

# POAC National Board of Director's Meeting

(Unofficial until approved by Board in February 2019)

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 – 4:00PM

Gordyville USA, Rantoul IL

President Thomas opened the meeting with roll call. Directors present: Rebecca Solberg, WI; Kim Matthews, IA; Mark Hull, MI; Tracy Keen, FL; Scott Shingleton, IN; Beverly Tabor, MD; Janette Arends, CO; Cliff Thomas, CA; Allen Killion, IL; Kristen Fears, TX, and Pam Barlet, OR. Director Craig Bright, KS, was not present but submitted a request to be excused from this meeting because he had been subpoenaed to appear as a witness in a trial. Discussion. Director Arends made a motion to excuse Bright from the meeting. Barlet seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Barlet, Arends, Solberg, and Thomas. Opposed: Keen, Fears, Shingleton, Killion, Matthews. Directors Tabor and Hull abstained. Motion Failed. Director Tabor asked Joyse to send a letter to Bright about the obligations of a POAC National Director to their membership.

Mary Hannagan from Gordyville USA welcomed the Directors and the POA Membership to their facility for the Sale and Futurity this year and in 2019, and hopes they will consider the contract they have submitted to keep the sale and futurity in Gordyville for 2020-2022. Gordyville set up a snack and beverage table for the Board Meeting at no charge.

Approval of the July 2018 Board Minutes as published. Director Matthews made a motion to accept these minutes. Director Arends seconded the motion. Unanimous (Director Tabor abstained because she was not present at the July 2018 Board Meeting). Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Secretary/Treasurer Kim Matthews presented the most recent Profit Loss Statement from the National POAC. Discussion. This report will be filed subject to audit.

Presidents Report – President Thomas stressed that POAC needs to move in a direction to promote POAs in all areas of the country. He is concerned with the clubs on the east and west coast not being able to attend our National Events due to the locations selected by the Board. Discussion. The East World and West World are still National Show opportunities that those in outlying areas can attend. Director Tabor added that the Board needs to open up show restrictions such as show bill restrictions in order to promote POA growth in the small clubs. Thomas also discussed how the position of National Inspector is so important at POA events and how these inspectors must be consistent with all inspections of POAs.

CEO Report - Joyse Banister reported on the following:

- Great 2018 POAC National Congress – thanks to Show Chairmen Mark Hull and Sarai Banister for making this Premier National Show a huge success. This show made over \$26,000 profit for POAC, and the show management group kept this show running smoothly with a very professional facility and group of equine staff
- The National Office Staff continues to stay busy but current on registration, show, and accounting work in the office at this time. Registrar Vicci Craver wants to thank the Board for allowing her to attend a genetics conference at UC Davis this past August. She was able to be a part of valuable discussions with other breed association reps that she can apply to POAC.
- POAC had to purchase a new computer for the office because the Admin computer was not able to be repaired. The old computer was one of those on the list to be replaced soon anyway.
- POAC National Office has a new phone system installed and seems to be working much better than the old system. Thanks to PC Housecalls for completing the installation.
- The new renter in the back of the POA National Office seems to be pleased with the space and has been great to work with so far, and continues to pay ahead for his rental space.
- The POAC Website has been recently updated with new photos, as well as a few videos from the 2018 POAC National Congress.
- POAC will be proceeding with working together with Fun Ware to produce ROM letters of qualification for POAs. Hopefully this will be in operation in early 2019.
- The 2019 POAC National Convention in Indianapolis will have many changes in scheduling. Committee meetings will be closed to committee members only on Friday, and then open on Saturday for open discussion and

questions. The Board Meeting will be on Friday afternoon instead of Thursday. Plans are being made for both convention speakers and a Saturday youth trip.

#### Committee Reports ---

Futurity/Sale – Diane Kamps reported that all futurity classes are sponsored. Social media has been used more this year to promote the sale. Director Shingleton asked if there was a possibility that next year the futurity and sale could be done on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to allow for more participation without taking so many days from work. Director Arends added that she would like the committee to consider adding a tack auction prior to the sale.

