

President Cliff Thomas opened the meeting. Roll Call was taken with the following board members present: Cliff Thomas, Scott Shingleton, Kim Matthews, Pam Barlet, Tracy Keen, Kristen Fears, Mark Hull, Rebecca Solberg, Beverly Tabor, Janette Arends, and Allen Killion. Director Craig Bright asked for an excused absence due to a work commitment. Director Barlet moved to excuse Director Bright from the meeting. Director Arends seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

October 3, 2017 Board Minutes – Director Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and on the website. Shingleton seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Director Matthews presented the financial reports prepared by POAC and also the Year-End Report prepared by Kelly Hardesty & Smith Accounting Firm. Discussion. Accountant Bryan Whisler was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Director Matthews is going to come to Indianapolis in March to meet with Bryan to go over budgets and year end reports. Whisler requested that the Board make a motion at this meeting to allow him to move futurity funds from secured accounts to non-secured accounts so that the year-end finance review can be completed. Director Tabor made a motion to allow Kelly Hardesty & Smith Accounting Firm to release designated funds from the futurity into the general account. Arends seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed. President Thomas commented that he would like the budgets set by the end of 2018 so all committees will have them by January 1, 2019. Matthews said she would work on them earlier this year to make that happen.

Committee Reports –

- President Report – Cliff reported that this winter has been tough with many personal obligations. He thanked the Board and the POA Office for their support and work to keep things running smoothly. Cliff also stressed that he wants this meeting as well as all of the meetings at this Convention to run professionally, and with respect to all attending. He will shut down any meeting that becomes out of hand.
- CEO Report – Joyse Banister presented the directors with a power point presentation of 2017 National Events and also some graphs representing trends from several other horse breeds regarding membership, transfers, and registrations. POAC is very comparable to the other major horse breeds. Banister commended the staff for their dedication to this organization. All judges have now been hired for the National Congress and the International Futurity Show. Congress Information must be ready to go to print in two weeks for the magazine so that is the main priority at this time once the convention is finished. POAC ended the year in the black so we are very happy with that report from our accountant. Banister reported that she continues to have issues with the current renter of the back portion of the POAC building, and is working with the POA Attorney to get this resolved. The National POAC Featherlite Sponsorship is being negotiated at this time, however Featherlite is reworking their sponsorship opportunities and Banister will report to the Board at a later time regarding this partnership.
- Staff Reports – Kelly Gideon reported that clubs will need to download the show software updates this year, as they will not be mailed. She is preparing for 2018 shows to start coming in, and is ready for a new year. Stacey said that membership renewal cards and handbooks have been mailed out. She just finished working on year-end financial items with KHS and that POAC got a great review from them. She also is doing most of the website updates, assisting to proof the POA Magazine, and has been helping with convention plans. Her new hours are Tuesday through Thursday 9am-5pm and is off on Mondays and Fridays.
- Congress Report – Mark Hull reported that they have shortened the Congress down to eight days and it will run from a Saturday to Saturday this year. The show bill is posted. He and Sarai have tried to address the suggestions given to them by exhibitors last year. They had to add more classes this year so the show days will be long. This year there will be a back number fee (office fee) on the entry form. Also in 2018 we will be offering AC Stalls as an option for participants in the Super Duty Barn. No end stalls will be pre-sold this year in either barn, however \$500+ sponsors will be able to request stall location. High Point Awards this year will be given to High Point and Reserve only (not through 6th). Other congress changes are being discussed with the congress committee and will be announced on the entry form when published.
- Sale/Futurity – Joyse Banister presented some additional information regarding the Iowa Fairgrounds that was not presented when the directors was polled about moving dates or locations of the 2018 Sale & Futurity last week. The fairgrounds is now offering the same barns as in 2017 but POA would still be sharing with the QH Show and a TB sale the same week and weekend. Discussion. Director Keen made a motion to keep the sale and futurity in Des Moines IA for 2018. Director Arends seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Arends, Barlet, Keen, and Thomas. Opposed: Fears, Killion, Solberg, Hull, Matthews, and Shingleton. Tabor abstained. Motion failed. Director Fears then made a motion to go to Gordyville USA in Gifford IL for the 2018 and 2019 POA International Futurity & Sale. Director Killion seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Fears, Killion, Solberg, Hull, Tabor, Matthews, and Shingleton. Opposed: Arends, Barlet, Keen, and Thomas. Motion passed. Banister reported that Jessica Drish notified her that she would chair the event wherever it ended up if asked. Banister will notify Iowa of the Board's decision and also get the Gordyville contract signed immediately.

