

POAC National Board of Directors Meeting

Tulsa Expo Square – Big Hat Room

July 12, 2018 – 4:00pm

(Unofficial until approved by National BOD at Sept 2018 BOD Meeting)

President Cliff Thomas opened the meeting with roll call: Directors present included Scott Shingleton, Janette Arends, Pam Barlet, Cliff Thomas, Craig Bright, Allen Killion, Kristen Fears, Rebecca Solberg, Kim Matthews, Tracy Keen, and Mark Hull. Director Keen made a motion to excuse Beverly Tabor from the meeting due to work conflicts. Director Arends seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Tulsa Expo Livestock Director Brandi Herndon briefly welcomed the Board and POAC to Tulsa again this year and is excited to be hosting the Congress. Brandi thanked the Board and the National Office for working with the facility so well over the previous years, and hopes that the Board will choose to return to Tulsa for another contract term.

Congress Show Manager Michelle Forness thanked the National Board for allowing her to return to run the 2018 National Congress and is excited to hear that entries and stalls are strong.

President Thomas made a few comments to the Board. He thanked them for all they do and how they work together. He commented that horse numbers are down in all breeds across the country...some areas of the country are decreasing drastically. He asked the POAC National Board to not make changes to things that POAC can never get back.

CEO Joyse Banister reported the following:

- All Departments are busy this time of year but are current at this time. They are currently working on director election ballots in addition to their daily duties.
- Tulsa has been great to work with again this year for the Congress...I was able to secure over 80 comp rooms, and Tulsa also gives a kickback per stall (which increases with the number of years in Tulsa), and we get money from the Stall Mat Rental company, and donations from Drysdales and Cavinders. This comes to about a \$12,000 return to POAC.
- I have asked photographers Cody Parmeter and Rachel Reilly for some candid shots so that the National POAC website photos can be updated. Anyone else that would like to submit photos to be considered for the website should send them to me at JBanister@poac.org.
- POAC has an opportunity to get a new phone system and save a substantial amount of money per month for phone service by changing to PC Housecalls. They have been our IT Service Company for many years and they know our office needs well. We will be working on changing to the new phone system very soon if approved by the Board later in this meeting.
- It is time to consider doing office computer upgrades on the four computer systems currently in use. All of the current computers were purchased in 2014. The cost to upgrade will be \$1,800 per unit including software upgrades. We can possibly do two next spring and the other two the following spring. The laptop that I currently have for POA use was purchased in 2012, but I do not want it replaced at this time. Joyse Banister will report at the next meeting more details on plans to upgrade these computers.
- POAC has a new renter. He installs cable lines and has already moved in and paid four months in advance plus a security deposit. We were able to get the past due rent in-full from the previous renter before he moved out. He left the rental space very clean so we were able to rent the space very quickly.

Approval of February 2018 Minutes: Kim Matthews made a motion to approve the February 2018 minutes with the correction in the minutes for Ranch Riding rules. Director Shingleton seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report – Director Matthews gave an overview of the current financial reports provided by Stacey Stewart.

Committee Reports:

Congress – Show Chairman Mark Hull reported that everything is in place for the Congress and it looks like it is going to be a good show with about 355 stall rented and over 2500 entries before check-in. Versatility was almost full before we arrived in Tulsa, so it should definitely be a full group of participants this week. Will need inspectors for a full day on Friday and most of Saturday to get everyone checked in and ready to show. The Youth are going to sell giant vinyl

show bills for families to hang at their stalls during Congress week. They are \$20 each and the proceeds go to the youth. Team Tournament is being handled by Youth Advisor Samantha Walker.

Central Classic – Kim Matthews reported that it was a good show and she thanked the show committee for their efforts. They had 1,157 entries and 128 ponies for the Classic show. The final profit loss report is not complete at this time but the show made a good profit for the National POAC.

