

President Diana Peaton opened the meeting at 9:10am CST with the following present: Scott Shingleton, IN; Carol Davidson, OR; Janette Arends, CO; David Brewer, TN; Karen Meyer, MN; Dawn Walther, IL; Judy Katzenberger, WI; Beverly Tabor, MD; Kathy McKenzie, OK; Ken Tearman, IN; and Kristen Fears, TX. All directors present.

Approval of the July 2015 POAC National Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Ken Tearman made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the POA Magazine. Janette Arends seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

CEO Report – Joyse Banister reported on the following topics:

- Show Department – Kelly has been working closely with the programmers to get the new show software to perform as needed to pull yearly point tabulations and enter the 2015 show results. This has been very time consuming because one fix leads to another problem. Kelly has about 82 shows in the system to-date but will be putting them in fast and furious once the software is ready. Judge renewals are going out this week with an updated test prepared by the Judges Committee Chairman. Kelly is also able to process ROMs at this point unless they need 2015 points to qualify.
- Registration Department – Vicci is at 4 weeks for processing at this busy time in the office. We are still working through “bugs” in the new registration program, but overall this new program has been great for the office. The older POAs with historical data in the new program have been difficult to merge within the new program but the office is working through it.
- Accounting Department – Stacey has worked hard since June to get Peachtree converted to QuickBooks. She re-entered everything since January 1, 2015 and is current on her daily work. She has been working closely with the accountants to re-enter the budgets and produce reports for the Board that are helpful and meaningful. This is still an ongoing project.
- POA Magazine – Elizabeth continues to do an excellent job of producing the POA Magazine and works very well with the staff and members.
- POAC has a new promotional ad coming out in the National Livestock Pedigree Council bi-annual booklet this fall. This booklet will be distributed to over 22,000 FFA youth and advisors across the country. This was a \$500 expense budgeted through Promo and Marketing, and will be great exposure for POAC!
- I have given you a three year futurity comparison for entries and payouts. This should be a helpful tool when deciding what to do with futurity and sale locations and the continuance of certain classes for future futurity events. Our major events are making a profit and that is good...other breeds have commented that they wish they had what we have...we must be doing something right! We still have a ways to go with the new software programs to have them paid for, but this is something that POAC could no longer avoid. Even though it has been quite stressful for my staff, it is a process that will be better once completed and make the office more efficient.

Treasurers Report – Beverly Tabor gave her financial report to the board and handed out event-specific financials for review. This will be filed subject to audit.

Eric Reichert of the Alliant Energy Center briefly met with the Board and gave a presentation on the Alliant Energy Center in Madison Wisconsin. They are very interested in hosting the 2017-2019 POA International Sale and Futurity and have prepared a bid that will be reviewed later in the meeting.

#### Committee Reports –

Congress – Joyse Banister reported that the Congress Show made over a \$20,000 profit this year and we are already looking at ways to bring the profit line up for 2016. Many of the specialty events are already sponsored for next year, and we will begin the process of hiring judges very soon.

Futurity – The futurity numbers are very similar to 2014 and the sponsorships have been very strong this year which will help the payouts.

Sale – Even though it is a smaller sale this year, the quality is high for the ponies selling. The arena will convert to a sale ring on Friday afternoon once the futurity is done.

Convention 2016 – Karen Meyer has been working on a revised Convention schedule for the 2017 POAC National Convention in Bloomington, MN. The theme is “POA at MOA”...looking to be a great time!

#### Rules Committee –

- Page 103 Rule 105. 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. ~~and may be worn in other classes at the exhibitor's option.~~ Regular hunt seat hard hats may be

worn ~~by adults in non-fence classes~~, if protective headgear is not worn. Director Katzenberger made a motion to accept as written. Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

- Clarification of W/T Pleasure and 3-gait Pleasure class entry: Rule 98F to be changed to read... Participation in these classes does not preclude the exhibitor from entering any other 3-gait classes such as trail, games, reining, or jumping but does not allow exhibitor to enter a 3-gait pleasure class (example: Junior or Senior Pleasure) in that discipline. Director Shingleton made a motion to accept this rule clarification as written. Director Tabor seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Tabor, Shingleton, Meyer, McKenzie, Fears, Arends, Brewer, Tearman, Katzenberger, and Walther. Opposed was Davidson. Motion Passed.
- Rule 96, Page 92 General Performance Rules E...Change to read: E. Children in the 9 & Under age group are prohibited from exhibiting stallions 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. Director Walther made a motion to accept this change. Director Katzenberger seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Tabor, Shingleton, Meyer, McKenzie, Fears, Arends, Brewer, Tearman, Katzenberger, and Walther. Opposed was Davidson. Motion Passed.
- Ranch Pleasure Proposal -
  - A. This class is a pattern class that is judged on the pony's ability to work each part of the pattern correctly and efficiently 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: Jeweled or sparkly 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, and a 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.

