

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

February 21, 2025

Julin Inn Dubuque, IA

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am central time by President Shingleton.

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

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

Not present Strause, and Tomlin. A small group of members attended (no specific members identified).

Member Ryan Cate has requested permission to live stream the board meeting to the membership that could not attend the meeting. A lengthy discussion took place with board members expressing concerns they have about the request.

A motion was made by Director Keen to allow Cate to record the meeting but not live stream. The second was made by Director Killion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Director Rorick to excuse Director Tomlin from attending the board meeting for medical reasons. The second was made by Director Peaton. Motion Passed.

President Shingleton informed the board that Director Strause had sent him her resignation letter from the board.

A motion was made by Director Peaton to appoint Beverly Tabor to fill the vacancy of the Northeast Region that was made by Strause resigning. The second was made by Director Keen. Motion passed.

Minutes of September 25, 2024, board meeting were presented by Director Schaefer.

A motion was made by Director Peaton to approve the minutes of the September 25,2024 meeting. The second was made by Director Rorick. Director Klein noted that there were many corrections that were needed. Some of the corrections were minor, however the largest section that needed to be looked at was the rule changes.

Director Peaton rescinded her motion to approve the minutes of September 25,2024. Director Rorick also rescinded his second to the motion to approve the minutes of the September 25,2024 meeting.

The minutes of the September 25, 2024, board meeting will be reviewed and presented at a future meeting for approval.

Minutes of the November 1, 2024 teleconference were presented by Director Schaefer.

A motion was made by Director Keen to approve the minutes with corrections noted. The second was made by Director Drish Kata. Motion passed.

Minutes of the December 15, 2024, board meeting were presented by Director Schaefer.

A motion was made by Director Peaton to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2024, board meeting. The second was made by Director Rorick. Motion passed.

The financial report was presented by Director Schaefer.

A motion was made by Director Keen to move into the executive session to discuss the financials further. The second was made by Director Killion. Motion passed.

President Shingleton asked that all visitors attending the meeting to please step out of the room while the executive session was held. The recording was halted at this point as there is to be no minutes of executive session. Room cleared and board went into executive session at 8:49 am central time.

A motion was made by Director Killion to exit the executive session. The second was made by Director Filla. Motion passed.

The board exited executive session at 9:58 am central time.

Board members took a break at 9:58 am central time.

President Shingleton reconvened the meeting to open status 10:08 am central time.

Vice-President Peaton read the following:

“After reviewing financial documents, it has come to light that some items have been recorded incorrectly at the office. We will be taking the steps to correct and rectify asap. We do plan to get the corrected financial out to the membership when possible. What we have in cash accounts is accurate.”

President took questions from the members and agreed to keeping the membership updated every thirty days on the progress of this project.

President Shingleton presented the information he had collected on Directors insurance.

A motion was made by Director Zahm to move forward with 2 million dollars of coverage as presented in the information sheet. The second was made by Director Rorick. Motion passed.

President Shingleton informed the board that the current renter would continue for the next year at the same rent fee of \$800.00 per month. He went on to inform the board that this renter is very good pays on time and is easy to get along with.

President Shingleton presented the office report. A question was asked about how the 698 paid membership was computed, was it just paid membership that included each person of the family of just memberships. It was concluded by the board that it was just paid membership.

The Registration report was presented to the board.

The Show Department report was presented to the board.

President Shingleton informed the board that 2025 would be the last year for the Ivy Lane award. President Shingleton also informed the board that the Crystals Dakota traveling trophy will not be used any longer.

President Shingleton gave the computer software update. He informed the board that it would be completed by the first of the week for half of the amount that was authorized by the board. The total for the upgrade is around \$5000.00.

Member Pat Burton gave an update on the Horse IQ.

The Adult ROM status was discussed.

A motion by Director Keen was made to move forward with the implementation of this program and it would not go into effect until 2026. The second was made by Director Zahm. Motion passed.

President Shingleton gave an update on the Horse Protection ACT issue. He stated that there had been a 60-day postponement of this announced. The board agreed to just keep watching on how this development would affect our shows.

The Futurity report was given by Director Drish Kata. In this report it was mentioned that the bid forms on the website need updating. The location for the upcoming 2026,2027,2028 Futurity location was discussed.

A motion was made by Director Keen to table the vote for location for the next three-year contract until we see if other bids come in. A second was made by Director Peaton. Motion passed.

The board took a break starting at 11:41 am central time.

The board came back from break at 11:54 am central time.

The Promotion Committee has asked to produce a quarterly newsletter.

A motion was made by Director Drish Kata to allow the Promotion Committee to produce a quarterly newsletter. A second was made by Director Rorick. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Director Drish Kata to purchase a docu sign subscription. The second was made by Director Rorick. Motion passed.

The board took lunch break at 12:10 pm central time.

President Shingleton reconvened the board at 1:00 pm central time to continue discussing items on the agenda.

President Shingleton informed the board and members that the year-end magazine was in the mail. However, it was caught up at a post office in Indianapolis, IN and he did not know when it would be coming to your house.

Director Schaefer presented a bid for the year in Banquet for February 20-21, 2026. This bid was for the Hotel Jullin in Dubuque, IA as it was this year.

A motion was made by Director Drish Kata to accept the bid as presented for 2026 for the year end Banquet. A second was made by Director Killion. Motion passed.

A discussion by the board where to have Congress 2026 and beyond was held. The board came to an agreement to table this at this time.

Director Peaton told the board at this time there were no new National Inspectors to be reviewed and voted on for approval.

The Scholarship Committee report was given.

The Breeders Committee report was given.

A motion was made by Director Rorick to move the SSF mare and stud nominations to the same due date of December 31 per the Breeders report requested. The second was made by Director Drish Kata. Motions passed.

The Rules Committee was given by Director Killion.

The West World report was given.

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The Congress report was given.

A motion to approve TCB as the trail and jumping contractor for Congress was made by Director Rorick as presented. The second was made by Director Filla. Motion passed.

The cost of a Youth class was discussed by the board.

A motion was made by Director Schaefer to make all youth classes \$28.00 each. The second was made by Director Keen. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Director Zahm to charge \$28.00 for each of the first 15- youth classes (pony rider combination) (no halter) and give the 16th youth class (pony rider combination) (no halter) entered for no fee. The next 15 youth classes (pony rider combination) (No halter) would follow the same 15 paid classes and 16th class at no charge. The second was made by Director Filla. Motion passed.

A membership fee change was discussed by the board.

A motion was made by Director Schaefer to table this discussion until July. The second was made by Director Rorick. Motion passed.

A proposal was presented to the board by Jeanette Krueger, to offer a high school rodeo scholarship. In return for this commitment, the POA would receive advertising in their monthly magazine. The proposal was for a one-year commitment. This would be a 500.00-dollar scholarship with half the cost coming from the POA and the other half from the High School Rodeo.

A motion was made by Director Schaefer to give the High School Rodeo 500.00 dollars for a two-year commitment to this program and to take this as advertising expense. The second was made by Director Peaton. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Director Peaton. The second was made by Director Filla. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm central time.

