.A and to Rule 101.D allowing lip cords for colts/stallions one year and older. (Lip chains are still forbidden.) The original proposal was amended slightly, and the wording below was passed by rules. RULE 100. HALTER TACK AND ATTIRE A. Tack. Neat western show halters and lead straps are permitted. Whip or crop is not to be carried. 2. Lip chains are strictly forbidden. **3. A lip cord may be used on colts/stallions one year and older in halter classes. This does not apply to mares or geldings. a. Lip cord must be a round, smooth, flexible, nonabrasive, cotton polyblend cord with a dense core that has an unsecured keeper with at least 3/4 inches of the cord outside of the halter before attachment of the keeper or leather portion of the lead shank. The lip cord may be applied only over the gum and not through the mouth. The diameter of the cord shall be at least 3/8 inches. No foreign substances or additional materials may be added to the lip cord, to include no internal or external metal. b. Use of a lip cord in Hunter In Hand, Showmanship, Trail, Ranch Conformation or any other performance class is prohibited. A lip cord may be used in Longe Line, except during the loneing demonstration. c. Applying excessive pressure on or excessive jerking of a lip cord is prohibited. Lip cords and their application to the gum area will be**

inspected during the judging process. Excessive wear, rough or sharp edges around the protective cover of the lip cord is prohibited; any raw area or abrasions of the gum area is grounds for disqualification.

4. Artificial appliances including tail braces, heavy show shoes, etc., are strictly forbidden. RULE 101. YEARLING AND TWO-YEAR-OLD LONGE LINE D. Equipment 1. For the longeing demonstration, the only attachment allowed to the halter is the longe line. The longe line may not exceed 30' in length with a snap attached to the halter. The longe line must hang free from the halter without touching any part of the pony. It is permissible to use a longe whip; however, disqualification will occur if the exhibitor blatantly strikes the pony with the longe line to cause forward or lateral movement at any time during the longeing demonstration. [Note: the order of #2 and #3 is switched in this proposal from the order in the 2022 rulebook.]

2. For the conformation inspection, a lead shank such as used in halter or showmanship classes may be used and exchanged for the longe line prior to the longeing demonstration. **A lip cord (as defined in Rule 100.A.3.) may be used for colts/stallions during the conformation inspection but is not allowed during the longeing demonstration.**

3. No other equipment is allowed on the pony during the class. Mechanical or retractable longe lines are not allowed.

3. RULE 108. GENERAL DISQUALIFICATIONS E. Falling of pony or rider. (Exception: See Reining, Rule 128.) 1. A rider is considered to have fallen when **they** are separated from **their** pony (that has not fallen) in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle, except in gymkhana before or after the finish line. L. **In classes in which western tack and attire is used,** reins shall be held in one hand and cannot be changed during performance. (Exception: Trail, when changing hands is needed to work an obstacle.) Position of free hand is optional, but should be clear of pony and equipment. (Exception: See Reining.) Free hand may be used to adjust the rider's length of rein while working except in Reining, and then adjustment may be made only when pony is completely stopped. M. In classes in which western tack and attire is used, use of two hands on reins to be penalized at judge's discretion. (Exception: gymkhana classes, riding with a snaffle bit **or** **bosal**, also see Reining.) P. Failure of tack or equipment used on the pony or exhibitor during any class, if the failure prevents successful completion of the class pattern **(Also see Rule 120.D, Rule 131.G, and Rule 132.D.)** This rule does not apply to failure of arena equipment used for a class. [Note: The current text for Rules 120 and 132 is in the 2023 supplement.]

4. Change to Rule 97.F regarding eligibility of mares for the broodmare class. RULE 97. GENERAL HALTER RULES F. The broodmare class will be open to Tentative and Permanent registered mares that have **carried and birthed** a full-term foal in the current or previous year. This class must be offered at the National Congress Show, any other nationally sponsored shows and Regional Shows. Mares entered in regular halter classes may not enter the broodmare class.

Director Filla made a motion to approve the 4 rule changes that have been presented by the committee. A second was made by Director Keen. Motion approved unanimously.

Director Klein asked the board if it was possible to have the new show rules go into effect next year (meaning 2025). A small discussion took place on how this could be accomplished.

Director Peaton made a motion to rescind the moratorium on show rule changes. The second was made by Director Rorick. (This moratorium was to last until 2026). A discussion followed

with a roll call vote as follows: Shingleton Yes, Killion Yes, Peaton Yes, Schaefer No, Klein Yes, Filla Yes, Rorick Yes, Drish Kata Yes, Zahm Yes, Keen Yes. Motion Passed

The West World report was given by Director Klein.

The report included the profit amount of \$2100.00.

A motion was made by Director Killion to move all the rest of the agenda items to the agenda of the newly setting board. The second was made by Director Schaefer. No discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Tomlin thanked Bev Tabor for all her years of service to the board and the breed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Zahm. The second was by Director Keen. Motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am central time.