Director Tabor made a motion to accept the Ranch Horse Pleasure proposal as an optional class at all levels, with this class being pointed in two divisions (18 & Under, 19 & Over) for National Year-End Awards and for individual class points toward ROM Ranch Horse Pleasure. This class will not count toward any other Year End or High Point Awards. Shingleton seconded motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Fears, Arends, McKenzie, Davidson, Tearman, Tabor, Walther, Katzenberger, Brewer, and Meyer. Shingleton was opposed. Motion passed. Director Meyer made a motion to allow this event (two classes) to be judged by non-POA carded judges in a separate arena if the show management prefers to run the show in this manner. Director Brewer seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Tabor, Meyer, Fears, Arends, Tearman, Walther, Katzenburger, and Brewer. Opposed were McKenzie, Shingleton, and Davidson. Motion passed. Brewer and Arends will co-sponsor this National Year End Award for 18&U and 19&Over in 2016.

- Rule 101, page 96: Add: B. In all leadline classes, a halter must be worn underneath the bridle. The leadline must be attached to the halter. Director Brewer made the motion to accept this addition and Director Shingleton seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in Favor: Arends, McKenzie, Davidson, Tearman, Tabor, Walther, Katzenberger, Brewer, Meyer, and Shingleton. Fears was opposed. Motion passed.

- POAC Special Needs National Year End Award – This would be open to any age special needs person. Events can include horse shows, therapy riding, and recorded time at home on horseback, anything that they do with a registered POA. Name, address, phone number, person submitting application should be submitted to the National POAC along with a story on the nominee and what they do or the time they spend with a POA. One photo may also be included with the nomination. Stories will be evaluated by a separate panel of judges and the award will be presented at the POA National Convention. Omer and Jeanette Krueger, MT, will sponsor this award for ten years, starting in 2016. Director Arends made the motion to accept this proposal. Director Davidson seconded the motion. Discussion. Unanimous. Motion passed.
- Page 85 in the current POAC Handbook, the word “Adult” was accidentally omitted from Pleasure Driving. The Board directed the National POAC to add this word back into the Handbook.
- JPFC – Current Handbook lists the JPFC High Point to be a pony/rider award. This is a miss-print and it should be listed as a pony award, regardless of the rider. The Board directed the National POAC to make this correction in the next supplement.

Recommendations from other Committees:

- Non Pro Program Proposal – No action at this time

POAC Youth Board – Discussion on whether to keep this as a separate Board or make it a Committee (chairman appointed by the National President) and reporting to the National Board of Directors. Director McKenzie made a motion to dissolve the Youth Board and create a Youth Committee to be handled like the other committees. Director Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed. The Board was asked to submit names to President Peaton for committee member recommendations.

Clarification of using non-carded judges for trail, jumping, and games – Discussion – No action taken

Tentative registered POAs with possible excessive white – Discussion by Board regarding what is considered excessive white. This will be discussed by Breeders and Rules Committees with possible recommendations to the Board. The Color Committee for this year’s futurity will be Fears, Davidson, and Tearman.

New Business ---

Seating of the new Board and election of officers for 2016 –

President – Director Judy Katzenberger nominated Diana Peaton. Director Arends nominated Kristen Fears. 2016 POAC National President is Diana Peaton

Vice President – Director Walther nominated Scott Shingleton. Director Arends nominated Kristen Fears. 2016 POAC National Vice President is Scott Shingleton

Secretary/Treasurer – Director Arends nominated Ken Tearman. Director Walther nominated Tabor. 2016 POAC National Secretary/Treasurer is Beverly Tabor.

The Rules Committee Chair is Dawn Walther (appointed by President Peaton)

The Hearing Committee 2016 is – Karen Meyer, David Brewer, Kristen Fears, and Ken Tearman. Kristen Fears is the Chairperson.

