

POAC National Board Meeting (Unofficial until approved at February 2017 Board Meeting)

October 4, 2016

Des Moines, Iowa

President Diana Peaton opened the meeting at 10:35am CST with the following present: Scott Shingleton, IN; Beverly Tabor, MD; Kathy McKenzie, OK; Dawn Walther, IL; Judy Katzenberger, WI; David Brewer, TN; Janette Arends, CO; Karen Meyer, MN. Kristen Fears, TX joined the meeting at Noon. Stacey Stewart, Acting Office Manager of POAC was also in attendance. Carol Davidson, OR and Ken Tearman, IN were excused due to health issues.

The minutes of the July 5, 2016 POAC National Board of Directors Meeting were approved.

President Peaton presented her Presidents report mentioning it is no secret that POAC is competing for people's time, their disposable income and their kids time. President Peaton brought up the need for the leadership to make decisions and take-action to move this organization forward. There are two threats that face great organizations; the inability to escape the past and the inability to ask the right questions. President Peaton emphasized the need to ask the right questions, find the answer and implement the answer. It was also mentioned for the Board to work together while the club operates with an Acting CEO.

Director Tabor presented the Treasurers report. The club is operating with increased funding which has eased the financial worries. Director Tabor reported a Line of Credit was opened for POA which will enable the club to continue should there be an unforeseen interruption in our income. This Line of Credit is available if needed, but cost the club nothing if not used. Director Tabor reported it will not be used unless the Board is notified of the need to use. Discussion was held as to the Line of Credit versus a refinance of the current mortgage. Based on discussion held with our Accountants and Financial adviser, it was felt to be more economical to secure a line of credit as our mortgage interest is so low we would not be able to secure that rate again and would cost the club more in the end.

Office Manager's Report – Stacey Stewart reported on the following topics

- Show Department – Kelly has taken on the show program, by entering in the futurity show bill and issuing back numbers. Kelly has devoted many hours over the last month to the futurity. It has been quite the lesson for her as the program she works with on a daily basis is not the same. Judges renewals were mailed out in September with a Nov 1st postmark due date. There are a good influx of renewals starting to come in. Kelly is in the process of updating the website with the 2016 show results. They just need to be added/removed one at a time which is very time consuming. However, they are PDF and can still be viewed easily. Kelly has reported the points program is still not working as well as it should. Director Tabor made a motion to meet with Kathy Trask of FunnWare to discuss issues with the Horse Show For Windows Program not meeting the needs of POAC. Director Arends seconded the motion. Motion passed and President Peaton will contact the software vendor and arrange a meeting in Indianapolis with the programmers and POAC.
- Registration Department – Vicci has been busy getting ready for the sale and futurities and the turnaround time for those not participating in the events has dropped back to about four weeks. As things die down Vicci anticipates the turnaround time for registrations to be back to two weeks or less very soon. The new registration applications and transfers have remained steady over the summer and the Stallion Breeding Reports are starting to come in for next year's babies.
- Accounting Department – The bookkeeping is up to date even with all the additional tasks that have been given.

Committee Reports –

International Futurity and Sale – The committee reported 2016 brings some new changes with added classes such as Ranch Riding, Western Riding, Silver Select and McClaren Futurity. With combined effort, the futurity committee raised \$1,100 at the silent auction held at the POAC Congress. Forty-Five sponsorships pledging a total of \$15,225.00 with another \$500.00 donated for the hospitality table, and \$600.00 added money to the McClaren Futurity. They are ready and feel we will have a good show and sale. Joyse Banister will be arriving later this week to assist with the sale and train the POAC staff on the workings of this event.

2017 Convention - The 29th Annual National POAC Convention will be held February 23 thru 26, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport in Indianapolis, IN. The theme this year is “Back Home Again In Indianapolis”. Director Tearman is chairing this committee.

Eastern Classic - Director Brewer reported the Eastern Classic was much smaller than anticipated. He feels the date was just too late in the year as most schools were already back in session before the event. He will investigate an earlier date for 2017.

