

Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2026  
Buffalo Phil's Crystal Room, Wisconsin Dells

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 pm by President Tina Langness

Roll Call:

Board members present: Tina Langness, Kathy Kaprelian, Hannah Heil, Mary Mishefske, Ashleigh Carlson, Cailyn Ray, Olivia Lamont, Brenda Wolfe, Jackie Brown and Kim Ziegler.

Guests present: Allison Rosenburg, TJ, Randi and Zoe Gerdes, Brooklyn Carlson, Evelyn Hurt, Jordon Brown, Olivia Barker, Carleigh Dietrich, Stacey and Jeff Dietrich.

Guests present via Zoom: Kathy Findley.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the December meeting had been distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting. Kathy Kaprelian moved to accept the minutes as presented, Hannah Heil seconded. Motion carried unanimously. December 2025 minutes and January 2025 annual minutes were available to all members present.

Treasurer's Report: Olivia Lamont complimented the Board on working together and having a very successful year. She presented and explained the year-end financial report. (See attached). As there were no corrections, Ashleigh Carlson moved to accept the financial report as presented, Jackie Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Youth Board Report:** Jackie and Jordon Brown.

2026 Goals:

- A budget goal of \$4,500 with two (2) \$500 scholarships has been set for 2026. If there are not enough eligible applicants for two scholarships, the scholarships will be combined for one (1) \$1,000 scholarship.
- Fundraising ideas: At the shows, May – "chuck-a-duck", July – ice cream bar, and August a raffle.
- Additional fundraising includes pre-bedding stalls at WptHA shows. They would like to increase the pre-bedding fee to \$15 per stall. Pre-bedding was problematic in 2025 due to stall placement not matching the stalling chart. Jackie confirmed that they will have access to a gator to distribute bedding for 2026.
- Community Service ideas: Food drive at the May show and a pet food drive at the August show.
- National recognition: They will be linking their youth board with the National association. Tina provided the forms to Jordon for that.
- Bring in more sponsorships for 2026, including reaching out to the Wisconsin Horse Council.
- Leadership sleepover the night before the 2027 banquet/annual meeting.

2025 Recap:

- Raffles, Mother's Day flowers, pool noodle races, customizing brushes, MWHF ambassadors, help with setting trail obstacles for the minis, handed out leadline awards, "Ride for Kam" fundraiser.

Youth interested in joining the Youth Board are encouraged to reach out to any of the current YB members via the QR code or on the website. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 16. They will also be holding meetings on Thursday evenings from March 16 up to the MWHF.

Hannah Heil made a motion to accept the request of the YB to increase the pre-bedding cost to \$15 per stall. Jackie Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jordon Brown made a motion to accept the YB report as presented. Hannah Heil seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECAPS:**

**Nomination Committee:** Cailyn Ray reported that all members from the 2025 board of directors were re-elected for 2026. There were approximately 40 general members who voted for the 2026 board. Volunteers for committees were encouraged, and sign-up sheets were made available at the banquet. Mary Mishefske made a motion to approve the report as presented. Olivia Lamont seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Show Committee:** Hannah Heil reported that all three (3) shows were very well attended with 1200 entries in May, 600 entries in July, and 1500 entries in August. The 2026 showbills are complete and ready to send to the National office for approval. The July mini/pony show will be held in Elkhorn, WI this year, the May and August shows will be held in Oshkosh, WI. The Committee is in the process of creating a Championship Challenge award for the big horses, something similar to what we already have in place for the minis. The event surveys were reviewed by the Committee and because of those surveys, additional solid horse classes have been offered in multiple divisions. Brenda Wolfe made a motion to accept the report as presented. Ashleigh Carlson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Publicity Committee:** Hannah Heil reported many changes and updates have been made to both the website and the Facebook page. She encouraged the YB members to submit pictures and videos also. Cailyn stated that our social media presence is one of the reasons that we have grown as a club, along with our fun shows and great awards. Mary Mishefske made a motion to accept the report as presented. Kim Ziegler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Finance Committee:** Kathy Kaprelian reported that the main function of this committee is to just “keep an eye on things”, eliminating errors, and make sure that we are financially moving forward. Jackie Brown made a motion to accept the report as presented. Hannah Heil seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Legislation Committee:** Mary Mishefske reported that many revisions have been made to the By-laws, Constitution and Mission Statement, including adding new anti-bullying and anti-harassment sections. The By-Laws are now complete and up to date. Olivia Lamont made a motion to accept the updated 2026 By-Laws and Constitution. Cailyn Ray seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Points Committee:** Mary Mishefske, Hannah Heil and Kathy Kaprelian reported that the year-end calculations had to be done manually because the reports from Horseshow Tracker were incorrect due to the showbills not matching and the new codes being used by the National office. To rectify this problem, the 2026 May and August showbills will be identical. Mary reiterated that we will continue to use the 7-point scale in order to make it more fair for the exhibitors in 1 and 2 horse classes. We will also be implementing a nomination form in 2026 to be used for each horse/exhibitor combination who wish to be eligible for awards. The form is already available on the WptHA website. This nomination form is free of charge. WptHA, along with the National office, will continue to use Horse Show for Windows (Horse Show Tracker) software. Kathy Kaprelian made a motion to accept the report as presented. TJ Gerdes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Awards Committee:** Hannah Heil asked for members to send awards suggestions to the board members. In 2025 we were able to give awards to third place for our year-end awards. Kim Ziegler made a motion to accept the report as presented. Jackie Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Banquet Committee:** Kathy Kaprelian became the chair of this committee in 2019. She presented comparisons from 2019-2026. The banquet attendance has grown from roughly 50 attendees to 130 in 2026. A lot of factors are taken into account for planning and attending. She asked that any suggestions for themes or venues be sent to her. Mary Mishefske made a motion to accept the report as presented. Hannah Heil seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Midwest Horse Fair:** Brenda Wolfe reported that she, Gina Hermann, Kathy Kaprelian and Hannah Heil are the core committee members. The theme for 2025 was “The Journey Home”. WptHA received a top 10 award out of 33 groups. The mini kissing booth was very popular. The theme in 2026 will be “45 Years of Making Memories” which coincides

with the 45<sup>th</sup> year of the MWHF. Our theme will likely be based on "Milestones in Pinto". She will have a budget to present at the February meeting. Cailyn Ray moved to accept her report as presented. Allison Rosenberg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership: Kathy Kaprelian was the coordinator until 2025, when Cailyn Ray took over. We had 185 total members in 2025, which broke out the individual family members. Implementation of the Google form was a great success. Some suggestions were made to improve the form for 2026. QR codes will be available on the tables at the banquet for ease of membership renewal. Mary Mishefske moved to accept the report as presented. TJ Gerdes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Website/Social Media: Cailyn Ray reported that we would appreciate photos submitted from our members during the shows. They can be candid, funny, etc. The full report was given during the Committee Reports. Kathy Kaprelian moved to accept the report as presented. Cailyn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sponsorship/Fundraising: Kathy Kaprelian reported that in 2025 we had seven (7) Silver sponsors, sixteen (16) Diamond sponsors and four (4) Ruby sponsors for a total of \$3900 in sponsorships. TJ Gerdes suggested that the Youth Board send letters to businesses asking for sponsorships as they tend to be more receptive to requests from young people. Randi Gerdes moved to accept the report as presented. Kim Ziegler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Sunshine: Tina Langness sends cards, flowers, etc to members as needed. Any suggestions for anyone who could use a little sunshine should be sent to her.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Two items that were already touched on include the startup of a Sponsorship Committee and the Pinto National Youth Initiative.

**Next meeting:** Monday, February 16 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

As there was no additional business to discuss, President Tina Langness called for adjournment. Kathy Kaprelian moved to adjourn. Allison Rosenberg seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Ziegler  
WptHA Secretary