

POAC National Board of Directors Meeting (Minutes Unofficial until Board Approval July 2019)

Crown Plaza Airport Indianapolis
Friday, February 22, 2019

Roll Call: Cliff Thomas, CA; Scott Shingleton, IN; Beverly Tabor, MD; Tracy Keen, FL; Janette Arends, CO; Pam Barlet, OR; Dean Damman, IA; Craig Bright, KS; Rebecca Solberg, WI; Kim Matthews, IA; Mark Hull; Tommy Tomlin, TX. All Directors present.

Bryan Wisler, Kelly Hardesty & Smith Accounting Firm addressed the board regarding the POAC Year-End Financial Report and the annual Compellation of the books. POAC ended 2018 with a loss of \$4,800. All departments within the POAC ended with a profit except for the magazine department which took a loss of over \$11,000. Wisler explained how restricted, Board designated, and unrestricted/undesigned funds are referenced in the financial reports. He also discussed the Agreed Upon Procedures Report and expressed that he is very pleased with the operations of the national office at this time.

CEO Report – Joyse Banister gave her report to the Board and touched on the following topics:

- Thanked the Board for their continued work for the Breed and their promptness with communications with staff at the National Office
- Gave department overview for Registration, Show, Magazine, and Bookkeeping
- Building maintenance – exterior lights replacement, new computer for show department, server update completed
- Renters working out well and staying ahead with rent payments to POAC
- Convention schedule for upcoming weekend
- Need list of Board Members that will need lodging at the Congress
- Social Media concerns – Sites using POAC name for their private sites
- IBC Fee Clarification
- International Sale – seller checks to be mailed upon return to office after sale

Darrell Bilke – COO and Executive Vice President of the Pinto Horse Association addressed the Board on overall equine breed trends and his perspective on the future of the horse industry and breed registries relating to breeding and showing.

President's Comments – President Cliff Thomas thanked Bilke for his great knowledge of the equine industry and for his time to address the POA National Board. Cliff also thanked Bryan Wisler for addressing the Board regarding the financial report for 2018 and helping them to understand the details of the report. Thomas stressed that his main focus is to operate for the good of the POAC and asked the Board to make decisions that keeps promoting the breed in all areas of the country.

Minutes – Janette Arends stated that the September 2018 minutes need to be amended to match the Rulebook Supplement for Rule 86 A. C4 and also 96 A. regarding Ranch Riding. Beverly Tabor moved to accept the September 2018 minutes as amended. Director Tomlin seconded the motion. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

Committee Reports:

Breeders – Tracy Keen said that the morning session was very productive and will continue tomorrow. They will be proposing to the Board a drop for yearling height for 2022.

Congress – Mark Hull said that the only change for the congress show bill from 2018 is splitting Ranch Riding into 13 & U and 14-18 divisions.

Sale & Futurity - The committee is looking into stall mat rental for the futurity/sale. Move in for 2019 will be September 24th, with the show being September 25-27th and the sale on the 28th. Pleasure Driving has been dropped for 2019 until further notice. They discussed having a slot class for JPFC 2-year-olds but no action was taken. They are recommending that NSBA classes be added to the futurity show bill starting in 2019. The Congress added NSBA classes in 2018 and will be adding them again in 2019 also. Weanling exhibition classes were discussed but no action was taken.

Promotion & Marketing – Dylan Payne asked for money again this year to promote POAs at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The cost for an end booth will be \$1050 for 2019. Beverly Tabor moved to give \$1050 towards POA promotion at the 2019 National FFA Convention. Tracy Keen seconded the motion. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED. Kim Matthews announced that Josie Baxter is working on a promotional flyer that will show what a POA is, as well as announce the 2019 National Events. Once approved, this can be shared on all social media sources by the membership.

Finance – Dave Morris discussed the process to get all of the ROMs earned by POAs on the website as well as in the show department computer so that letters can be generated once new ROMs are earned and also ROMs that have previously been earned

but not awarded can be sent. The Board thanks Dave Morris for his countless hours of work on this project. Also discusses was magazine options for POAC to consider starting in 2020.

Scholarship – Cliff Thomas said that his committee hopes that a portion of the new national class fee that must be submitted by all approved POA shows with the results will be designated for national scholarships. This will be discussed later this year.

Rules – This committee noted some areas of the current rulebook that needs to be “cleaned up” regarding wording and the removal of outdated patterns.

Old Business:

- Discussion regarding the confusion on the \$1 class fee addition for all approved POA Shows when submitting their show fees to the National POAC. Tracy Keen made a motion that at all approved IBC shows; all entries will pay the \$1/class fee to the National POAC effective immediately. This includes all equine participating in all POAC approved classes, POA and non-POA breeds. Craig Bright seconded the motion. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED. (Fees can be changed at any time per POAC Handbook).
- Embryo Transfer Proposal – This proposal was overlooked in September. Delete Rule #35 Embryo Transfer, D. Registration, 1. Delete the following: In accordance with POAC approved procedures, an embryo may not be transported from the premises where the donor mare was located at the time of its removal from her, for use in a recipient mare at another location. (Page 60). --- This proposal was submitted by Rosslyn Biggs DVM and stated that the practice of transporting embryos to recipient mares at locations other than the recovery site is common practice in the industry. Rebecca Solberg made a motion to approve this proposal as presented. Beverly Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.
- National Inspector Status for Board Members – Rebecca Solberg has met all of her qualifications and is now ready to take the National Inspector Test so she can be voted on in July. Kim Matthews will be going off the Board in September and does not want to complete steps to be a National Inspector.

New Business:

- Monitoring and policing non-eligible ponies or riders in POAC approved events...the office needs to be notified if there is a concern so an investigation can be conducted in a timely manner.
- The Katzenberger Family of Vesper Wisconsin has asked to supply and maintain a new POA Traveling Trophy in memory of J-N Justa Gold Rush and will go to the #1 Top Ten Performance Pony for the POA National Year-End Awards beginning with the 2018 Awards. Winners will also get to choose from a custom cutting board or a lighted glass block to keep once the Traveling Trophy is returned. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve the start of this Traveling Trophy. Kim Matthews seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Shingleton, Bright, Solberg, Matthews, Arends, Barlet, Hull, Keen, Tomlin and Damman. Tabor was opposed. MOTION PASSED.
- Director Tabor made a motion to release \$29,987.71 to the general fund account from the futurity account by Kelly Hardesty & Smith Accountant Bryan Wisler. Tracy Keen seconded the motion. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.
- POAC Office Manager requested that POAC seller checks at the International Sale in Gordyville be mailed to the seller upon return to the office so that they can be directly signed and not with a signature stamp. This goes along with the Agreed Upon Procedures from the accountants that POAC follows. The Board directed the office to notify sellers on the consignment form of this change in procedure.
- Joyse Banister discussed with the Board the issue of social media sites using the POAC name on their private sites, misleading followers that it is supported by the National POAC. POAC Attorney made the recommendation to send a Consent Letter to the account/page holder requiring the following steps: A. that a disclaimer be conspicuously placed on the page/account indicating that the content is not affiliated with the POA National Club. B. That the account/page holder acknowledge our trade mark and that we are not relinquishing any rights, and C. That the account/page holder are advised that the POAC Board reserves the right to withdraw consent to use the trademark at any time. This is a very measured approach that promotes the use of the club’s name on social media, warns that it is not endorsed, and loosely controls the content if it would stray too far afoot. Director Craig Bright made a motion to accept this proposal from the POAC Attorney to be used as needed by POAC. Director Tabor seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Shingleton, Bright, Solberg, Matthews, Arends, Barlet, Hull, Tabor, Tomlin, and Damman. Director Keen abstained. MOTION PASSED.
- The Board briefly discussed options for the POA Magazine, starting in 2020 but tabled further discussion until the July meeting.

Director Tabor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Barlet seconded the motion. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

General Membership Meeting:

Present Welcome – Cliff Thomas welcomed everyone to the General Meeting and opened the meeting with prayer, and asked Dylan Payne to lead the membership in the Pledge to Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for those POA members that we have lost over the past year. Cliff expressed his thank you to all of those Board Members, Committee Members, staff, and countless volunteers that help make POA a great breed for all. He asked the membership to remember where POA started and where it needs to be heading, and help the organization do what is best for the entire organization. All Directors were introduced (Craig Bright was not present), as well as CEO Joyse Banister and Office Manager Stacey Stewart. Cliff thanked the Zahm Family for their hard work with the hospitality area, as well as Linzy’s work with the banquet video and program. Thomas also thanked Kathy Barringer for taking on the youth activities at the convention.

Treasurers Report – Director Beverly Tabor gave the financial report for the year-end 2018. The club ended the year with a loss of \$4,800. This was due to the loss of about \$11,000 in the magazine department. All other departments ended the year with a profit.

New Business -

The board will be discussing the magazine and how they will proceed with the printing of this magazine starting in 2020. The complete financial report will be put on the POAC national website immediately.

Committees met for their initial discussion meeting and will be meeting again this afternoon. No reports will be given at this time. Thomas did recognize both Dave Morris for his work with the ROM program, updating all of the ROMs earned over the years. These ROMs are now listed on the POAC National Website in the historical section. Also, Thomas recognized Dylan Payne for his work with promoting POAs at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis to thousands of youth.

Janette Arends challenged all regions to do a silent auction at one of their shows each year and give the proceeds to the national youth scholarship fund.

Dave Morris announced that he needs individuals to complete an application to serve on the POA National Hall of Fame Committee, as we have lost four members this past year. Applications are being accepted now.

With no further discussion, meeting was adjourned.

Committee Reports ---

(Motions in these Committee Reports were passed by the Committee members only. These will go before the National Board of Directors for action before they are finalized.)

Finance Committee –

Dave Morris, Beverly Tabor, and Scott Shingleton were present. Also attending were Joyse Banister, Stacey Stewart, Bonnie Morris and Cliff Thomas. Committee member Joan Lewis was not present.

