

PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
Executive Committee Minutes  
January 9, 2008  
(Draft)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Mahlon Bauman.

Roll Call: The following members of the Executive Committee answered the roll call: Mahlon Bauman, Ann Jones-Swofford, Nancy Bredemeier, Wendy Davidson, Carl Cousins, John Humphrey, Jean Andrews, Chris Theiler, Gerald Milburn, George Martin, Don Greenlee, and Darrell Bilke. Alice Humphrey was marked as excused. Mark Smith and Jim Isley were absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 19, 2007 meeting were published on the website and provided in the Executive Committee packets for this meeting.

**Motion:** G.Milburn/J.Andrews to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. **Motion passed.**

### Items of Business

1. Year End Financial Report-Dorothy Fread

D.Fread reviewed and made slight corrections to the 2007 year-end balance sheet which was distributed in Executive Committee packets. The sheet showed that the net worth of the Association continued to grow during 2007. **Motion:** G.Milburn/A.Jones-Swofford to accept the report. **Motion passed.**

D. Fread also reviewed the gross income, expenses, and profit from the 2007 Pinto World Show. Profit in 2007 was reported to be slightly higher than in 2006.

**Motion:** J.Andrews/G.Martin to accept the World Show financial summary. **Motion passed.**

2. Director Election Results

Sector 1 – Margaret Brooks and Dale Smith - tie

Sector 9 – Phillip Morris over David Terrell

Sector 39 – Gerald Milburn over Tim Bumann

Sector 41 – Carl Field over Roger Altman

Sector 47 – Willis Longer over Tamara Miller

Darrell Bilke reported that a run-off election is currently being held to resolve the tie in sector 1. The deadline for participating in the voting is February 1.

3. Email About Elections

Email communication pertaining to Sector Director elections was shared with the Executive Committee. The writer was a member of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee expressed concern regarding the manner in which the message was signed. PtHA Council Terry Weins will contact the Director in question and provide information regarding the most appropriate way for a

Director to reference his or her position with the Association when signing an email or letter. All other members of the Board will be instructed through a variety of means.

#### 4. Congress Results and Finances

	2006	2007	Percentage Increase
Horses	269	306	+ 13.7%
Exhibitors	406	466	+ 14.7%
Entries	1201	1406	+17.1%

Darrell Bilke reported that financial details for the 2007 Congress show have not been finalized, but it appears that expenses and income were approximately equal. There was an increase in participation and also an increase in the money spent on awards.

The tentative dates for the 2008 were presented as November 1 through 4. These dates fall between the dates for the Arabian Nationals and the fall APHA show. It is hoped that some of the exhibitors in these shows will also participate in the Congress.

The Breeders Cup Futurity is being discontinued as a result of decreasing participation. New slot classes will be added for breeding stock animals.

**Motion:** J.Andrews/A.Jones-Swofford to approve the November 1 – 4 dates for the show. **Motion passed**

#### 5. Petition Concerning Association Efforts on Behalf of Ponies, Minis, Pleasure and Saddle types.

A petition expressing the belief that all types of Pintos should be strongly promoted by the Association was received by the national office. The petition specifically mentioned concern about the depth of footing for miniature classes at the World Show and the absence of classes for ponies and miniature horses at the Congress show.

A letter of response will be sent to the signers of the petition, and the Association's electronic newsletter will be used to outline the considerable efforts that have been and are being made to encourage the participation of saddle and pleasure type horses as well as ponies of all types and miniature horses.

A sizable percentage of the PtHA membership does not subscribe to the Pinto Magazine making it a challenge to keep members informed of promotional and other activities.

#### 6. Charters Contacting PtHA Sponsors

The Executive Committee agreed that it is inappropriate for charters, committees, or individuals to contact PtHA corporate sponsors asking for donations. **Motion:** J.Andrews/A.Jones that it be PtHA policy that any communication with official corporate sponsors regarding donations must be made through the national office. **Motion passed.**

7. Judges for Timed Special Events

Specialty show series, including those having timed events only, are popular in some areas of the country. It has been suggested by the operator of a series of timed event shows that Pinto rules allow judges to officiate at more than one show per year under these circumstances. **Motion:** G.Milburn/J.Andrews to permit Pinto judges to officiate at more than one timed event per year at the same location or for the same organization. Pinto rules must be followed in order for points to be counted. **Motion passed.**

8. Show Managers and Show Secretaries

Darrell Bilke indicated that requiring memberships for show managers and show secretaries might enable the office to improve communication with them. **Motion:** G.Milburn/J.Andrews that, effective immediately, show managers and secretaries are required to be members of PtHA. **Motion passed.**

9. Email About 2009 Fees

Darrell Bilke reported that emails have raised questions about fee increases scheduled for 2009. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Board of Directors at the 2008 Convention.

10. Cost of Inflation for 2008

Financial experts currently estimate that the consumer price index may rise more than 5 percent in 2008. The Executive Committee discussed the challenges rising costs present to both the exhibitors and the management of the Association.

