

POAC National Board of Directors Meeting (Unofficial until September 2015 Meeting)
POA National Congress, Tulsa Oklahoma
July 7, 2015

President Diana Peaton opened the meeting at 4:37pm with the following Directors present: Scott Shingleton, IN; Karen Meyer, MN; Judy Katzenberger, WI; Dawn Walther, IL; Janette Arends, CO; Kristen Fears, TX; David Brewer, TN; Beverly Tabor, MD; Kathy McKenzie, OK; Diana Peaton, AZ; and Carol Davidson, OR. Director Ken Tearman of Indiana asked for an excused absence due to medical reasons. Director Tabor made a motion to excuse Ken Tearman from this meeting. Janette Arends seconded the motion. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

The minutes from the February 2015 Board Meeting were reviewed as published. Director Davidson made a motion to approve the minutes as published in the POA Magazine. Scott Shingleton seconded the motion. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

NRHA Presentation to Board – Todd Branson and Kinsey Fling, representing NRHA from Oklahoma, gave a brief presentation to the board regarding their interest in working with POAC to advance the sport of reining. They will have a booth at the POA National Congress this year to visit with members about their organization. They are also providing a free reining clinic at the 2015 POAC National Congress for all attendees, and are sponsoring the popular coloring contest offered to our participants.

Lazy E Arena Presentation – Dan Wall of Lazy E Arena gave a brief presentation to the Board regarding their interest in hosting the POAC National Congress and/or the International Futurity and Sale in 2017 and beyond. The Directors were given informational handouts to review in preparation for voting on sites for 2017 and beyond at the October 2015 Board Meeting.

CEO Report – Joyse Banister gave an overview to the Board of events at both the Home Office and at the Congress:

- All Departments at the National Office are functioning at various capacities since we are still in software development phases. The Show Department is currently in a hold until the software is complete for tracing lifetime points and year end standings. We hope to be up and running in the next 30-45 days.
- We are in a total conversion from Peachtree to QuickBooks accounting software at this time. Members should begin to see changes in invoices and monthly statements once this conversion is final.
- The Congress looks to be larger than last year. The Versatility Event is full for the first time in many years and entries for all events are up. I have entered over 3,300 entries into the show computer to-date. This is a great increase from last year at the same time. ARC has delivered the class awards, and I picked up the neck ribbons on my way to Tulsa. Featherlite will have representation during the entire Congress Show in the Expo hall with several trailers on display. I have both TV and radio interviews scheduled during this week to promote POAs and our Congress Show. The POA Youth Council have done a great job of securing the money for the high point saddles again this year. We have more vendors this year than last, and all seem excited to be a part of our Congress and want to do more to help next year. I will visit with each one individually to secure sponsorships for 2016. Our golf cart company that we had contracted for this show has closed their doors in the past week so I had to find another company to handle our order of 50 carts for this Congress. With the increased rental fees from the new company, even with a discount from them, we will not make money from this rental agreements for 2015. We have also had two judges cancel for this Congress Show but we have secured replacement judges within the last

few days and the quality of our judges for this show has not been lessened. When I left the National Office this week for Tulsa, we had one International Sale Consignment received. I brought consignment forms with me to the Congress and I will hopefully have many more upon my return to the office on the 19th of July. Director Fears made a motion to keep all Versatility entries submitted to the National Office prior to meeting, but not to exceed 30 in the Versatility Event at the Congress. Walther seconded the motion. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

Treasurers Report – Beverly Tabor reported that the current checkbook balance is \$92,006 and all futurity monies have been moved to their respective accounts and all bills are current prior to getting this balance. With the QuickBooks conversion, the Board is not able to view complete financial reports at this time but Stacey is working with the Accountants to work towards a total 2015 conversion and will have reports available as soon as this conversion is complete. Stacey is re-entering all receivables and payables for the National POAC from January 1, 2015 to present.

Inspection Committee – David Brewer gave the Board a handout with “Proposal for Inspection Process at Congress and Futurity” and “Proposal for Level of Accountability for Inspectors at National Events”. David said that he will try to follow this inspection process at this Congress if the number of inspectors is present to allow this process to work. The Board can review these two proposals and discuss them with possible action in October.