Youth Committee – The Youth had a fantastic 2016 Congress with lots of positive comments on high point awards through 6th. Two awards were not used because there were not enough boys in the 10 to 13 age division. The Youth account balance \$13,615.99 as of August 22, 2016. The following fund raisers were completed at Congress:

Team Tournament had 75 participants at \$30.00 per entry fee totally \$2250.00, 15 teams of 5 were created and the youth handed out awards to the top 7 teams. All the awards were sponsored.

Dale Chavez saddle auction was a success selling the saddle for \$3,000.00

Adult and Youth Trail practice earned \$3070.00. Many happy riders, parents and trainers were pleased to practice during the day in the Mustang Arena not only for trail but for jumping too.

Silent auction was a joint effort with the Futurity Committee earning the youth \$1,100.00

Lisa LaBrie is the main adult advisor for 2017 LaRenna Phillips has inquired about helping and learning what is involved as a Co-Chair.

Rules Committee - Director Walther presented the rule changes to be voted on

- Rule 95a, Supplement #2. Ranch Pleasure: Change the class name to Ranch Riding as the original proposal was proposed as a pattern class therefore the name Ranch Pleasure does not align with the way the class was proposed. Director Brewer made a motion to change the class name to Ranch Riding. Director Arends seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**
- Rule 166A, page 180: Add 5. All hardshipped ponies must be registered on or before March 1, of the current year, to be eligible for ANY POAC futurity. Rule 24E, page 52: Add 11. All hardshipped ponies must be registered on or before March 1, of the current year, to be eligible for ANY POAC futurity. Director Katzenberger made a motion to accept the addition as written and Director Fears seconded the motion. **No Action taken**

- Rule 114, page 118: Trail

No Changes A-J, Q and the re-lettered sections K-0

(In the current 2014-2016 rulebook, 114.K lists DQs – Move to new Section P (Scoring) and re-letter with current L becoming K etc.

P. Scoring: Scoring will be on the basis of 0 to infinity, with 70 denoting an average performance. Each obstacle will receive an obstacle score that should be added or subtracted from 70 and is subject to a penalty that should be subtracted.

1. TRAIL OBSTACLE SCORES:

- a. +1 1/2 – Excellent
- b. +1 – Very Good
- c. +1/2 – Good
- d. 0 – Correct
- e. -1/2 – Poor
- f. -1 – Very Poor
- g. -1 1/2 – Extremely Poor

2. PENALTY: ½ point:

- a. Each tick of log, cone, pole or part of obstacle

3. PENALTY: 1 point:

- a. Hit or step on log, pole, cone or part of an obstacle
- b. Incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog two strides or less

- c. Both front feet or hind feet in single-strided space
- d. Skip or fail to step into required space
- e. Split pole in lope-over
- f. Failure to meet correct strides if specified

4. PENALTY: 3 points:

- a. Incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog over two strides
- b. Out of lead or break of gait at lope
- c. Knockdown of an elevated pole, cone, or severely disturbing an obstacle
- d. Step out or of confines of obstacle with boundaries (e.g., 360 box) or fall off bridge with one foot 5.

5. PENALTY: 5 points:

- a. Step out or fall off with two or more feet
- b. Dropping object required to be carried on the course
- c. First refusal or evade
- d. Second refusal or evade
- e. Loss of control at gate
- f. Instill fear or praise

6. DISQUALIFICATIONS. The following will result in disqualification from the class; a disqualification results in a score of 0 for the course:

- a. Not doing the obstacles in the prescribed order
- b. Missing or not attempting an obstacle
- c. Failure to complete an obstacle
- d. Three refusals/evades on an obstacle. (NOTE: PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)*
- e. Complete failure to be in prescribed gait or on correct lead
- f. Illegal equipment
- g. Willful abuse
- h. More than one finger between reins, except when changing hands to work an obstacle
- i. Obviously cueing the pony on the neck to lower the head
- j. Major disobedience: rearing, schooling, etc.
- k. Also see Rule 100

