

POAC National Board of Directors Meeting
 July 12, 2012 9:00am CST
 Lake St. Louis MO

President Jackie Guthrie opened the meeting at 9:11am. Roll call was taken with all Directors present: Diana Peaton, AZ; Sheila Bennett, TN; C.Todd Corn, IN; Kathy McKenzie, OK; Judy Katzenberger, WI; Dawn Walther, IL; Harry Chestnut, MI; Pat Burton, TX; Janette Arends, CO; Jeanette Krueger, MT; Beverly Tabor, MD; and Jackie Guthrie, WI.

Approval of the February 2012 POAC National Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: **Director Burton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Chestnut seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.**

POAC Executive Officer Report: Joyse Banister reported the following to the Board...

- Status of the National Office Departments is current and extremely busy with daily work from Futurity Sustaining Payments, National Congress Duties, International Sale Entries, and Director Election Balloting.
- A huge thank-you to Pat Burton and Christina Blomquist for representing POAC on Rural TV – Horse Talk Live – in Nashville Tennessee in June. They did a fantastic job and POA gained some amazing promotion from their hour interview. Also thanks to Eva Dahl and Eric Blomquist for their work in making this happen.
- Approval of one new National Inspector: C.Todd Corn, IN
- Congress numbers look similar to 2011 with about 2,500 entries and over 300 ponies.
- Thanks to Kathy McKenzie, Diana Peaton and others for their work in obtaining sponsorships for the Congress Show.
- A celebrity radio DJ from St. Louis will be judging the First Annual POA Dog Costume Contest at the Congress. The Commissioner of Agriculture for Missouri will be attending the Wednesday evening Versatility Competition. A Therapeutic Riding group from this area will be attending both Monday and Friday events...POAC will recognize them for their attendance and their work with equines at their barn.
- The Eastern Classic 2012 made about \$12,000 profit for the National POAC. The Western Classic will be held next month.
- Kathy Trask and Tony Powell from Ohio will be visiting later this morning to answer questions about their proposal for writing a new software program for the POA Show Department, Registration Department and Membership Department. The Board will need to decide how they want to appropriate fees to pay for these new programs.
- Video Horse World will be at the Congress and will be broadcasting the show live via webcast on the internet. They will also be videoing the entire show so families can purchase class events of their participants.
- E-Mail Blasts and Facebook have been tremendously helpful in getting information out to our membership. Thanks to Ginger Baker Brown, OK, for making this happen for POA.

Financial Report – Treasurer Beverly Tabor presented the current financial report to the Board. The POAC has about \$193,000 in the checking account, with about \$70,000 being non committed. Discussion. This report will be filed subject to audit.

National Congress Report – Show Manager Harry Chestnut reported that Tioga Territory will be at this show to supply first place award jackets to participants and also to sell official POA Logo merchandise. Chestnut asked to the Board to consider making a donation to Special Olympics to help link the needs of these special individuals to equine. The Board will discuss this later in this meeting. (When it was discussed later, **Director Chestnut made a motion that the National POAC donates \$500 to a Special Olympics Organization to be added to the money from the picture auction at the 2012 POA National Convention, as well as other donated funds to make a total donation of \$1500. This will be presented to the IL chapter of Special Olympics and ask POA Member and Trainer Tom Walmsley to make the presentation to the chapter.**) **Voting: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

International Sale Report – Susie Drish reported that plans are in the works for the sale. Early arrival fees will be charged for anyone arriving on Monday, except for Directors. Holly Deschenes and Jessica Drish are working on the early sale consignments to give them extra publicity. There will be a stall request form in the August POA Magazine. The Futurity Committee is planning a sponsored Potato Bake Dinner on Tuesday evening. This will be offered to everyone. Wednesday night will be open and Thursday night will be Grazing in the Barns again. It is strongly suggested that no alcohol be served at this event. Friday is day one of the sale. A special “Futurity Pony” Sale Session is planned for Friday evening. Saturday morning a Sausage and Pancake Breakfast – Free to all – will be served prior to the start of the sale. Drawings for prizes will be done during the sale, in the sale ring, on both days. Winners must be at the sale ring to collect your prize. Thanks to Jessica and Holly for their hard work on these projects. Justin Ochs submitted the successful bid again this year as auctioneer. Pedigree Readers are being organized by the Sale Committee. The owners of the 2012 National Congress Grand Champions will be contacted about Sale Catalog covers; and the Leadline Equitation Champions will be offered the center spread; all in full color.

