

POAC National Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – 4:00pm
Gordyville USA – Rantoul IL

Roll Call – Present – Cliff Thomas, Scott Shingleton, Pam Barlet, Craig Bright, Tommy Tomlin, Mark Hull, Rebecca Solberg, Janette Arends, Kim Matthews, Tracy Keen, and Dean Damman. Director Beverly Tabor asked to be excused from the meeting due to an emergency family issue. **Director Solberg moved to excuse Director Tabor from the meeting. Matthews seconded motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.**

Approval of the July 11, 2019 National Board Meeting Minutes – **Arends moved to approve the minutes as previously corrected (regarding East World and West World Shows labeled as Specialty Shows and changed to National Shows). Shingleton seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.**

Treasurers Report – In the absence of Tabor, CEO Joyse Banister reported that the current checking account balance is \$19,829. The futurity money will remain in the designated futurity accounts until after the payouts are complete and then the appropriate funds will be moved to the general account for POAC. The profit loss statements are still being edited for the East World and the National Congress Shows, but all National Shows for 2019 have made a profit for POAC. Tentative Profit Loss Reports were given to the Directors for review.

President's Report – President Thomas thanked the Board for their hard work this past year and said that they are just beginning their tough road ahead with keeping POAC strong. With the current economic situation across the country, showing horses is becoming more difficult with gas prices, school schedules, and work demands. The Board is going to need to be creative in their approach to keep families interested and club activities exciting and affordable. POAC is still attractive to families with our lower fees and great ponies, but we need to promote ourselves however best suites our regions. Thomas thanked the outgoing Directors and welcomed the new Directors that will be seated at the end of this meeting.

CEO Report – Joyse Banister reported the following...

- POAC National Office Mortgage is now paid in full, thanks to the generous donation from POA member Pamela Aide from Florida.
- Department Reports are in each packet for Director review
- Seller's checks at this sale will not be given out at the sale. They will be mailed out from the National Office next week.
- Show Results Class Fee Increase – The fees received at the National POAC from the \$1/class increase for all approved POA Shows is over \$31,000 to-date. Most state clubs have adjusted to this increase but some still are looking for the best way to cover this increase.
- Congress Entry Non-Payment Status – All entry fees have now been collected for Congress
- Color Breed Update – CBC 2020 will be held in late January in Tulsa OK. I plan to attend to represent POAC. Inclement weather kept me from attending in 2019 but POAC National Judge Committee Chairman headed the POA portion of the meetings. Thanks Kristen!
- ROM Increase – Show Department Kelly Gideon is now sending out ROM letters to all POA Owners that have ponies that have qualified for the various ROMs and Breeder Awards. This is a big help to owners that do not track points and should help with Show Department revenue also.
- Exciting times for the new POAC National Board in 2020...You have an opportunity to make changes that can help promote POAs to new members as well as keep current members involved in the many areas that POAC offers. POAC will be working hard at the 2020 National Convention to move in a direction that will help our breed grow...encourage your regional members to ask to be put on National Committees so their talents can be used and opinions can be heard for the good of the breed. They can contact me through e-mail at jbaxter@poac.org to request to be considered for a National Committee no later than November 1, 2019.

- 2020 National Convention – Indianapolis Crown Plaza Airport – February 20-23rd – The Board Meeting will be on the 20th. Time TBA.
- POAC will be offering a fall/winter National Merchandise opportunity...coming soon!

Committee Reports –

- Futurity/Sale – Diane Kamps reported that sponsorships were good again this year totaling \$15,700, and all of the futurity classes are sponsored. She gave the Board a handout of some options for changing the futurity schedule for 2020 and asked for input from directors as soon as possible. The date for the final sustaining payments plus stall and other entry fees will be moved up from September 5th to August 25th starting with the 2020 futurity show in order to give the National Office more time to process entries and get the futurity program completed.
- National Congress – Chairman Mark Hull said that the stall count was similar to last year. This year the National POAC had to pay more in order to have the Funware App available at the show and also to have the tablets for all judges to use at the show for immediate results. Also more money was spent on youth games and events than in the past. Tulsa increased their costs also for rental items such as tables, chairs, Wi-Fi costs, which affected the bottom line. The show still made a good profit for the number of horses entered and the quality of show presented to participants. The final profit-loss report is still being completed.
- Breeders – Chairman Keen asked the Board to consider increasing the stallion select sire minimum bid fee from \$250 to \$300 starting with the next bidding opportunity. This was passed in the Breeders Committee but never brought before the board. Discussion. **Director Solberg made a motion to increase the Select Sire Stallion Bid minimum fee from \$250 to \$300. Tomlin seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.**
- Inspection Committee – Diana Peaton thanked the Congress inspectors that helped with the show inspections. She said that the system used at that show worked better than any show she has helped with in her 40 years of involvement with the POAC. Peaton reminded POA State Clubs that it is their responsibility to submit names for qualified individuals to become a National Inspector. This written request should be sent to the National POAC. Guidelines are provided in the current POAC National Handbook. Peaton thanked President Thomas for all of his help at the 2019 National Congress with inspections and also the clinic held there.

Rules Committee Rule Proposals – The following rules were presented to the National POAC Board of Directors. Proposals below that were passed by the Board go into effect January 1, 2020 unless it is a fee change which goes into effect immediately.

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.*

***** Director Keen moved to accept this three part proposal. Bright seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion 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.

***** Director Solberg moved to accept. Arends seconded motion. Unanimous. Motion 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." *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.*"

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."

*****Director Barlet moved to accept. Bright seconded motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.**

4.) 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.

*****Director Barlet moved to accept. Arends seconded motion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Barlet, Bright, Tomlin, Hull, Solberg, Arends, Matthews, and Keen. Director Shingleton was opposed and Director Damman abstained. Motion Passed.**

5.) 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:

1. All exhibitors may enter the ring and then work individually, or each exhibitor may be worked from the *designated* gate individually.
2. The following maneuvers are considered acceptable:
 - a. Lead the pony at a walk, trot or extended trot.
 - b. Stops
 - c. 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.)
 - d. Back in a straight line or curved line.

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

*****Director Solberg moved to accept. Bright seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Shingleton, Barlet, Bright, Tomlin, Solberg, Arends, Matthews, Keen, and Damman. Director Hull was opposed. Motion Passed.**

6.) 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 toward 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, 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).

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 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.

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.

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 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.

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 Show awards or 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 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.

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 Novice Youth Program classes.

d. 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.

e. A point designation form must be filled out if the pony is ridden by a Novice rider 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, 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.

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 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

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.

*****Director Keen moved to accept. Matthews seconded motion. Voting in favor: Solberg, Matthews, Keen, and Hull. Opposed: Shingleton, Arends, Damman, Tomlin and Bright. Director Barlet abstained. Motion Failed.**

7.) Rule 22, Allowable White Markings, page 52

This proposal also was reviewed by the Breeders Committee, and they made some modifications. New photos outline more clearly the parameters of what is considered excessive white (allowed to show) and how much is too excessive (cannot get papers).

*****Director Barlet moved to table at this time. Bright seconded motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Hull, Barlet, Bright, Arends, and Matthews. Opposed: Damman, Shingleton, Solberg, Keen, and Tomlin. Motion Passed.**

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

Add the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada to the list in Rule 49.B.

*****Director Solberg moved to accept. Keen seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.**

9.) LP Certification on POA Registration Papers

Director Keen presented to the Board that it should be a privilege to have "LP Certified" on POAC Registration Papers and asked that there be a \$200 to have this printed on papers which would include the mare DNA testing, the LP test, and the Parent Verification. Individuals can still have the testing done at the current costs without having it printed on the registration papers. This fee is only if they want the certification to appear on the pony's papers. **Director Keen made a motion to accept this additional fee and add it to the current list of POA Fees on the website, in the POAC Handbook, and on all applicable forms. Director Shingleton seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.**

Two additional rule proposals that were not passed by committee were presented to the Board but no action was taken:

- 1) Add rules so that information about World Shows is in the rulebook
- 2) Rule 116.F, Trail, page 122 (Regarding Lead liners touching saddle or saddle horn)

