

PtHA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
Embassy Suites Airport, Oklahoma City, OK

PtHA President Annette Pitcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, March 1, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was led by William Sparr, prayer was led by Don McGee.

Proof of Notice of the meeting was in the January 2025 Pinto Horse Online Magazine.

Roll Call was done by PtHA Staff, Kim Hall. Present were Annette Pitcher, Kathy Thomas, Don McGee, Laura Fowler, Nell Tekampe and Darrell Bilke.

Board of Directors present were Kelley Reames, Mike Adams, Wyneta Duncan, Jamie Stohlman, Bonnie Carr, Ann DiGiovanni, Kaylee Clagett, Kristin Stolee, Tina Bell, Carmen Lay, Joni Osborn, Jessica Davidson, and Tina Langness. Absent were Fral Lelli, Alan Shaw, Mary Osborn, Helen Fleming-Bryson, Kari Reeg, Ron Bartholomew, Lisa Jostad. Alternate Board members not present was Chaun Merkens.

Past Presidents present were Kevin Woodford, Karen Craighead, Kathleen Gallagher, Roger Altman, Wendy Davidson, and Mahlon Bauman. Absent were Jenny LaGrange, Kameron Duncanson, Sue Ellen Parker, Gary Streater, Nancy Bredemeier, Jean Andrews, Jim Isley, and George Martin. Martin.

President Annette Pitcher asked everyone that were present at the meeting to introduce themselves.

Darrell Bilke - Executive Vice President introduced the PtHA Staff

Kim Hall - Executive Assistant

Rebecca Rains - Controller/Office Manager

Emily Wolf – Special Events, Registration, Awards & International Depts.

Jenna Henson - Magazine Editor, Marketing, Media, Partners, Youth

Caitlyn Uehling- Performance Dept., Amateur

Anna Pappas – Performance and Registration Depts., OCAP, OTT

Bonnie Billotte - Accounting Dept.

Miranda Hassler – Accounting Dept.

Fred Kinder - Computer Consultant

Dan Ocenias – IT Department, Website

Terry Wiens - PtHA Legal Counsel

Suzanne Crews - PtHA CPA

Phillip Suarez – PtHA Investment Advisor, Edward Jones

Motion made by Carmen Lay, seconded by Jessica Davidson to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Motion made by Kelley Reames, seconded by Kristen Stolee to accept the budget report given by Becca Rains and the Financial Audit given by Suzanne Crews. Motion passed.

Motion made by Joni Osborn, seconded by Tina Bell to accept the Investments report given for Phillip Suarez, Edward Jones. Motion passed.

PtHA COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Youth Committee, Jamie Stohlman reported they discussed fun things for youth to do at shows, mentor programs, have kids do a bake sale to raise money for better prizes, speech and judging contest at the World Show and scholarships.

- Membership/Marketing Committee, Carol Timke reported they discussed the need for online memberships, how to target 4-H, High School and college teams, discussed how to bring new people in, creating special classes, futurity, etc. How are charters getting new members, calling new show participants to welcome them, do a calendar with pre-printed dates, and a host of other ideas.

- Amateur Committee, Kaylee Altman reported they shared ideas to help increase amateur numbers at the show, social media, be polite, helpful, attitude, help explain the Walk/Trot rules to newbies.

- Judges Committee, Roger Altman introduced the Judges committee and reported they had 4 applications in 2024, All 4 were asked to attend 2025 CBC testing process. We had all 4 attend the testing and 4 that passed and have received their PtHA Judge cards. Roger explained the testing process in detail.

- International Committee, Kathleen Gallagher reported they discussed the process for Canadians to show in the US and how we can help them.

- Rulebook/By-Laws Committee, Karen Craighead reviewed how we have the need to change things to keep up with the standard of the industry as it is always changing.

- Registration Committee, Tina Bell reported they discussed obstacles to getting registrations, trend of the numbers, where to go to register new horses, mini/B mini permanent cards if measured at world show and congress.

- Show/Contest Committee, Tina Langness reported about their 2 rule change proposals the 1st was passed by the committee, then defeated in Breed Council. The 2nd one was defeated in Breed Council. There was discussion on the current state of the industry, how technology, social media have changed.

- Professional Horsemen, Roger Altman reported their mission is to help, encourage show management to reach out to them, looking for ways to bring in new members, clinics at the world show, list of people to help answer questions.

Long Range Planning recommendations presented by Mahlon Bauman. Long Range Planning recommendations that were forwarded to the Executive Committee presented by Mahlon Bauman. All recommendations were approved by the Executive Committee.

Recommendations:

- Raise the following fees starting Jan. 1, 2026:

Individual membership - \$75

Lifetime membership - \$800

Youth membership - \$30

Youth Lifetime membership - \$200

Amateur card - \$20

Novice card - \$20

Walk/Trot card - \$20

Yearling registration - \$90

2-Year-Old registration - \$100

3 & Over registration - \$110

Undocumented registration - \$140

Field Representative registration - \$140

Duplicate Certificate - \$30

Overnight Postage - \$30

Printed Rulebook - \$10

Show Approval - \$35/judge

Show results – Horse fee - \$6/pinto/judge

Judge Annual renewal - \$50

- Accepted Fred Kinder's resignation
- Dan Ocnas discussed the new website that is up and the new databases, computers at the office and the World Show/Congress. We will be working on updating the E-Pinto site and online memberships
- Discussed the OCAP and OTT programs and what changes we can make to improve participation
- Darrell introduced a new Ranch Horse Derby for 4 & over horses we will have at the Color Breed Congress show. We will also have the Ranch Horse Yearling Fundamental class.
- Working to fill vacant Board of Director positions
- Discussed ways to increase membership numbers

- Start a Show Steward program, office will work on specifics
- Work on doing the Rookie of the Year program for next year
- Approved the new logos for World Show and Congress
- formed an Ad Hoc committee to work with the new Midwest facility being built by the Indian tribes in Oklahoma.

Motion made by Carol Timke, seconded by Bonnie Carr to accept the committee reports. Motion passed.

Pinto Heritage Foundation – Ann DiGiovanni announced we raised \$22,965 at the auction last night, she thanked everyone for their donations during the auction. She encouraged the charters to do fundraisers for the foundation. We had 26 scholarship applications; 12 scholarships were given away.

PtHA staff, Kim Hall reported on the Horse Protection Act amendments. It has been temporarily postponed until April 2, 2025. PtHA is working with a coalition named the Vogel group. To hire a lobbyist in Washington DC with the sole purpose of rescinding the changes. We are also working the American Horse Council to request the USDA take the following actions in support of a fair, open and comprehensive rule-making process:

1. Reopen a minimum 60-day comment period for the HPA Amendments
2. Convene a listening session for stakeholders prior to the drafting and publication of any amendments or new proposed rule.
3. Delay the implementation of any final or amended rule by 180 days after publication.

If these requirements cannot be met, the American Horse Council will demand the complete rescission of the Horse Protection Act Amendments of 2024.

PtHA Legal Counsel, Terry Wiens reminded everyone to pay attention and know your Rulebook and how it applies to you.

Executive Manager's Report – PtHA Executive VP, Darrell Bilke thanked the membership for taking the time to come and participate in the convention. Darrell also thanked the PtHA staff for all their hard work. Motion made by Joni Osborn, seconded by Kristen Stolee to approve, motion passed.

No Old Business

There being no further business, Jerome Bauman made a motion to adjourn the General Membership meeting, seconded by Kaylee Altman, motion passed.