East World – Tracy Keen reported that numbers were small for this show this year, and that the show made less than \$1000 profit for POAC, but those that did attend the show had a great time and the show was very well managed and the facility was great.

West World – Janette Arends reported that this was a good show and she thanked her show committee. They had 59 ponies and used 72 stalls.

Inspection – Diana Peaton continues to work on the Inspection List for both National and State Inspectors. She is working on updating the test for both new and renewing inspectors, as well as the process for approving new inspectors.

Rules Committee – The following rules will be discussed and possibly voted on at the 2018 September National Board Meeting. Please contact your regional director if you have any questions or concerns about any of these rules prior to the meeting.

(For the full discussion of rules changes, see the minutes of the Rules Committee meeting, Convention February 2018)

- **Change Rule #125.I.3, p. 155 -- Pleasure Driving** Proposed by: Mamie Wheeler.
Wording in 2018 Handbook: "The handlers shall position themselves squarely 2' to 3' in front of the pony's head. They shall stand still with hands behind their backs."
Delete old wording, change to this new wording: "The header shall position themselves at arm's length squarely in front of pony's head with hands crossed in front of body."
Discussion: Allows a handler to respond more quickly, and brings us in line with current standards of the driving community. In Favor: Unanimous. Passed. Opposed: --

- **Change Rule #129.L, p. 161 -- Gymkhana Rules** Proposed by: Mamie Wheeler.
Wording in current rule: "Ropes are not permitted except in roping classes."
Change to have this new wording: "**Lariat** ropes are not permitted except in roping classes."
And remove this sentence: "~~Any object attached to the saddle is considered a rope.~~"
Discussion: Current rules allow quirts, but Over and Unders aren't allowed, even though they're often made of the same material. Over and Unders standard equipment in gaming, function the same as a rope quirt on a wrist.
In Favor: Peaton, Shingleton, Hull, Wheeler, Arends, Astin, Klein, Solberg, Barlet, Krueger. Passed. Opposed: Keen

- **Change Rule #86.A, #86.C.4, #96.A so Ranch Riding counts for high points** Proposed by: Mamie Wheeler.
Proposal to have Ranch Riding included in high point calculations for 2019. Added to the proposal is to have Ranch Riding also count toward non-timed ROM.
Remove "Ranch Riding" from the last sentence of Rule 86.A, and 86.C.4.
Reword Rule 96.A: "...ROM Ranch Horse Riding. ~~only. This class will not count toward any other Year-End or High-Point Awards.~~" (Delete wording with strikethrough.)
In Favor: Unanimous. Passed. Opposed: --
*** This rule change was printed incorrectly in the minutes published in the POA Magazine. The strikethrough deletion of text in 96.A does not show up in the magazine.

- **Change Rule #119, pp. 136-137 (Clarification) – Reining** Proposed by: Pam Klein.
When new Reining patterns were added to the 2018 rulebook and the rulebook was revised, one part of Rule 119 was changed and now it conflicts with another part of the rule.
Rule 119.A reads: "...9 & Under must use Pattern 1, 4 or 5."
Rule 119.Q reads: "9 & Under exhibitors shall do Pattern 2, 3 or 5 ONLY."
Committee recommends Rule 119.Q should be changed to read "*Patterns 1, 4 and 5,*" the same as 119.A.

This will go into effect immediately, in 2018.

In Favor: Unanimous. Passed.

Opposed: --

- **Change Rule #118.J.5.h, p. 132 (Clarification) -- Western Riding**

Proposed by: Pam Klein

When the four new Western Riding patterns were added to the rulebook and the rulebook was revised, Pattern 3 was incorrectly included as a DQ.

Corrected wording: 118.J.5.h (Disqualification) "h. Failure to start lope prior to end cone in **Pattern 1 and 4.**"

Discussion: In Pattern 3, this should be a penalty, not a DQ. Change will go into effect immediately, in 2018.

In Favor: Unanimous. Passed.

Opposed: --

- **Change Rule #66.N.1-12, pp. 73-74 -- Congress High Points/Special Awards** Proposed by: Mark Hull.

Sponsored award list at Congress shouldn't be in the rulebook. After discussion, Hull's proposal was changed. (Rule 86 does not apply to the proposal to remove Congress high points. So, the mention of Rule 86 and Rule 66.M taken out of the original proposal.)

Clarified proposal: *Remove from the rulebook the high points/special awards listed for Congress in Rule 66.N.1-12.*

In Favor: Hull, Astin, Keen, Klein, Arends, Tabor, Barlet, Wheeler, Peaton, Shingleton, Solberg. Passed.

Opposed: Krueger

Also: Fix mistake in Rule 86.A. Correct the sentence to read as it did in the 2014 rulebook: "*Youth Cart will not count toward any **National Congress** high point awards.*"

Rules Proposals not approved:

- **Add information to the rulebook about the World Shows (West World and East World).**

Proposal to add information about World Shows so that it's clear that these are national shows, points count for ROMs, etc. Text would be added to multiple rules throughout the rulebook. Discussion: Some concern that if the World Show isn't in the rulebook, how do you know what type of points you'd get, how many placings, etc. World Show is not the same as a Classic Show. And it's not a Specialty Show.

But Peaton said that the national board will decide what type of points these shows get when proposals for shows are brought to the board in Oct.

In Favor: Krueger, Klein, Arends Opposed: Astin, Keen, Tabor, Barlet, Wheeler, Peaton, Shingleton, Hull, Solberg. Failed.

- **Delete several rules related to obsolete classes such as Calf Daubing, Goat Tail Tying, etc.**

Proposal to remove multiple rules related to Goat Tail Tying, Calf Daubing, Roping, Cutting, and Obstacle Driving from the rulebook. These classes have not been held for many years. Lack of motion.

- **Additions to Rule #86.A, deletion to #86.B -- High Point Awards**

Clarification of high points in Rule 86 and a correction of a typo when the rulebook was revised.

Discussion: Would allow additional special high points once the high point requirement of the rulebook have been met. Also, the proposal would allow anyone who goes to a POA-approved show to be eligible for all applicable high points.

The committee felt that two proposals were needed for the two clarifications. Tabled and no action taken.

- **Change Rule #146.B.1, p. 170 -- National Year-End Awards**

To be eligible for a National Year-End Award, rule currently states "In addition, the exhibitor or pony must have shown in a at least one Regional Show or the National Congress Show."

Proposal to change last sentence to read: "In addition, the exhibitor or pony must have shown in at least one national-level show including Congress, Classic or World Show."

Discussion: This puts a burden on members in outlying regions who might only have a Regional close by, not a national show.

In Favor: Hull Opposed: Solberg, Astin, Keen, Klein, Arends, Tabor, Barlet, Wheeler, Peaton, Shingleton. Failed. Abstain: Krueger

- **Change Rule #101 A-F, p. 98. Also look at Rule #97 W-T, which just refers people to the website.**

Make 9 & Under W/J only and change 10-13 age group classes to 13 & Under. This will adjust 18 classes from the Congress show bill.

In Favor: Hull, Solberg, Astin, Tabor Opposed: Keen, Klein, Arends, Krueger, Barlet, Wheeler, Peaton, Shingleton. Failed.

- **Change Rule #66.I.1-2 - Eliminate class lists**

Eliminate class lists that must be offered at POAC-approved shows. Let each show determine what classes they want to offer that will benefit their state, region, and memberships. Discussion: POAs are versatile, and we should have a number of classes. All shows should have some halter, english, western, a couple of games classes, and you can pick what works in your region. After discussion, mention of Rule 53 and Rule 62 were removed from proposal.

Motion: To eliminate class list for Congress in Rule 66.I.1-2.

In Favor: Hull Opposed: Solberg, Astin, Keen, Klein, Arends, Krueger, Barlet, Wheeler, Peaton, Shingleton. Failed.

