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**POAC National Board of Directors Meeting**

**Minutes - February 20, 2020 – 1:00pm**

**Crown Plaza Airport Indianapolis**

- 1) **Roll Call** – Directors present included Cliff Thomas, CA; Scott Shingleton, IN; Beverly Tabor, MD; Janette Arends, CO; Tracy Filla, WA; Tracy Keen, FL; Mark Hull, MI; Tommy Tomlin, TX; Rebecca Solberg, WI; Dean Damman, IA; and Darrin Schaeffer, IA. Director Craig Bright of Kansas submitted a letter to request an excused absence due to injury. **Tomlin made a motion to excuse Bright from the meeting and Solberg seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Arends, Filla, Hull, Tomlin, Solberg, Damman, and Schaeffer. Opposed: Keen, Tabor, and Shingleton. Motion Passed.**
- 2) **Approval of September 19, 2019 National Board of Directors Minutes** – Director Keen moved to approve the minutes as published on the POA Website and Arends seconded the motion. **Voting in favor: Thomas, Shingleton, Arends, Filla, Keen, Hull, Tomlin, Solberg, Damman, and Schaeffer. Director Tabor abstained. Motion Passed.**
- 3) **CEO Report** – Joyse Banister reported on the following items:
  - Met with KHS Bryan Whisler for annual year-end review of the books
  - POAC will be getting a new website platform in 2020 due to Adobe shutdown
  - Staff salary review being done by CEO
  - QuickBooks upgrade for office in 2020
  - POA Newsletter will be going out in late March to all current members
  - CBC Annual Meeting in Tulsa – Banister gave overview of events
  - POAC Renter – Current contract up in June – working on gravel in back of office
  - Building Maintenance – plumbing issues this year – all repairs completed
  - Replace two staff computers in 2019 and will do two more in 2020
  - Received National Sponsorship for 2020 from Stateline Tack
  - 2019 Statistics – Numbers down slightly from 2018 except for ROMS which were up from 63 awarded in 2018 to 260 awarded in 2019. We had 358 registrations and 2216 memberships.
- 4) **President's Comments** – Thomas commented that he is pleased with the report for 2019 and that our numbers are good compared to other breeds. POA has to keep the kids involved, as they are our future.
- 5) **Financial Review** – Bryan Whisler from KHS reported on the 2019 POAC Financial Review and congratulated the National POAC for paying off their mortgage in 2019. Now the POAC renter will offset operational expenses. Bryan is pleased to report that POAC made a \$40,000+ profit in 2019. He provided a report to the Board on Agreed upon Procedures, with minimal recommendations for change in 2020 which is good. He reviewed the Consolidated Financial Statements and made suggestions for releasing funds throughout the year instead of just at the February meeting. To make the necessary adjustments for 2019, the Board took the following action:
  - a) Tomlin moved to release \$63,004.87 from board designated futurity account to the general funds account. Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.
  - b) Director Tabor made a motion to move \$25,000 from the scholarship account and put it in a CD with most return at Regions Bank, and put the balance of \$4,817.24 in the general operating account to reimburse POAC for the accounting and legal fees paid to create the new scholarship 501C3 account. Director Schaeffer seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Shingleton, Tabor, Arends, Filla, Hull, Tomlin, Solberg, Damman, and Schaeffer. Director Keen abstained. Motion Passed.
  - c) There are two accounts that have had small amounts of money sitting in them for several years (\$680 in an operational money account which was designated as "Brick Money", and also \$3,864.37 from the Educational Foundation account, for a combined total of \$4,544.37. **Director Tomlin moved to release the combined total of \$4544.37 and move it to the active scholarship account to make it available for youth scholarships. Keen seconded the motion. Discussion. Keen is concerned that the brick money was donated for museum use only. Voting in favor: Thomas Opposed: Shingleton, Tabor, Keen, Filla, Hull, Tomlin, Solberg, Damman, and Schaeffer. Director Arends abstained. Motion Failed. Director Solberg made a motion to move \$3,864.37 to the active scholarship account. Tomlin seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Shingleton, Keen, Filla, Hull, Tomlin, Solberg, Daman, and Arends. Directors Schaeffer and Tabor were opposed. Motion Passed. Director Schaeffer made a motion that POAC recognizes the IRS approval of the newly formed Scholarship Foundation with a starting balance of \$29,817.24. Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed. Tabor then made a motion to release the \$4,817.24 (balance from the \$29, 817.24 once the \$25,000 is moved to a CD) from the general operational account and move it to the newly formed Scholarship Foundation account. Shingleton seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.**
- 6) **2020 POAC National Budget** – The Board of Directors reviewed the 2020 National Budget as presented from the current Finance Committee Chairman David Morris and National Treasurer Beverly Tabor. Discussion. **Director Keen moved to accept the budget as presented. Arends seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Shingleton, Tabor, Arends, Filla, Hull, Tomlin, Solberg, Damman, and Keen. Schaeffer abstained. Motion passed.**
- 7) **Committee Reports** –
  - Convention – Banister reported that guest speaker Anne Hannan from the Riley Hospital Cheer Guild will be at the banquet to talk about their mission. Two educational speakers are scheduled for Saturday (Dr. Jan Kritchevsky, DVM and Danvers Child, JF).

David Brewer made the year-end awards this year and is the MC for the banquet. The scheduled field trip should be great fun for all participating. Our convention contract for Crown Plaza will be done after the 2021 convention. The Board needs to discuss their plans for Convention 2022 and beyond this year.

