

PINTO HOSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
September 13, 2007

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mahlon Bauman for Jim Isley who was indisposed.

Roll Call

The following Executive Committee members answered the roll call: Jim Isley, Mahlon Bauman, Ann Jones-Swofford, Nancy Bredemeier, John Humphrey, Carl Cousins, Wendy Davidson, Don Greenlee, Gerald Milburn, Chris Theiler, and Darrell Bilke. Mark Smith, Alice Humphrey, George Martin, and Jean Andrews were not available.

Minutes of the telephone conference of July 18, 2007

The minutes were posted on the website and emailed to Executive Committee members prior to the September conference. **Motion:** A. Jones-Swofford/G. Milburn to accept the minutes as distributed. **Motion passed.**

Building Update

COO Darrell Bilke reported that, although there was some leakage through the roof above the Heritage Room in recent rains, no damage was done to the room. Damage to adjacent offices was minimal. It is anticipated that work on the roof will begin within a week and should take about one week to complete.

Darrell also reported that there have been some changes in space allocation within the office. The offices associated with production of the magazine will now be located at the west end of the building. The Registration Department has also seen rearrangement that will make work flow more smoothly.

Youth Conference and Elections

Prior to this telephone conference the Executive Committee was provided with a copy of the changes to the youth organization constitution that were approved by the youth group. Among other things the changes included clarification of the qualifications to be officers or directors of the youth organization. **Motion:** G.Milburn/A.Jones-Swofford to approve the changes that the youth have forwarded. **The motion carried.**

Postage Increase and Magazine Subscription Pricing

Darrell Bilke and office staff voiced their concern about the impact of new international postage regulations. Everything mailed internationally must now be sent first class international. This will have a significant impact on the cost of mailing the magazine to subscribers living outside of the USA. It was recommended that subscription rates be raised to cover this cost.

Specifically, the following subscription rates were recommended.

International one year	\$70
Member living in USA, one year	\$25
Member living in USA, 2yr	\$45
Non-member one year	\$35

Motion: A.Jones Swofford/C.Cousins to approve the rates proposed by Dorothy Fread, Meriruth Cohenour, and Darrell Bilke. **The motion passed.**

Magazine Considerations

Editor Meriruth Cohenour shared a proposed 2008 publication schedule for the magazine. According to the schedule, the magazine would be published seven times in 2008. There would be issues for January/February, March/April, May, June/July, August, September/October, and November/December. During the discussion it was agreed that it is important that the World Show Program issue be distributed prior to the opening of the World Show. **Motion:** G.Milburn/A.Jones-Swofford to accept the proposal as written with consideration of making the May issue the World Show program issue. **The motion passed.**

Convention Dates

The 2008 Convention dates were established several years ago. Darrell Bilke noted that these dates conflict with the Easter holiday. If we were to reschedule the Convention, April 1 – 5 is the only set of dates reasonably close to our usual March meeting time that the Biltmore would be available to us. There were two Pinto shows scheduled on that weekend in 2007. Contact has been made with the management of those shows and the show committees have indicated that they have the flexibility to work around the dates of a rescheduled convention. **Motion:** A.Jones-Swofford/C.Cousins to reschedule the 2008 Convention to April 1 – 5. **The motion passed.**

Membership Renewals

Fred Kinder reported that he has designed a new membership renewal form. When it is sent out from the office much of the required information will already be filled in, making the renewal chore quicker and easier for our members. If members prefer, they will be able to accomplish their renewals on the website.

Newsletters

Meriruth reported that, in an effort to improve communication, three newsletters will be established. These will be directed to:

a) Board of Directors

This newsletter will contain information that Board members can share with members in their areas. It will be mailed quarterly. The inaugural issue has already been mailed.

b) Youth

The newsletter will inform youth members about activities and opportunities of interest to them. It will be mailed once every six months.

c) Judges

The judges' newsletter will contain information specific to the work of judges. The tentative goal is to produce two issues a year.

Fall Workshop Format

Darrell Bilke reported that individuals working with standing committees have indicated that it might be possible to accomplish committee tasks without requiring committee members to travel to both a fall workshop and a spring convention. He encouraged the Executive Committee to consider the possibility of scheduling fall Executive Committee meetings in conjunction with the Youth Conference and disbanding most of the standing committee meetings. The following Executive Committee meetings and conferences were suggested.

January-telephone conference

March-convention meeting

May-telephone conference

July-telephone conference

September-telephone conference

October-workshop meeting

The future format of the fall workshops and the schedule of Executive Committee conferences will be discussed in greater detail at the 2007 workshop.

There being no further business the meeting concluded. **Motion:**
J.Humphrey/C.Cousins to adjourn. **The motion passed.**