- **Novice -- new rule proposal**

A three-gait novice proposal. Attempts to make corrections to the previous novice program.

In Favor: Solberg, Shingleton, Astin, Keen Opposed: Hull, Klein, Arends, Krueger, Wheeler, Barlet. Failed.

Abstain: Peaton

- **POAC CERTIFIED LP PROPOSAL**

I. Purpose

- a. To aid in the inspection process by utilizing genetic testing.
- b. Ponies that may lack color and/or characteristics physically, may carry the color genetics.

II. Procedure

- a. Members that have ponies that lack color and/or characteristics or have minimal color and/or characteristics may benefit from submitting the LP genetic test to prove color genetics.
- b. Forms, fees and genetic sample (Hairs with roots attached) must be submitted to UC Davis genetic laboratory for appropriate testing.
- c. A National Inspector or a licensed Veterinarian must pull the hairs and submit the sample. In no circumstance should the hair be pulled by the owner of the pony.
- d. All registration requirements and fees must be met prior to having a LP test submitted to the National Office.
- e. All ponies age 6 and up must be inspected for color and height. Certified LP ponies do not need to pass the color inspection.

III. Results

- a. Results of the LP Test will be reported to the POAC Registrar. The Registrar will then administer the correct papers for that pony. 1. Ponies with test results either LP/LP or LP/lp will be noted on their papers by the words "Certified LP Tested"
- b. LP/LP –Homozygous. Positive for dominant LP gene. Indicates the animal carries two inherited copies. Homozygous LP horses are genetically bound to pass the gene to 100% of their progeny when bred, and all foals will be LP horses.
- c. LP/lp – Heterozygous. Positive for dominant LP gene, carrying a single inherited copy. Heterozygous LP horses are statistically likely to pass the gene to 50% of their progeny when bred
- d. lp/lp – Negative - Non LP or spotted horse

IV. Violation of LP Status

- a. Persons found guilty of violating or falsifying any of the LP documentation or genetic material shall be responsible to the disciplinary judgment and actions of the hearing committee.
- b. Protest of any Certified LP status must be filed in accordance with the rules and regulation of the National POAC.
- c. The fee for protesting a Certified LP status is \$100

LP Rule Proposal POAC Handbook wording additions

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- 44 Rule 15. GENERAL REGISTRATION RULES. Section D.

D. No person shall misrepresent the true parentage or eligibility of any pony for registration. Refusal by an owner to permit DNA testing to prove parentage shall be in violation of Rule 8. Owners must submit DNA for testing to prove parentage as directed by the Registrar or CEO.

- 45 Rule 16. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE. Section C.

3. Ponies five years and under, not exhibiting a POA approved coat pattern, may be LP tested by UC Davis, the approved POAC testing lab, to determine if they carry one or two copies of the LP gene. The pony must have test results being, LP/LP or LP/lp, and will then be eligible for tentative registration papers. Such a pony will be considered Certified LP Tested.

a. Ponies must be DNA tested and Parentage Verified per POAC rules before submitting the LP test.

b. Genetic material collected for the LP test will be done by a POAC National Inspector appointed by the CEO or President. If no Inspector is available, an approved Veterinarian may be substituted, per the CEO or President. Genetic material will be submitted by the Inspector or Veterinarian to UC Davis. The owner is responsible for paying all fees associated with testing. Results will be sent to the POAC.

c. The test results will be noted on the pony's registration certificate, and the Registrar will issue the appropriate registration certificate. Ponies testing lp/lp will be issued ID papers. Ponies testing LP/LP or LP/lp will be issued a Tentative Registration Certificate with the words "Certified LP Tested" recorded upon the certificate, and are eligible to show. The owner is responsible to submit all materials and pay all fees associated with registering the pony before issuance of certificate.

- 45 Rule 16. ID PAPERS. Section D.

(See rule 24, A.5)

- 51 Rule 24. TYPES OF REGISTRATION. Section A.

5. Certified LP tested ponies will not be inspected for color at shows or sales. (see Rule #16. C.3.)

- 52 Rule 24. TYPES OF REGISTRATION. Section E. 1. a. The Certified LP option is not allowed for hardship purposes, regardless if pedigree is known or not.

- 54 Rule 27. INSPECTIONS. Section C.

Inspectors cannot inspect their own ponies nor the ponies of any family member.

- 57 Rule 32. DNA TESTING.

D. For ponies lacking a visible coat pattern that request a Tentative Registration Certificate, they must be DNA tested and Parentage Verified prior to LP Testing.

- 51 Rule 24. TYPES OF REGISTRATIONS. Section B. 3.

Must have matured within the 46" to 56" height limits with acceptable POA coat pattern and POA characteristics, or be Certified LP Tested.

- 60 Rule 42. PERMANENT HEIGHT CARD – PHC. Section B.

The final color inspection will be conducted by the three inspectors who are measuring for the PHC. If the pony is Certified LP Tested they will not be required to pass the color inspection to receive their PHC.

- 64 Rule 51. GENERAL SHOW REQUIREMENTS. Section E.

1. Certified LP Tested Ponies will not have to pass color inspection, but will be measured for proper height for its age.

Approval of National Inspectors: Pam Barlet made a motion to approve Mamie Wheeler, WA and Mark Hull, MI as National Inspectors for the POAC. (Mark has to re-take his test before he can do any inspections because he was issued an incorrect version of the test). Kim Matthews seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Approval of SC POAC: Director Kim Matthews made a motion to approve the newly created South Carolina POA Club as a nationally recognized active POA State Club. Director Allen Killion seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Western Working Horse Celebration Show – Director Matthews questioned why this show for 2018 was restricted to one judge. Discussion. This show falls under a "Specialty Promo Show" which the Board voted to only allow one judge and one set of promotional points. Specialty Promo Shows cannot be held at the same time and location as an approved POA show which is sponsored by a state club or chapter. These specialty promo shows are "stand alone" shows for the sole purpose of promoting the POA Breed at non POA events.

Show Results Posting Fees for All Approved POAC Shows: CEO Joyse Banister presented a proposal to change the fee structure for all POA approved state clubs, chapters, and specialty shows regarding show results being submitted to the National POAC for processing. This would follow some of the other major breeds and also give the National POAC additional operating revenue. POAC once relied on memberships and registrations, plus our two major events (Congress and Sale) to fund expenses at the National POAC. This is not a sound business practice, especially with the sale numbers

decreasing due to the increasing popularity of social media to market POAs. The proposal presented to the Board would change the National Pony Fee for all A-Type, Local Fairs, B&P, IBC, State Fairs, Regionals, and all Promo Type Show to a flat \$7/pony/show (eliminating a halter only fee and a performance fee). In addition, the host club must submit \$1 for every class entry to the National POAC for each show. This would include all POAC Approved Classes held. Non-POA Approved Classes and halter championship classes will not be included. (Basically, add the number competing on all judges' cards for POAC Approved Classes and this is your total entries for your show). State Clubs and Chapters can raise their class fees to cover this additional cost, or they can choose to leave their class fees the same and just send the additional fees to the National POAC. That will need to be determined by each State Club or Chapter before January 1, 2019 when this would take effect if passed. Discussion. This puts additional financial responsibility on the state and local clubs, however the National POAC must have a more secure plan for operations in the future. This extra funding could allow POAC to increase National Year End Awards, National Scholarships, and other things we have not been able to do. Director Fears made a motion to approve this fee change proposal for all National POAC Approved Shows. Director Keen seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Keen, Fears, Shingleton, Barlet, Solberg, Matthews, Hull, Thomas, and Arends. Opposed were Bright and Killion. Motion Passed.

Director Matthews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Fears seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion Passed.