New & Old Business –

- Board discussed the \$1/class fee increase impact for all POAC Approved Shows...this fee has had a harder effect on some clubs but the increase in revenue to the National Office is vital to the operations of the National POAC. Clubs may have to adjust the types of shows they offer or the number of shows per weekend to assist their membership in being able to afford to show at their state level shows. Every state is aware that this fee is now required to be submitted with the complete show results, so now they will just have to make their own fee adjustments to make this happen.
- National Membership – The Board discussed possibly changing the POA National Membership structure to require a separate membership for each person showing a POA at POAC approved events. After review by Finance Committee Chairman Dave Morris, it was determined that this would not be an effective change for the National POAC.
- POAC Magazine – The magazine has been losing revenue for the National POAC for a few years due to the decrease in advertising and the increased printing costs. Discussion. **Director Craig Bright made a motion to change the current magazine structure from 6 bi-monthly issues to three quarterly 8-page color newsletters (layout in-house and printed/mailed locally) and one souvenir POA Magazine that highlights the year (December 1st mailing). All paid members will receive the four mailings and the membership fees will be changed to the following:**

1. POAC National Membership Fee: \$60/year
2. Junior National Membership Fee: \$35/year
3. New Judge Applicant (Card Only): \$45/year
4. Judge National Membership: \$60/year

Director Keen seconded this motion. More Discussion. Voting in favor: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

- East World Bids for 2020 – Two bids were submitted including one from Michigan (June 20-21) at MSU in Lansing and Indiana (Oct. 17-18) at C Bar C in Cloverdale. Discussion. Due to scheduling issues of the Mid-East, Mid-West, and Southeast Regional shows, the Board decided it was best to keep the East World Show away from the June weekend. **Director Hull made the motion to accept the proposal from Indiana to host the East**

World at C Bar C in Cloverdale on October 17-18, 2020. Director Tomlin seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

- West World Bids for 2020 – Two bids were submitted including one from Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont CO on July 4-5, 2020 and one from Spanish Fork UT on June 19-20, 2020. Discussion. **Director Keen made a motion to accept the Utah proposal for 2020. Mathews seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Thomas, Shingleton, Tabor, Barlet, Bright, Tomlin, Hull, Solberg, Matthews, Keen, and Damman. Director Arends was opposed. Motion Passed.**
- The Board discussed the issue with multiple regions applying for the same Regional Show dates each year. They directed Kelly in the National Show Department to follow the guidelines printed in the current POAC Handbook regarding approval of shows and to deny approval to regionals that request same dates and have adjoining boundaries.
- National Inspector Approval – **Tomin made a motion to approve Tracy Filla, WA as a POAC National Inspector. Also to approve Rebecca Solberg, WI and Chris Chambers, TN pending receipt and a passing score for their National Inspector Test. Damman seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.**
- Pam Barlet and Kim Matthews were recognized and thanked for their 2017-2019 term as POA National Director and presented with a gift of appreciation from the National Office.

At this time, President Thomas asked the newly appointed Directors Tracy Filla, WA, and Darrin Schaefer, IA to join the rest of the Board to begin election of officers for 2019-2020.

- **Office of President – Director Arends nominated Cliff Thomas. Director Keen nominated Scott Shingleton. Director Solberg moved to close nominations and Schaeffer seconded the motion. Unanimous. By paper ballot, Cliff Thomas was elected as President.**
- **Office of Vice President – Director Keen nominated Scott Shingleton. Director Tomlin moved to close nominations. Arends seconded the motion. By elective ballot, Scott Shingleton was elected Vice-President.**
- **Office of Secretary-Treasurer – Director Keen nominated Beverly Tabor (Tabor provided the Board a letter of interest in lieu of her approved absence at this meeting). Director Shingleton nominated Darrin Schaefer. Keen moved to close nominations. Tomlin seconded the motion. By paper ballot, Beverly Tabor was elected Secretary/Treasurer.**
- **President Thomas appointed Rebecca Solberg, WI, as the new chairman of the Rules Committee. Solberg is automatically now on the Hearing Committee and the Board elected three additional Hearing Committee members by paper ballot which includes Mark Hull, Tommy Tomlin, and Tracy Keen (Chairperson).**

Additional Business:

Director Bright presented the Board with letter from several members from the Oklahoma State Club requesting that Scurry be added back to the National Congress show bill for 2020. No action taken.

Director Schaeffer moved to adjourn the meeting. Bright seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyse L. Banister

Joyse L. Banister/CEO/POAC