11. Heritage Foundation Donations of \$5000 or More

Donations of \$5000 or more to the Heritage foundation are possible, especially from corporate sponsors. Lifetime membership in the Association is one possible means of recognizing such generosity. **Motion:** J.Andrews/G.Martin to authorize granting of lifetime PtHA memberships to lump sum donors of \$5000 or more. **Motion passed**

12. PtHA Tax Audit for 2006

An IRS audit of PtHA income tax returns for 2008 is in progress. Darrell Bilke and staff have been providing the records needed by the auditor, and the audit appears to be progressing smoothly. A more detailed report will be available at the Convention.

### 13. Buckle Program

Darrell Bilke outlined a prospective award buckle program developed with Gist, Inc. The design of the buckles was shared with the Executive Committee. The Gist program would be slightly more expensive than the current buckle program; however, the amateur and youth champion buckles would be considerably nicer than in the past. Buckles would continue to be given for Champion and Reserve Champion placings at the World Show. Owners of Pintos placing in the top ten at the World Show and owners of Horse of the Year champions would have the option to purchase attractive buckles at a reasonable price, and Gist would staff a booth at the World Show to take orders for top ten buckles. The Association would continue awarding trophies at the Convention to Horse of the Year Champions. **Motion:** G.Milburn/J.Andrews to approve the Gist/Pinto buckle program as described. **Motion passed.**

### 14. Letter to Directors Concerning Executive Committee Elections

The Executive Committee was asked to review the draft of a letter regarding election procedures. The letter is to be sent to all Officers, Executive Committee members and Directors. One important purpose of the letter is to identify the Directors eligible to run for the positions of Executive Committee Secretary, Executive Committee Treasurer, and three PtHA Executive Committee member positions. The letter also identifies those Executive Committee members eligible to run for the position of PtHA President-Elect. **Motion:** W.Davidson/J.Humphrey to accept the letter with the corrections made during the review. **Motion passed.**

### 15. Revisions to PtHA By-laws

Proposed changes to the PtHA By-laws were provided in the Executive Committee packets. **Motion:** A.Jones-Swofford/J.Andrews to change the By-laws in accordance with the written changes distributed. **Motion passed.** Discussion followed. **Motion:** J.Andrews/J.Humphrey to table the previous motion to change the By-laws in accordance with the changes distributed. **Motion passed.** Modifications suggested by the Executive Committee were noted by Mahlon Bauman who will produce an updated proposal for further review. An Executive Committee telephone conference is scheduled for February 11, at 6pm for the express purpose of the review. Committee members interested in giving further input prior to the review should send comments to Mahlon.

### 16. Convention Registration

A copy of the registration form was reviewed by the Executive Committee. The cost of registering for the 2008 Pinto Convention was compared to the cost of registering for a number of other equine associations. The cost for the Pinto convention is in line or lower than the costs for the other associations whose convention forms were examined.

## 17. Draft Horse Registrations

The Association has again been approached by individuals with interest in draft horse registration. **Motion:** A.Jones-Swofford/J.Andrews to authorize Mr. Bilke to meet with the individuals, investigate the possibility of creating a draft horse stand-alone subsidiary of PtHA, and report his findings to the Executive Committee. **Motion passed.** Carl Cousins requested to go on record as opposed to the motion.

## 18. Rulebooks for 2008

Darrell announced that the 2008 PtHA rulebooks have been sent out via bulk mail. The Executive Committee warmly thanked Mahlon Bauman and Lyn Neu for their dedication to the task of editing the rulebook.

## 19. Show Approvals for 2008.

Darrell Bilke reported that staff members are in the process of working with the 2008 applications. Numbers appear to be holding up. There are seven applications for Jubilee shows.

## 20. Tentative Schedule for the 2008 World Show

Darrell Bilke reviewed highlights of the schedule with the Executive Committee

- a. Stalls – reservations accepted starting December 20
- b. Premium book - to printer January 10, in mail by Feb 1
- c. Horses may check in/office open starting 8am, June 8
- d. Classes start June 10-21
- e. YA/AM Versatility Class – Thursday, June 12
- f. YA/AM Party – Friday, June 12
- g. Amateur Dog Show – Saturday June 15
- h. YA/AM Hippology Contest – Sunday, June 15
- i. Welcome Party – Sunday, June 15
- j. Queen Coronation – Monday, June 16
- k. Open Versatility – Tuesday, June 17
- l. Drawing for Heritage Foundation Colt – Tuesday, June 17
- m. Costume Class – Wednesday, June 18
- n. Charity Walk Trot – Wednesday, June 18
- o. Challenged Riders – Wednesday, June 18
- p. President’s Halter Cup – Thursday, June 19
- q. Trainer’s Leadline – Thursday, June 19
- r. Supreme Color Championship – Thursday, June 19

Business being concluded, a motion to adjourn was entertained. **Motion:** J.Humphrey/J.Andrews to adjourn. **Motion passed.**