Congress – Mark Hull reported that the show went very well and that pony numbers and family participation numbers were up this year. Not too many changes expected for 2019.

West World – Janette Arends reported a \$5500 profit from this year's show and the numbers were good. Arends asked if they could not offer high points in JPFC at the world show since it was only three classes. Discussion. The Board feels that although it does not have to be as expensive as the other high points, it would be in the best interest of the West World to offer this high point again in 2019 to encourage participation.

Central Classic – Kim Matthews reported that the Central Classic went well again this year and reported a \$24,000 profit.

Inspection Committee – The Inspection Committee is in place for the futurity show and sale. Thanks to Diana Peaton for her hard work in making the inspector approval process uniform. Cliff Thomas discussed the measurement process for this weekend and how to be uniform for all horses.

Rules Committee – Chairman Janette Arends presented the following rules for vote by Directors:

1. Change Rule 125.I.3, p. 155 Pleasure Driving – Delete old wording, and change to: "The header shall position themselves at arm's length squarely in front of pony's head with hands crossed in front of body." Director Keen moved to accept proposal. Arends seconded motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.
2. Change Rule 129.L., p.161 Gymkhana Rules – change wording to: "Lariat ropes are not permitted except in roping classes." And remove this sentence: "~~Any object attached to the saddle is considered a rope.~~" Director Arends moved to accept this proposal. Tabor seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Solberg, Hull, Arends, Barlet Opposed: Fears, Keen, Tabor, Killion, Thomas, and Shingleton. Motion Failed.
3. Change Rule 86.A., 86.C.4, 96.A so Ranch Riding counts for high points. Proposal to have Ranch Riding included in high point calculations for 2019 and also count for ROM Non Timed. 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.~~" Director Keen made a motion to accept this proposal. Director Fears seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.
4. Change Rule 119, pp. 136-137 (Clarification) – Reining – When new Reining patterns were added to the 2018 Rulebook and the Rulebook Revision, one part of Rule 119 was changed and now it conflicts with another part of the rule. Rule 119.A reads: "...9&U must use Pattern 1, 4 or 5". Rule 119.Q reads "9 & Under exhibitors shall do Pattern 2, 3 or 5 ONLY." The Committee recommends Rule 119.Q be changed to read "Patterns 1, 4, or 5," the same as 119 A. Director Fears made a motion to accept. Solberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed. This Change will go into effect immediately.
5. 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: 118.J.5.h. (Disqualification) "h. Failure to start lope prior to end cone in Pattern 1 and 4." Director Tabor made a motion to accept. Director Arends seconded motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed. Change will go into effect immediately.
6. Change Rule 66.N.1-12, pp. 73-74 – Congress High Points/Special Awards – Sponsored award list at Congress should not be in the rulebook. Clarified proposal: Remove from the rulebook the high points/special awards list for Congress in Rule 66.N.1-12. Director Keen moved to accept this proposal. Fears seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

7. Fix mistake in Rule 86.a. correct the sentence to read as it did in the 2014 rulebook: "Youth Pleasure Driving will not count toward any National Congress high point awards." Director Solberg made the motion to accept. Shingleton seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

At this time, the LP Proposal was presented to the Board for further discussion and possible action.

#### POAC CERTIFIED LP PROPOSAL -

##### I. Purpose

- a. To aid in the inspection process by utilizing genetic testing.
- b. Ponies that may lack color and/or characteristics physically, may carry the color genetics.

##### II. Procedure

- a. Members that have ponies that lack color and/or characteristics or have minimal color and/or characteristics may benefit from submitting the LP genetic test to prove color genetics.
- b. Forms, fees and genetic sample (Hairs with roots attached) must be submitted to UC Davis genetic laboratory for appropriate testing.
- c. A National Inspector or a licensed Veterinarian must pull the hairs and submit the sample. In no circumstance should the hair be pulled by the owner of the pony.
- d. All registration requirements and fees must be met prior to having a LP test submitted to the National Office.
- e. All ponies age 6 and up must be inspected for color and height. Certified LP ponies do not need to pass the color inspection.