- Scholarship – Thomas said that applicants will be reviewed this year by a team of qualified judges. He would like to see more money designated for scholarships.
- National Congress – Chairperson Cindi Hoffman has finalized the show bill and ordered awards for 2020 Congress. All judges and workers have been contracted as well as hotels and meals during the show. Shingleton questioned the final billing total for Tulsa Expo Square as it was reflected on the Profit/Loss Statement. Office Manager Stacey Stewart was able to clarify this discrepancy for the Board.
- National Futurity and Sale – Judges are hired. Bids are being accepted for sale auctioneer for 2020-2022, as Justin Ochs contract ended after the 2019 sale. Director Keen asked if it would be possible to secure more round pens for the futurity show.
- East World – Shingleton reported that everything is contracted and the show dates are October 9-11, 2020 at C Bar C Arena in Cloverdale Indiana. The show dates were incorrectly published originally, so these are the correct dates.
- West World – Plans are continually being finalized for a great West World Show in Utah.
- Youth Committee – Samantha Walker reported that it is tough to get the youth together to plan events. It is best for adults to plan events for the youth because the youth just are not together enough to be able to do both the planning and participation. Walker is working on Team Tournament for the Congress again this year.
- Inspection – Diana Peaton reminded everyone that there is an accredited Inspectors Workshop on Sunday morning from 8am-10am here at the Convention.
- Breeders – Tracy Keen said that they plan to have a good committee meeting at the convention with good representation from the committee.
- Rules – Solberg reported that at this time the committee has 14 proposals to discuss in committee.

8) Old Business –

- a) Non Pro Trial Period has expired – **Director Schaeffer made a motion to send this to the Rules Committee for recommendation to Board. Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.**
- b) 19 & Over Walk Trot horses showing in loping classes in 2019 – This needs to be clarified regarding what classes they can lope in if they are in 19 & Over walk trot classes. This was sent to the Rules Committee for clarification.

9) New Business –

- a) \$200 Charge for LP Test on registration papers (\$125 test fees and \$75 printing on papers) – no action taken
- b) ROM Points for JPFC horses at POAC National Futurity – Discussion – This was a print error in the POA Handbook and has not ever been done at this show. **Director Keen made a motion to eliminate rule 176 E.3 and any other reference to issuing national points at the POAC International Futurity Show. Tabor seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Shingleton, Tabor, Arends, Filla, Hull, Tomlin, Solberg, Damman, and Keen. Schaeffer abstained. Motion passed.**
- c) Clarification on passing of High White Rule – the new high white pictures that will be printed in the new handbook for 2021 are now in the office and will be put on the website. This will clarify the high white boundaries accepted by the Registrar for POA registration purposes. **Director Keen made a motion to accept these new photos for POAC. Director Damman seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Shingleton, Tabor, Arends, Filla, Tomlin, Solberg, Damman, Keen, and Schaeffer. Director Hull was opposed. Motion Passed.**
- d) Reining Patterns Clarification – Some of the patterns in the current POAC Handbook do not match the patterns posted on the website. Until this can be corrected with a new printing of the handbook, everyone should follow the hard copy rulebook until the website can be matched together. Follow as written (not drawn).
- e) Deceased Transfer of Ownership Request – Mike Gardner, UT, has requested that he be allowed to transfer a deceased POA back into his name, with the agreement of the current owner of record. Discussion **Director Keen made a motion to allow Mike Gardner to do a transfer with the current owner if both parties are in agreement and pay the \$15 transfer fee to the National POAC. Solberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.**
- f) Combining all boy and girl classes together at all approved POA events – The Board discussed the need for reviewing the boy/girl split classes at approved POA events in order to be inclusive for all exhibitors and participants, as well as following industry standards at all approved POA events. Discussion. **Director Tabor made a motion to combine all boy/girl classes at all POA approved events effective immediately. Director Keen seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Shingleton, Tabor, Arends, Filla, Tomlin, Solberg, Damman, Hull, and Keen. Opposed: Thomas and Schaeffer. Motion Passed.**

\*\*\*Note: After consulting POA Attorney Jeff Jacob, the POA National Board of Directors met the next day at a special meeting called by the President to rescind this motion to allow for more time for review in 2020 and probable implementation in 2021. Director Tabor made the motion to rescind and Director Keen seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed. Jacob did recommend that POAC establish a policy for 2020 to be published as a recommendation for all chapters, state clubs, and National to follow regarding this issue, and will assist in the wording of this policy if requested.

- 10) Executive Session – At this time **Director Tomlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a membership issue. Director Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.**
- 11) Meeting re-opened for Business – **Director Schaeffer made a motion to suspend Russell and Carol Davidson of Oregon immediately from holding a National Membership with the National POAC for an indefinite period. Director Filla seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Shingleton, Tabor, Arends, Filla, Tomlin, Solberg, Damman, Hull, Thomas, and Schaeffer. Director Keen abstained. Motion Passed.**
- 12) Director Tabor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Director Keen seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.**