- Last year’s minutes were reviewed and discussed.
- The current budget is complete and is available for all committees.
- The Scholarship Program re-activation costs can be reimbursed to the POAC general fund when the re-activation is completed. This should be sometime in March. Re-activation costs should be about \$6800.
- The magazine department continues to lose money for POAC. The Board will be reviewing this and will decide how to handle the magazine in the future. All other departments are currently making a profit for POAC.
- Registrations – we are losing breeders but keeping farms. This is consistent with other major breeds.
- With the ROM Program soon to identify all ROMS that have been earned but not received, this could be a good money maker for POAC. There are over 10,000 ROMS that currently have been earned but not paid for by the owners. These go back to 1985 when points started being maintained on a computer database.
- POAC continues to work to meet the accountants “Agreed Upon Procedures” and continue to stress that cross training is very important in all businesses.
- Accounts Receivable – Stacey is doing a great job of cleaning this up. Regional Directors may be asked to help with getting payments from members in their regions.

Scholarship Committee –

Meeting was called to order promptly at 8:00 a.m. All current members were present. A moment of respect and a sense of honor was expressed for one of our members having passed this last year.

Prior to starting items on the agenda committee chair defined and brought focus on scholarship committee purpose and goal. That being to encourage through assistance further education of youth participating as members in POAC.

Agenda item 1:

Discussion of endowment funds brought into jeopardy by lack of filing with state as per law. This was an oversight and is close to being corrected. It was explained the cost of correction and reclaiming is \$6,000.00+-. When this is completed the suggestion was that the fees for this required action be paid from the returning endowment funds. Discussion took place with the resulting opinion being funding for the action should not be taken from scholarship category but from general operating fund as that is where the oversight took place. This opinion is to be sent to the Board of Directors for action.

Agenda item 2:

Use or shared allocation of \$1.00 fee increase passed by Board beginning 2019. Proposal is that proceeds from this increase should be shared with scholarship fund. The intent is to assist in achieving the goal set for and by scholarship committee of assisting and encouraging youth members to further their education. This action is intended to result in the increase the number of and the amount in each of the year end scholarships that are awarded. Committee members agreed and viewed the percentage to be allocated be in the 10 to 15% range, but to be discussed and decided by the Board after viewing the results of the fee increase.

At this point items on the agenda had been discussed to agreement, accepted and are sent on to the Board of Directors for consideration and action at the Board meeting in July 2019.

Motion to adjourn. Scholarship meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m. Submitted by Cliff Thomas, March 1, 2019

Breeders Committee –

Breeders Committee: 2/22/19: Members present Tracy Keen, Charlene Astin, Bob Zahm, Dean Damman, Tommy Tomlin, Lori Krome, Jeanette Arends, Joan Thomas, Linzy Zahm-Lahr, Jan Rodgers, Mike Barringer, and Rosslyn Spencer-Biggs (via phone). Tracy Keen called the meeting to order.

I. Welsh Pony Proposal – submitted by James Atkinson. Reason for proposal: to add Welsh Pony of Canada as an approved outcross breed with POAC under rule 49B. Discussion: There has only been four Welsh crosses registered within the last four years. Tommy asked what the benefits were, response was registration fees. Charlene asked about seeing their rule book to see what they outcross with. Would we only allow full Welsh crosses? Jeanette Arends made a motion to accept the proposal. Jan Rodgers seconded. In favor: Arends and Rodgers. Opposed: Abstained: Keen, Astin, Zahm, Damman, Tomlin, Krome, Thomas, Lahr, Barringer, and Biggs. Motion dies. Asking for clarification and further information. For the remainder of the day we will vote on changes during the meeting on Saturday.

II. Excessive White – submitted by Diana Peaton. Reason for the proposal: to have a clear definition of lines for inspectors and registration purposes. Discussion: Diana was there to discuss the topic and answer questions and provide examples. Charlene would like to see two corrections:

*Not eligible for breeding but acceptable for “show privileges only” to the attached pictures. Also remove and/or at the end of the original proposal attachment. Will vote on Saturday after changes have been made.

III. Height issue. Discussion: Tracy said that we should have never raised the height limits. Tracy Keen would like to propose that beginning Jan 1, 2022 the yearling height be dropped to 52”.

Rosslyn joined the meeting via phone.

IV. LP program. Discussion: so far five have participated in the LP verification. Test cost is \$45 for LP and \$40 for the dam. This began Jan 1, 2019.

V. HYPP. Discussion: Tracy said there was a notification for this and they would like to see a rule change that any N/H animal could be used for breeding purposes. Right now the current rule reads that you can outcross to an HYPP N/H animal, but POA N/H animal may not be used for breeding purposes. Rosslyn said that there are now tests you can perform on embryos to see if they will carry the disorder. Further discussion: It should be a level playing field, do we stop those outcrosses? Would we put a time line on it to eradicate all N/H animals? Linzy will ask them to send a proposal, so we can vote.