- Rule 115, page 120: YEARLING AND TWO YEAR OLD IN-HAND TRAIL
(No Changes to A and B 1-6) Current Rule 15.B.7. and 115.B.9 moved to new Section C (Scoring), and Section B renumbered. Current Rule 115.B.7.b,c now included in Section C as DQ's
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 - e. -1/2 – Poor
 - f. -1 – Very Poor
 - g. -1 1/2 – Extremely Poor
2. PENALTY: ½ point:
 - a. Each tick of log, pole, cone or obstacle
3. PENALTY: 1 point:
 - a. Hit or step on log, cone, or pole or part of obstacle
 - b. Incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog two strides or less
 - c. Both front feet or hind feet in single-strided space
 - d. Skip or fail to step into required space
 - e. Failure to meet correct strides if specified
4. PENALTY: 3 points:
 - a. Incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog over two strides
 - b. Knockdown of an elevated pole, cone, or severely disturbing an obstacle
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 - b. Missing or not attempting an obstacle
 - c. Failure to complete an obstacle
 - d. Three refusals/evades on an obstacle (NOTE Previously approved)*
 - e. Complete failure to be in prescribed gait
 - f. Illegal equipment
 - g. Willful abuse
 - h. Obviously cueing the pony on the neck to lower the head
 - i. Major disobedience: rearing, schooling etc.
 - j. Pony gets loose
 - k. Also see Rule 100

NOTE: 2014-2016 POAC OFFICIAL HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT #1 Rule 114 – TRAIL - Add K.11 to list of disqualifications: Three refusals/evades on an obstacle. Rule 115 - TRAIL - Remove Rule 115 B.7.c. Add Rule 115 B.9.f. to the list of disqualifications: Three refusals/evades on an obstacle. Director Meyer made a motion to accept the Trail & In-Hand proposal submitted with the removal of scoring (sections P & C) scoring. Director Brewer seconded the motion. **Motion passed**

- Rule 62G, page 68 Boy/Girl split for horsemanship classes. Director Walther made a motion to accept the proposal of Rule 62G to remove the required split of western horsemanship of boy/girl and allow the option of breaking the classes. Director Shingleton seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**
- Rule 116F, page 127 Western Riding Patterns: Change; the judge or Show Committee will select one of the ~~two~~ six patterns to be performed. Director Walther made a motion to accept the additional four Western Riding patterns submitted. Director Katzenberger seconded the motion. **Motion passed.** Patterns will be posted on the website and made available to the members and the show chairs.
- Rule 78C1a, page 82 Add: leadline classes 6 & under are exempt from designation
Rule 86C1, page 85 Add: leadline classes 6 & under are exempt. Director Walther made a motion to accept the proposal as written and Director Brewer seconded the motion. **Motion Passed**
- Rule 71B2,3&4, page 77 Judges Regulations: Change six months to three months.
Change to:
B2. change 6 months to 3 months
B3. change 6 months to 3 months
B4. change 6 months to 3 months
Director Fears made a motion to reduce the number of months from 6 months to 3 months. Director Meyer seconded the motion. **Motion passed**
- Rule 71B12, page 78 Add or after the major event in the same region that the major event is being held. **Motion passed**
- Rule 71B15, page 78 Change sentence to "Once a judge has judged a national event, he/she cannot judge the same national event (National Congress, Classic Shows or International Futurity) for a period of 2 years (excludes judges used for trail, ranch riding, reining and western riding). **Motion passed**
- Rule 19, Page 47 Base Coat Colors:
Add: Brown. Body color brown or black with light areas at muzzle, eyes, flank and inside upper legs; mane and tail black.
Change: E. Dun. Change to: Body color yellowish or gold; mane and tail are black or brown; has dorsal stripe and usually zebra stripes on legs, and transverse stripe over withers.
Change: F. Buckskin. Change to: Buckskin: Body color yellowish or gold; mane and tail black; black on lower legs; typically, buckskins do not have dorsal stripes.
Change: G. Red Dun. Change to: Red Dun: A form of dun with body color yellowish or flesh colored, mane and tail are red or reddish, flaxen, white or mixed; has red or reddish dorsal stripe and usually zebra stripes on legs and transverse stripe over withers.
Change: H. Grullo. Change to Body color smoky or mouse-colored (not a mixture of black and white hairs, but each hair mouse colored); mane and tail black; usually has black dorsal stripe and black on lower legs
Change: I. Palomino. Change to: Body color golden yellow, mane and tail white; typically,

palominos do not have dorsal stripes.

