

Pony Of the Americas Club Inc.  
National Board of Directors Meeting  
October 3-4, 2011  
Jacobson Center, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines IA

**Roll Call:** Jackie Guthrie, WI; Diana Peaton, AZ; Beverly Tabor, MD; Harry Chestnut, MI; Kathy McKenzie, OK; Dawn Walther, IL; C. Todd Corn, IN; Judy Katzenberger, WI; Sheila Bennett, TN; Tim Lindsey, OK; Jeanette Krueger, MT; and Janette Arends, CO. All present.

**Approval of Minutes from July 2011** – Director Walther made a motion to approved the minutes of the July 2011 National Board of Directors Meeting in Lake St. Louis, Missouri as presented with the correction of Todd Corn being added to the published list of International Show Review Committee Members. Director Peaton seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

#### **Executive Secretary Report –**

**Security Quotes for National Office** – Quotes were obtained from two sources for review by the Board – Jay Couch Video Services prepared a quote for a camera system on the exterior of the building. Protection One provided a quote separating an external camera system and also an interior alarm system. A third quote from Myers Protection Services was not submitted to the office in time for review at this meeting. Discussion. The Board will re-visit this tomorrow. After revisiting this issue, Director Krueger made a motion to approve the proposal from Protection One Services and install an indoor monitoring system for the National Office. Director Arends seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.

**POA National Website** – A quote was received from Jason Ferguson that would provide POAC with an enhanced version of the original POA website and a monthly maintenance package. Discussion.

**International Show 2011** – The International Show did extremely well and made a good profit for POAC. The survey postcards that were mailed to all participants will provide the Board and Show Committee a great amount of help when making decisions for the 2012 International Show. Thanks to all that took the time to return their comment cards. Executive Secretary Banister also thanked chairpersons Melissa Purkapile and Harry Chestnut for “thinking outside the box” when planning for this show to make it a special event for the POAC.

**2011 Reichert Show and Sale** – This show was a great event for POAC and a strong promotional tool. POAC had the most entries at this show out of all breeds, and had approximately 118 POAs that participated over the three days.

**NSBA Participation by POAC** – The NSBA was contacted concerning POA participation in the “Smart Points” program offered through NSBA. Diane Eppers of NSBA confirmed that no “Smart Points” will be awarded to POA participants that paid their NSBA memberships (owner and exhibitor) unless the sires of the participating POAs are licensed with NSBA.

**2012 POAC National Year End Awards** – Banister presented a sample of a possible 2011 POAC Year End Award to be presented at the 2012 POA National Convention.

**Staff Reports** – All departments remain current at this time.

**Grant Writing Proposal** – Banister requested from the Board that a team be assigned the task of investigating the current requirements for our POA Educational Foundation and also the general POAC funding. This will help with the search for available grant monies for the POAC.

**Treasurers Report** – National Treasurer Beverly Tabor gave the treasurer’s report to the Board. The Board asked time to review these financial reports and discuss them if needed tomorrow.

#### **Committee Reports –**

**Futurity Committee:** Co-Chairman Sarai Banister reported that the Futurity plans are complete. All classes and high points are sponsored, and the sponsor names are on the awards to be presented. The futurity program is 44 pages this year compared to 28 pages in 2010 and the program is paid for with the advertising in the program. Futurity numbers are good this year. The drug testing this year will be paid for in full by the drug fees collected. There is a sponsorship appreciation dinner on Wednesday night to recognize those that sponsored a class or high point in the futurity.

**Western Classic Review** – Diana Peaton reported that the Western Classic made a profit this year and that it was a good show even though the pony numbers were low. For 2012 the Western Classic is in Albany Oregon on August 24-25 with the Regional Show in the 22-23 of August.

**International Sale Report** – Stalling continues to be an issue but will be worked out as participants arrive. Grazing Night should be great fun again this year. There are three awards this year for the best grazing booths! The new Weanling Incentive Program was discussed and it was clarified that no new entries will be accepted for 2011 other than those already consigned to the sale for 2011.

**Convention 2012** – Judy Katzenberger gave a report on the planning of the convention. It was recommended that the youth receive all of their year end awards before the Hall of Fame Presentations.