**General Membership Meeting Saturday,  
February 22, 2020 – 8:00am Crown Plaza  
Airport Indianapolis**

- President Cliff Thomas welcomed everyone to the General Membership Meeting and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- CEO Joyse Banister introduced the National Directors and the National Office Staff, and thanked the Zahms, along with the IN POAC, for providing the attendees with a great hospitality room. Banister also gave a brief review of topics discussed by her at the Board meeting.
- Approval of the February 2019 General Membership Meeting minutes as published. Director Tabor made a motion to approve the minutes as published, and Director Damman seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.
- Director/Secretary Treasurer Beverly Tabor gave a brief financial report to the attendees. The National POAC made over \$40,000 profit for 2019. The areas of loss were the magazine and the 2019 Convention. The Board has made changes to reduce magazine loss by implementing the mailing of three newsletters to all members and printing one “Year in Review” POA Magazine at the end of each year. The convention is a difficult event to make a profit center due to the number of attendees but the National Office continues to keep expenses minimal to allow for this event to continue at this time.
- Samantha Walker reported from the Youth Committee that POAC needs to find ways to keep the youth involved without putting them in charge of structure. They just don’t have the time to do the planning.
- Scholarship Committee – Cliff Thomas reported that POAC needs to be able to help more youth that apply for scholarships, and this committee will keep searching for ways to make this possible.
- Dylan Payne asked for permission to allow the POAC National Display to be a part of the 2020 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Last year there were 70,000 guests and members present. This year, it will be held October 28-31 and an end cap booth will cost \$1050. State Clubs are invited to provide literature also. Director Solberg moved to allow POA to be a part of the 2020 FFA Convention and pay for the end cap booth. Director Filla seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.
- President Thomas said that POA continues to have height issues and we are losing families to over height ponies. POA Inspectors continue to be educated on proper measuring practices and the membership cannot expect inspectors to measure in ponies that are over the height limit.
- In closing, Thomas asked a show of hands reflecting how long they have been members, and ask why they have been members for so long. The answer was “because we love the people”. That says so much for our great breed!
- Director Solberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Filla seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

**2020 POAC National Committee Reports –**

*(Motions made in these committee meetings are not National Director Motions and do not change POAC Rules at this time but will be directed to the Board for possible further action.)*

**Breeders Committee**

Members present: Charlene Astin, Tracy Keen, Joan Thomas, Bob Zahm, Jess Drish Kata, Linzy Zahm, Tommy Tomlin, Jan Rogers, Jeanette Arends, and Mike Barringer.

Chair Tracy Keen called the meeting to order. There was an open discussion about reducing the number of breeders on the committee that typically do not attend.

One proposal submitted by Dean Damman about the Incentive money, rule number 5, changing how the money is allocated through the ponies 5 year old year. Take \$50 put it into the weanlings and \$50 into the incentive fund since we increased the minimum fee \$100. Jan Rogers mentioned she helped create the original incentive rules. Charlene Astin made a motion to approve the first paragraph of Dean Damman’s proposal to add \$50 to stallion fee and \$50 into the SSF incentive in additional to the original \$45. Jess Drish Kata seconded. Unanimously passed. Discussion about changing incentive from 4 year old to 5 year olds, to match the age of Jr ponies. Jan Rogers made a motion under part 3, I., SSF incentive that the wording change from 4 to 5 year old. Charlene Astin seconded. In favor Charlene Astin, Joan Thomas, Bob Zahm, Jess Drish Kata, Linzy Zahm, Tommy Tomlin, Jan Rogers, Jeanette Arends. Opposed Mike Barringer. Abstained Tracy Keen. Motion passed. The following to also change, part 4, I., to change 4 eligible years to 5 years to follow the previous motion. Allocation of funds, Dean Damman motioned to change owner to 50%, stallion/mare owner both to 25% of incentive money. Charlene Astin seconded. Discussion where does the left over money go, if not allocated at 5 years? Does it go into the general pot? Mare owners should receive the same amount and stallion/mare owners will get a 10% increase since we are doubling. Question was called, vote was unanimous, motion passed.

Revisit the yearling height proposal submitted last year. Charlene Astin moved to amend her original proposal and make the yearling height 52 ½” Jeanette Arends seconded. Discussion from Diana Peaton that watching the growing trend over the years, we are seeing multiple ponies measure several times. Vote was unanimous and passed.

What kind of things can we do to get more participation for Select Sire? Mike Barringer made the suggestion of when a stallion sells that the person who purchased the breeding would get that one offspring and that would give access to a spot in a closed futurity class. Going to an online bidding auction or buy it now. Kathy Barringer to write a proposal for this.

Other: Jeanette Arends brought up about Hardship mares being able to reproduce. DNA still seems to be an issue through the home office. It is suggested that there are procedures that should be clearly spelled out. Jess Drish Kata moved to make a subcommittee. Tracy seconded. Motion passed unanimously, committee members Tommy Tomlin, Jess Drish Kata, Tracy Keen, Diana Peaton Jess Drish Kata made a motion to adjourn. Charlene Astin seconded. Motioned passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

## **Futurity/Sale Committee**

Present members: Dylan Payne, Jess Drish Kata, Linzy Zahm, Michelle Payne, Allen Killian, Diana Peaton, Shawn Wiest, Jan Rogers