Change: J. Gray. Mixture of white and any other colored hairs; often born solid-colored or nearly solid-colored and get lighter with age as more white hairs appear. Gray is a modifier of base coat color and must also have a recognizable coat pattern.

Delete: K. Red/Blue/Bay Roans. Replace with:

Red Roan: More or less uniform mixture of white with red hairs on a large portion of the body, but usually darker on head and lower legs; can have red or flaxen mane and/or tail. Red Roan is a base coat color and must also have a recognizable coat pattern.

Bay Roan: More or less uniform mixture of white with red hairs on a large portion of the body; darker on head, usually red but can have a few black hairs in mixture; black mane and tail and black on lower legs. Bay roan is a base coat color and must also have a recognizable coat pattern.

Blue Roan: More or less uniform mixture of white with black hairs over a large portion of the body, but usually darker on head and lower legs. Blue Roan is a base coat color and must also have a recognizable coat pattern.

Change: L. Cremello. White or cream-colored hair, blue eyes and light or pink skin over the body. Cremello is a base coat color and must also have recognizable coat pattern.

Change: M. Perlino. White or cream-colored hair, blue eyes and light or pink skin over the body. Mane, tail, and lower legs will be slightly darker than body color. Perlino is a base coat color and must also have a recognizable coat pattern. Director Brewer made a motion to update the color descriptions to be the submitted base color. Director Tabor seconded the motion.

Motion passed

- Hall Of Fame Committee:
 1. As Hall of Fame committee members withdraw from the committee that an effort to get someone from each region in the country (this would aid the HOF committee members with someone to go to on the more “unknown” persons or ponies
 2. No nominees are “held over”. All must be nominated each year and may be nominated year after year without limit (it seems to be “held over” puts a stigma on the nominee as not being good enough
 3. Do not fill HOF committee member vacancy until there are 11 or fewer committee members. When a vacancy occurs, a person will be selected from a region that is not represented on the HOF committee. It will be necessary to develop qualifications to be on the HOF committee. If no one qualifies in that region, another HOF qualified POAC member will be appointed. (all 3 motions passed through Hall of Fame Committee)
Director Katzenberger made a motion to accept the Hall of Fame additions and Director Arends second the motion. **Motion passed**

- Pony of the Americas Club, Inc. Ambassador Award

AWARD DESCRIPTION

- A. The Pony of the Americas Club, Inc. (POAC) Ambassador Award is designed to recognize the outstanding personal, professional and volunteer contributions to the National POAC. This award highlights significant service and commitment to the POA breed and to the National POAC. Any current POAC National Member is eligible to be nominated. Any current POAC National Member can make a nomination. No more than two awards will be selected each year.
- B. Candidates for the POAC Ambassador Award will exemplify the following:
 1. Commitment to the Mission of the National POAC
 2. Demonstrated achievement, innovation, and leadership in the POAC community

3. Successful marketing and promotion of the POAC breed
4. Dedicated volunteer service to the National POAC
5. Significant fund raising for the National POAC and its associated programs, events and/or activities
6. Dedication to the growth and development of the POA breed
7. A source of inspiration and encouragement to others by exemplifying the highest standards in his/her work

NOMINATIONS

- A. Candidates for this award may be nominated by any current National POAC member. The candidate must have had a profound and favorable impact on the POA industry with regional and national distinction, or have rendered outstanding service to the POAC.
- B. Nominations should include as much detailed information as possible. Information that outlines the applicant's contribution in terms of achievement, innovation, leadership, marketing, volunteer service, fund raising, breed promotion and development, and commitment to the mission of the POAC should be included. Letters of recommendation from POAC members, sponsors and vendors should also be included as appropriate.
- C. An Ambassador Award Nomination Form can be obtained from the National POAC Website or from the National POA Office. Additional pages can be added to the Nomination Form.
- D. The deadline for nomination is November 30th each year and should be sent to the National POAC Office, Attn.: Ambassador Award Nomination, or electronically to:
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SELECTION PROCESS AND PRESENTATION

- A. Each year, the POAC BOD President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will select an Ambassador Awards Review Committee, consisting of six National POAC members in good standing representing six areas of the country.
- B. The Ambassador Awards Review Committee will select the recipients for the Ambassador Award through a comprehensive review of the applications, discussion of contributions and verification of information presented.
- C. The Awards Review Committee results will be presented to the POAC BOD President and POAC CEO. Once verified by the POAC BOD President and POAC CEO, the results will be presented, reviewed and approved by the National BOD.
- D. The recipient will then be honored at the POAC National Convention Awards Banquet.
- E. An engraved award will be awarded to the recipient. Recipients of the POAC Ambassador Award will receive a lifetime membership to the POAC.

Motion failed

- Rule 174, page 183 Junior Pony Futurity Classic – JPFC Change as follows:
 - A. General Rules
 1. Division One – 2 year old registered POAs
 2. Division Two – for 3 and 4 year old registered POAs
 3. **Division Three – for 4 and 5 year old registered POAs**
 - a) Classes in ~~both all~~ divisions shall be Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, and Trail
 - b) If there is a tie for overall High Point JPFC, Trail shall be the tie-breaker.
 - c) All sexes of ponies shall be shown together
 - d) **At state and regional shows the show committee may combine Divisions One and Two. At Classics, West World, National Congress, and the International**

Futurities Divisions One and Two must be shown separately

e) **Divisions One and/or Two may never be combined with Division Three**

~~3.4.~~ Rider of pony will be 19 & Over and a POAC member in good standing

~~4.5.~~ Current POAC Rules and Regulations apply

~~5.6.~~ JPFC points for Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and Trail will be kept on each POA at the National Office for JPFC ROMs and Year-End Awards. The points acquired will not be counted toward the POA's ROM (NT) points or lifetime points

B. Nominated Ponies

1. A pony may be shown as a 2, 3, 4, **and** 5 year old

C. Performance Rules JPFC classes offered in shows other than Futurity

1. No Changes
2. Nominated ponies and riders may show in the following classes:
 - a. Western Pleasure – JPFC 2 Year Olds, **3 Year Olds, 4&5** Year Olds
 - b. Hunter Under Saddle – JPFC 2 Year Olds, **3 Year Olds, 4&5** Year Olds
 - c. Trail JPFC 2 Year Olds, **3 Year Olds, 4 &5** Year Olds

The remainder of Rule 174 continues unchanged

Upon inclusion of 5 year old ponies in the JPFC program the following rules pertaining to classes held at the International Futurity in conjunction with the International Sale should be changed to include 5 year olds as well.

- Rule 167, page 181: Yearling, Two, Three ~~and~~ Four and Five Year Old Halter Futurities
These Futurities are held in conjunction with the International POA Sale

A. General Rules

1. No changes
2. Classes are open to registered POA yearlings, 2, 3, and 4 **and 5 year old ponies**
3. Three classes will be offered for each age group: fillies/~~mares~~, colt/~~stallions~~, and geldings

- Rule 168, page 181: Most Colorful Futurity Change

A. General Rules:

1. Classes are open to registered POA weanlings, yearlings, 2, 3, 4, **and 5** year olds

- Rule 170, page 181: Hunter In Hand Futurity

A. General Rules

1. No changes
2. Class is open to registered POA yearlings, 2, 3, 4, and 5 year olds. ~~Fillies, colts, and geldings show together~~
3. ~~Open to any age exhibitor.~~ **One class will be offered that includes all sexes and all of the above ages of ponies**
4. ~~Refer to Rule 95 for additional information and for the class routine. Also see rule 166~~ **Open to any age exhibitor**
5. **Refer to Rule 95 for additional information and for the class routine. Also see rule 166**