**International Show Committee** – Melissa Purkapile reported that the profit from the International Show was good. The comment cards that were sent out were well received and the Board received a copy of the results along with every comment that was submitted. Items to be reviewed by the Committee for 2012 include using a Show Management Company again, the Show Schedule, Judging Contest, Awards, and sponsorships. Purkapile agreed to Co-chair the International Show in 2012 along with Harry Chestnut. The Board directed Chestnut to visit with the Show Management Company used this past year to see if they would like to be considered for 2012. Chestnut will report back to the Board. Kathy McKenzie will take over the collection of sponsorships for the 2012 show. The Board directed the Committee to consider having trail, halter, jumping, and then the flat classes for 2012. Early arrival fees for 2012 will be \$50/stall/day for anyone arriving before noon on Thursday. This includes all tack and pony stalls purchased on pre-entry forms.

**Judges Committee** – Dr. Biggs reported that the Judges Committee would like to have some guidelines to follow when helping to choose judges for the POA National Events such as the International Show, Futurity Show, and Classic Shows. After discussion, the Board came up with the following: 1) Have a minimum of three years of judging as a POA Carded Judge. 2) Must have attended the Color Breed Council Judges Seminar. 3) Preference should be given to those having judged POA shows. 4) Should have judged a major event in another breed. And 5) must have judge’s larger classes. It was suggested to possibly send out a survey to our POA judges to ask if they are interested in judging one of our major events and if so, what their lowest fee they would charge to judge that particular event.

#### **Old Business -**

1. American Halter Horse Association – Tabled until Rules Committee can discuss
2. Weanling Incentive Program at International Sale – 2% will be collected from seller, \$100 will be paid by buyer next July, and no additional weanlings will be taken other than those consigned to the sale that have completed a form entering them into this Incentive Program. Director Chestnut made a motion that starting with the 2012 POA International Sale, \$500 money will be added for both the Weanling Incentive and the Yearling Incentive classes, with the money paid by the National POAC. Director Krueger seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in Favor: Chestnut, Walther, Corn, Katzenberger, Bennett, Lindsey, Krueger and Arends. Opposed: Peaton and McKenzie. Tabor abstained. Motion passed. Director Krueger made a motion that the Weanling Incentive Class be run independent from the Yearling Longe Line Class. Motion Seconded by Janette Arends. Discussion. Voting in favor: Peaton, Tabor, McKenzie, Walther, Corn, Katzenberger, Bennett, Krueger, and Arends. Opposed: Chestnut and Lindsey. Motion passed.
3. Accepting Futurity and/or Late Sale Entries – This was referred to the International Sale Committee

4. Change all Rulebook References for Blood Typing or Genetic Testing to DNA Testing – Director Lindsey made a motion to change all references to “Genetic Testing” in the POAC Handbook. This would take effect January 1, 2014. Director Chestnut seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in Favor: Unanimous Motion Passed.
5. Change Rule 36 to allow Multiple Embryo Registration Eligibility – Director Lindsey made a motion to accept the Breeders Committee recommendation to allow Multiple Embryo Registrations – Motion seconded by Director Bennett. Voting in favor: Peaton, Chestnut, McKenzie, Walther, Corn, Katzenberger, Bennett, Lindsey and Arends. Opposed: Guthrie, Tabor, and Krueger. Motion passed.
6. Stallion Breeding Report Form Monies in a Separate Account – No action taken
7. HERDA Testing – This was referred to the Breeders Committee to draft a motion and policy and present back to the Board.
8. Transported Semen Permit – Discussion about changing the annual fee to a one-time fee. Referred to the Breeders Committee.
9. \$500 to Update National Inspectors Video – Director Bennett made a motion to give the Inspectors Committee up to \$500 to update the Inspectors Video by October 2012. Motion seconded by Director Krueger. Unanimous. Motion Passed.
10. Registration Photos are sole property of POAC, Inc. – For Registration and Inspection Forms, the National POAC needs to stamp “Photos submitted are property of POAC”. This stamp will be used until these forms are printed again, at which this will be added.
11. Code of Ethics to Cover National Inspectors – Discussion – President Guthrie directed the Administrative Advisory Committee to draft a proposal and present it to the Inspectors Committee for review before returning it to the Board for discussion.
12. Quiz Area on Website for Color/Color Patterns/Characteristics – No action taken
13. Budget Monies for Show and Registration Programs – No action at this time – The Board needs to discuss the current point issues before determining program needs.
14. New Buyers at International Sale Get Free Membership For the Remainder of That Year – New Buyers should get a free membership for the remainder of that year. Director Bennett made a motion to give new buyers at the International Sale a free national membership through March 1<sup>st</sup>. Director Krueger seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed. (Make sure to have this announced during the sale this year along with the added monies for the two incentive classes for 2012)
15. Establish Criteria for Selection of Judges for all Major POAC Events
16. Establish Guidelines for who is responsible for Hiring Judges for all Major POAC Events – Rosslyn Spencer Biggs discussed both items 15 and 16 with the Board as Chairman of the Judges Committee. Biggs asked for input from the Board as well as a slate of 40-50 names for their committee to review for eligibility and qualifications.
17. Annual Color Card – No action taken
18. Building of a Database for POAC Membership email addresses – Discussion
19. Website Issues – Discussion
20. HYPP Testing on Hardship Geldings – Discussion – Referred to Breeders Committee
21. Bylaw Question – When voting by the membership on the Bylaw changes (second voting – by mail), question 5 was omitted from the ballot. Question 5 referred to the deadline for paid memberships for National POA Board of Directors. Director Krueger made a motion that for 2012 the POAC abides by the current POAC rulebook for memberships (Rule page 18, 1 C) as written for membership purposes. Discussion. Currently the Board must follow the Bylaws from the old rulebook bylaws.