Director Nominations 2012 – Nomination Committee Chairperson Susie Drish explained how selections were made for the 2012 POAC National Director candidates in each area. The 2012 election ballots have been stuffed and are waiting to be mailed by August 15th from the National POAC. Director candidate Bios will be in the Sept. issue of *POA*.

International Futurity Report – Chair Curtis Sieck, and Vice Chair Melissa Purkapile, are currently working on sponsors for the futurity. This year the photographer will hopefully be closer to the Jacobson Arena to make it easier to get backdrop photographs. A tented welcome area will be set up on Monday so the Committee can direct participants to their stalls. Inspectors for the Futurity will be assigned by the Inspectors Committee. The Board discussed the 2012 stall fee for futurity and sale ponies listed at \$65. **Director Burton made a motion to leave the sale and futurity stall fees at \$65 each as published effective immediately. Director Tabor seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed. Director Arends made a motion to use the Jacobson Arena for the futurity show for 2012. Director Krueger seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.** Judges are hired; futurity awards have been ordered; the futurity program is being worked on; and most of the support people are in place. Bill Tarazewski will be the announcer. CEO Banister reported that futurity numbers are strong.

Youth Committee Report – President Tyler Barringer reported that there will be a Congress Team Competition in 2012. The Youth Board has purchased prizes and t-shirts for this competition. Also, spurs have been purchased for Congress High Point Awards from the Youth Board. The youth will be laminating back numbers again this year before the Congress Show begins.

POA National Judging Contest – Holly Deschenes asked the Directors for help with getting POAs to participate in the judging contest.

Old Business ---

International Sale and Futurity Site for 2013-2015: The Board reviewed bids from Des Moines IA and also Gordyville IL. Discussion. **Director Burton made a motion to go to Des Moines Iowa for 2013 – 2015. Director Walther seconded the motion. Voting in Favor: Peaton, McKenzie, Walther, Burton, Katzenberger, Krueger and Guthrie. Opposed: Bennett, Corn, Chestnut, Arends and Tabor. Motion passed.**

National Program Software Proposal --- Kathy Trask and Tony Powell from Ohio entertained questions from the Board regarding their software proposal. The Board thanked them for meeting with them, and will decide later today whether they will be hired to write this software for POAC. (Later in the meeting, **Director Tabor made the motion to move forward with Kathy Trask and Tony Powell to create new software for the Show, Registration, and Membership Departments). Director Krueger seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.**

National Congress Site for 2014-2016 --- The Board tabled this until October 2012 meeting.

Reinstating the POAC World Show – Director Krueger presented a proposal to reinstate the World Show. Discussion. A Committee was formed to review the current Western Classic program for the western part of the country and report back to the Board in October. This committee includes: Corn, Peaton, Arends, Krueger, and Bennett.

POA Youth Board Issues – Director Peaton discussed some current problems that this Board has been having for the last several months. The Board discussed possible solutions to help with the current issues. **Director Tabor made a motion to recommend that the Youth Board work to obtain full representation of all regions and also review and amend their bylaws as needed within the next 45 days or the Youth Board be suspended until this is done. Director Chestnut seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion and second withdrawn.** The POAC National Board of Directors will make contact with the Youth Board Officers prior to the October meeting to get their recommendations on how they are working to make this Youth Board more structured and represented by all areas. The Youth Board Officers and Advisor met with the POA National Directors and were given direction on how to improve the Youth Board such as better communication between youth to get more representation from all regions. Tyler will get potential names of youth representatives from POA National Directors.

Results of the Bylaw Ballot Vote – These results have been sent to the entire Board, and will be published in the Sept. issue of *POA*.

Gant Lawsuit vs. POAC – POAC attorney Jeff Jacob has nothing new to report at this time.

Bad Checks written to affiliate clubs – Director Bennett discussed concern about this growing practice. CEO Banister will send recommended verbiage on this issue to the POA Attorney for review and edit if necessary.

National High School Rodeo Partnership – Director Krueger discussed a proposal with the Board. POAC would award a \$200 Scholarship to the highest placing youth riding a POA. This would go to the NHSRA for the high Point winning registered POA and rider. **Director Bennett made the motion to accept the proposal. Director Arends seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.** Krueger will ask if POA can provide the bags for goody bags with the “Pony Of the Americas” and our official logo to NHSRA.

Judge Rulebook Violations – Discussion on procedures to follow if a judge refuses to follow POA rules. This should be handed at the show by the Show Committee if possible.

