

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

PtHA President Nell Tekampe called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, March 2, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance was led by William Sparr, prayer was led by Kameron Duncanson.

Proof of Notice of the meeting was in the January 2024 Pinto Horse Online Magazine.

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

Board of Directors present were Kelley Reames, Laura Fowler, Mike Adams, Wyneta Duncan, William Sparr, Mary Osborn, Karen Clark, Jamie Stohlman, Helen Fleming-Bryson, Lisa Jostad, Kaylee Clagett, Kristin Stolee, Anne Monteith, Tina Bell, Joni Osborn, Kathy Findley and Carolyn Washburn. Absent were Jennifer Cignoni, Walter de la Brosse, Woodie Marshall, Sarah Ladd, Amanda Palmer, Chris Mensch, Tracey Imbaro, Shelley Sellers, Carmen Lay, Jessica Davidson, Bonnie Carr, Kari Reeg, Terri Wirthlin, Ann DiGiovanni, Priscilla Nisiewicz, Jeff Ray, Caitlyn Raysser, and Marianne Warland. Alternate Board members present was Chaun Merkens.

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

President Nell Tekampe recognized the membership and guests that were present at the meeting.

Darrell Bilke - Executive Vice President introduced the PtHA Staff

Kim Hall - Executive Assistant

Rebecca Rains - Controller/Office Manager

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

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

Caitlyn Uehling- Performance Dept.

Bonnie Billotte - Accounting Dept.

Miranda Hassler – Accounting Dept.

Fred Kinder - Computer Consultant

Dan Ocenaz – IT Department, Website

Terry Wiens - PtHA Legal Counsel

Suzanne Crews - PtHA CPA

Phillip Suarez – PtHA Investment Advisor, Edward Jones

Motion made by Ron Bartholomew, seconded by Butch Watson to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Motion made by Carol Timke, seconded by Kaylee Altman to accept the budget report given by Becca Rains and the Financial Audit given by Suzanne Crews. Motion passed.

Motion made by Brian Isbell-Garcia, seconded by Joni Osborn to accept the Investments report given for Phillip Suarez, Edward Jones by Suzanne Crews. Motion passed.

PtHA COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Youth Committee, Jamie Stohlman reported they discussed how to get more youth involved, speech contest, scavenger hunt and PWC, team tournament, Rookie of Year were some ideas that were discussed.

- Membership/Charter Committee, Carol Timke reported they discussed how to create that WOW factor, what do people like, dislike at shows, combining shows with other breeds, comment cards, online entries, tools that help make these ideas work, various means to communicate. Also discussed ideas to attract new members. National ideas included day sponsors at PWC, promote more what is going on each day on social media, charter day, credit for showing at local shows, texting app.

- Amateur Committee, Kaylee Altman reported they discussed ideas to grow the Amateur numbers including team tournament for youth and amateurs, Rookie of the Year. They also discussed the current changes to the Walk/Trot program.
- Judges Committee, Roger Altman introduced the Judges committee and reported they had 11 applications in 2023, 10 were chosen to attend 2024 CBC testing process. We had 8 attended the testing and 3 that passed and have received their PtHA Judge cards.
- International Committee, Steve Carter reported they discussed ideas to help promote PtHA internationally. We currently have some interest from England, Canada and Italy.
- Rulebook/By-Laws Committee, Karen Craighead reviewed how they help keep our rules up to the standards of the industry. We are currently working on clarifying the PtHA color rule. We will print the rulebook every 2 years now. She reminded everyone of the change in 2024 of removing the OP for Walk/Trot and novice classes, it is now a DQ.
- Registration Committee, Tina Bell reported they discussed how to increase registration numbers, visit other shows besides PtHA, Facebook, have a measurement clinic at shows with miniatures.
- Show/Contest Committee, Tina Langness reported their discussion was on how to help shows, awards and how to pay for them, provide education, welcoming environment, social media, open shows to bring in new people, meet and greet at shows, use the professional horsemen group to answer questions.
- Professional Horsemen, Roger Altman reported they discussed how to help increase their membership. They discussed doing a ProAm table at PWC and local shows for questions, asking charters to help identify new people at shows, ride pattern clinics, doing clinics at open shows, trainer's auction, code of conducts for shows to post and fundraiser ideas for the trainer's crisis fund.

Long Range Planning recommendations presented by Mahlon Bauman.

- Raise the membership fees starting Jan. 1, 2025, to \$70 for individuals, \$700 for lifetime.
- Work on ways to promote OCAP and On the Trail programs
- Look at ways to educate show committees, and members on how to do things within the association.
- Look into adding a Scribing seminar to the convention
- Check into adding a Rookie of the year for Youth and Amateur
- Negotiate a 3-year contract with the Embassy Suites, Airport, OKC for the convention
- Work on filling the Board of Director vacancies
- Send emails to members from the past 3 – 5 years letting them know we miss them
- Increase the number of charters, one in every state is a goal

Motion made by Brian Isbell-Garcia, seconded by Joni Osborn to accept the reports. Motion passed.

Executive Manager's Report – PtHA Executive VP, Darrell Bilke thanked the membership for taking the time to come and participate in the convention. PtHA Legal Counsel, Terry Wiens reminded everyone to pay attention and know your Rulebook and how it applies to you. Motion made by Jessica Davidson, seconded by Tina Bell to approve, motion passed.

Pinto Heritage Foundation – Ann DiGiovanni announced the 9 scholarships that will be given away during the awards ceremony and thanked everyone for their donations during the auction. Motion made by Kaylee Altman, seconded by Fral Lelli to accept the report. Motion passed.

Corporate Partner – Equipro Roadside was introduced and gave the membership information about their services.

No Old Business

There being no further business, Carol Timke made a motion to adjourn the General Membership meeting, seconded by Ron Bartholomew, motion passed.