Proposal for Inspection Process at Congress and Futurity: There will be no less than four inspection stations consisting of two inspectors each. There must be at least one national inspector at each station and he/she must do the actual measuring. The Owner/Handler will present pony and all requested paperwork to the inspection table. At that time, the owner/handler will draw a numbered disc from a bag/box. That number will be the station the pony must be presented to for first inspection. If upon completion of 1st attempt the pony does not meet the requirements to be exhibited, said pony will advance to the next station in numerical order from the original drawn number. Example: If handler draws #3 that will be the station for 1st attempt. Second attempt will be station #4. Third attempt will be station #1 and will require 2 additional inspectors to join the third inspection. The inspector that will not be doing the measuring (Inspector A) will mark the highest point of the wither (rule 81.) for the inspector (Inspector B) that does the actual measuring. Inspector “A” will also watch to make sure that the neck of the animal is natural and is not lower than horizontal at the time of measuring (81.D) and that the pony stands squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the pony’s quarters (81.C). Inspector “A” will also keep time for duration of inspection. Pony will be given a 15-minute time limit to measure at the required height and a maximum of three time periods. On the third measurement, there must be two additional witnesses (the two inspectors from the station the pony has not visited or two designated inspectors by congress committee) to the measurement. All three will sign the inspection form.

Proposal for Level of Accountability for Inspectors at National Events: If for any reason related to inspection that a pony is protested at a national event, the inspector who signed the inspection form will be brought before an inspectors hearing committee and the pony will be presented for re-inspection by committee members. The pony will be inspected by three members of the committee and an average will be taken. If the average measurement is more than 1 inch in difference from the protested measurement or the pony is deemed blatantly over-height or faulting in color, the protested inspector will be found guilty and will receive the following penalty: 1st Offense – Written warning and placed on probation for two years; 2nd Offense – If within the two year probation period the inspector is found guilty again,

he/she will be suspended for a period of one year from inspecting and placed on probation for two years starting the day after the one year suspension; and 3rd Offense – If within the two year probation period the inspector is found guilty again, he/she will lose inspector status and be banned for life from inspecting at any POAC event.

Old Business:

Eastern Classic – Scott Shingleton reported that this National Event made \$5,300 profit in 2015 and no date has been set for 2016 because C Bar C Arena is not going to be available to POAC for 2016 to host the Eastern Classic. Proposals were heard from facilities in Richmond Virginia, Bowling Green KY, and Herriman TN. The Board directed David Brewer to pursue the Herriman TN location for the 2016 Eastern Classic show. Expenses will include a \$600/day facility fee, \$12/day stall fee, \$15/day camping fee, and \$100/day custodial fee. David will contact the facility after the Congress to confirm dates and get a contact to the National POAC.

Central Classic – Karen Meyer reported that the 2015 Central Classic made a nice profit for the POAC providing over \$17,000 profit after all expenses paid. There was an excellent turnout at the show with a great deal of support from exhibitors across the upper Midwest. Sponsorships from both corporate sponsors as well as exhibitor sponsorships, the development of a professional show program including ads, top quality awards for classes and high point awards, the creation and sales of Central Classic t-shirts and lots of show promotion all helped increase the profitability of the show. Splitting the Promo day over two days was significantly better for the exhibitors and show staff at the show than trying to hold the show in one day. Volunteers from several states helped to make this show a success. Meyer asked the Board to consider making the Central Classic a permanent show annually and to approve the dates of June 15-19 for the 2016 Central Classic. Director Tabor made a motion to approve the Central Classic for 2016-2018 for the corresponding week of June 15-19 to be held at the Minnesota Equestrian Center. Director Katzenberger seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Shingleton, Meyer, Katzenberger, Walther, Fears, Brewer, Tabor, McKenzie, Peaton, and Davidson. Arends abstained. MOTION PASSED. Meyer requested to begin trail for the Central Classic at the end of the second day of the Promo in order to handle the large number of trail patterns. Trail (160 patterns) took over 8 hours at the Promo and over 4 hours with two arenas running concurrently at the Central Classic. Meyer requested a variance to the rule that does not allow this in order to make the Central Classic schedule more manageable for exhibitors. Director Tabor made a motion to have the Rules Committee visit the Central Classic issue regarding trail scheduling at the Central Classic. Discussion. Motion withdrawn. The Illinois POAC volunteered to bring trail equipment to the Central Classic in 2016 for a 3rd arena to help with timing of running trail.