New Business ---

- 1) 2016 POAC Eastern Classic – Show will be held in Herriman Tennessee on August 18-22, with move in on the 18<sup>th</sup>, the National Promo Show on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and the Eastern Classic on the 20-21<sup>st</sup> and move-out on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Tennessee and Alabama Clubs will be working together on this show. The National POAC will wait to decide the location of the 2017-2019 Eastern Classic until the 2016 Eastern Classic has been held.
- 2) 2017-2019 POAC National Congress – Directors reviewed proposals from Lazy E Arena in Tulsa OK and also from Expo Square Tulsa Oklahoma. Director Fears made a motion to go to the Lazy E in Guthrie Oklahoma for 2017-2019. Motion seconded by Janette Arends. Discussion. Voting in favor: Walther, Fears, Arends, and Davidson. Opposed: Shingleton, Tabor, Tearman, Meyer, and Brewer. Directors Katzenberger and McKenzie abstained. Motion Failed. Director Fears then made a motion to go to Expo Square Tulsa for the 2017-2017 POA National Congress. Director McKenzie seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Shingleton, Tabor, McKenzie, Fears, Arends, and Brewer. Opposed: Davidson, Walther, Tearman, and Meyer. Motion Passed.
- 3) International Sale and Futurity – Director McKenzie made a motion to move the 2016 Sale & Futurity to Des Moines Iowa if POAC can leave Lake St. Louis without penalty. Davidson seconded motion. Discussion. McKenzie rescinded her motion and Davidson rescinded her second. The Board reviewed proposals from C Bar C Arena in Cloverdale Indiana, NEC in Lake St. Louis, MO, the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI, and the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, IA. Director Meyer made a motion to go to the Alliant Energy Center in Madison WI for the 2017 – 2019 POAC International Sale & Futurities with the 2017 date being October 17-21<sup>st</sup>. Director Tabor seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Tabor, Tearman, Meyer, Davidson, and Shingleton. Opposed: Walther, McKenzie, and Katzenberger. Abstain: Fears, Arends, and

Brewer. Motion failed. Director Walther made a motion to accept the Des Moines, IA proposal to host the International Sale & Futurities for 2017-2019. Director McKenzie seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Katzenberger, Tabor, Walther, McKenzie, Fears, Meyer, and Davidson. Abstain: Arends, Tearman, Brewer, and Shingleton. Motion Passed. Later in the meeting, Joyse Banister informed the Board that the NEC just notified her that they would not be able to give POAC the same dates in 2016 for the International Sale and Futurity due to a scheduling conflict, and that POAC could be released from their current contract with NEC for 2016 without penalty. The Board discussed this option, and Director Brewer made a motion to go with the Alliant Energy Center for the site of the 2016 POAC International Sale & Futurity. Director Arends seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Tearman, Meyer, Arends, Brewer, and Tabor. Opposed: Davidson, Fears, McKenzie, Walther, Katzenberger and Shingleton. Motion Failed. Director McKenzie made a motion to have the 2016 POAC International Sale & Futurities in Des Moines IA on October 5-8. Director Walther seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Tearman, Meyer, Arends, Davidson, Fears, McKenzie, Katzenberger, and Walther. Opposed were Shingleton, Brewer, and Tabor. Motion Passed.

- 4) Specialty Show Request in 2016 in North Central Wisconsin – Director Meyer presented a proposal by the North Central Working Western Horse Celebration to include POAs for 2016-2018 and give POA points per the POAC National Handbook for Specialty type shows. This show will be held in Madison Wisconsin on August 11-14, 2016 at the Alliant Energy Center. This is a unique, all-breed, multiple-discipline opportunity at one location. Past shows have been approved by the Arabian Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association, National Reining Horse Association, National Reined Cow Horse Association, and the Minnesota Cutting Horse Association. In 2014 they paid out over \$40,000 in prize money and gave awards from Dale Chavez, Big D, and other suppliers. Director Meyer made a motion to approve this specialty show for POAC in 2016-2018. Director Walther seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Tearman, Meyer, Arends, Brewer, Davidson, Fears, McKenzie, Walther, Katzenberger and Shingleton. Opposed: Tabor. Motion Passed.
- 5) NHRA Involvement with POAC – The POAC National Board recognized NHRA for their participation at the 2015 POAC National Congress and thanked them for their clinic and information booth. The discussed the possibility of POAC working with NHRA in the future. No action at this time.
- 6) The current Bylaws on page 13, Article 8, Section 2, make it specific that the Board Meeting will be in “October” when the hearing committee is chosen. It is recommended that the Bylaws be changed to reflect that it is a “fall Meeting” to permit the Board meetings to be held in September if the meeting is set earlier than October.

Director Walther made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyse L. Banister/POAC/CEO