- Convention – President Thomas reported that the Crown Plaza Airport in Indianapolis had a meeting with him regarding the contracted room commitment for POAC for 2018 and 2019. Due to the decreasing numbers at convention, POAC is contracted to pay thousands of dollars in unused rooms. Crown Plaza is willing to not charge this overage fee and reduce the contracted numbers for 2019 if POAC agrees to sign an additional two year contract to host the 2020 and 2021 POAC National Convention. Discussion. Even though Indianapolis is not a prime vacation spot for families in February, it is close to the National Office and easily accessible for most in attendance. Director Keen made a motion of keep the POAC National Convention in Indianapolis through 2021. Director Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.
- East World – Director Keen reported that all is in place for the East World at this time, and they are finishing the renovations at the Miller Coliseum soon. Mats will be available to rent and information will be posted with entry information later this spring.
- West World – Director Arends said that the Judges are hired and they are currently getting bids for awards. Peggy Lough added that they have a silent auction each year at the West World and the money raised goes toward National Scholarships. Peggy & John Lough also provided some information regarding the Amazon Smiles Program where POAC could possibly earn money from members when they order from Amazon. Banister will check out this program.
- Central Classic – Judges and staff are hired. They will be offering novice classes, non-pro, and 19&Over classes on their show bill. Several High Point Awards will be offered.
- Financial Committee – Dave Morris reported that the committee is looking at a 10 year review for all National Events and will prepare a report for the Board at a future meeting.
- Youth Committee – Samantha Walker of AZ is going to head the Youth Committee for 2018 and has some great ideas for the youth. The IL Youth will be selling tumblers at this year's convention as a fundraiser.
- Rules Committee – Director Arends will give the rule proposals that need to go to other committees before the committees meet this weekend. Eighteen rule proposals were submitted for review prior to Convention.

Old Business:

- Joys Banister asked the Board what policy they would like to establish regarding POAC releasing e-mails of their members to horse-related businesses. Schneider's Saddlery has requested our e-mail list before they will commit to donating sheet blankets any longer for Congress Awards. The Board asked the POA Office to put a check box on future membership forms and renewal forms asking permission to give their e-mail to outside businesses. At this time, POAC will continue their policy of not giving out any member information including e-mails to any outside businesses.
- Clarification on Non-Pro Classes – When you declare WT or WTL for the rider for the year it does not affect JPFC, 19 & Over, the WT Program, etc.
- Motion regarding charging a second National Pony Fee on ponies that are ridden by a youth and an adult – This motion was passed in February 2017 but overlooked until now. Director Solberg made a motion to table this motion indefinitely. Director Matthews seconded motion. Discussion. Motion and second was rescinded. The National Office will notify all show secretaries that they need to begin charging this added fee at all POAC Approved Shows immediately.

New Business:

- Approval of Budgets – The current budgets are not ready for review at this time because Director Matthews has not had an opportunity to meet with POA Accountant Bryan Whisler. She is going to try to have budgets done by October 1st for each year once she understands the process.
- Proposals for 2020-2022 POAC National Congress, 2020-2022 POAC International Futurity & Sale, and 2019 West World, East World, and Central Classic Events must be submitted to the National POAC Office no later than September 1, 2018. The POAC National Bid Form must be included and this is available on the POAC National Website.
- POAC Directors were given information regarding the possible formation of a SC POAC Club. Bill Taraszewski provided this information to the National Office CEO and the directors. The National Board of Directors voted unanimously to recognize SC POAC providing all of the required documents are submitted including club officers, bylaws, articles of incorporation, and rules.
- Reactivation of SV POAC, NW Regional POAC, and GA POAC for 2018 if proper documentation of officers is provided to the National Office – Director Killion made a motion to reactivate these clubs. Shingleton seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.
- NSBA Involvement at POAC Congress 2018 – Natalie Fredenburg explained the process of including NSBA classes at the Congress show in 2018. No time is added to the show schedule because the classes run concurrently. Youth can get Smart Show Points which gets them money per point earned if they are NSBA members. At the Congress, futurity classes could be dual classes and receive an NSBA trophy if the rider and owner are NSBA members. The cost is \$65 for exhibitor to be a member, \$35 for the owner to be a member, and \$35 for the horse to have a Certificate of Eligibility. POA expense would be \$75 for the Congress Show Approval Fee and a \$3/class entry fee per participant. Natalie will get a sponsor to cover all

National POA Club expense if approved for 2018 Congress. Discussion. Director Keen made a motion to allow the inclusion of NSBA classes at the Congress in 2018 if sponsored. Director Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed. The Congress Chairs will work with Natalie to get this included in the Congress information to the membership.