Dylan Payne called the meeting to order. International Futurity is September 23-25 and the Sale is September 26<sup>th</sup> at Gordyville USA in Gifford, IL. Move in is 8 am on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Old Business: Proposal on the Two Year Old slot that was sent to the board but no action was taken. Reviewed the submitted proposal. Two amendments need to be made; must designate if not shown split the money equally between both the in hand and under saddle classes. \$50/class for a convenience fee applied to the first payment. Once you commit to one or the other you are committed to that slot. Clarify you cannot ride and in hand within the same show. Allen Killian moved to accept with \$50 fee designation, any undesignated funds/noncompeting funds are split 50/50 between the two disciplines, and once a pony is ridden it is ridden. Shawn Wiest seconded. After further discussion on Rule 173, A/B, pg. 189, Dylan moved to amend the proposal on the table to include a \$50 per class slot convenience fee. If a pony does not designate and attend the futurity the fees will be split evenly into the in hand and riding pots and once a pony has been ridden, it must be ridden the rest of the year if participating in the slot program. Allen Killian seconded. Passed unanimously. Michelle Payne moved to add 7C, pg. 189 If pony is nominated to the JPFC 2 YO open slot nomination, one ridden in a JPFC 2 YO class, designation has be determined and the pony may not be shown in Futurity in hand classes. Diana Peaton seconded. Pass unanimously.

New Business: Breeders Challenge Futurity is requesting to add classes to the show bill in exchange the BCF is willing to pay for 3 additional judges on trail day. Looking at adding yearling halter (3), two year old halter (3) and two year old LL and in hand trail. Jess Drish Kata made a motion to accept the classes presented in exchange for the additional trail judges to cut down on time and run the additional BCF class after the conclusion of the already prepared futurity schedule. Linzy Zahm seconded. Motion passed to move along to the national board for a vote. Other discussion: having at least three round pens in the outdoor arena.

Sale discussion: contract for auctioneer is up and we are currently taking bids. Does anybody have new ideas to get into social media? How do we better advertise? There needs to be a better system in place for barn sales. Dylan Payne moved to adjourn and Shawn Wiest seconded. Unanimously passed to adjourn.

## **National Congress Committee -**

The National Congress Committee meeting was called to order at 1pm on February 21, 2020. Committee members present - Cindi Hoffmann, Pamela Aide, Samantha Walker, Scott Shingleton, Allen Killian and Natalie Fredenburg. Discussed Congress class sponsorships and their importance, all committee members need to actively work on getting class sponsorships. Discussed General Show information changes/additions to be implemented - use of scooters/bikes/golf carts, dogs in arenas/on leashes, and cart practice times. Discussed adding a late fee for class adds at the show after the 2pm deadline. The NSBA classes were discussed, there is a possibility of adding NSBA medallions awarded to the first place NSBA winner in each NSBA class. There will be an "Old Timers Reunion" organized by Lynnetta Puffinbarger Cressler on July 16 after the graduation ceremony. We will continue to give each exhibitor a POA T-shirt at check in. The Horse Show Tracker app will be used again this year. It was a great asset to last year's congress show. The Congress program book covers will be auctioned off on Facebook during March. Trophies and ribbons orders from the same vendors have been made. A contract has been signed with a new vendor for the trail and over fences equipment and patterns. Ideas were given for items to have as giveaways for a bean bag toss as exhibitors exit the arena.

## **POAC Rules Committee Meeting Minutes**

The 2020 POAC Rules Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:02pm by Rules Chairman Rebecca Solberg. Roll Call was taken in attendance were Allen Killian, Charlene Astin, Tracy Dowd Filla, Diana Peaton, Beverly Tabor, Jordan Gardner, Janette Arends, Tracy Keen. Absent were Pam Klein, Karen Meyer and Mamie Wheeler.

The 2019 Rules Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed. Diana Peaton made a motion to approve the 2019 Rules Committee Meeting Minutes and Allen Killian second the motion. Minutes approved.

- 1.) 2020 Rule Change Proposal Adding a rule specifying that nationally sponsored shows in addition to the Congress may be held, that exhibitors and owners must be national members, and that these points count for the national show point requirements for ROMs.

Why this rule is needed: Nationally sponsored shows (such as the West World and East World Shows) are currently being held, and they are approved after review of bids by the POAC board and CEO.

When revisions were made to take out the Classic Shows in the 2018 rulebook, this process was not done well, and critical information was removed about other such nationally sponsored shows. For example, technically only the Congress and Regionals now count for the national show point requirements for ROMs, which is a glaring omission. Also, there is no longer anything in the rulebook that says exhibitors and owners must be national members to show at these nationally sponsored shows. If someone wanted to participate at the World Shows without being a national member, it would be difficult for the POAC to argue otherwise when the information is not in the rulebook.

These shows are important in supporting the POAC and, since they are nationally sponsored shows, information should be included in the rulebook.

Add somewhere around RULE 65. ADDITIONAL NATIONALLY SPONSORED POA SHOWS In addition to the National Congress, the POAC may approve other nationally sponsored shows whose purpose is to showcase the POA breed as well as to be profitable in support of the national club. A. These shows are high quality, highly competitive POA shows with one judge and ten placings. 1. The judge must be POAC carded and approved by the POAC. Once a judge has judged one of these national shows, they may not judge that show again for a period of two years. B. The Board of Directors/CEO will approve the dates and locations of these shows. C. To participate in these national shows, the owner and the exhibitor must be active members of the National POAC. See Rule 2. (Rule 2 will be changed as well, see next page of proposal.) D. All POAs, except those with Permanent Height Cards, will be inspected and measured by persons designated by the Board of Directors/CEO. Ponies with Certified LP status will not be inspected for color but must be measured for proper height for their age. E. These shows must offer classes similar to Regionals or the National Congress Show. 1. All halter classes listed in Rule 92, plus Grand, Junior, Senior and Reserve Championships in each sex. 2. Horsemanship/equitation patterns shall be mandatory (except for Leadline), with walk, trot (jog) (9 & Under and Walk-Trot division), lope (canter) both leads with either a simple or flying lead change (10-13, 14-18, 13 & Under or 18 & Under, and 19 & Over). All horsemanship/equitation patterns shall be included in the show packets, if possible, or posted at least one