West World – Janette Arends reported that the 2015 West World made a profit in 2015 event with the low number of ponies participating, and that they would like to continue with the West World in 2016 and beyond. Utah submitted a proposal to host the West World also. After review, Director Davidson made a motion to accept the Utah proposal to host the West World in 2016 in Spanish Fork, UT. Motion failed due to lack of second. Director McKenzie made a motion to allow the West World to be held in 2016-2018 in Longmont Colorado on the July 4th weekend. Director Walther seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Shingleton, Meyer, Katzenberger, Walther, Fears, Brewer, McKenzie, Peaton, and Arends. Opposed were Davidson and Tabor. MOTION PASSED.

POAC National Congress and International Sale/Futurity – Locations and dates for these events will be discussed and voted on at the September 2015 National Board of Directors Meeting.

POAC National Convention – David Brewer made a motion to keep the National Convention in Indianapolis for 2017 through 2019. The Board had already voted to take the Convention to Indianapolis in 2017, but is now discussing the option of keeping it there through 2019 in order to get a better price package from the hotel for attendees. Director Davidson seconded the motion. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

Youth Committee – Charlene Shingleton reported on this committee – Money for high point saddles for the 2015 POA Congress show has been secured now. She stated her concern about the youth involvement in this process vs. advisor involvement. She stated that signed contracts for saddle sponsorships in 2016 must be obtained.

Novice Youth Program – The new guidelines are on the website if anyone has questions regarding this program.

Inspection and Registration regarding allowable amount of high white: Rule 22 D – This was referred to the Breeders and Inspectors Committees

Clarification of Rule regarding non-carded judges/qualified judges for trail, jumping, and gymkhana – No action taken

Rules Committee – The following proposals passed Committees and will be up for discussion and voting at the September 2015 National Board Meeting:

Proposal: Bridles have been pulled off of horses in leadline classes when the leadline is attached to the bit. This has caused a safety hazard. This can be remedied by requiring all horses in leadline classes to wear halters under the bridle with the lead attached to the halter. It is understood that this is not the cleanest look. It would be required by everyone and would put safety over appearance. The change would be added to Rule 101, page 96

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Proposal: Addressing 9 & Under showing Stallions

Rule 96 Page 92 GENERAL PERFORMANCE RULES E.

As It Reads Now:

E: Children in the 9 & Under age group are prohibited from exhibiting stallions 2 years and older in any class. Leadline 6 & Under exhibitors are prohibited from showing stallions of any age in Leadline Showmanship. However, the Show Committee may allow, at their discretion, stallions 2 years and older to be shown in Leadline Horsemanship, Leadline Trail, Leadline Costume and Leadline Games.

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I am making this proposal to prevent any 9 & Under from showing a stallion. With the current rule, a 9 & Under can show a weanling or yearling stallion. I believe for safety reasons this change is needed and it should be implemented as soon as possible.

Proposal: Ranch Pleasure

A. This class is a pattern class that is judged on the pony's ability to work each part of the pattern correctly and efficiency with a free forward motion. The look should be that of a natural-moving pony heading out to get a job done. Ponies in this class should look like they are soft to ride so that riders would want to sit on them for 8 to 10 hours working on a ranch. The rider should have light contact, and the pony should not be shown with a full drape of the reins.

1. Walk: The pony should have a four-beat gait, with a level top line and a relaxed appearance, yet is bright and attentive.

2. Trot: At the trot, the pony's motion should seem effortless and efficient. As in all gaits, this is a ground-covering gait. This pony is confident, yet still soft in his motion. He is flat with his knee and hock and has some cushion in his pastern. His expression is bright and alert.

3. Extended Trot: At the extended trot, the pony has an obvious lengthening to his stride with an increase in pace. This pony is still smooth but appears to have more length with less effort being exerted. Riders may post the extended trot, stand in the stirrups with or without holding the horn, or sit the gait.

