

Palomino Exhibitors Association of Wisconsin

Open Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Karla Kegley at 10:00am.

Meeting was held at La Tolteca in Portage, WI on 10/21/2023.

Attendance: Karla Kegley, Richelle Beene, Julia Lepinski, Shelley Tooley, Sherri LaMarche, Rachel Meek, Ashley Meek, Kara Guarascio, Sophia Cook, Julie Apriesnig, Erin Geaney, Katie Zion, Christopher Zion, Samantha Anderson, Cathy Valimonte, Morgan Beaudou, Kevin Kegley and Cassandra Duggan.

Motion was made by Shelley Tooley to accept the 2022 minutes.

Motion for second was made by Kara Gaurascio. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Julia Lepinski presented the report to the group.

The 2023 show season ended with a loss. A motion was made by Rachel Meek to approve the treasurers report. Motion seconded by Kara Guarascio. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

2023 shows were discussed and even though there were some political things that happened, the shows went great. Judges were all very good and with the 3yr rule no longer valid, it will be easier to hire judges that are closer and save some money. Announcer was good, the show starts every time with the National Anthem going forward with the show starting right after that, everyone needs to be ready by then.

Open Show 4/29/2023:

Everyone felt that the show went very well, and the donated prizes were well received. It was decided to possibly have the Open show

again in 2024. Rachel and Ashley Meek will organize, Richelle Beene will be the judge and Karla Kegley will announce. Try for a more central location this time, maybe Showtime arena in Deerfield.

No other Old Business.

New Business:

Show dates are May 31st, June 1st, and 2nd, 2024 and August 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2024. Both shows will be held at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds in Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

The show committee will be Shelley Tooley (Chair), Richelle Beene, Julie Apriesnig, Karla Kegley and Christopher Zion.

There was a discussion on trying to get the Cumulative Year End Point system to work, Christopher talked to Darrell Honnold, and they are trying to figure out to have multiple clubs/states be involved in it, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. More discussion is needed to come up with a working idea.

Paid Positions:

Announcer – Greta Zeller will be returning for both shows, there will be an increase in her fees. (2023 - \$450 per show – 2024 - \$550 per show).

Ring Steward – Paul Amundson will be returning for both shows, fee will be the same. (2024 - \$750 + room per show)

Gate: possibly have Tony Mahloch returning, Karla will check to be sure, same pay as last year. (2024 - \$450 per show)

Show Secretary: need to fill this position – names were discussed and will be asked to see if there is any interest. (2023 - \$600 + room per show)

Show Office help: need to fill this position. (2023 - \$600 + room per show)

Show Manager: Christopher Zion will be returning as the 2024 Manager; this is not a paid position.

Stall/Shavings Reservations: Karla Kegley will continue to do this role; this is not a paid position.

Motion to approve the above paid/non-paid positions for the 2024 show season was made by Kevin Kegley. Motion was seconded by Shelley Tooley. Motion carried.

Photographer: Kim Farris is returning as the Show Photographer

Shavings: Motion was made by Christopher Zion to require the purchase of 3 bags of shavings with each horse stall reservation (not tack). Motion was seconded by Kara Gaurascio. Motion carried.

Hire Judges: Karla Kegley has the June show judges all hired, Richelle Beene will be hiring the August judges. 3yr rule is no longer valid, and a PHBA carded judge can now judge on the Friday show and be able to show on Sat and Sun of the show weekend.

Patterns: Karla Kegley and Richelle Beene will oversee getting the patterns for 2024 from the judges, Shelley Tooley will oversee creating the Trail/Ranch Trail patterns.

Weekend High Points: Shelley Tooley reported that Molly's Custom Buckle will give out 2 free buckles to organizations if we put their logo on our website for advertising. There was a discussion on how to use these – possibly a weekend buckle series and the divisions could be Open/Am/Youth/WT, must show at both show weekends to qualify.

Sophia Cook discussed having prizes pre-made ahead of time for exhibitors to see and choose from. Sophia can do leather items – trophy reins possibility, backs on jackets, hat bands etc. Maybe more wearable items to promote the group, so others can see what we offer for prizes. Wild Rags was also brought up, any of the prizes would not need to have the date or division on them so they could be used for any year. She engraved 16 cups for the 2023-year end award, and it was \$80 for it.

These ideas were tabled and will be sent to the Awards Committee to bring them back to the Executive Board for a decision.

Website Renew: Motion was made by Rachel Meek to renew the website again for 2024. Motion was seconded by Ashley Meek. Motion carried. Cathy Valimonte and Samantha Anderson will take over the website administration.

Showbill Set-Up: Erin Geaney will be doing this moving forward – All Breed classes need to be added back to the showbill, these classes were voted on to bring back for the 2024 show season, A motion was made by Rachel Meek to add back in the All-Breed Classes with 1 age group, if less than 2 exhibitors they will run with the Pali classes, if 3 or more they have their own class, with the classes be added on Sat and Sun again. Motion was seconded by Ashley Meek. Motion carried.

Karla Kegley will monitor the tack stalls to make sure we have enough horse stalls to include the Pali and the All-Breed horses in the barn.

Insurance for Shows: will renew when the policy email comes in.

Trail and Speed Equipment: right now, stored at KPH – discussion was that the metal barrels are not necessary as it could not be found anywhere that they need to metal. Plastic barrels will be replacing the metal ones. A discussion was also had on whether the show bill needs to include the speed classes and it was decided that yes it does.

Lead line Gift Bags: Rachel Meek will be doing them for the 2024 show season, we had 0 lead liners last year.

Awards Committee: Shelley Tooley (Chair), Richelle Beene, Sophia Cook, Kara Gaurascio and Karla Kegley. They will handle the Year End and Weekend Awards. Motion was made by Rachel Meek that any money spent needs to be brought to the Executive Board and the Finance Review Board for approval. Motion was seconded by Ashley Meek. Motion carried.

Midwest Horse Fair: The National group is doing the demo again and are asking that the stalls/bedding/mats be covered for the participants. If interested contact Ashley Meek, Cassandra Duggan, or Tia Koehler. This is a Youth driven event.

Pay Sec/Treasurer for 2023: Motion was made by Christopher Zion to pay the Sec/Treas \$800. Motion was seconded by Erin Geaney. Motion carried.

Any other New Business:

Cassandra Duggan will send out the Christmas cards again and will hopefully be able to contain a flyer for the 2024 show dates.

World Show Class Sponsorship was present by Ashley Meek, presently there are not enough funds to pledge an amount for 2024.

Christopher Zion presented to change the fees for the 2024 show season, he did some research for the other state APAs and found the following:

Iowa - \$120 is their Max out fee.

Indiana - \$150 is their Max out fee - \$85 show all day per horse.

Minnesota - \$45 per judge – package deal (youth special \$475 all 3)

After discussion the following motions were made for the 2024 PEAW Show Season –

Motion made by Rachel Meek to change the class fee to \$9 per class/judge - \$27 per class. Motion was seconded by Shelley Tooley. Motion carried.

Motion by Rachel Meek to Max out at 6 classes with this to kick in on the 7th entered class. Motion seconded by Samantha Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rachel Meek to change the Office fee to \$9 per horse/judge. Motion was seconded by Shelley Tooley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Christopher Zion to remove the 2 & Under pricing and make it the same price across the board for all horses. Motion was seconded by Shelley Tooley. 2 Nos were recorded by Karla Kegley and Richelle Beene, Yes were the majority, motion carried.

Sponsorship Committee: Kara Gaurascio (chair), Erin Geaney, Katie Zion, Julie Apriesnig, Katie Zion, Sherri LaMarche, and Christopher Zion.

Finance Committee: Discussion on what this committee is – the purpose is to go over the previous shows- and see what we can fix, also is an advisor to the Executive Board with the Executive Board making the final decision. Motion was made by Shelley Tooley to continue with the Finance Committee. Motion was seconded by Kara Gaurascio. Motion carried.

Committee: Christopher Zion (chair), Jake Fimreite, Erin Geaney and Sherri LaMarche.

Election of Officers was conducted with the present members in the room.

All Executive Board positions were filled by a unanimous ballot and approved by members present.

President – Karla Kegley

1st Vice President – Richelle Beene

2nd Vice President – Shelley Tooley

3rd Vice President – Rachel Meek

Secretary/treasurer – Sherri LaMarche

Youth Advisor – Julie Apriesnig was nominated, Tia Koehler was nominated.

Motion to close nominations by Kara Gaurascio. Motion seconded by Ashley Meek. Motion carried. The vote was taken by paper ballot.

Julie Apriesnig – 10 votes Tia Koehler – 5 votes

Julie Apriesnig was announced as the new PEAW Youth Advisor.

The following positions were filled:

Field Inspectors, Open Officers, National Directors (11), Alternate National Directors (10), Amateur Officers, Amateur National Directors (4), Alternate Amateur National Directors (3), Youth Officers, Youth National Directors (2) and Alternate Youth Directors (1). Sheets for PHBA were filled out with names and contact information to be sent into PHBA.

Motion was made by Katie Zion to adjourn the meeting at 12:22pm.
Seconded by Kara Gaurascio. Motion carried.

Year End Awards: Richelle Beene and Sophia Cook handed out the awards to the members present.