hour prior to the class. F. Points earned at such a nationally sponsored show will count toward Regional-level and higher point requirements for ROMs. G. No other shows within a 500-mile radius will be approved by the POAC on the date(s) on which a nationally sponsored show is held. H. Such a nationally sponsored show may be held as a standalone show, or it may be held in conjunction with one other show, including a Regional Show or Promotional Show. However, Show Managers should keep in mind that the National Congress is intended to be the premier show for the POA breed; therefore, the point total received by winning a class at such a nationally sponsored show and at any show held in conjunction with it should be fewer points than exhibitors would receive by winning the class at Congress.

~~I. Point Tabulation. For less than a full class, award tenth place points to the lowest placing in class, ninth place points to the next placing, etc. These are Congress-type points, with NO set of A points. For larger classes, see bonus points chart, Rule 67. Grand Champion — 5 points Reserve Champion — 4 points Senior Champion — 3 points Reserve Senior Champion — 2 points Junior Champion — 3 points Reserve Junior Champion — 2 points 1st place — 30 points 2nd place — 29 points 3rd place — 28 points 4th place — 27 points 5th place — 26 points 6th place — 25 points 7th place — 24 points 8th place — 23 points 9th place — 22 points 10th place — 21 points.~~

----- The following rules should also be changed to reflect these nationally sponsored shows, and to require that exhibitors and owners are national members. Wording would be changed in each of these rules to include these other nationally sponsored shows (similar to the first example below).

Rule 1.B.1.a and 1.B.3.a, POA Membership/Junior Membership: "...and to show at the following shows: Regional Shows, National Congress, National Futurities, and any other nationally sponsored shows." Rule 2.G, Membership Privileges. Rule 3.D, Non-Members. ~~Rule 42.A, Permanent Height Card.~~ Rule 51.F, General Show Requirements. Rule 52.C and put 52.C.1 back in the rulebook, Show Approval. "1. Any other nationally sponsored show will be honored within a 500-mile radius, with the exception of state fair shows." (This is needed to go with the 500-mile statement in "G" above.) Rule 63, Promotional Shows. (And remove reference to "Classic.") Rule 65, Specialty Shows. Rule 69.D, Show Committees. Rule 71.B.12 and 71.B.15, Judges. Rule 89.L, General Show Rules. Rule 91.F, General Halter Rules. Rule 100.C, Approved POAC Performance Classes. Rule 101.C.1, Approved Class Breakdowns. Rule 118.A, Western Riding. Rule 122.K.1 and 122.W, Open Jumping. Rule 129.F.1, General Gymkhana Rules. Rule 146.B.1 and Rule 146.B.2, POAC National Year-End Awards. Rule 146.C.4.b, POAC National Year-End Awards. (And remove reference to "Classic.") Rule 151.B.1.d, 151.C.1.c, 151.D.1.c, 151.E.1.c, and 151.F.2 Register of Merit Awards. (And remove reference to "Classic" in 151.F.2) ~~Rule 167.A.4, Select Sire Futurity.~~ Rule 176.C.1, 176.C.3, and 176.E.2, JPFC. (And remove reference to "Classic" in 176.C.3) Also in Show Fees in the Appendix.

This proposal was submitted by Pam Klein. Janette Arends made a motion to approve this proposal with the wording "National Events" and removal of the strike through items. Tracy Keen Second the motion. Motion passed Unanimous

- 2.) Change existing rule. Rule 100.C. Page 97-98  
Rule 100.C - Add "Nine" regular 19& Over classes  
Rule 100.C.2. – Add "Points awarded to **the pony are for ROM (Adult) Adult ROMs (as listed in Rule 151) ...**  
"Ranch Riding and Adult Pleasure Driving are missing from the adult class performance list and need to be included as they receive National Points." This proposal was submitted by Rikki Whitby Clark. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Tracy Dowd Filla second the motion. Motion passed Unanimous
- 3.) Change existing rule. Rule 86 A., Rule 86 C.1., Rule 86 C.2., Rule 86.C.4. Page 86  
"Remove Hunter In Hand from list of classes excluded from High Points."  
"Hunter In Hand is currently excluded from High Points. Hunter In Hand is currently a pointed class so the 19& Over and 18& under divisions could now be included in youth and/or adult High Points. Allowing this class to be counted with High Point calculations could increase entries in both Hunter In Hand classes". This proposal was submitted by Cindi Hoffman. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Diana Peaton second the motion. Motion passed Unanimous.
- 4.) Change existing rule. Rule 78.C.1.a and Rule 86.C.1. Pages 83, 86-87.  
Rule 78.C.1.a. – Remove "This also includes 19& Over riders"  
Rule 78.C.1.b. – Add "and 19& Over riders"  
Rule 86.C.1. – Remove "If a pony is ridden by a youth in a class and also by an adult in the 19& Over class, a point designation must be also made, or no points will count for either rider toward any high point."  
"With the expense or horse ownership and rising costs of showing, families should not be penalized for sharing horses. Our club could be more inclusive in allowing adults and youth to share a horse and encourage participation in divisions instead of punishing it."  
Tracy Keen made a motion to accept this proposal and Diana Peaton second the motion. The motion to accept this proposal was unanimously opposed. Proposal was not passed.
- 5.) Change existing rule. Rule 2.A. Page 20  
Rule 2.A.2. – Add "Ranch Riding" to the list.  
"Ranch Riding needs to be added to the list." (Added to the Adult Class List of eligible classes). This proposal was submitted by Rikki Whitby Clark. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Tracy Dowd Filla second the motion. In Favor: Killion, Arends, Peaton, Gardner, Solberg, Keen, Dowd Filla, Astin. Abstain: Tabor. Motion Passed.
- 6.) Change existing rule. Rule 151.G. Rule 151.J. Page 176-177  
Rule 151.G.1. – Add "1. To earn an ROM in a Specific Event, a pony must accumulate 500 points, **with 75 points being earned at a**

**Regional level or higher.** in each class applied for and pay the appropriate fee (see appendix).  
Rule 151.G.2. – Remove a.e.m.  
Rule 151.G.3. – Add “**3. Awards Available to Adults and Youth:**

- a. **ROM in Most Colorful – ROM(MC)**
- b. **ROM in Hunter In Hand - ROM(HIH)”**

Rule 151.J. Add “**YOUTH Equitation ROM – ROM(EQ)**

Rule 151.J.2. Add “**2. Must accumulate 500 points with 75 points being earned at a Regional level or higher. To earn the award, appropriate fee must be paid (See Appendix).** And pay appropriate fee with application.”

“JPFC & In Hand ROM’s already require Regional and above points. The current ROM rules allow someone to show open shows and receive a ROM award without supporting and POA shows. ROM awards should be impressive and adding a requirement of Regional and above points would give a higher level of achievement to winning these awards and would encourage exhibitors to show at these shows, which would give added revenue to clubs. I’ve also adjusted the list to #2 only showing Youth ROM’s and adding #3 to show ROM’s that can be awarded to youth and adult. I’ve removed the ROM (Adult) & ROM (APD) as I’ve addresses those in another rule change. This proposal was submitted by Rikki Whitby Clark. Jordan Gardner made a motion to approve this proposal and Diana Peaton second the motion. In Favor: Astin, Dowd Filla, Keen, Gardner, Arends, Solberg, Killion, Peaton. Opposed: Tabor. Motion passed.

7.) Add a New Rule. Rule 151. Page 177.

**K. REGISTER OF MERIT – Adult 19& Over**

**1. Adult 19& Over ponies will be eligible to earn the following ROMs:**

- a. **Western Pleasure 19& Over – Adult ROM (WP)**
- b. **Trail 19& Over – Adult ROM (TR)**
- c. **Ranch Riding 19& Over – Adult ROM (RR)**
- d. **Reining 19& Over – Adult ROM (R)**
- e. **Hunter Under Saddle 19& Over – Adult ROM (HUS)**
- f. **Adult Pleasure Driving 19& Over – Adult ROM (APD)**

2. **Point requirements are as follows: 500 points for each class, with at least 75 points being earned at Regional level or higher. To earn the award, appropriate fee must be paid (see appendix). A POA may earn only one ROM in each class.**
3. **ROM stickers will be available for the back of the registration papers.**

**L. Register Of Merit – Adult 19& Over Non-Timed Award- Adult ROM (NT)**

**1. This award may be earned by accumulating the required number of points in Adult events.**

- a. **Non- Timed events do not include any equitation events, which are judged on the rider, not the pony.**
- b. **Ponies are required to earn 1000 points from classes listed in Rule 151.K. 25% of which (250 points) must be earned at a Regional level or higher.**

**M. REGISTER OF MERIT – Adult 19& Over Ultimate Champion Award- Adult ROM (UC)**

1. **Ponies are advanced to the Adult Register Of Merit Ultimate Champion division when they have previously been awarded the Adult ROM (NT) and ROM (H) titles.**
2. **Ultimate Champion Award certificate and plaque will be presented to the owner of the pony at either the next annual membership meeting at the POA National Convention, the National Congress Show, or the International Futurity & Sale, provided that the owner is a member in good standing of the POAC and all ROM fees have been paid in full. Plaque may also be shipped to the owner if shipping fees are paid in full.**

**N. REGISTER OF MERIT – Adult Equitation 19& Over – Adult ROM (EQ)**

- ~~1. Points may be accumulated in horsemanship and equitation classes only.~~
- ~~2. Must accumulate 500 points with 75 points being earned at a Regional level or higher. To earn the award, appropriate fee must be paid (see Appendix). Points may be earned over more than one year and on more than one pony.~~

Currently, Adults can only receive one Adult ROM. Adults should have ROM’s split into individual classes just like the youth, to give Adults more goals to work towards with their ponies. This will also add revenue for the Home Office, as owners can apply for multiple ROM awards instead of just one.