- Committee Assignment Procedure – President Thomas said that he appoints all Committee Chairpersons and then they are responsible for setting their own committees. He can add or remove members as needed, but does not plan to micromanage these committees unless necessary.
- POAC National Board Communication – Director Solberg commented that this winter has been very difficult to get the Board together for a conference call to discuss upcoming events and topics that need review. Thomas said that he felt these issues could be discussed at the February Board meeting and that conference calls are very difficult to have good discussion by all Board Members.
- POAC Scholarships for 2018 – The Board reviewed the current POAC National Scholarship account. It currently has \$5,778 available. Director Solberg made a motion to award three \$1000 scholarships for 2018. If more money is collected the Board may choose to add an additional scholarship later this year. Director Matthews seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.
- Director Matthews had a member from her region ask her to present the idea that if a pony measures at the West World, East World, or Central Classic they would not have to measure at the National Congress Show that same year. Discussion. No action taken.
- Director Keen asked why the Board made some changes to the new Walk/Trot Program that was passed last October. Discussion. The New Board voted prior to the end of 2017 to make a change to the nomination requirement for this Trial W/T Program to allow participants the chance to nominate at each show rather than at the beginning of the year so that an exhibitor can still participate if they try 3-gait and decide to go back to 2-gait. Because this is a trial program, the Board wants to make this program available to as many participants as possible while keeping it safe and fair for everyone.

At this time Director Tabor made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the POAC International Futurity Show. Director Shingleton seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed. When the Executive Session ended, Director Keen made a motion to open the meeting back up. Director Arends seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Director Keen made a motion to recess the National Board of Directors Meeting until Sunday morning, February 25, 2018. Director Arends seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Sunday, February 25, 2018 – Board Meeting Reconvenes –

Roll Call – Thomas, Shingleton, Matthews, Barlet, Fears, Hull, Solberg, Tabor, Arends, and Killion were present. Craig Bright was excused from the meeting and Director Keen was excused to catch an early flight home.

- Youth member Dylan Payne made a presentation to the Board regarding POAC participation at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in late 2018. The cost for an end-cap booth is \$750 and is due by April 15th. Director Fears made a motion that the POAC pay for the cost of this booth out of Promotional/Marketing funds. Payne is responsible for contacting the National Office with the necessary paperwork to get this booth reserved prior to the deadline. Director Killion seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed. Dylan also informed the Board that he is working on the process to reinstate the Youth Club in the POAC Handbook instead of having a Youth Committee as it is in 2017. He will review all of the Bylaws and Rules for the Youth Club and bring a proposal in writing to the Board so it can be discussed at the next meeting.
- The Breeders Challenge Futurity has asked to possibly be allowed to have their six futurity classes at the 2018 POAC International Futurity at the Gordyville USA facility. They would run their BCF class after the corresponding futurity class and also either hire their own judges for their classes or pay POAC their portion to use their futurity judges, along with their portion of the arena and stalling costs. Director Fears made a motion to allow the BCF to have their six classes with the POAC International Futurity schedule for 2018. Director Matthews seconded the motion. Discussion. Unanimous. Motion passed.
- Available Committee Representatives gave brief reports of their committee meetings and their minutes can be reviewed under Committee Reports following these minutes.
- POAC International Sale – It has been requested to try to get the sale book on the POAC National Website as a PDF so it can be printed easily by the membership. Also, it has been requested that it be on the website as a flip book so that it can be viewed page by page.

Director Tabor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Matthews seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.

General Membership Meeting, Sunday, February 25, 2018
Crown Plaza Airport – Indianapolis IN – 8:00am

- President Cliff Thomas opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Allegiance, as well as an Invocation given by member John Lough of Colorado.
- Thomas announced that he will not allow personality conflicts to interrupt this General Membership Meeting. He thanked the membership, POAC Board of Directors, Staff and CEO, Hotel, and Missy Corn for their work to make this Convention a success for 2018. He also commended the UC Davis presenter for her tremendous knowledge of the LP Gene discussion that was presented to the membership on Saturday.
- The Financial Report was given by National Treasurer Kim Matthews. POAC received a great report from Kelly Hardesty & Smith Accounting Firm and POAC ended the year in the black. Kim explained to the membership what the costs associated to the year-end review and other tasks performed by the accountants for POAC over the year are for.
- CEO Joyse Banister gave a review of the 2017 POAC National Events – All made a profit and we are looking forward to more exciting events in 2018. The National Congress has made some changes for 2018 that will be inviting to more exhibitors and the show information will be coming soon for the website and magazine. The Sale and Futurity will be held in Gordyville USA in Gifford IL for 2018 and 2019. The Board of Directors had a tough decision to make regarding the location of this important event and did a great job working together to make this happen smoothly.
- Harry Chestnut commented that he would like to see the POA National Website updated with new pictures. Also would like the Promotion/Marketing Committee to look for new ways to get more POA exposure.
- A question was asked regarding the Year-End Awards presented at the banquet and the overall budget for these awards. Banister answered that currently the National budgets approximately \$4,000 for National year-end awards so the cost per award has to be fairly low in order to get all of the awards currently presented purchased.
- Member Nancy Strunk offered to deliver and post information at Gordyville USA to promote the 2018 International Sale and Futurity Show since she lives close to the facility. She also asked the National Office to once-again make welcome packets for prospective new families that come to the Sale.
- Youth Member Dylan Payne announced that he is going to ask the POA Board if POAC will pay for a booth at the 2018 FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. Also Payne is going to work on reinstating the Youth Board and will work on a proposal to change some of the rules and bylaws to make it easier to be on the Youth Board. He is going to work with the Congress Committee to plan some activities for youth at the Congress and would like to work on ways to get more youth to the Convention and Sale each year. President Thomas asked Dylan his thoughts about Adult Participation at POA Shows, and Dylan responded that it is a necessity to survive for POAC. He added that if it is going to be beneficial to the organization you can't cut it out.

