

PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Executive Committee Telephone Conference Minutes
July 9, 2008
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Call to Order: President Mahlon Bauman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, CST

Roll Call: The following individuals answered the roll call: Mahlon Bauman, Ann Jones, Nancy Bredemeier, Wendy Davidson, Gary Streater, Barbara Hulse, Jim Isley, John Humphrey, George Martin, Chris Theiler, Gerald Milburn, Marjorie Moser, Darrell Bilke. Carl Cousins and Jean Andrews were absent.

Minutes of past meeting: The minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting were distributed in the packet mailed to the Executive Committee members. President Bauman called for comments or corrections. None were voiced. Motion: G.Milburn/J.Humphrey to approve the minutes as printed. The motion passed.

Financial report: Dorothy Fread provided an overview of the Association balance sheet as of June 30, 2008. She indicated that a few World Show bills are outstanding. Certain AM bank accounts will be combined to avoid paying monthly service charges due to balances below the bank minimum. Motion: J.Humphrey/G.Streater to accept the report. The motion passed.

Items of Business

1. Registration Milestone

Darrell reported that the Association has now registered over 135,000 Pintos

2. Congress

Darrell and Kim reported speaking with a large number of individuals at various equine events. Interest in Congress has been high. Cattle classes and classes over fences are to be added to the Congress in 2008. Dressage will be dropped due to low interest on the part of exhibitors.

3. Youth Leadership Conference

Kim reminded the Executive Committee that the event will take place on Oct 17 and 18 in 2008. She asked Committee members to assist in promoting the conference at the charter level.

4. 2008 World Show

a. Statistics

Show records indicate that 1218 Pintos and 2116 exhibitors participated in the World Show. There were 6902 entries, making the show approximately equal in size to the show in 2007.

b. Comments

PtHA staff members have compiled the comments made by exhibitors in response to the survey sheets distributed at the World Show. The comments were reviewed and discussed at length by the Executive Committee.

c. Classes with two or less entries

Statistics were provided regarding the classes having two or fewer entries in 2006, 2007, and 2008. In 2008, 99 classes had two or fewer entries (18.4% of the total classes at the show). This is of concern because it indicates low interest in these classes on the part of exhibitors, results in the awarding of titles to Pintos that encounter little or no competition, and sometimes causes awards that have been purchased by the Association to be left unused at the end of the show. Darrell reported that approximately 85 buckles ordered for the 08 show were unused. Motion: G.Milburn/Marjorie Moser that Darrell Bilke and staff be encouraged to review classes having low entries and given authority to explore the possibility of dropping or combining classes so as to heighten competition and reduce the number of unused awards. The motion passed.

It was suggested by Executive Committee members that a statement be placed in future premium books indicating that only classes that are well supported by exhibitors will be offered at the World Show on a regular basis.

d. Pleasure/Saddle

Pleasure/saddle entries increased slightly in 2008. It was noted that a number of pleasure/saddle horses were shown in the youth classes. Darrell and others will look at ways to provide encouragement to youth who are showing these horses. It may be possible to divide some of the youth classes into stock/hunter and pleasure/saddle divisions.

e. Judges

In 2009, the World Show will be judged by two sets of judges who are well qualified to judge both pleasure/saddle and stock/hunter classes. These judges will be rotated throughout the entire show. This will enable some rearrangement of the show program which, in turn, will address some of the comments made by exhibitors on the world show survey.

f. Returned checks

The feed and bedding vendor engaged by the Tulsa Expo Square for the World Show has reported having a problem with a number of returned checks. The vendor would like the Pinto Association to assist in the collection of the funds; however, the Executive Committee is uncertain that intervention would be appropriate. The Association has a very indirect relationship with the vendor and does not receive any money from the sale of bedding or feed at the World Show. The matter will be referred to legal counsel.

g. Complaint

A letter of complaint has been received from an exhibitor who was disqualified by the judges from a class in which her Pinto was the only entry. The letter described the circumstances leading to the disqualification and indicated that the writer believes that she should not have been disqualified and should have received a world champion award. Motion: A.Jones/ M. Moser to let the judges' decision stand. The motion passed.

5. Rule changes

Rule change proposals are due by September 1. Various means will be used to remind the membership of this requirement. A copy of the proposal form was included in the Executive Committee packet for this conference.

6. Constitution/bylaws revision

Motion: G.Milburn/C.Theiler to recommend the following change be made to the PtHA Constitution and Bylaws revision proposal that will come before the Board at the 2009 convention:

Constitution Article IV. Board of Directors

After the third sentence add: Each State or International area with a minimum of 25 PtHA members and a seated Director shall also be allowed one Alternate Director.

Bylaws Article VI. Elected Board of Directors

Add the following:

H. Each State or International area with a minimum of 25 PtHA members and a seated Director shall be allowed one Alternate Director. He/she will be elected as an Alternate Director during the election process, with the seated Director(s) receiving the highest number of votes, and the Alternate Directors receiving the second, third or fourth highest number of votes, depending on the number of Directors seated in each State or International area. The President may also appoint a replacement Alternate Director (see Article VI, Section 2.G) as needed. No State or International area shall have more than one Alternate Director, regardless of the number of Directors elected or appointed. The motion passed with one abstention. These additions to the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Proposal will be presented to the Board of Directors at the 2009 Convention.

7. Note on the PtHA building

The mortgage note is due September 1, 2008. The current balance is \$325,919.82. Rather than paying off the note in September, Darrell Bilke suggested that the Association plan to pay only a portion of the balance and refinance the remainder. This approach will allow the Association to retain cash that may be needed to help weather a period of reduced cash flow due to the current economic downturn.

8. Next Executive Committee telephone conference

The next conference is slated for September 24, 2008 at 7pm CST.

9. Report from President Mahlon Bauman

President Bauman shared information about successful youth activities at a Memorial Day weekend show in Minnesota and indicated that she has been talking with members of two groups that may apply to become Pinto charters. She encouraged members of the Executive Committee to continue to share information about their activities.

Business being completed A.Jones/G.Martin moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm CST.