New Board meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:54 am central time by President Tomlin.

A roll call of the directors was taken, and the following members were present:

Shingleton, Schaefer, Peaton, Keen, Zahm, Drish Kata, Filla, Rorick, Killion, Klein.

Director Keen made a motion to appoint Terrie Strause as the Northeast Region director due to a vacancy from this region. The second was made by Director Peaton. Motion approved.

Seating of the officers for 2025:

Director Drish Kata made a motion to open the nominations for officers of the board for the year 2025. The second was made by Director Schaefer. Motion passed.

Director Killion nominated Director Scott Shingleton for President. The second was made by Director Keen.

Director Rorick nominated Director Tommy Tomlin for President. The second was made by Director Filla.

Director Drish Kata made a motion to close nominations. The second was made by Director Peaton.

A paper ballot was cast by each director and was counted by membership not currently seated on the board of directors. The results of the ballots were Director Shingleton as President.

Director Keen nominated Director Diana Peaton for Vice-President. The second was made by Director Tomlin.

Director Zahm made a motion to close nominations. The second was made by Director Keen.

Since there was only one nomination for Vice- President the board approved Director Peaton as Vice-President.

Director Keen nominated Director Darrin Schaefer to be the Secretary- Treasurer. The second was made by Director Killion.

Director Tomlin nominated Director Tracy Filla to be the Secretary- Treasurer. The second was made by Director Rorick.

Director Zahm made a motion to close nominations. The second was made by Director Killion.

A paper ballot was cast by each director and was counted by membership not currently seated on the board of directors. The results of the ballot were Director Schaefer as Secretary- Treasurer.

Rules committee chair was appointed by President Shingleton. His appointment to the rules committee chair position is Director Killion.

The hearing committee was set up next with a ballot counted by membership not currently seated on the board of directors. The results of this ballot are as follows: Director Rorick, Director Filla, Director Drish Kata, Director Keen.

Break for Lunch from 11:55 am central time to 12:34 pm central time.

Youth fund money investment:

A motion was made by Director Schaefer to move all but the minimum needed to keep the Youth account open into a CD for at least 8 months. The second was made by Director Keen.

A brief discussion took place about the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Tomlin No, Filla No. Klein No, Peaton No, Drish Kata No, Keen No, Strause No, Schaefer Yes, Killion Yes, Zahm No. Rorick No. Motion failed.

Director Filla called Hope Gerdes on the phone, who is on the Finance Committee, to explain to the board the reasoning for wanting to put the Youth money into a money market account. She explained the benefits of making such an investment.

A motion was made by Director Keen to move ½ the money in the Youth account to a money market account and the other ½ to a CD. The second was made by Director Peaton.

Motion passed with two No (Schaefer, Killion)

Director Rorick inquired about the Directors Insurance policy. More information is needed. No action taken.

Home Office computer update:

Director Tomlin gave an update on the progress of this project.

A motion was made by Director Rorick to spend up to \$10,000.00 on the computer upgrade. This amount was not to include the service agreement. The second was made by Director Zahm. Motion passed unanimously.

CEO/Executive Director

A motion was made by Director Keen to move to the Executive session to discuss employee matters. The second was made by Schaefer.

Moved to Executive session at 12:00 pm central time.

Director Schaefer made a motion to end the Executive session. The second was made by Director Zahm. Motion passed unanimously.

Exited Executive session at 12:48 pm central time.

The Banquet Proposal was given by Director Schaefer.

Director Zahm made a motion to accept the Banquet proposal as written. The second was made by Director Drish Kata. Motion passed unanimously.

The Hotel Julien Dubuque, IA February 21,22, 2025.

Director Rorick made a motion to name the Convention "The Doc Nemmers Memorial Convention". The second was made by Director Keen. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget for Year End awards:

Director Schaefer made a motion to spend \$20,000.00 on the year end awards. The second was made by Director Killion. Motion Passed.

Congress 2025:

Director Tomlin gave a report as to the cost increase that Expo Square was going to be taking in 2025, and this was going to be an increase of 5%.

Director Filla made a motion to allow Kent Rorick to hire judges for Congress 2025. A second was made by Director Keen. Motion Passed.

Director Tomlin made a motion to allow NSBA classes to continue at Congress 2025. A second was made by Director Rorick. Motion Passed.

Director Keen made a motion to add Ranch Trail, adult and youth classes to the Congress show bill for 2025. The second was made by Director Filla. Motion Passed

Director Drish Kata made a motion to make the equipment fee for each pony rider combination. A second was made by Director Tomlin. Motion Passed.

The budget for High Points will be determined later.

The West World proposal was tabled.

National Inspectors:

Director Peaton presented two individuals that have met the requirement to become National inspectors, and they are: Karen Streeter and Terrie Strause.

Director Schaefer made a motion to accept Karen Streeter and Terrie Strause as new National Inspectors. A second was made by Director Rorick. Motion Passed

Director Rorick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Director Tomlin. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:51 pm central time.