Director Fears made a motion to adjourn the General Membership Meeting. Director Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.

National POAC Committee Reports

(Motions taken at these meetings reflect items that will be presented and acted on by the National POAC Board of Directors only, and are not motions that will be going into effect at this time by POAC)

National Congress Committee - 2018 Congress Committee Meeting Minutes La Guardia Room, Indianapolis, IN

Meeting call to order by Mark Hull at 9:30 - Committee members present, Mark Hull, Sarai Banister, Scott Shingleton, Charlene Shingleton, Melissa Purkapile, Natalie Fredenburg, Cindi Hoffman and Kristen Fears.

Eulah Gahwiler addressed the committee about concerns with the changes to the Versatility. She had concerns about replacing the jumping portion with the trail. Mark explained that due to time constraints and safety concerns we wanted to try and encourage more participation. Eulah is the sponsor does not like the change, even with her sponsorship the Versatility still costs the show around \$200 even with the entries costs (judges overtime, medallions (4 classes, plus the overall) and embroidering sheets etc.). Eulah stated that she is not interested in sponsoring/participating in the event with the changes that are currently proposed. Cliff Thomas addressed the meeting and asked that we reconsider the change. Program Covers: Front Cover, Shingleton - \$500, Inside Front Cover, Kamps - \$150, Center Spread, Wiest \$500, Back Inside Cover, Chestnut \$250, Back Cover, Chestnut \$400. High point discussion changes to the awards, removing height from overall Stallion, Mare and Gelding. Changing high points to High Point and

Reserve instead of 1-6. With the cost and the additions of new classes. NSBA classes will be offered and in the futurities that have \$1,000 added will have an NSBA trophy awarded. Discussion of awarding a reserve trophy to replace the neck ribbon, this would be a significant cost increase so we would need to secure a sponsor. Also discussion of a victory lap. Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Judges Committee - 2018 Judges Committee Meetings Minutes - La Guardia, Indianapolis, IN

Meeting call to order at 3:41 pm. Committee members present Gary Vance, Rebecca Solberg, Lee Ann Haack and Kristen Fears. Procedure that other breeds have in place where they send a letter of intent to judge from the breeds National office. Discussion about clinics being a conflict for clients, consensus yes it is a client situation (90 days). Discussion about concerns about if in Leadline a shank can be chained up on the halter. Meeting adjourned.

Youth Committee - Youth Committee Meeting called to order on February 23, 2018 at 5:32 pm by Dylan Payne.

8 youth present and 4 guest. A committee of three was established to follow up on things discussed those three being Dylan Payne, Kirstin Schaefer and Savannah Stamann. Motion was made to refer reinstating the youth advisor board to the committee by Kirstin Schaefer and by Karley Schaefer all approved. Motion was made to sponsor an activity at the 2018 Congress. The committee will investigate different options and get input from the Congress Show Committee by Karley Schaefer seconded by Katie Meyer all approved. Motion to ask the board to pay for the booth to promote POA's at the 2018 FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, in the amount of \$650-750 made by Dylan Payne and seconded by Katie Meyer all approved. Discussion was made in regards to looking into the Team Tournament at the Congress by the committee and check with the Congress show Committee. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm by Kirstin Schaefer and seconded by Karley Schaefer.

Promotional/Marketing Committee -

Marketing Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 23, 2018 * 7:30 AM

In Attendance: Kimberly Matthews (Chair), Rebecca Solberg, Darrin Schaefer

Absent: Courtney Schoessow, Chris Chambers, Loren Chambers

Discussion – Strategic Planning – To create and implement a one-year and a five-year strategic plan for POAC. The committee plans to meet/conference call within the coming months.

Website – To Develop an Efficient Working Website – Layout and design, forms and links, update pictures, Board of Directors have a Bio and head shot.

Magazine Promotion – POAC, NSBA, Fence Post – Promote Youth and National Events. Also promote versatility of POA.

International Sale – Assist the Futurity Committee with the promotion of the International Futurity/Sale.

Fundraising – Amazon Smiles

Challenges – Address the decline and what we can do to fix it. (Membership, Registration, Show Numbers)

Miscellaneous – Youth Committee received \$750 for an end cap for the 2018 National FFA Convention. Discussed and voted on at General Membership Meeting.