Motion failed

- Rule 65A., page 69: Classic Shows, Change Three judges will be used at the Classic Shows, with the exception of trail and gymkhana events. Add: with the exception of trail, reining, western riding, ranch riding and gymkhana events. Director Fears made a motion to accept the rule additions and Director Tabor seconded the motion. **Motion failed**
- Rule 66H., 71 National congress Show Change three judges will be used at the National Congress

with the exception of trail and gymkhana. Add: three judges will be used at the National Congress with the exception of trail, reining, western riding, ranch riding and gymkhana events. Director Fears made a motion to accept the rule additions and Director Tabor seconded the motion. **Motion failed**

- POA Equestrians With Disabilities Program: This proposal offers the option of holding Equestrians With Disabilities (EWD) classes. Class levels are based on participants' skills and ability to ride supported or independently. Certain adaptive equipment would be allowed, and eligibility requirements are described in the proposal. In order to participate, an exhibitor must have a medically diagnosed condition that causes a permanent impairment that can be measured objectively. Such conditions include Down syndrome, cystic fibrosis, traumatic brain injury, amputation, and others. Classes could include showmanship, western pleasure and horsemanship, hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation, trail, reining, and barrel racing. **Motion failed**

Old Business –

1. Bylaws: Director Shingleton reported he is still working with the POAC attorney on the By-Laws changes. No action taken.
2. Novice Program: The three-year trial for the Novice program is ending. A motion was made to continue the trial Novice program for one more year and revisit the program in October of 2017. Unanimous approval to continue the Novice program.
3. Membership fee due dates – It was discussed to move the membership fees due date back to December 31st as the software program update is available in January each year. Any person showing a POA must be a member before showing or the software will not count the points. Having as many members in the system before the update is released will make it easier on the state points secretary and Kelly in the office. A motion was made to change the membership due date back to December 31st. The motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote. The office staff will send the renewal notices upon their return to the office.
4. Hardship registrations - Director Walther made a motion to end the half price Hardship registration fee. No second, motion failed.

Director Brewer made a motion to revisit the fee schedule to develop a one price fee for all Hardship Registrations. This will include the Hardship fee, registration fee, HYPP testing and the membership fee. Director Shingleton seconded the motion. **Motion passed**

5. State/Regional club software fees - Director Brewer made a motion to raise the show approval fees by \$20.00 per show to recover the annual fee due to the software vendor for updates to the points program. Currently POA is billed \$3500.00 per year for this service. Director Tabor seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**
6. Fees: Director Peaton made a motion to institute a fee for ROM additions to the official POAC papers. Director Tabor seconded the motion. Discussion was held and it was decided to charge a fee to re-issue the papers due to the cost of employee time, printing the papers and mailing to the owner. **Motion passed**
7. POAC Inspector clarification: President Peaton informed the Board that some State Inspectors are moving ponies to Permanent Registration status. This will be sent to the Inspection Committee. She also directed the Board to read the rule book on this subject and to instruct their Region's on following this rule.
8. Financial Spreadsheets - Director Meyer made a motion to use a pre-designed spread sheet for

all National events to allow the Board to make an informed financial decision on continuing these events. Director Brewer seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

9. Leadline games rule clarification: Questions were raised as to the 3-lope stride. Is it for the entire game or just 3 lope strides in a row? Decision was made for 3 lope strides in the entire game.
10. Boy/Girl Split awards at National Shows: Director Tabor made a motion the boy/girl splits for high point not be continued at the National Show levels. Director Arends seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**
11. The POAC handbook/rulebook is due to be printed in 2017. Due to the need for further clarification of rules and contradictions in the rule book we will wait until 2018 to print the books again. There is still a supply of the current handbook/rulebook available.