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(At 7:03pm the meeting was recessed until 8:00am Tuesday morning)

President Guthrie reported to the Board that after a phone conference with the POA Attorney regarding the Bylaw issue discussed on Monday, she must follow the current Bylaws in place which is her duty as an officer of this corporation. Therefore, she must declare Tim Lindsey as a non-member due to non-paid membership by the deadline defined in the Bylaws that must be followed at this time. The director chair filled by Tim Lindsey is now vacant and must be filled by the Board. Director McKenzie made a motion to fill the vacant seat in the Mid-America region with Pat Burton of Texas. Motion was seconded by Director Walther. Discussion. Voting in favor: Peaton, Tabor, McKenzie, Walther, Guthrie, and Katzenberger. Director Krueger was opposed. Directors Chestnut, Corn, Bennett, and Arends abstained. Motion passed. Mr Pat Burton was contacted and asked if he would be willing to fill this vacancy for the remainder of the term (one year). Mr. Burton took joined the meeting at this time.

Gant Lawsuit – A letter from POAC attorney was reviewed. A trial date has been set for February 2013. Director Burton asked to see a copy of the transcript that was sent out to the rest of the Board. President Guthrie will provide him with a copy. Director Krueger made a motion to change the committee responsible for trying to settle the Gant case from the Executive Committee to another committee. Died for lack of a second.

NSBA Points Eligibility – This was discussed by the Board yesterday and will be sent to the Breeders Committee for further discussion.

Seating of New Directors: President Guthrie announced that all of the incumbents won the election. For purpose of record, President Guthrie confirmed that all of the incumbents are re-seated on the POAC National Board of Directors. Director Walther nominated Jackie Guthrie for President. Katzenberger seconded the motion. Director Krueger nominated Harry Chestnut for President. Director Arends seconded the motion. Director Burton moved to close nominations. Director Katzenberger seconded the motion. Jackie Guthrie won the ballot vote.

Director Walther nominated Diana Peaton for Vice President. Director McKenzie seconded the motion. Director Krueger nominated Harry Chestnut. Director Arends seconded the motion. Director Katzenberger made a motion to close nominations for vice-president. Director Walther seconded the motion. Diana Peaton won the ballot vote.

Director Katzenberger nominated Beverly Tabor for Secretary/Treasurer. Director Arends seconded the motion. Director Chestnut moved to close nominations and to cast the unanimous vote. Director Corn seconded the motion. Voting: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Hearing Committee – All Directors submitted four names that they would like to have on the Nominating Committee. The Directors with the top four most votes will serve on this committee along with the chairperson of the Rules Committee (Judy Katzenberger). Those Directors with the top four votes included: Chestnut, McKenzie, Walther, and Corn. A chairperson was chosen by these new Hearing Committee members: Harry Chestnut and Judy Katzenberger is Vice-Chairman.

#### **New Business –**

- 1) Classic Points at Specialty Shows: Director Bennett made a motion that any “Specialty Show” they will receive “A” points per judge and combined points to be IBC/BP equivalent. Director Arends seconded the motion. Discussion. Bennett rescinded the motion and Arends rescinded the second. Discussion. Director Bennett made a motion: The Reichert Celebration Show will receive one set of Promotional Type points which is the combination of the three sets of judge’s cards. Each judge will award eight placings. Seconded by Burton. Discussion. Voting in favor: Tabor, Bennett and Krueger. Opposed: Peaton, Chestnut, McKenzie, Walther, Corn, Katzenberger, Burton, and Arends. Motion failed. Discussion. Director Burton made a motion that Specialty Type Promotional Shows will receive “A” points per judge and combined points to be IBC/BP equivalent and Promotional Show approval fees will be charged for this type of show. Chestnut seconded the motion. Withdrawn by Burton and Chestnut after discussion. Director Burton made a motion that the Reichert Celebration Show shall receive one set of Promotional type points and three sets of “A” type points. Judges will award eight placings and Promotional Show Approval fee will be charged. Chestnut seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Peaton, Chestnut, McKenzie, Walther, Corn, Katzenberger, Burton, and Arends. Opposed were Bennett and Krueger. Director Tabor was absent. Motion passed.

- 2) Groups Other Than Recognized POAC Clubs Hosting Shows/Sales – No action
- 3) Membership Requirements To Collect POAC Points – No action
- 4) POA Magazine Profitability Issues – To be discussed when Editor is present
- 5) Yearling Sale Incentive Modifications – Previously discussed
- 6) Clarify On-Site Artificial Insemination – Previously discussed – Also to be sent to the Breeders Committee for review.
- 7) Approval of National Inspector Applicants – None at this time
- 8) Change Executive Secretary Title to COO or CEO – This is a Bylaw change. Director Chestnut made a motion to change the Executive Secretary title to CEO subject to approval of Bylaw vote. Director Bennett seconded the motion. Discussion. Unanimous. Motion passed.
- 9) Submission of Judges Names for International Show 2012 – The Board was asked to submit up to three names of POA Approved Judges that they would like considered for judging at 2012 National Events. They were asked to turn in these names by the end of the meeting. They were also asked to turn in up to three goals for the POAC so that the Advisory Committee can have a list of one year and three year goals to work on for the good of POAC.
- 10) Set and maintain a National Events Schedule at a Minimum of Three to Five Years Out – At this time, the National POAC has no Eastern or Western Classic contracts beyond 2012, International Sale and International Show beyond 2013, and Convention beyond 2012. Bids need to be submitted for all of these events. The POAC National Board of Directors will vote on the locations for the Classics and the Convention in February 2012 at the Board meeting in Wisconsin. The bids for these three events must be turned in to the Executive Secretary no later than February 15, 2012 to be considered. Please make multiple-year bids whenever possible.

**Other New Business –**

Show Date Restrictions – Regional shows not being restricted by regions touching and miles restrictions – This was referred to the Rules Committee for review.

Ongoing problem of Insufficient Funds Checks at State Club Level – After discussion, Director Bennett made a recommendation that any club that receives an insufficient funds check that does not clear after 30 days, that club should inform the National POAC in writing. Once the National Office receives three letters regarding the same family with insufficient funds checks pending, the National Office will notify that family in writing and put them on a cash-only basis when conducting all POA business for one calendar year.

Director Arends discussed Rule E 77-78 regarding cancelled and postponed shows and who is allowed to participate at the rescheduled event – Arends will write a proposal to the Rules Committee for review.

Magazine – A meeting was set with the Executive Committee and the POA Magazine Editor for later in the week at the International Sale. The Board discussed some issues with the current magazine. It was recommended that the Board hire someone on a commission basis only to acquire advertising for the magazine. It was suggested also to have a "Forms Issue". A letter from Heather Wysong was in the packets for the Board to review concerning the removal of State Club News from the magazine.

The family of John Cooper, OK would like to sponsor a year-end award in his memory.

Director Chestnut made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Director Arends. Unanimous. Motion passed.