Finance Committee –

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - Friday, February 23, 2018 * 8:30 AM - In Attendance: David Morris (Co-Chair), Kimberly Matthews, Scott Shingleton, Absent: Karen Meyer (Co-Chair)

Kimberly Matthews presented a summary of account balances as of 2/21/2018: general checking \$21,633.99, youth checking \$4,581.19, and the commercial loan for the mortgage on home office has a balance of \$36,693.86. The line of credit has not been touched. Net income of \$3,335.81 was reported for 2017. Kimberly Matthews is scheduled to meet with Bryan Whisler from Kelley Hardesty Smith and Co on March 19, 2018 at home office to review financials and discuss accountant recommendations. David Morris presented a historical perspective of POAC: National POAC Events, POAC Magazine, POAC Membership, Ponies Shown by Year, Registration Statistics, Pony Registrations, Number of Shows Held, National Event Comparisons, POAC Income (& Loss) Comparisons. The financial committee made the following recommendations: Transparent communication with all members regarding the financial status of the organization should be a priority. POAC treasurer should have the capability to access all financial records on a day-to-day basis via remote access. POAC Treasurer should report to the BOD and Finance Committee at least quarterly. POAC should submit financial records to the BOD and general membership a minimum of two weeks prior to meetings to allow for careful review and analysis. Any proposed BOD action should include a fiscal impact statement to assess the cost/benefit to POAC. National Shows and events must be held in cost-effective venues and in areas with the greatest draw for attendance. Standardize reporting between national events so information can be more effectively analyzed. Financial risk should be directly correlated with the expected profitability of the show. Set budgets and hold event coordinators accountable to adherence. Financial risk needs to be taken into consideration when investing in national events. The profitability of the show should be in direct proportion to the cost to hold the show. POAC should proactively seek out the most cost-effective venues for shows and events rather than reactively responding to the proposal that is brought to them. Requests for Proposal (RFP) should be sent out with a

defined deadline for venue proposals. Proposals should then be carefully review and compared for fiscal impact to the organization. Corporate sponsorships should be directed at the POAC bottom line rather than National Events. Show sponsors should be dedicated to the specific event in which they are sponsoring. More timely communication and information from POAC Leadership to the BOD and the General Membership. Evaluate the structure of the fall futurity considering how POAC may increase its profitability. Evaluate the POAC national events to determine the risk benefit ratio of each. Broad exposure should be given to sponsors in order to maintain support. Acknowledgement of the sponsors at as many venues as possible increases the likelihood of future support. Expenditures on awards should be directly proportional to the attendance and profitability of the show. National show structure should be evaluated based on draw and profitability. Value of memberships should be considered (i.e. magazine, benefits, etc.), determining what motivates to join POAC nationally. More cost-effective delivery of the POAC website should be considered. A more open structure for shows should be implemented to meet the varying needs of different areas. Mandatory classes should be minimized to allow for customization to the specific market the show is being held in. Re-evaluate the costs involved for Specialty Shows. These shows present no financial risk and prove profits back to the POAC. Fee structures should be considered.

Inspectors Committee - 2018 Inspection Committee Minutes – Friday, February 23rd – 3:30 pm

Committee members in attendance: Diana Peaton, Allen Killion, Tracy Keen, Charlene Astin, Scott Shingleton, Janette Arends, Leo Haack

- 1) Update Inspectors Handbook - update on National POAC web site
- 2) Update POAC National Inspectors Test
- 3) Update National Inspector test on web site (for current National Inspectors only)
- 4) Start looking into having an inspection video on the National web site
- 5) New State Inspector Requirement form (this has been done and is in the office)

Everyone in the room was asked to sign in for the Inspection clinic. A power point presentation was given on what is accepted and not accepted for POA characteristics (sclera, striped hooves, mottling) Also, POA approved coat patterns were gone over. It was explained to the members how important State and National inspectors are to the POAC registrar as they are the eyes of POAC. The POAC registrar does not see ponies in person only by photos. Just because the pony has tentative papers, it does not mean the pony meets the 40' show rule. Sometimes high white is missed with photos sent to the registrar also. At the end of the clinic all members who were interested in becoming National Inspectors were asked to pick up the new state inspector form before leaving.

Rules Committee - On Saturday, February 24, 2018, the POAC Rules Committee met to review the rule proposals that came before them. In attendance were Chair - Janette Arends, Secretary - Rebecca Solberg, Mark Hull, Charlene Astin, Tracy Keen, Barb Klein, Charlene Shingleton, Diana Peaton, Mamie Wheeler, Pam Barlet, Beverly Tabor, and Jeanette Krueger. The LP, 5-Panel, and Embryo Transport proposals were given to the breeders committee. The Judging Requirements proposal was given to the judges committee.

1.) Change Rule #125.I.3, p. 155 -- Pleasure Driving

This proposal is brought to the committee by Mamie Wheeler.

Wording in current rule: "The handlers shall position themselves squarely 2' to 3' in front of the pony's head. They shall stand still with hands behind their backs."

Change to new wording: "The header shall position themselves at arm's length squarely in front of pony's head with hands crossed in front of body."

Discussion: Wheeler educated the committee on the current standards within the driving community pertaining to handlers. The new wording would allow a handler to respond more quickly if needed.

In Favor: Unanimous. Passed.

2.) Change Rule #129.L, p. 161 -- Gymkhana Rules

This proposal was brought to the committee by Mamie Wheeler.

Wording in current rule: "Ropes are not permitted except in roping classes."

Change to new wording: "Lariat ropes are not permitted except in roping classes."

And remove this sentence: "Any object attached to the saddle is considered a rope."

Discussion: Wheeler said the current rules allow quirts, but Over and Unders aren't allowed, even though they are often made of the same material. The location of where they are placed should not change whether or not they're allowed. (Over and Unders on the saddle horn versus quirts on the wrist.) Over and Unders are standard equipment in gaming and function the same as a rope quirt on a wrist. Open show riders often show up with this equipment, would prefer to have the ability to use when makes sense.

Hull discussed the ability of riders using these in front of the cinch and what the POA's position on this was. Others mentioned that riders could hit in front of the cinch with a quirt, too. Keen was concerned how these are possibly youth-breed inappropriate and there's a potential for abuse. Wheeler suggested that if these are abused to allow the judge to call it. In Favor: Peaton, Shingleton, Hull, Wheeler, Arends, Astin, Klein, Solberg, Barlet, Krueger. Passed. Opposed: Keen

3.) Change Rule #86.A, #86.C.4 and #96.A so that Ranch Riding counts for high points

This proposal was brought to the committee by Mamie Wheeler. Ranch Riding has progressed through the trial period. Proposal to have it included in high point calculations for 2019. Added to the original proposal is to have Ranch Riding also count toward non-timed ROM. *Remove "Ranch Riding" from the last sentence of Rule 86.A, and 86.C.4.*

Reword Rule 96.A: "...ROM Ranch Horse Riding only. This class will not count toward any other Year-End or High Point Awards."

Discussion: Wheeler spoke on the status of the Ranch Riding and that it's on the last year of the trial period. This is a beneficial program and has had a positive reception with the membership.

In Favor: Unanimous. Passed.

4.) Add information about the World Shows (West World and East World) to the rulebook.

This proposal was brought to the committee by Pam Klein. World Shows would be added to the rulebook so that it's clear that World Shows are national shows, points count for ROMs, etc. Text would be added to multiple rules throughout the rulebook.

Discussion: Peaton discussed the reason the Classics were taken out of the rulebook and that they were not consistent among the clubs. But there was concern among the committee that if the World Show is not in the rulebook, how do you know what type of points you'd get, how many placings, etc. Discussion that the World Show is not the same as a Classic Show was. And it's not a Specialty Show, because those are given to an entity outside of the POAC. World points are supposed to go toward ROMs. Peaton said that now the national board will decide what type of points these shows get when proposals for shows are brought to the board in October. In Favor: Krueger, Klein, Arends. Opposed: Astin, Keen, Tabor, Barlet, Wheeler, Peaton, Shingleton, Hull, and Solberg. Failed.

5.) Change Rule #119, pp. 136-137 (Clarification) -- Reining

This clarification was brought to the committee by Pam Klein. When new Reining patterns were added to the 2018 rulebook and the rulebook was revised, one part of Rule 119 was changed and now it conflicts with another part of the rule. Rule 119.A currently reads: "...9 & Under must use Pattern 1, 4 or 5." Rule 119.Q currently reads: "9 & Under exhibitors shall do Pattern 2, 3 or 5 ONLY." Discussion: After reviewing the applicable patterns for 9 & Under, the committee recommends that *Rule 119.Q should be changed to read "Patterns 1, 4 and 5,"* the same as 119.A. This is a clarification that Show Chairs and Judges should be made aware of. This will go into effect immediately, in 2018.

In Favor: Unanimous. Passed.

6.) Change Rule #118.J.5.h, p. 132 (Clarification) -- Western Riding

This clarification was brought to the committee by Pam Klein. When the four new Western Riding patterns were added to the rulebook and the rulebook was revised, Pattern 3 was incorrectly included as a DQ. *Corrected wording should be: 118.J.5.h (Disqualification) "h. Failure to start lope prior to end cone in Pattern 1 and 4."* Discussion: Pattern 3 should be as a penalty, not a disqualification. This is a clarification that Show Chairs and Judges should be made aware of. This will go into effect immediately, in 2018. In Favor: Unanimous. Passed.

7.) Delete several rules related to obsolete classes such as Calf Daubing, Goat Tail Tying, etc.

This proposal was brought to the committee by Pam Klein.

Proposal to remove multiple rules related to Goat Tail Tying, Calf Daubing, Roping, Cutting, and Obstacle Driving from the rulebook. These classes have not been held for many years and they could be taken out of the rulebook.