“With the addition of more adult classes, they should be rewarded with a point system similar to the youth. The Supreme Champion Award should stay the most prestigious award for a pony to earn with a youth, but the adults should be able to earn an award with their pony that is also significant. As we move towards becoming the Versatile Family Breed, we need to include adults in the awards system.” This proposal was submitted by Rikki Whitby Clark. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Charlene Astin second the motion. During discussion Tracy Keen amended her motion to strike Section N from the proposal. Amendment passed. In favor of amended motion: Gardner, Arends, Peaton, Astin, Dowd Filla, Keen, Solberg. Opposed: Tabor, Killion. Motion Passed.

8.) Move Non-Pro Program to Permanent Status

Current Non-Pro Program rules are on the POAC website with consideration to the additions submitted.

Addition being:

IV. Non-Pro Points

- a. **National Non-Pro points will be cumulative with all points being awarded to the rider.**

VI. Non-Pro Class Divisions

a. Exhibitor must specify between Walk-Trot Division or 3-Gait Division each calendar year.

1. Walk-Trot Division includes the following classes

- Non-Pro Western Pleasure W/T
- Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle W/T
- Non-Pro Trail W/T
- **Non-Pro Showmanship W/J**
- **Non-Pro Equitation W/T**
- **Non-Pro Horsemanship W/T**

2. 3-Gait division includes the following classes

- Non-Pro Western Pleasure WJL
- Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle WTC
- Non-Pro Trail WJL
- **Non-Pro Showmanship W/J/L**
- **Non-Pro Equitation WTC**
- **Non-Pro Horsemanship WJL**

This proposal was submitted by Rebecca Solberg. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Diana Peaton second the motion. In favor: Killion, Gardner, Astin, Dowd Filla, Keen, Solberg. Opposed: Arends, Peaton, and Tabor. Motion passed.

9.) Change existing rule. Rule VI.A. Page 1 of Trial Handout. Non-Pro Adult Trial Period.

“Non-Pro Riders want the following classes offered, as many states have already added them. Non-Pro is a rider award and should offer Rider class which is Equitation. Non-Pro Showmanship, Non-Pro Hunt Seat Equitation WT & WTL, Non-Pro Horsemanship WT & WTL, Non-Pro Ranch Riding WTL.” This proposal was submitted by Scott Shingleton. Jordan Gardner made a motion to approve this proposal. Proposal failed due to lack of second.

10.) Change existing rule. Rule 125.I.2. Page 155.

An Adult (19 & Over) is required to accompany and driver ~~9~~ **13** years old and under.

“Young Youth Drivers need an adult 19 & Over Driver with them due to multi ponies in classes and safety. The age needs to be changed to 13 & under.” This proposal was submitted by Scott Shingleton. Charlene Astin made a motion to accept this proposal and Diana Peaton second the motion. In Favor: Gardner, Tabor, Killion, Peaton, Astin, Solberg, Arends. Opposed: Keen, Dowd Filla. Motion passed.

11.) Add a New Program. Novice Youth Program.

I. Purpose a. 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. b. The NYP is open to any POAC youth member who meets program eligibility requirements.

II. NYP Eligibility Requirements a. 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: i. less than 1500 points if applying for a card for the 9 & Under age division. ii. Less than 1000 points if applying for the 10-18 age division. iii. Less than 20 points earned total from AQHA, APHC, APHA, PTHA, etc. Points earned in any Small Fry program will not count towards the 20 points. iv. Leadline, Hunter in Hand, Longe Line, In-Hand Trail, Timed Events, Youth Driving, Costume, Most Colorful, and Halter will not count toward eligibility requirements. b. A program applicant must not have won a Non-Novice Congress Championship in any Performance or Equitation classes for any breed. c. 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. d. 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. i. A parent/guardian signature is required on all applications. e. 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. f. NYP class eligibility requirements pertain to each NYP class. i. All approved NYP classes will be offered at national shows. ii. 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, they cannot enter any class that requires walk/jog/lope (walk/trot/canter) in the same riding discipline (i.e., Western or English). iii. 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 that enters Novice Western Pleasure w/j cannot enter Novice Western Pleasure w/j/l, but this does not preclude them from entering the Novice Hunter Under Saddle w/t/c class. iv. 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. v. To point out of a Novice class, an exhibitor must earn 400 points (in that individual class). vi. 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 through the end of the year. g. 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 be awarded 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 the novice status for their state club shows.

III. NYP Points a. National NYP points are restricted for use within the Novice Youth Program and may not be combined or considered when determining: i. POA National Congress or World show awards, high points not specific to the NYP. ii. 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 the Timed Events. Example for a Show High Point Award; a Novice Youth Participant can be eligible for a Timed High Point 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. iii. National Top Ten Awards, ROM, or Lifetime Pony Points not specific to the NYP. b. Only National NYP points will be used when determining i. NYP National Year-End Awards or high points. c. Regional/state clubs are not obligated but are encouraged to offer some or all of the POA Novice Youth Program classes. d. If a Novice rider participates in any Novice Non-Timed class, they are eligible only for a Novice Non-Timed High Point award; they are 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, they are eligible only for Novice Equitation awards; they are 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. e. A point designation form must be filled out if the pony is ridden by a Novice and by another 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, 1013, 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.

IV. POA Novice Youth Program Performance ROM a. NYP exhibitors who achieve a combined total of 400 NYP performance points are eligible to receive an NYP Performance ROM. b. 25% of performance points earned (100 points) must be earned at a Regional Show, World Show, and/or the POA National Congress Show.

