

**Minutes of the POAC Board of Directors Meeting (Minutes not approved)
Conference Call, November 7, 2025**

Meeting called to order at approx. 8:02pm EST by President Scott Shingleton.

Roll call. All directors present: Diana Peaton, Tracy Filla, Pam Klein, Linzy Zahm, Kent Rorick, Jess Drish Kata, Ryan Cate, Beverly Tabor, Terry Thorson, Tracy Keen, Allen Killion

The minutes from the second part of the September 24, 2025 meeting were presented by Director Klein who had filled in as secretary for Director Tabor. The first part of the minutes have not yet been received from the previous secretary.

A motion was made by Director Filla, second by Rorick, to approve the minutes from the second part of the meeting at Gordyville. In favor: Unanimous.

Director Cate made a motion, second by Rorick, to have Director Klein do the minutes of the first part of the September 24 meeting from her notes. 6 in favor, 5 opposed, motion passed.

Director Keen noted that board members had received several reports the day of the meeting. She requested to receive any documents for meetings at least 3 days in advance to allow directors time to review and prepare any questions.

Office report – Interviews are being held for the office manager position over the next couple of weeks. Discussion about if the club has considered an answering service for 8-5 coverage until we get staff in the office full-time. Director Zahm informed the board that calls are being directed to her phone when there is no one in the office. Director Cate suggested looking into the club's IT/phone services to see if there are features we already have that we're not using.

Treasurer's report/Finance committee – P&L and balance sheet through Oct. 31 were emailed to the board the week prior.

The POAC 990 is currently being completed and will be done in time for the president to review and sign. The accountants will submit to the IRS.

The finance committee is working on the projected budgets for 2026 and hope to provide this information to the board in mid-December. Membership fees were discussed, and the committee recommended raising the membership fee to \$80 per year for a family. It was noted, however, that some members have already paid their 2026 dues at the current rate of \$60 per year. Motion by Director Keen, second by Filla to have a family membership of \$80 for 2026. 5 in favor, 6 opposed, motion fails. Changing the annual membership fee will be discussed further at the February board meeting.

Congress – The club has received a 5-year contract for the Tulsa facility. Discussion that if the club signs a 5-year contract, we get a better deal/additional benefits from the fairgrounds and Visit Tulsa. Question if we could get a 1-year contract proposal, and what costs/benefits would change. Director Shingleton will contact the facility to discuss. Additional discussion on the dates in the contract, as the Congress dates move up into June for some years. The board would like to get more information before we sign a long-term contract, and will reconvene to vote.

Director Killion had sent out a draft copy of the Congress show bill, but it wasn't the most recent version. He will send a corrected version of the show bill before the board approves it.

Futurity committee – The club has received the results/invoice for drug testing, so the paybacks will be done in the next week or two. Once everything has been reviewed, checks will be sent to the exhibitors. Director Drish Kata said that the futurity committee is still awaiting a final proposal from Iowa State Fairgrounds. The board will discuss at the December meeting. The 2026 futurity show bill will be available for board approval at the February meeting.

Promotions committee –The board was asked to consider investing in a trailer to raffle to raise funds for POAC. The investment would be about \$20,000. The club might consider having the trailer “POA wrapped”; although without POA branding, we could sell more tickets to folks who might show other breeds. Other organizations have raffled a trailer for fundraising purposes. Discussion was held, but no decision was reached.

Magazine – The club looked into the cost difference of using a lighter paper for the magazine than in previous years. Tammy Virzi has said that either 70# or 80# paper would be fine. The 70# paper will be a cost savings and may help lower the mailing cost to the membership. Motion by Director Zahm, second by Tabor, to use 70# paper for the year-end magazine. In favor: Unanimous.

Rulebook – The board discussed having spiral-bound rulebooks for 2026 and the fact that it was actually cheaper to have them spiral bound. The board was advised that shipping spiral-bound books would not be a problem and would not cost more. Motion by Director Cate, second by Killion, to print spiral-bound rulebooks for 2026 once the updates and changes are completed. The potential for having online rulebooks (flipbooks) will be discussed at the December meeting. The rulebook and the scoresheets don’t match in some places, and scoresheets could be updated.

Convention 2026 – Director Cate noted that two speakers have been added for Saturday morning at the convention. Dr. Holly Spooner from Unbeetable Feeds will talk about Equine Nutrition, and Dr. Jesus Diaz Bujan from Iowa State University will talk about Equine Ophthalmology. The speakers are donating their time. Cate will get information to Zahm to promote the speakers for the convention. An inspectors clinic may be held, scheduling to be determined. The board also briefly discussed having a youth event at the convention, possibly Saturday morning, if we could get someone to volunteer to lead this. This will be discussed in more detail at the December meeting. Director Zahm noted that Harry Chestnut, chair of the Hall of Fame committee, would like to go back to having the Hall of Fame ceremony separate from the awards ceremony at the convention. The board discussed whether a room would be available and what day/time might work best. The Hall of Fame ceremony could be held prior to the stallion auction at the convention.

Upcoming board meeting – Discussion of using Zoom for board meetings and the approx. cost. Meetings could be recorded and minutes could be created from the recording. Some board members noted that they did not want to use the application. Director Cate made a motion, second by Thorson, for the POAC to purchase Zoom and hold future board meetings via Zoom. Motion passed, with Directors Keen, Killion, and Drish Kata voting No. The December board meeting will be held via Zoom.

The next meeting was set for December 19, 2025 at 8pm EST.

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at approx. 10:57pm EST.

Minutes submitted by Beverly Tabor.