4. Lope: This is a natural, three-beat gait, displaying forward motion. At the lope, the pony has a relaxed, yet alert and confident appearance, with a level top line or above.

5. Extended Lope: At the extended lope, a pony has an obvious lengthening of his stride and an increase in his pace, without going into an all-out gallop.

6. Lead Changes: Riders may complete a simple or flying lead change, which ever best suits the pony's skill level.

7. 360: Make a steady, efficient turn.

8. Back: The pony should back in a straight line and should be soft in the bridle, not gaping his mouth or bracing.

9. Penalties: Exhibitors showing ponies with unnaturally slow gaits should be heavily penalized.

B. Tack and Attire. Blinged-out show attire is NOT to be given preference over suitable working attire. Working attire is a long-sleeved western shirt with a collar, jeans, western boots, western hat or approved safety helmet. Vest, chaps, and chinks are optional. Saddles and bridles with silver are acceptable but are not to be given preference over clean working saddle and bridles.

C. Manes and Tails. Banded manes are allowed, with NO preference over natural or roached manes. Tail extensions are allowed but are discouraged for this class.

Reason for class: This class has been popular with some of the other breed shows and I feel that POAC would have lots of entries for this class and it might attract families that can't afford the high dollar show clothing and tack. It might also appeal to the novice group that maybe doesn't have a pony that move in the fashion we see pony move in the pleasure classes today. This class might be a class for new families and for the junior pony that hasn't learned all of the collection that we see today. I however do NOT want to follow all of AQHA rules of not being able to ride in other pleasure classes if you enter this one. POA is an all-around pony.

Patterns will be developed as the rules for this class are approved

Proposal: The safety of our youth is of utmost importance. It is important to have safety in the forefront of the decisions we make regarding our rules. As so many breeds around us are updating their safety statements by making it mandatory that youth wear ASTM/SEI approved headwear while riding in all English classes including flat and over fences classes. We need to keep with this trend and keep the

safety of our youth riders a top priority. Please consider adding the following wording into the POAC Handbook: HUNT SEAT ATTIRE: ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with fastened harness is required for all youth classes on the flat and classes requiring over fence work. Regular hunt seat hard hats may be worn by adults, if protective headgear is not worn.

Proposal: POA Year End Special Needs Equine Event Participant – This would be open to any age special needs persons. Events can include horse shows, therapy riding, recorded time at home on horse back, or anything that they do with a POA. A story should be submitted on the nominee and what they do or the time that they spend with POAs and should also include a photo. Stories will be evaluated by a separate panel of judges. The award will be presented at the POA National Convention.

Proposal: Rule 98 F – Needs to be clarified that an exhibitor can only show in either the 9&U w/t pleasure OR the 9&U wtl pleasure and/or any other wtl pleasure class at the same show. Also change wording to: Participation in these classes does not preclude the exhibitor from entering any other 3-gait classes such as trail, games, reining, western riding, or jumping but does not allow exhibitor to enter a 3-gait pleasure class (excluding Jr. or Sr. Pleasure) in that discipline.

Breeders Committee Proposals:

- 1) Change definition of Buckskin to match the AQHA description: Body color yellowish or gold; mane and tail black; black on lower legs; typically buckskins do not have dorsal stripes
- 2) Not to allow a youth (18&U) to show a JPFC pony except in Leadline classes
- 3) LP Proposal – re-submit with the following additions: Pony must be parentage verified and be eligible for permanent registration at 6 years old or be moved to ID status

Judge Committee Proposals: Change the judging/client time restriction from 6 months to 3 months to be in line with other breed associations

International Futurity – Add 5-year-olds to the JPFC Program with the option to adjust age groups

Youth Committee – need to add a treasurers position to the Bylaws

Other Business:

President Peaton opened a discussion up regarding the Non-Pro Proposal stating it was only a discussion to help the BOD better understand why the Non-Pro Proposal did not pass the Rules Committee. President Peaton did let Director Meyer know before the July meeting that she would not put it on the agenda due to the fact that the proposal did not pass the Rules Committee but would like to have a further discussion regarding the Non-Pro Proposal to better understand why it had failed to be passed by the committee.

Director Walther made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Arends seconded the motion. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.