V. Nationally Approved POA Novice Youth Program Classes a. Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle w/t/c b. Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation w/t/c. Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle w/t d. Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation w/t e. Novice Youth Western Pleasure w/j/l f. Novice Youth Western Horsemanship w/j/l g. Novice Youth Western Pleasure w/j h. Novice Youth Western Horsemanship w/j

VI. The rules for the corresponding classes in the current version of the POAC Official Handbook will be followed for the NYP classes.

"A Novice Youth Program would provide our youth with minimal or no show experience the opportunity to exhibit their POA in a fitting environment that would promote growth, development of horsemanship skills and confidence." This proposal was submitted by Rebecca Solberg. Allen Killion made a motion to accept this proposal and Tracy Keen second the motion. In Favor: Killion, Tabor, Gardner, Peaton, Astin, Keen, Dowd Filla, Solberg. Opposed: Arends. Motion passed.

12.) Change existing rule. Rule 42.I. Page 63

Clarify the Rule – ponies with a Permanent Height Card do not have to be measured at any POAC activity. ADD: measured or inspected for color.... This proposal was submitted by Diana Peaton. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Charlene Astin second the motion. Motion passed Unanimous.

13.) Change existing rule. Rule 42. Page 62.

PHC stands for Permanent Height Card. During the measuring process for PHC a final color inspection is also conducted. Members feel once a pony has permanent registration papers, the pony no longer needs to be inspected for color at POAC events requiring inspection of ponies without proof of the Permanent Height Card. A Permanent Card (PC) is final of all height, color, characteristics and LP certification. The option of PHCC can be considered if it is felt this would be an easier change (Permanent Height Color Card).

The wording Permanent Height Card would also change to Permanent Card or Permanent Height Color Card. Change wording from PHC to PC or PHCC.

"PHC stands for Permanent Height Card. A final color inspection will be conducted at the time of measuring for PHC." This proposal was submitted by Diana Peaton. Charlene Astin made a motion to accept this proposal and Janette Arends second the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

14.) Change existing rule. Rule 28.B.2.a. Page 58.

To clarify what types of Inspection State Inspectors can do. This will also follow the format of the National Inspector duties in Rule 28.A.2.a.

Rule 28 Types Of Inspections

B. State Inspectors

2. Duties

a. To inspect all ponies submitted to him from inspection. **Tentative, Permanent or ID registration.**

This proposal was submitted by Diana Peaton. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Janette Arends second the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

15.) Change existing rule. Rule 28.C. Page 58

Remove:

~~C. Licensed veterinarians are also able to inspect ponies submitted to them for Tentative, Permanent or ID registration.~~

To Read:

C. Licensed Veterinarians

For members where a National Inspector, State Inspector or an approved POAC event is not within reasonable distance, a licensed veterinarian, who must be approved by the CEO and registrar, may inspect ponies submitted to them for preliminary application of Tentative, Permanent and ID registration. All applications of registration are subject to POAC approval before registration is official. This proposal was submitted by Diana Peaton. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Janette Arends second the motion. In Favor: Killion, Arends, Peaton, Astin, Keen, Dowd Filla, Solberg. Opposed: Gardner, Tabor. Motion passed.

16.) Move Walk Trot Program to Permanent Status

Current Walk Trot Program rules are on the POAC website. This proposal was submitted by Rebecca Solberg. Tracy Keen made a motion to accept this proposal with Janette Arends second the motion. In Favor: Arends, Peaton, Tabor, Astin, Keen, Solberg. Opposed: Gardner, Dowd Filla. Abstain: Killion. Motion passed.

17.) Add New Rule

2yr olds entering Futurity can decide with final payment if they are shown In-Hand or under saddle. Some 2yr olds do not mature and handle the riding as well as others (Some are late 2yr olds also) This will keep the pony at the show while protecting its mental and Physical wellbeing. This proposal was submitted by Jackie Devine-Pertzborn and was forwarded from the Futurity Committee. The Futurity Committee amended the proposal to include a \$50 per class slot fee. If a pony does not designate and attend the Futurity, the fees will be split evenly into the in-hand and riding pots and once a pony has been ridden it must be ridden the rest of the year if participating in the slot program.

An owner of a JPFC 2 year old may elect to purchase an open slot for \$20 nomination fee plus \$50 fee per class (two classes) at the March nomination deadline to post pone the decision to longe or ride until the September payment when a decision to longe or ride must be made. The option to enter a third riding class can also be paid at the September payment.

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7.c. If a pony is nominated to the JPFC 2-year-old open slot nomination, once ridden in a JPFC 2-year-old class, designation has been determined, the pony may not be shown in 2-year-old Futurity In-Hand. Allen Killion made a motion to accept this proposal and Janette Arends second the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

18.) Change existing rule. Rule 81. Page 84

Rule 81.G.1.

One hand to be used to hold scaled measurement stick vertical. Second hand to remain between scaled measurement stick and pony grasping bubbled level arm from underside only to guide to high point of withers. This proposal was submitted by Cliff Thomas. Diana Peaton made a motion to accept this proposal and Charlene Astin second the motion. In Favor: Astin. Opposed: Killion, Tabor, and Gardner. Abstain: Keen, Dowd Filla, Peaton, Arends, and Solberg. Motion failed.

19.) Change existing rule. Rule 66.I.2. Page 73.

Removal from the POAC Rulebook of all Boy/Girl class splits to align with the changing standards in the world today. Bev Tabor made a motion to approve this proposal and Tracy Keen second the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

Tracy Keen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Allen Killion second the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.