President Peaton thanked Directors Meyer, Director Brewer and Director Davidson for their service and dedication to POAC while serving on the Board of Directors. They were presented with a memento for their service.

President Peaton seated Pam Barlet, OR; Tracy Keen, FL; and Kim Eigenberger, WI, newly elected from their regions.

New Business –

Seating of the new Board and election of officers for

2017 –

President – Diana Peaton

Vice President – Scott Shingleton

Secretary/Treasurer – Beverly Tabor

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

The Hearing Committee 2017 is - Dawn Walther-Chair of Rule Committee, Kristen Fears, Tracy Keen, Judy Katzenberger and Pam Barlet. Kristen Fears is the Chairperson

New Business –

1. Leadline Flags - Director Fears made a motion to remove Leadline Flags due to safety concerns with the young children. Director Arends seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**
2. Showmanship - Director Arends made a motion to remove trot from Leadline showmanship. Director McKenzie seconded the motion. **Motion failed.**

Director Walther made a motion to have a trot be optional at the discretion of the show committee and announced on the show bill for Leadline Showmanship. Director Keen seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

3. Walk-Trot Division (replace Novice) Proposal 3-year trial
 - A. ATTIRE AND TACK. Attire and tack must meet the standards as in the corresponding classes as described in the Official Handbook
 - B. AGE: This division is Open for all ages
 - C. ELIGIBILITY: All participants in this division are only eligible to participate in the following classes: w/t western pleasure, w/t western horsemanship, w/t trail, w/t HUS, w/t hunt seat equitation, showmanship, halter, hunter in hand, yearling/two-year old longe line, yearling/two-year old in hand trail, driving classes, timed events, costume classes 9 & under w/t only classes

An exhibitor is eligible to participate in the walk/trot division for the entire year OR until the exhibitor enters any non-eligible walk trot classes (see above for allowed classes). Once a non-walk trot class has been entered, the exhibitor is no longer eligible for the walk/trot division for the rest of that show year. An exhibitor may choose to reclassify in the walk/trot division at the commencement of a new show year. An exhibitor must be classified in the walk/trot division for the entire year in order to earn any year end awards in the walk/trot division.

D. WALK/TROT CLASSES WHICH MAY BE OFFERED

1. Western Pleasure: To be judged in the same manner as any other western pleasure class but omitting the lope
2. Western Horsemanship: To be judged with a simple pattern but omitting the lope. Will not be asked to mount or dismount.
3. Trail: Scored the same as any other trail class but omitting the lope. Will not be asked work a gate, go thru water obstacle, or carry an object. A minimum of four and maximum of six obstacles is required.
4. Hunter Under Saddle: To be judged the same as any other hunter under saddle class, but omitting the canter or hand gallop.
5. Hunt Seat Equitation: To be judged with a simple pattern but omitting the canter. Will not be asked to drop irons, mount or dismount.

E. CONTESTANTS EXHIBITING THE SAME HORSE: A horse may not be shown by more than one exhibitor in the same event in the walk/trot division at the same horse show. Example: A horse being exhibited in walk/trot trail may not be exhibited in walk/trot trail by another exhibitor at the same horse show. However, a horse which enters walk/trot classes with one exhibitor is still eligible to enter the corresponding age group/JPFC/senior/junior classes with a difference exhibitor.

F. F. DISQUALIFICATIONS. In showmanship, horsemanship and hunt seat equitation: Exhibitors going off pattern, knocking over or on wrong side of cone, never performing specified gait, or overturning more than 1/4 turn than designated, shall not be disqualified, but must always place below exhibitors not incurring a disqualifying fault. In Trail: Exhibitors going off pattern or failing to complete an obstacle, shall not be disqualified, but must always place below exhibitors not incurring a disqualifying fault.

G. G. SHOWS: Walk/Trot classes are optional at all POA shows.

H. YEARS END AWARDS: TBD

Director Tabor made a motion to send the suggested Walk/Trot division to the rules committee.

Director Shingleton seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM