

**MEETING MINUTES ARE OFFICIAL – APPROVED AT THE
JANUARY 2016 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

PtHA General Membership Meeting
Sunday October 11, 2015
Western Ranch Motor Inn, Syracuse NY

In Attendance: Angie Slater, Adam Slater, Priscilla Nisiewicz, Kathy McCullough, Karin Smith, Annette Mrzywka, Kathy Warne, Loraine Denman, Cassie Mika, Denise Orman, Coty Hughes, Heather Calmes.

Meeting called to order at 11:12am by Adam Slater.

Treasurer Report: given by Kathy McCullough.

Motion by Denise Orman to accept treasures report. Seconded, Approved Unanimously.

Secretary Report: Minutes from last general meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting. Tabled until the next meeting.

SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT:

There is still a discrepancy with the hotel bill at the Clarion in regards to a few charges. Hotel has been contacted a few times and they are reluctant to call back. Priscilla is trying to work with them to clarify why we have extra nights on bills. We will pay the Clarion Hotel bill and work out what the details. Once we have more details we can discuss how to possibly recoup the extra charges that were charged.

Committee looking into Flat fees for Judges contracts for 2016. The judges would then be responsible to pay for their own travel, hotel, etc. out of that fee.

2016 shows will offer:

- NSBA classes – adding to qualifying classes
- Adding additional solid classes
- Splitting am and youth color classes Overo and Tobiano will be separated
- Splitting Youth Discipline Rail and Ideal classes by age due to size of the classes.
- DATES for shows- Still working with NYS fairgrounds to schedule and finalize the show dates. Coliseum- we are considering show dates for the coliseum as well as 4H ring. Due to construction of the equine center the dates maybe harder to schedule. The NYS Fairgrounds is not being overly accommodating at this time.

Show advertisements have been good on Facebook, but have lacked in all other areas.

Pinto Horse Association of America has added the Novice Division to Walk Trot- we are not required to offer at our shows.

PtHA Congress is selling banners on the jumbo tron/webcast. Banners are \$200.00. Question was raised about if it is worth buying a banner. Tabled until next meeting.

Palomino Association would like to add to our shows. We would be financially responsible for all show finances, but we would keep all of the profits.

Show Pattern Book will be offered again this year.

Show Booklet will also be put together again. Denise and Karen will work on this committee together.

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Futurity Committee Report:

Two classes had no entries. All other classes were down in entries since past years. These classes have seen a continued decreased interest in the classes. The Committee feels that the Futurity/Sweepstakes Classes should not be offered due to the lack of entries overall.

Club asked to add money to Futurity Pay out in the amount of \$450.00. Denise Orman made motion to accept added money amount. Seconded, Approved Unanimously.

There was also an expressed concern with the lack of awards for the sweepstakes classes. Members feels that it was not clear that the sweepstakes class was to receive an award ribbon only. Options discussed of possible awards. Denise Orman made motion to allow up to \$25.00 for the purchase of awards for the sweepstakes classes. Annette and Dona will look into awards.

Unfortunately there was an error with class A, and the wrong champion was announced at the show. The error was not caught until after the show when the judges' cards were reviewed for the show results. A letter of apology will be sent out to the Stacy Zerby for the unfortunate discrepancy.

The Futurity/Sweepstakes Classes will no longer be offered.

Banquet:

Karen will look into what venue to use since we have had difficulty securing a date at last years venue. Karen will get prices and available dates at other open venues.

Scholarships are due very soon as of now no applicants.

By-laws committee:

Directors will be asked to look through the By-Laws and advise of any changes that maybe needed. Terms may need to be looked at and clarified differently.

Nominations for 2016:

President nomination: Denise Orman

Vice President Nomination: Heather Calmes

Secretary Nomination: Karin Smith

Treasurer Nomination: Priscilla Nisiewicz

Executive Chair positions that are coming to an end are Dona Scharping, Denise Orman, and Karin Smith. There are 8 available seats to be filled, but at this time we are only filling 6 positions on the executive board.

Nominations for 6 executive board chairs:

Annette Mrzywka 2 yr

Dona Scharping 2 yr

Kathy McCullough 2 yr

Leeann Dickson 2 yr

Coty Hughes 1 yr

Michelle Hogan

Denise Orman made motion to accept and close the ballot nominations as presented. Seconded, Approved Unanimously.

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Ginny Deery will receive all sealed and mailed ballots.

Youth Club Nominations: Karin discussed the importance of having the older youth be President and Secretary. These two positions will be offered to youth that are between the ages of 14-18 due to the responsibility of the youth throughout the year. Younger youth interested in these positions will be involved in a mentor program throughout the year.

Next meeting: 11/22/15 at 11am.

Motion to adjourn made by Denise Orman at 1:06 pm, seconded, Approved Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Mrzywka
NYS PtHA 2015 Secretary.