Central Classic Proposal – Eva Dahl was in attendance to answer questions on the 2013 Central Classic Proposal from the Minnesota POAC. This show would be held as a National Classic Show event in Minnesota at the Minnesota Equestrian Center on June 15-17, 2013. **Director Burton made a motion to accept this proposal as presented for a one-year term. Director Katzenberger seconded the motion. Discussion. Voting in favor: Tabor, Burton, Chestnut, Walther, Katzenberger, McKenzie, Peaton, and Guthrie. Opposed: Krueger, Corn, and Bennett. Director Arends abstained. Motion Passed.**

Educational Foundation Committee – Eva Dahl gave a brief update. The Committee is working to try to make this Foundation usable for the club.

Introduction of Scott Biggs, OK – Show Manager of the 2012 POAC National Congress. Also, President Guthrie introduced wife Rosslyn Spencer Biggs, DVM as the drug testing Veterinarian for this Congress Show. The Board asked Dr. Biggs to give her recommendation on the current POA drug rules in the current POAC National Handbook. Discussion. **Director Burton made a motion to conform our drug rules for the 2012 POA National Congress and the 2012 POA International Sale and Futurity Show to be in compliance with “gold standards” of other major breeds until the Board can address these issues for the future. Director Corn seconded motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.** Dr. Biggs stated that the subcommittee on the drug rules will have a proposal to the Rules Chairman by the October 2012 Board Meeting. Show Manager Biggs thanked the Board of Directors for allowing him the opportunity to manage the 2012 POAC National Congress,

Youth Code of Conduct – A document from the American Paint Horse Association was presented to the Board for review concerning a Youth Code of Conduct form for youth to sign at the major Paint Horse shows. This might be something POA should consider for their youth and may possibly be discussed at a later meeting.

App for POA Handbook – An application that would provide instant POA Handbook information has been discussed and is in the plans as soon as a sponsor is secured to cover the monthly fee for this service.

New Points Program Proposal – Director Corn presented a new points proposal for POA, which would include the following:

Proposal #1 -

1. All shows are pointed as “A” shows. All shows are allowed to use multiple judges and may also give “circuit” points for the composite score for multiple judges. Point schedule shall remain the same as our current “A” show points, with the addition of points for 7th – 10th as in the International point schedule.
2. Classics, Regionals, and special Promotional shows shall be allowed to be multi-judged (no more than 3) shows giving “A” points to individual judges placings. Additionally they will be given points per the current Regional/Classic point schedule for the composite results.
3. The International shall be a multi-judged show with “A” points given to individual judges placings. The composite results will be given points per the current International point schedule.
4. State Fairs, County Fairs, and shows sponsored by an entity other than a Regional Club, State Club, or Chapter thereof require approval from the Executive Secretary (CEO). These shows will be given “A” points and are free from the minimum number of classes requirement.

This proposal still provides the national club and the state clubs the points to draw exhibitors to larger events. I do not believe a change for ROM requirements would be needed.

Proposal #2 -

An Additional option to simplify even farther would be to have one point schedule:

All judges results would be given "A" points, as well as the composite placings receiving "A" points. The advantage for the exhibitor would then depend on bonus points for large classes.

A modification of the requirements for ROM's may be needed. My suggestion would be to reduce the requirements by 20%. We need to allow state clubs the ability to tailor their shows to their own requirements. They need to take economic, travel, and time elements into account.

Director Krueger made a motion to accept this proposal and Director Chestnut seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion and second withdrawn. Director Burton moved to lay the above motion on the table so it can be published in the September 2012 POA Magazine and re-visited by the POA National Board of Directors in October in order to have some member feedback. Motion seconded by Walther. Unanimous. Motion passed.

National Inspector Applications – **Director Walther made a motion to approve C.Todd Corn, IN, as a National Inspector. Director Arends seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Arends, Chestnut, McKenzie, Bennett, Krueger, Walther, Katzenberger, Burton, Tabor, and Peaton. Director Corn abstained. Motion passed.**

IBC Show Proposal – Director Arends asked the Board to consider amending the IBC show bill requirement to meet special areas of the country's needs, and also count open show Grand and Reserve Grand points for ROM requirements. Discussion. President Guthrie asked Arends to write up a specific proposal and give to the Rules Committee for review.

International Futurity Fee Schedule Proposal – President Guthrie was asked from Convention Committee reports to recommend that the International Futurity payment schedule be amended so that the nomination payments would be due March 1 instead of February 1. No action taken.

Director Bennett asked for clarification on the measurement of a pony at the Eastern Classic. POA CEO Banister provided this information to the Board.

Director Krueger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Chestnut seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyse L. Banister
POAC/CEO