VI. Mandatory testing and putting the genetic results on the papers. Discussion: Rosslyn would like to see POA get an AQHA membership so that Vicci would be able to go into the database and see which animals would carry the Impressive lineage. Bev said she spoke with Vicci and we do have an AQHA membership. As far as putting genetic testing on the registration papers, legally the person providing the results are the ones responsible if there were any issues. Are they going to accept Animal Genetics or just UC Davis results? Tracy mentioned that she doesn't think that the results need to be on the papers. This will be discussed at the board meeting later today.

VII. History updates: Jan Rodgers would like to know if there is anybody else that might have old records. Dave Morris has updated lists and they have been uploaded to the website but there are still several items and names missing. Tracy Keen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Linzy Zahm-Lahr seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Breeders Committee: 2/23/19: Members present Tracy Keen, Charlene Astin, Bob Zahm, Dean Damman, Tommy Tomlin, Lori

Krome, Jeanette Arends, Joan Thomas, Linzy Zahm-Lahr, Jan Rodgers, Mike Barringer, Millard Fisher and Rosslyn Spencer-Biggs (via phone).

Charlene Astin called the meeting to order. Chair Tracy Keen was delayed.

VIII. Welsh Pony Proposal – Discussion: Janette Arends received a clarification on the breeding and bloodlines. The bloodlines of the Canadian registry are the same as the American, they are full Welsh to Welsh crossed ponies. Tracy joined the meeting. Jan Rodgers made a motion to accept the proposal as written, with the clarifications in mind. Janette Arends seconded. In favor: Keen, Astin, Zahm, Damman, Krome, Arends, Thomas, Lahr, Rodgers, Fisher and Biggs. Opposed: Barringer and Tomlin. Motion passed.

IX. Excessive White – Discussion: Diana was there to discuss the topic and answer questions and provide examples again for the other membership in the room. Charlene Astin presented a new proposal with the two corrections made from the day before. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Height issue. Discussion: Charlene Astin presented a proposal to change the yearling height effective Jan 1, 2022 to 52” Jan Rodgers made a motion to accept the proposal. Millard Fisher seconded. In favor: Keen, Astin, Zahm, Damman, Krome, Arends, Thomas, Barringer, Tomlin, Rodgers, and Fisher. Opposed: Biggs and Lahr. Motion passed. .

XI. HYPP. Discussion: Jackie Guthrie submitted a proposal to allow N/H POA’s to be breeding stock and have the same breeding rights as other approved outcross breeds. Linzy Lahr made a motion to accept the proposal. Tracy Keen seconded. In favor: Biggs, Lahr, Zahm, and Damman. Opposed: Keen, Astin, Krome, Arends, Thomas, Rodgers, Fisher, Barringer and Tomlin. Motion failed.

XII. Dual Registered APHA outcrosses. Jackie Guthrie submitted a proposal to increase the gene pool. This will allow to breed to horses with dual registration in AQHA that have no visible pinto/paint markings. Tracy Keen made a motion to accept. Proposal dies for a lack of motion.

XIII. Select Sire Auction. Discussion: This came from the futurity and sale committee meeting. Mike said we need to modernize the auction, possibly look into an online auction format. Charlene asked why we couldn’t do a live auction at Convention. Committee members will look into options. Mike Barringer made a motion to raise the minimum stallion bid to \$250. Tracy Keen seconded. In favor: Keen and Barringer. Opposed: Tomlin, Astin, Zahm, Damman, Krome, Arends, Thomas, Lahr, Rodgers, Fisher and Biggs. Motion failed. Lori Krome made a motion to raise the minimum stallion bid to \$300. Janette Arends seconded. In favor: Tomlin, Astin, Zahm, Damman, Krome, Arends, Thomas, Lahr, Rodgers, Fisher and Biggs. Opposed: Barringer and Keen. Motion passes.

Mike Barringer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Charlene Astin seconded. Meeting adjourned.

National Congress Committee –

Mark Hull, Chair, Sarai Banister, Chair, Allen Killion, Co-Chair, Shannon Killion, Co-Chair, Scott Shingleton, Charlene Shingleton, Pamela Aide, Cindi Hoffman, Taylor Nelson, Natalie Fredenburg, Kristen Fears, Shannon Sucre, Samantha Walker

Friday February 22, 2019 Meeting called to order by Mark Hull @ 8:00 am. Committee Members present, Mark Hull, Sarai Banister, Allen Killion, Shannon Killion, Scott Shingleton, Charlene Shingleton, and Natalie Fredenburg. Discussion over schedule changes. Added Novice Trail 18&U, separated Ranch Riding into 13&U and 14-18, removed all Scurry, moved Graduation Ceremony up a night due to last year being the final year of the Leonard Lewis Futurity. Topic of adding an open 19&O w/t division was brought up by Allen Killion. After discussion it was felt not necessary at this time. Discussed replacing the Trail event of versatility with Ranch Riding. Addressed adding NSBA to main entry form. Natalie Fredenburg will be in the office during check-in to assist in taking NSBA entries and memberships. Action Awards who provided the medallions for last year will also provide the neck ribbons and champion halter ribbons this year at a cheaper cost per ribbon.

Saturday February 23, 2019 Meeting called to order by Mark Hull @ 4:00 pm. Committee Members present, Mark Hull, Sarai Banister, Shannon Killion, Charlene Shingleton, Allen Killion, and Scott Shingleton.

Reviewed minutes from Friday’s meeting. Reviewed sponsorship levels. Discussed pros and cons of offering AC stalls. Will not be offering them for 2019. Recommendation from members to have one jumping pattern for 9&U due to back to back classes and low numbers. Members very happy with Thank You Cards being available and sent out from class winners!

Futurity/Sale Committee -

Meeting called to order at 10:12 ... Four committee members present, due to not having a quorum proposals will voted on at a different time. Addendum: Results of voting on Proposals: The 2yo slot proposal passes to the BOD and Rules Committee by 9:6. NSBA proposal passes to BOD 14:1 - we will pass both proposals on to the BOD for them to review.

Discussion of the program covers being auctioned off at a later date over social media.

Discussion of the schedule. 2 rings of trail were discussed. Movement of the sale to a different time was also discussed but nothing came of either.

The approval of the show schedule will be voted on by email later tonight.

We are going to look into a way to supply rubber mats for rent for the stalls at the Futurity to be offered for those who are interested. The show dates for 2019 are set. The dates will be move in on Tuesday September 24th at 8 AM. The Futurity Show will be from Wednesday September 25th- Friday September 27th. The Sale will be Saturday September 28th.

The contract and show dates are also set through 2021.

Old Business: We decided to leave the cart classes off of the show bill due to the extra cost of unclaimed awards. We will reopen this issue if concern about the classes is brought up.

New Business: We had a proposal for a JPFC 2 year old slot rather than the current method for nomination. The committee will vote on this issue by email but we will be recommending that this proposal is struck.

The next proposal was the addition of NSBA classes for the Futurity. After discussion the committee decided that we will recommend the passing of this proposal, the proposal will be voted by email tonight.

The next issue that was brought up for discussion was the introduction of weanling exhibition classes. This issue was discussed and the room seemed against it. There is no proposal so no vote will be taken.

The final issue was for an update of the select sire sale. We are looking to explore ways of modernize the buying process. This issue was tabled for till tomorrow's meeting.

Motion- Dylan Payne, 2nd- Jan Rodgers

Adjournment - Motion- Shawn Wiest, 2nd- Michelle Payne

Marketing Committee Meeting –

February 23, 2019 – 5:04pm – 6:02pm

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

Absent: Chris and Loren Chambers

Open Forum Discussion:

Sponsorships – Dean Damman has requested the sponsorship form from the home office as he has corporate sponsors he wants to contact

Magazine Promotion – In 2018, the International Sale Flier was in the July and August issues of the NSBA Way To Go Magazine. The cost per issue was \$550/month, two sponsors were found for this opportunity. NSBA monthly magazine is mailed to 10,000 people and emailed to another 25,000 per month. The Marketing Committee also discussed the idea of creating an ad to be placed in the Equine Chronicle. The ad would illustrate breeding to Quarter Horse stallions like Kissin The Girls, Machine Made, No Doubt Im Lazy; and to Appaloosa stallions like Chocolatey. We need to change the perception of POA and that we are a show breed.

National Congress – Josie Baxter is working on the 2019 Congress Flyer. Marketing Committee will assist the Congress Committee with the promotion of the National Congress.

International Sale/Futurity – Josie Baxter has created a flyer for 2019. The Marketing Committee will assist the Futurity/Sale with the promotion of the International Futurity and Sale.

Challenges – How to increase revenue for the National Club? Address the decline and what the club needs to do to fix it with membership, registration, and show numbers.

Youth – The Youth Committee will receive \$1,050 for an end cap at the 2019 National FFA Convention. This was discussed and voted on at the National Board Meeting on Friday, February 22, 2019.

Questions – How many magazines are printed per issue? If we are not marketing to our members, how are we expected to market externally?

POAC Rules Committee –

Minutes of Open Meeting – Saturday, February 23, 2019

The POAC Rules Committee reviewed the proposals at their meeting on Friday, February 22. The proposals were then discussed further and voted on at the open meeting on Saturday, February 23. In attendance on February 23: Janette Arends - Chair, Rebecca Solberg - Secretary, Jeanette Krueger, Pam Barlet, Barb Klein, Charlene Astin, Charlene Shingleton, Diana Peaton, Tracy Keen, Allen Killion, Bev Tabor. Not in attendance: Mamie Wheeler, Pam Klein, Kathy McKenzie. The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm by Chairperson Arends.

- 1) The three parts in this proposal are “housekeeping” changes to make the rules consistent throughout the rulebook.

Change rule 102.B (DQs) to correspond to Rule 107.B (Hunt Seat Attire).

Current Rule 102.B: Failure to wear protective headgear (meeting ASTM/SEI standards) or failure for it to remain in place on top of the head with chinstrap fastened in jumping and gymkhana classes.

Add to Rule 102.B: Failure to wear protective headgear (meeting ASTM/SEI standards) or failure for it to remain in place on top of the head with chinstrap fastened in *all youth classes on the flat in which hunt seat attire is worn, in all classes over fences, and in all gymkhana classes.*

Add to Rule 129.D, General Gymkhana Rules.

Add sentence at the end of paragraph D: Judges' cards must be signed by the person officiating the class.

Add to Rule 99, General Performance Rules.

Add Rule 99.H: In classes requiring western tack and attire, junior ponies have specific requirements for biting. Refer to Rule 104.I.1.a-e.

This proposal was submitted by Pam Klein for Kristen Fears. Tracy Keen made a motion to accept this proposal, Charlene Astin second. In Favor: Unanimous. Proposal passed.

2) Correction to Rule 119.L, Reining, page 137

Current rule: Deduct ½ point for over or under spinning up to ½ turn; deduct 1 point for over or under spinning up to ¾ turn.

Change to: Deduct ½ point for over or under spinning up to 1/8 turn; deduct 1 point for over or under spinning up to ¾ turn.

This proposal was submitted by Pam Klein for Duane Stutzman to correct a typo/scoring error in the current rulebook. Charlene Astin made a motion to accept this proposal, Charlene Shingleton second. In Favor: Unanimous. Proposal passed.

3) Rule 118.A., Western Riding, page 131

Current rule: "...The pony should perform with reasonable speed, and be sensible, well-mannered, free and easy moving. In 10-13, 14-18 and 18 & Under Western Riding, the pony must do a minimum of four flying lead changes at the National Congress and Regional Shows."

Proposal 1. *Change to:* "...The pony should perform with reasonable speed, and be sensible, well-mannered, free and easy moving. In 10-13, 14-18, and 18 & Under Western Riding, the pony must do a minimum of four flying lead changes at the National Congress and Regional Shows. *Exception: 9 & Under exhibitors are not required to complete flying lead changes unless entering a 13 & Under or 18*

& Under class."

Proposal 2. *Change to:* "...The pony should perform with reasonable speed, and be sensible, well-mannered, free and easy moving. ~~In 10-13, 14-18 and 18 & Under Western Riding~~ The pony must do a minimum of four flying lead changes at the National Congress and Regional Shows."

This proposal was submitted by Suzette Trzebiatowski. The current rulebook does not clearly specify what is required of 9 & Under riders for Western Riding at Regional and higher shows.

Jeanette Krueger made a motion to accept Proposal 2, Diana Peaton second. The committee discussed. On one hand, many 9 & Under riders don't do flying lead changes very well, or at all. But because Western Riding is a class based on lead changes, all ages should be required to exhibit the minimum. In Favor: Unanimous. Proposal 2 passed.

4) Add a rule so that information about World Shows is in the rulebook

World Shows are national shows, and points count toward ROMs, participants need to be national members, etc. We can't expect members to know this information if it's not in the rulebook. This proposal was submitted by Pam Klein. Jeanette Krueger made a motion to accept the proposal, Janette Arends second. Without the World Shows in the rulebook, people don't know the number of points/placings, and they don't have the information that participants/owners must be national members, etc. Keen would like the type of points at World Shows posted on the POAC website if it's not the rulebook. Peaton discussed that the Board should set the parameters for the World Shows so that the shows benefit the POAC. In Favor: Arends, Klein. Opposed: Keen, Peaton, Shingleton, Barlet, Tabor, Killion, Astin, Solberg. Abstain: Krueger. Proposal failed.

5) Rule 146.B.1, Requirements for National Year-End Awards, page 170

Current rule: The exhibitor or pony must have placed in the class for which each was in contention in approved POAC classes in at least two different states based on the location of the show, not the sponsoring club or chapter. In addition, the exhibitor or pony must have shown in at least one Regional Show or the National Congress Show.

Change to: The exhibitor or pony must have placed in the class for which each was in contention in approved POAC classes in at least *one state other than the exhibitor's state of residence. The exhibitor must also show in one open show in their state of residence in place of a required POA show in that state if there is no active state POA Club. This is only to meet the requirement of showing in two different states. An Open Show Affidavit and the required fees must be submitted and approved by the POAC National Office.* In addition, the exhibitor or pony must have shown in at least one Regional Show or the National Congress Show.

This proposal was submitted by Jeanette Krueger. Rebecca Solberg made a motion to accept this proposal, Diana Peaton second. Krueger discussed how this would benefit those members who have large distances to travel to fulfill the two-state minimum for National Year-End Awards. No points will be given for the open show requirement.

In Favor: Solberg, Barlet, Krueger, Arends, Klein, Astin, Shingleton, Peaton, Keen, Killion. Opposed: Tabor. Proposal passed.

6) Rule 116.F, Trail, page 122

Current rule: "...While the pony is in motion, the rider's hands shall be clear of the pony and the saddle." *Change to:* "...While the pony is in motion, the rider's hands shall be clear of the pony and the saddle; at the judge's discretion, Leadline riders shall not be penalized for briefly touching the saddle or the saddle horn."

This proposal was submitted by Elizabeth Kelts. Kelts suggested that it was a safety issue, and Leadline riders should not be penalized because they might grab the saddle horn to stay on. As part of this proposal, Kelts also requested that the Rules Committee would consider having fewer DQs in the trail scoring, e.g., 116.K.3-4.

Tracy Keen made a motion to accept this proposal, Diana Peaton second. Committee questioned what "briefly" means – how many times a rider could "briefly" touch the horn. And Peaton then discussed how it will help our judges if our score sheets are consistent with other breeds, so Leadliners would be penalized. In Favor: --. Opposed: Unanimous. Proposal failed.

7) Rule 114, Showmanship, pages 113, 116

Remove Rule 114.B – Reason: A new score sheet is now mandatory in other major breeds. Maneuver, faults, and exhibitor form and effectiveness are scored. The percentage scoring is obsolete.

Remove Rule 114.E – Remove patterns from the rulebook. Reason: Current patterns are outdated. *Change Rule 114.H.5* – *Delete first sentence:* "When turning the pony to the left 90 degrees or less, the pony should be turned to the left." *Then change the next sentence to read:* "On turns of 90 degrees or greater, the ideal turn..." Reason: Remove the option for pull turns. Pull turns are unacceptable in other breeds, due to safety concerns.

Rule 114.F. Class Routine. Change to read:

All exhibitors may enter the ring and then work individually, or each exhibitor may be worked from the *designated* gate individually.

The following maneuvers are considered acceptable:

Lead the pony at a walk, trot or extended trot.

Stops

Turns of 90 (1/4), 180 (1/2), 270 (3/4), 360 (full turn) degrees or any combination or multiple of these turns. (Exception: Leadline will not have combinations or multiples of these turns.)

Back in a straight line or curved line.

The judge must have exhibitors set up the pony squarely for inspection at some time during the class.

This proposal was submitted by Diana Peaton.

Tracy Keen made a motion to accept the proposal, Allen Killion second. Discussion that removing patterns would allow different regions to come up with patterns that work for the age of Leadliners that they have; if kids are more advanced, they can have more difficult patterns. Shingleton discussed how "the gate" needs to be worded to give judges more flexibility as to where to gate can be, not just the physical gate of the arena. The committee would like to add the wording "designated gate." In Favor: Unanimous. Proposal passed.

8) Novice Youth Program

Purpose: The purpose of the POA Novice Youth Program, also referred to as NYP, is to provide youth having minimal or no show experience the opportunity to exhibit their POAs in a fitting environment that promotes growth, development of horsemanship skills, and confidence. The NYP is open to any POAC youth member who meets program eligibility requirements.

NYP Eligibility Requirements: The total number of POA points earned in any equitation or performance classes on any and all ponies exhibited by a program applicant must meet the following requirements:

Less than 1500 points if applying for a card for the 9 & Under age division.

Less than 1000 points if applying for the 10-18 age division.

Less than 20 points earned total from AQHA, ApHC, APHA, PtHA, etc. Points earned in any Small Fry program will not count toward the 20 points.

Leadline, Hunter in Hand, Longe Line, In-Hand Trail, Timed Events, Youth Driving, Costume, Most Colorful, and Halter will not count toward eligibility requirements. A program applicant must not have won a non-Novice Congress Championship in any performance or equitation classes for any breed.

Program applicants must be 18 years and under as of January 1 of the current calendar year and be a national member in good standing. Program applicants will complete and submit the Novice Youth Status Agreement annually to the POAC National Office, and be approved prior to exhibiting for points in any NYP class.

A parent/guardian signature is required on all applications.

The POAC Novice Youth Membership Card will denote Novice Youth status and will indicate the classes the youth is no longer eligible to compete in. This card may be required for status verification by any show management at any time. Allow two weeks processing from the time the application is received in the National Office until the time the card is mailed back from the office. Applications will not be processed at any shows; they must go through the POAC Office to verify status. NYP class eligibility requirements pertain to each NYP class. All approved NYP classes will be offered at national shows. Exhibitors participating in NYP classes may exhibit in

non-NYP classes at the same show, with the exception that if an exhibitor enters Novice walk/jog (walk/trot) classes, he or she cannot enter any class that requires walk/jog/lope (walk/trot/canter) in the same riding discipline (i.e., Western or English). Exhibitors may not cross enter classes. If exhibiting in a Novice w/t or w/j class, they cannot enter the corresponding Novice w/t/l or w/t/c class. Example: an exhibitor who enters Novice Western Pleasure w/j cannot enter Novice Western Pleasure w/j/l; but this does not preclude the exhibitor from entering the Novice Hunter Under Saddle w/t/c class. NYP participants who earn 400 points per individual NYP class will not be eligible to show in that NYP class the following calendar year or in subsequent years. Novice Youth eligibility status the second year and beyond is based on 400 points per NYP class. To be eligible at the time of annual application, a youth cannot have earned more than 400 points per NYP class. To point out of a Novice class, an exhibitor must earn 400 points (in that individual class). An NYP class winner at the POA National Congress will not be eligible to participate in that NYP class at any show after December 31 of the current calendar year, even if fewer than 400 points have been accumulated.

At state-level shows, any exhibitor deemed a Novice by the Show Committee may enter a Novice class. Only those exhibitors that hold a Novice Youth Membership Card will receive national points. A Novice card is required to participate at Specialty Shows, Regional Shows and any nationally-sponsored show. State clubs are encouraged to have written guidelines specifying the criteria used to determine Novice status for their state shows.

NYP Points: National NYP points are restricted for use within the Novice Youth Program and may not be combined or considered when determining: POA National Congress Show awards or high points not specific to the NYP. National Year-End Awards or high points not specific to the NYP. A Novice Youth participant is eligible for a National Year-End Award and/or show high point award that does not involve the 8 classes that are included in the NYP. The following classes can be entered by a Novice card holder and receive National Year-End Awards and/or show high point awards: Halter, Trail, In-Hand Trail, Longe Line, Driving, Costume, Showmanship, Most Colorful, Hunter in Hand and Timed Events. Example for a show high point award: a Novice Youth participant could be eligible for a high point timed events award, if offered. A Novice Youth participant would not be eligible to receive a one pony/one rider high point award, a non-timed high point award or an equitation high point award. National Top Ten Awards, ROM, or Lifetime Pony Points not specific to the NYP. Only National NYP points will be used when determining: NYP National Year-End Awards or high points. Regional/state clubs are not obligated, but are encouraged to offer some or all of the Novice Youth Program classes. If a Novice rider participates in any Novice non-timed class, he or she is eligible only for a Novice non-timed high point award; the rider is not eligible for any non-Novice non-timed high point award at that show/event. If a Novice rider participates in any Novice equitation class, he or she is eligible only for Novice equitation awards; the rider is not eligible for any non-Novice equitation awards at that show or event. If a Novice competes in a Novice class and the corresponding age group class, the age group class will not count toward any overall high point awards. A point designation form must be filled out if the pony is ridden by a Novice rider and by a non-Novice rider in the same class but different division. It must be specified on a POAC point designation form before the show begins from which division the pony will receive points, or all points will be forfeited. The designation form must include the pony's name, the riders' names and the name of each class entered. Only one set of points will count on the pony toward high point or toward national points when the pony is exhibited in the same class, but in different divisions (i.e., Novice, 9 & Under, 10-13, 14-18, 19 & Over). Example: If the pony is ridden in Novice Western Pleasure and 19 & Over Western Pleasure at the same show, the exhibitor must designate prior to the start of the show which points will count on the pony or no points will count.

POA Novice Youth Program Performance ROM: NYP exhibitors who achieve a combined total of 400 NYP performance points are eligible to receive an NYP Performance ROM. 25% of performance points earned (100 points) must be earned at a Regional Show and/or the POA National Congress Show. Nationally Approved POA Novice Youth Program Classes: Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle w/t/c; Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation w/t/c; Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle w/t; Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation w/t; Novice Youth Western Pleasure w/j/l; Novice Youth Western Horsemanship w/j/l; Novice Youth Western Pleasure w/j; Novice Youth Western Horsemanship w/j. The rules for the corresponding classes in the current version of the POAC Official Handbook will be followed for the NYP classes. This proposal was submitted by Rebecca Solberg. Tracy Keen made a motion to accept this proposal, Allen Killion second. Some areas of the county have Novice riders, others don't. Discussion that 400 points seems pretty high; riders could be Novice for a long time before they point out. And there have been problems because some riders in Novice classes have won in other breeds and should not be "Novice" riders. Need to make sure that the National Office has better ways to be able to check POAC members' Novice status and eligibility. Since this program has already gone through a three-year trial period, these classes have been on the Congress show bill in the past and should be in the computer system. In Favor: Killion, Tabor, Astin, Peaton, Keen, Solberg. Opposed: Shingleton, Klein, Arends, Barlet. Abstention: Krueger. Proposal passed.

9) Rule 22, Allowable White Markings, page 52

This proposal also was reviewed by the Breeders Committee, and they made some modifications. This proposal outlines more clearly the parameters of what is considered excessive white (allowed to show) and how much is too excessive (cannot get papers). This proposal was submitted by Diana Peaton. Rebecca Solberg made a motion to accept this proposal, Bev Tabor second. Discussion that the club would need to grandfather in ponies that already have papers. In Favor: Solberg, Killion, Tabor, Astin, Peaton, Keen, Shingleton, Klein, Arends, Barlet. Opposed: Krueger. Proposal passed.

10) Rule 49.B, Approved Breed Associations for Crossbreeding, pages 64-65

This proposal also was reviewed by the Breeders Committee. This proposal adds the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada to the list in Rule 49.B. This proposal was submitted by James Atkinson. Jeanette Krueger made a motion to accept this proposal, Charlene Astin second. In Favor: Unanimous. Proposal passed.

Jeanette Krueger made a motion to adjourn, Allen Killion second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Youth Committee – (Minutes Not Available At This Time)