Discussion: Even though these classes have not been held in years, the committee felt they would like to see these rules remain in the rulebook to allow these classes to be offered in the future if people were interested. Lack of motion.

8.) Change Rule #66.N.1-12, pp. 73-74 -- Congress High Points/Special Awards

This proposal was brought to the committee by Mark Hull. Some of the awards in the rulebook are a burden to pay for if they are required and not sponsored. If someone stops sponsoring, then awards seem to stay in the rulebook. Discussion that sponsored award list at Congress don't belong in the rulebook. Hull's proposal changed after discussion. Discussion that Rule 86 does not apply to the proposed idea to remove Congress high points. So, the mention of Rule 86 and Rule 66.M taken out of the original proposal. Hull clarified his proposal: *Remove from the rulebook the high points/special awards listed for Congress in Rule 66.N.1-12.* In Favor: Hull, Astin, Keen, Klein, Arends, Tabor, Barlet, Wheeler, Peaton, Shingleton, Solberg. Passed. Opposed: Krueger

9.) Additions to Rule #86.A, deletion to #86.B -- High Point Awards

This proposal was brought to the committee by Kathy McKenzie.

This is a clarification of high points in Rule 86 and a correction of a typo when the rulebook was revised.

Discussion: This proposal would allow additional special high points once the high point requirement of the rulebook has been met. Also, the proposal would allow anyone who goes to a POA-approved show to be eligible for all applicable high points. The committee felt that two proposals were needed because of the two clarifications.

This proposal was tabled and no action was taken by the committee.

10.) Change Rule #146.B.1, p. 170 -- National Year-End Awards

This proposal was brought to the committee by Mark Hull. In order to be eligible for a National Year-End Award, rule currently states "In addition, the exhibitor or pony must have shown in at least one Regional Show or the National Congress Show." Proposal

to change last sentence to read: "In addition, the exhibitor or pony must have shown in at least one national-level show including Congress, Classic or World Show." Discussion: Peaton spoke on the effects of this rule on the outlying regions of our association and the burden it would put on members. For some people, the closest national show is 1,300 miles. Hull said that some people who win national awards do not attend national shows. Other committee members from the west also spoke on how this would negatively affect the membership and make it extremely difficult to qualify. In Favor: Hull Opposed: Solberg, Astin, Keen, Klein, Arends, Tabor, Barlet, Wheeler, Peaton, and Shingleton. Failed. Abstain: Krueger

11.) Change Rule #101 A-F, p. 98. Also look at Rule #97 W-T, which just refers people to the website.

This proposal was brought to the committee by Mark Hull. Proposal to make 9 & Under W/J only and change 10-13 age group classes to 13 & Under. This will adjust 18 classes from the Congress show bill. Also, 9 & Under exhibitors can show in 13 & Under classes if no 9 & Under classes are offered, or they must show in all 13 & Under classes offered at that show. Discussion: Hull wants to condense the large number of classes at Congress. Some of the class splits at Congress have very few riders. With this change, you'd potentially have more full classes at Congress. For jumping, this would eliminate 9 & Under, and then for games you could make 9 & U games W/J. At state shows, can adjust and combine age groups, but can't at Congress. Some committee members were concerned that 13 & U is a large age range, and there may be younger, inexperienced kids who want to lope and will ride in 13 & U and might cut someone off and impact other riders. In Favor: Hull, Solberg, Astin, Tabor. Opposed: Keen, Klein, Arends, Krueger, Barlet, Wheeler, Peaton, and Shingleton. Motion Failed.

12.) Change Rule #66.I.1-2 - Eliminate class lists

This proposal was brought to the committee by Mark Hull. Proposal to eliminate class lists that must be offered at POAC-approved shows and just list all POAC-approved classes and let each show determine what classes they want to offer that will benefit their state, region, and memberships. Discussion: Eliminating class lists could be abused by people who have kids who are better in some disciplines than others. But, could have a games show or a hunter-jumper show for profitability in some areas. Discussion that POAs are versatile, and we should have a number of classes. All shows should have some halter, some english, some western, a couple of games classes, and you can pick what works in your region. Hull mentioned that the club wastes a lot of money on awards that don't get used. After discussion, this proposal was changed. Mention of Rule 53 and Rule 62 were removed. Motion: To eliminate class list for Congress in Rule 66.I.1-2. In Favor: Hull. Opposed: Solberg, Astin, Keen, Klein, Arends, Krueger, Barlet, Wheeler, Peaton, and Shingleton. Motion Failed.

13.) Novice -- New Rule Proposal - This proposal was brought to the committee by Heather Kessler and Colleen Urban.

This is a three-gait novice proposal. Having a novice program is essential for our beginning youth to become comfortable and confident showing in our breed. This program is a stepping-stone for our beginner riders to advance into their age groups. Having a novice program is also a financially sound decision, and these classes are popular. Discussion: Some committee members were concerned why this program was removed in the first place. Concern was expressed as to why someone did not come forth before the end of the trial period to make this a permanent program. Discussion that some of the novice people didn't realize this was a trial program. The new proposal attempts to make corrections to the previous novice program. In Favor: Solberg, Shingleton, Astin, Keen. Opposed: Hull, Klein, Arends, Krueger, Wheeler, and Barlet. Motion Failed. Abstain: Peaton

Clarification to Rule 86.A - Correct the sentence to read as it did in the 2014 rulebook: "*Youth Cart will not count toward any National Congress high point awards.*"

Meeting Adjourned.

International Futurity and Sale Committee – The International Sale and Futurity Committee met and announced the change in location for the 2018 and 2019 POA International Sale and Futurity. The new location is Gordyville USA in Gifford IL. The futurity show schedule is being finalized at this time but should be very similar to last year. The McClaren Futurity will not be held at the fall futurity show in 2018, as it is moving to the POA National Congress. Also, for the open classes at the fall futurities, POAC is going to pay back fewer placings in order to make the paybacks larger to the recipients. Move-in at the 2018 Futurity Show will be no earlier than 8am on Tuesday, September 25th and the show will begin on Wednesday, September 26-28, with the sale to follow on September 29th. Stall floors are concrete so exhibitors need to bring mats if needed. There are 100 camping spots with electric at Gordyville, and plenty of general parking spaces. Camping will be collected directly from Gordyville @ \$25/night. If you choose to purchase bedding at Gordyville, you will purchase it directly from the facility. You may bring your own bedding (no straw) if you prefer. Judges and workers have all been hired for this event. Staff, Judges, and Workers will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express. There is also a Super 8 hotel close to the show grounds for POA members to stay. Class and high point awards are being ordered this week. Gordyville will be setting up the sale ring on Friday night, and consignors will have an opportunity to ride their ponies at a walk/trot and even three gait if they choose. There will also be a holding area where consignors can ride before entering the sale ring.

Breeders Committee – Committee present: Jackie Guthrie, Tracy Keen, Charlene Astin, Bob Zahm, Linzy Lahr, Haley Purkapile, Leo Haack, Millard Fisher, and Janette Arends. LP Proposal – Tracy adapted the LP proposal from the ApHC Rulebook but did not remove

the 40 foot rule which would remove solids. Cliff Thomas said this is very easy to follow and understand. Bob Zahm made a motion to accept this proposal as presented. Charlene Astin seconded the motion. Beverly Tabor said that Tracy and Rebecca have done a great job informing the Board of this proposal status. Charlene said with this proposal POA will see less solids, rabicanos, etc. Cliff said that it is great to see the 40" rule. The POA Registrar can reject and strongly recommend the LP test. Voting of the current proposed LP Proposal. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Rule Change presented by Scott Shingleton. All stallions used for breeding must have genetic test effective 1/1/2019. Tracy made a motion to discuss. Charlene seconded the motion. Discussion. Tracy commented that we are already testing. Most are using Animal Genetics. AG is simple, fast results, and cheaper. Registrar Craver said that HYPP and DNA are tests being done now. The Breeders are the only group that does not want to make additional testing mandatory. Guthrie said that the rule proposal is not specific and is just too vague. Charlene said that most are already doing the additional testing. Allen Killion said that it will police itself. P1 is not itself a problem but it is when it is in combination with other PSSM. We strongly encourage the 5-panel test. Charlene asked how do you pass 1 when 2-5 are worse. Rebecca clarified that a five panel does not help our breed. Tracy said that is all experimental. Guthrie said that no action is taken at this time, but the committee strongly recommends 5-panel testing.

Rule Proposal from Dr. Rosslyn Biggs regarding Embryo Transfer. Charlene made a motion to approve as written. Linzy seconded the motion. Diana said that they would have to be DNA tested. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Rule Proposal from CA Good limiting breeding rights for HYPP N/H POAs (page 55, rule 25G). Guthrie and Zahm agree that it needs to be the same for all. Tracy said that the current HYPP rules are unenforceable. Vicci only goes back seven or eight generations. HYPP testing must go through UC Davis to also go through the Parent Verification process. Vicci accepts tests from other labs, but if any genetic verification needs to be done, only UC Davis tests will work. Jackie Guthrie requests that the committee come up with a proposal to present to the Board on this issue.

POA Registrar – Cremello and Perlino base coat must present an acceptable coat pattern for registration. Some send in an LP test. Discussion. Tracy said a double dilute is always taking a chance.

Diana Peaton – Height Issue – The height was raised and now we are pushing the new limit. Weanlings to Yearling keep growing 6-7 inches. Three years ago POA raised the heights. Peaton said she would like to see foaling months to be able to track these growth periods. She hopes to present this data to the board in July. This is a combination problem between the breeders and the inspectors. Some inspectors do not want to say no. No matter what we do POA will always face a height problem. We have bred back withers in the last five years.

Bob Zahm made a motion to adjourn. Charlene Astin seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.