

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Director Peaton, President at 4:14 PM

Present: Director Peaton, Director Shingleton, Director McKenzie, Director Fears, Director Katzenberger, Director Davidson, Director Walther and Director Tabor. Director Arends joined the meeting at 5:10 PM

President Peaton reported that she has request from 3 directors to be excused from the meeting. Director Meyer asked to be excused due to a family vacation previously scheduled. Directors Brewer and Tearman asked to be excused due to work requirements.

Motion to excuse Director Meyer: Motion passed

Motion to excuse Director Brewer: Motion passed

Motion to excuse Director Tearman: Motion failed

President Peaton exercised her Presidential privilege and excused all absences.

Congress report: Rosslyn Biggs gave a quick overview on the Congress. Entries are down a bit from last year along with the class entries, however she felt the class entries could go up a bit after the exhibitors arrive. The Exhibitor dinner has a verbal sponsor for \$2,000. A group of clubs and individuals have raised the money to have the show on the internet. A thank you letter will be sent to all that made this possible. Rosslyn reported to the Board this will be her last year of chairing the Congress. She will help the new chair as much as possible, the Board thanked her for her contributions to the Congress.

Approval of February 25th Board of Directors meeting minutes. Director Walther made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Tabor. Motion passed

Approval of April 5th Board of Directors teleconference minutes. Director McKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Walther. Motion passed

Minutes from the Executive Committee meetings were included in the packets for the Directors information of what the Executive Committee has discussed during their meetings. These minutes will be made available to all Directors when the Executive Committee has a meeting in the future.

Presidents Report: Director Peaton reminded the Board of Directors of their obligations of being a member of the Board. There are only three scheduled meeting each year and she feels those need to be done in person, not via teleconference. The Board was also reminded the Congress used to be run by the Board and each member needs to make an effort to attend. It is understood that there are times when life and work are not conducive to attending but each director should make an effort to attend and help with our major fund raiser.

Treasurers Report: Director Tabor presented the treasurers report including the current checking account balance. As most are aware, the Executive Committee finalized the Line of Credit application that was started last year. The club has not used this, but the Executive Committee felt is necessary to have this in place should the club hit another financial hard time. While it was lean earlier this spring, the club managed to come through the hard times without having to use any reserves. It was suggested the club refinance the mortgage but based on conversations with both the bank and the accountants, it was felt the line of credit was the better choice. Until the Line of Credit is used, there are no fees other than the original set up fee. We have a low interest rate on the mortgage and could not get that again so it is a cost savings to not refinance at this time. The new programs we purchased are now paid in full including some pre-paid support hours. The National club paid for the yearly updates for the state clubs this year. The corruption of our Accounts Receivable in the old PeachTree system has be reconciled and the Accounts Receivable is now current in the new software. Some changes have been made to the daily operations of the office, checks are now deposited on the day they are received and overdue accounts will be worked on a monthly basis. Contrary to the rumor mill, POA is not in arrears with any vendor and has not been this year.

West World Review: Director Arends reported on the West World. Eleven states were represented for a total of 56 ponies and 497 class entries. Awards were presented during a Potato Bake which was sponsored. The show should provide about \$4,000 income to the National Club.

Central Classic Review: Director Meyer provided reporting that indicated there will be a \$26,000 profit from this show. There were 150 ponies in the Classic for 1222 class entries. The Promo has 140 ponies entered into 945 classes. The show included several youth activities.

National Congress Update: See Congress report above.

Eastern Classic Update: Director Brewer was unable to attend the meeting and provided not written report.

Futurity Update: As of June 25th, 9 more classes need sponsors. Awards have been orders and entry forms and Non-Pro statements are available on the website.

Youth Update: All awards have been paid in full and the youth has additional money in their account. Dale Chavez has donated a show saddle to be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the youth. There will be a silent auction at the Congress to benefit the youth.

Office Reports: Staff reported that all work is current and there are no problems at this time. The Registration department is currently operating on a two week turn around. Any issues found in the new Registration program has been corrected. The LP Gene results will be added to the registration papers. We now have the ability to try to identify rescue or auction ponies through UC Davis. The Registrar has learned how to do this and so far the one pony that was tried was not successful but it is an opportunity to at least try to identify the pony. Our tenant has renewed his lease with us through the end of 2016. As of the end of June 2016, we have almost 70 participants in the Novice Youth Program. The points for the season should be on the internet soon.

#### Old Business:

Non Pro and LP Program: Director Tabor and Director Meyer asked the Board of Directors for clarification on the directions from the Board at the previous Board meeting in April. The Board wants a poll, not a vote on the items passed by the General Membership meeting that was declared void. Both along with Director McKenzie will create the poll and send to all members. Rather than pay the accountants to tabulate the results, 2 Directors along with the office staff will determine the outcome of the poll. Director Peaton stated she would like to have this poll completed in time for the October meeting for the Board to review.

By-Law Changes: The POA attorney and the By-laws Committee are continuing to work on this.

Horse Show for Windows Program: Director Peaton informed the Board of Directors that there is a yearly maintenance fee for the State/Regional Clubs. The Board needs to determine how this will be handled in the future. No action taken

National FFA Convention: Questions arose concerning the POA attendance. Director Brewer is heading this event.

#### New Business:

Proposals from the committee meetings held in February 2016 were handed out to be reviewed and discussed at the October Meeting.

Membership Expiration date: Director Peaton pointed out to the Board the need to consider moving the date back to December 31st. The reason is twofold, it would bring more funds back into the National Office during the historically low income months, and based on the new computer program members showing before the current due date may not get the points from shows during the first few months of each year as the system uses January 1 as the start date of each year. No action taken

Hall of Fame Membership: Director Katzenberger made a motion for Hall of Fame members pay a POAC

membership to have voting and transaction rights. Hall of Fame Honary Hall of Fame members will continue to receive the magazine free to keep up with POAC activities but have no Voting or Transaction rights. Seconded by Director Fears. No action taken

Magazine Expiration dates: In order to encourage members to purchase the magazine subscription the new membership programs allows a date to be entered so members joining mid or late year could still be entitled to the full 6 month issues. No action taken

ROM papers: Director Tabor made a motion to charge a \$10 processing fee for all request of new papers when requesting the ROM on the pony. Seconded by Director Arends. Members requesting the ROM are expecting the papers to be re-issued showing the achievement of the pony however it is costing the club time to verify the award, paper/ink/envelopes and mailing for this. Motion passed

Boy/Girl split classes and awards at National events: No action taken, Directors Tabor and McKenzie will bring statistics to the October Board meeting to discuss this issue.

National Events Entries: Director Tabor made a motion that starting in 2017 all National event entries must be sent to the Home office for processing. Seconded by Director Shingleton: Based on recommendations from the Accountants, any event being sponsored by the National office must have those entries and payments sent to the office rather than the State clubs. Discussion and no action taken.

Show Packet mailing: Director Tabor made a motion to eliminate the mailing of the show packets when a show is approved for the state clubs. No action taken

Approval of National Inspector applicants: Director Tabor made a motion to approve the following:

Peggy Nikirk- WA, Lindsay Peaton- AZ, Anne Noriega-NV and Samantha Walker-AZ (pending the test results) Seconded by Director Arends Motion passed

Drug Testing: Director Peaton pointed out the las fees are rising per sample. To be discussed at the October meeting.

National Year End Awards: President Peaton is going to discuss with the Convention Committee the need to have these awards sponsored. Historically only sponsored awards were given.

Director Katzenberger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Davidson Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM