

**Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
November 17, 2025 via Zoom videoconference call**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Tina Langness

Members Present: Tina Langness, Kathy Kaprelian, Kim Ziegler, Hannah Heil, Cailyn Ray, Mary Mishefske, Brenda Wolfe, Jackie Brown, Ashleigh Carlson.

Members Absent: Olivia Lamont

Guests Present: Christina Kooiman

Secretary's Report: Minutes were emailed to all Board members in advance. No additions or corrections. Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled due to Olivia's absence.

Youth Board Report: Jackie reported that they have received four applications for the main board position. Jackie also reported issues with access to the Google account to view the scholarship applications, evidently a problem with the password. Tina will reset the password and give the Board access to it. Jackie and Ashleigh will come up with a plan for the meeting on January 10, 2026, i.e. Roberts Rules of Order, along with touch points for adult board members to work with the youth members. Tina questioned how it currently was with the youth/adult mentorship. Jackie feels it will be better in 2026. Cailyn volunteered to help review the scholarship applications. Ashleigh reported on the buckles and said that they have sponsors for this year. The youth fund will purchase buckles for their board members going forward. She also asked about using the two-buckle credit, approximately \$200, from Molly's for the youth board buckles. Discussion using the credit for the youth board versus the leadline buckle awards. Kathy suggested using the credit for the leadline buckles, \$56 x2, and credit the youth board with the balance. Board agreed. Jackie has the sponsorship money and can pay for the buckles with that money and then get reimbursed. The five youth board officers will then have "traveling buckles" unless they obtain a sponsorship to purchase their buckle. A total of 12 buckles will be ordered at the cost of \$1002.00. The buckles will be distributed at the banquet. Ashleigh made a motion to order the 12 buckles, Jackie seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nomination Committee: Cailyn reported that almost 40 members voted. Everyone really liked that the voting was anonymous. She will reach out to the nominees who were not selected to the Board about serving on committees. Mary suggested that we keep the current officers. Discussed an internal vote. Kathy stated that the by-laws indicate a rotating 2-year term. After some discussion, it was decided to table this until the updated by-laws are officially approved. Brenda reviewed Roberts Rules and stated that the Chairperson (Tina) could make a motion to keep the officers and committee members as they currently are. Tina so moved, Hannah seconded and the motion carried. Current committee members are listed on Trello.

Show Committee: Mary/Hannah

- Two showbills have been drafted but classes need to be reordered. Discussed classes that were removed and classes that were added. Currently there are eight 10 and under classes and also added amateur solid horse classes.
- Hannah suggested a venue change for the July 2026 mini/pony show as the owner of Heartland Stables is becoming increasingly difficult to work with. Elkhorn Equestrian Event Center was suggested as other associations host mini/pony events there. Discussion followed. Brenda made a motion to change the venue to the Elkhorn facility, Kathy seconded. Motion carried.
- Judges and announcers. Kim will send contracts out to all of the judges and will also book their ABNBs. Hannah will contact Erik Johnson, the mini/pony show announcer about the change of venue and also see if he is available to announce the August show. Kim will send a contract to Roy Schwab to announce the May show.
- Hannah reported that the committee is thinking about doing a Championship Challenge at the August show. Kathy stated that Marge Cook may want to sponsor the western portion in memory of Gene.

Publicity/social media/marketing: Hannah reported that we have been getting great feedback from our website. Jackie suggested adding the “warrant form” to the banquet ticket form and also having the youth board members do some videos to advertise the banquet.

Finance Committee: Kathy reported that we are currently “fiscally responsible”. Brenda asked about putting some of our funds into a high-yield account. Cailyn stated that Olivia was already working on that.

Legislation Committee: Mary/Hannah. By-laws are being reviewed.

Points Committee: Mary/Christina/Hannah. There were problems with the spreadsheets from the 2025 shows with the PDF form being incorrect. The committee used the “All Results” PDF and then confirmed with the National office. The plan for 2026 is to have exhibitors nominate themselves for weekend high points and year-end high points and hopefully that will solve the problem.

Awards Committee: Hannah/Kathy/Mary/Kim. Kathy and Mary have been reimbursed for the pop-up tents. Hannah purchased bridle bags for the 2026 mini/pony show high point awards. The committee would like to do a leadline buckle for the May and August winners (\$56 at Molly’s) and also have medals or small trophies for all of the other participants. Hannah made a motion to do so, Kathy seconded it. Motion carried. Rookie of the Year award applicants signed up via a Google Doc. Cailyn reported that there are 12 applications. Mary will review the applicant’s points and will determine the winners in the three categories – 13 and under, 14-18 and amateur.

Sponsorship Committee: Cailyn reported that we need to renew the 2025 sponsorships. She will have QR codes for sponsorships and memberships at the banquet. Tina suggested compiling a list of the previous sponsors and assigning some to each Board member. Hannah is creating a spreadsheet on Trello. Wi Pinto is a 501c-4 nonprofit so businesses can use donations for promotional/advertising deductions but private donations are not a tax deduction.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Banquet.** Kathy questioned if we want to add an additional side to our buffet, like a salad or a vegetable. Discussed having Olivia order the cupcakes. The hotel room blocks have been published.

2. **Midwest Horse Fair:** Brenda stated that they will be releasing the number of stalls we will have available the first week in December. Camping reservations go live on December 8 at 9:00 a.m. She will send a link to the participants who are interested in camping. She and Gina Herman are working on developing a budget.
3. **Membership:** Cailyn will have QR codes at the banquet. She will send an email out to the current members reminding them to renew. Hannah will also do a push on social media.
4. **Fundraising:** No report.
5. **Sunshine:** Tina sent a card to Julie and Brent Harnish. Julie was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Annual general meeting:** Kathy would like to have the Committees do year-in-review reports, like what went well, what needs help, etc. She would also like to have the Youth Board do the same. Discussed having this done at the general meeting or at the banquet itself. Decided we want to encourage more attendees at the general meeting so will do the reporting there.

As there was no other business, Tina called for a motion to approve all of the Committee reports, along with the Old Business and New Business. Kathy so moved, Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Jackie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kathy seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

MOTIONS MADE ON TRELLO:

- November 23, 2025. Kim made a motion to reserve an ABNB in Appleton for the judges for the May show. Hannah seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 yes votes.
- December 1, 2025. Kim made a motion to reserve an ABNB in Appleton for the judges for the August show. Hannah seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 yes votes.
- December 1, 2025. Kathy made a motion to reserve an ABNB in Elkhorn for the judges for the July show. Kim seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Ziegler
WPtHA Secretary