##### III. Results

- a. Results of the LP Test will be reported to the POAC Registrar. The Registrar will then administer the correct papers for that pony. 1. Ponies with test results either LP/LP or LP/lp will be noted on their papers by the words "Certified LP Tested"
- b. LP/LP –Homozygous. Positive for dominant LP gene. Indicates the animal carries two inherited copies. Homozygous LP horses are genetically bound to pass the gene to 100% of their progeny when bred, and all foals will be LP horses.
- c. LP/lp – Heterozygous. Positive for dominant LP gene, carrying a single inherited copy. Heterozygous LP horses are statistically likely to pass the gene to 50% of their progeny when bred
- d. lp/lp – Negative - Non LP or spotted horse

##### IV. Violation of LP Status

- a. Persons found guilty of violating or falsifying any of the LP documentation or genetic material shall be responsible to the disciplinary judgment and actions of the hearing committee.
- b. Protest of any Certified LP status must be filed in accordance with the rules and regulation of the National POAC.
- c. The fee for protesting a Certified LP status is \$100

LP Rule Proposal POAC Handbook wording additions

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- 44 Rule 15. GENERAL REGISTRATION RULES. Section D.

D. No person shall misrepresent the true parentage or eligibility of any pony for registration. Refusal by an owner to permit DNA testing to prove parentage shall be in violation of Rule 8. Owners must submit DNA for testing to prove parentage as directed by the Registrar or CEO.

- 45 Rule 16. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE. Section C.

3. Ponies five years and under, not exhibiting a POA approved coat pattern, may be LP tested by UC Davis, the approved POAC testing lab, to determine if they carry one or two copies of the LP gene. The pony must have test results being, LP/LP or LP/lp, and will then be eligible for tentative registration papers. Such a pony will be considered Certified LP Tested.

- a. Ponies must be DNA tested and Parentage Verified per POAC rules before submitting the LP test.
- b. Genetic material collected for the LP test will be done by a POAC National Inspector appointed by the CEO or President. If no Inspector is available, an approved Veterinarian may be substituted, per the CEO or President. Genetic material will be submitted by the Inspector or Veterinarian to UC Davis. The owner is responsible for paying all fees associated with testing. Results will be sent to the POAC.
- c. The test results will be noted on the pony's registration certificate, and the Registrar will issue the appropriate registration certificate. Ponies testing lp/lp will be issued ID papers. Ponies testing LP/LP or LP/lp will be issued a Tentative Registration Certificate with the words "Certified LP Tested" recorded upon the certificate, and are

eligible to show. The owner is responsible to submit all materials and pay all fees associated with registering the pony before issuance of certificate.

- 45 Rule 16. ID PAPERS. Section D.

(See rule 24, A.5)

- 51 Rule 24. TYPES OF REGISTRATION. Section A.

5. Certified LP tested ponies will not be inspected for color at shows or sales. (See Rule #16. C.3.)

- 52 Rule 24. TYPES OF REGISTRATION. Section E. 1. a. The Certified LP option is not allowed for hardship purposes, regardless if pedigree is known or not.

- 54 Rule 27. INSPECTIONS. Section C.

Inspectors cannot inspect their own ponies nor the ponies of any family member.

- 57 Rule 32. DNA TESTING.

D. For ponies lacking a visible coat pattern that request a Tentative Registration Certificate, they must be DNA tested and Parentage Verified prior to LP Testing.

- 51 Rule 24. TYPES OF REGISTRATIONS. Section B. 3.

Must have matured within the 46" to 56" height limits with acceptable POA coat pattern and POA characteristics, or be Certified LP Tested.

- 60 Rule 42. PERMANENT HEIGHT CARD – PHC. Section B.

The final color inspection will be conducted by the three inspectors who are measuring for the PHC. If the pony is Certified LP Tested they will not be required to pass the color inspection to receive their PHC.

- 64 Rule 51. GENERAL SHOW REQUIREMENTS. Section E.

1. Certified LP Tested Ponies will not have to pass color inspection, but will be measured for proper height for its age.

Director Fears made a motion to accept this proposal. Director Matthews seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Solberg, Matthews, Hull, Keen, Shingleton, Tabor, Arends, Killion, Fears, and Barlet. Opposed: Thomas Motion Passed.

Bids for National Events 2020-2022 (and beyond):

POAC National Congress: Tulsa Oklahoma submitted two bids (3-year and 5-year). The Board reviewed proposals. A bid was also submitted from Lincoln Nebraska for 2023-2025 for consideration by the Board. This facility was not able to submit a bid for 2020-2022 due to a prior booking. Discussion. Director Fears made a motion to accept the 5-year Tulsa Oklahoma proposal which would be the location of the 2020-2024 POAC National Congress. The 5-year-proposal will give the National POAC additional revenue from POA camping spots and a 5% return on the final invoice each year for facility, stall and utility charges. Director Keen seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.

POA National Futurity/Sale 2020-2022 - Proposals were received and reviewed by Board from Gordyville USA, Lincoln Nebraska, and Madison Wisconsin. Director Killion made a motion to accept the Gordyville USA proposal for 2020-2022. The dates would be the weeks of Sept. 22-26, 2020, Sept 21-25, 2021, and Sept. 20-24, 2022. Director Keen seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Solberg, Matthews, Hull, Keen, Shingleton, Tabor, Killion, and Fears. Opposed: Arends and Barlet. Abstain: Thomas Motion Passed.

East World 2019 – Proposals were received from E. Lansing, MI; Springfield, OH; and New Castle, IN. Discussion. These shows will be one judge with world show type points. Director Killion made a motion to accept the E. Lansing, MI proposal for June 28-30, 2019. Director Matthews seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Barlet, Keen, Killion, Solberg, Matthews, Hull, Tabor, Fears. Opposed: Tabor and Shingleton. Motion Passed.

West World 2019 – One proposal was received from Longmont CO for July 3-7, 2019. Director Barlet made a motion to accept this proposal. Director Arends seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Central Classic 2019 – One proposal was received from Winona MN for June 19-23, 2019. Discussion. Director Fears made a motion of approve this proposal with one judge and pointed as the West and East World shows. Director Keen seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Keen, Fears, Hull, Shingleton, Barlet and Tabor. Opposed: Killion, Matthews and Solberg. Abstain: Arends. Motion Passed. (After the meeting, the proposal was pulled by the person submitting the proposal, and at this time there has been no other bids for a 2019 Central Classic Show)

New Business:

- Scholarship Funding – Tabled until a later meeting
- Treatment of POAs – Director Solberg expressed concern on how some POA's are being treated at equine events and would like the handbook addressed regarding better control of this important issue. Director Tabor offered to work with Solberg to present something to the Board in February for review and further discussion.
- Out-going Directors Fears and Killion were recognized with a gift from POAC for their hard work and dedication. In-coming Directors Tommy Tomlin, TX and Dean Damman, IA were introduced to the Board.

Director Barlet made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matthews seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

## **New Board of Directors Meeting – Election of New Officers**

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 – 6:30PM – Gordyville USA

Roll Call: Keen, Thomas, Hull, Shingleton, Barlet, Tabor, Matthews, Solberg, Arends, Tomlin and Damman all present. Director Bright absent.

Officer Elections:

President – Arends nominated Thomas. Solberg nominated Hull, Keen nominated Shingleton. Solberg moved nominations be closed. Damman seconded motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed. Paper ballot vote: Cliff Thomas

Vice President – Arends nominated Shingleton. Solberg nominated Matthews. Tabor moved nominations be closed. Barlet seconded motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed. Paper ballot vote: Scott Shingleton

Secretary/Treasurer – Arends nominated Tabor. Because there were no other nominations from the floor, the elective ballot was cast and Beverly Tabor was voted in as Secretary/Treasurer.

President Thomas appointed Janette Arends as Chairman of The Rules Committee, and she will automatically be a member of the Hearing Committee. The Board did a paper ballot vote for the four remaining positions on the hearing committee. Those four are: Kim Matthews, Mark Hull, Rebecca Solberg, and Tracy Keen. Rebecca Solberg was elected as Chairman of this committee.

Director Matthews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tomlin seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyse Banister/POAC/CEO