

Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 29, 2025
Via Zoom videoconference call

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by President Tina Langness.

Members present: Tina Langness, Kathy Kaprelian, Kim Ziegler, Hannah Heil, Brenda Wolfe, Ashleigh Carlson, Mary Mishefske, Cailyn Schave, Jackie Brown, Olivia Lamont.

Guests present: None.

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

Treasurer's Report: Olivia reported that we currently have \$43,919.01 in our account, plus roughly \$2,000.00 in cash that she will use to open the high-yield savings fund. All show expenses have been paid. One check in the amount of \$73 was returned for NSF, plus a \$25.00 return fee. Olivia has been trying to contact the individual without any luck. Tina will also try to contact them. Jackie questioned what the starting balance for the youth board was. It was 50% of the silent auction proceeds from the 2025 banquet. Olivia will get her the exact amount. With no other questions, additions or corrections, Hannah made a motion to accept the treasurers report. Kathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Youth Board Report: Jackie/Ashleigh. The scholarship application will go live on October 1 with applications due on November 15. Jackie asked for volunteers to look over the applications. She also reported some changes to the board. It will now consist of five main members who must be freshmen to senior in high school. There will also be four junior members who must be in 5th to 8th grade. Parental help from the junior members would also be required. Buckles have been sponsored for the founding members. Going forward, the new board members will need to secure a sponsor for their buckles in order to keep them, otherwise the buckles will be returned to the board to be used by new incoming board members. The entire new youth board will meet at the 2026 banquet from 12:30-1:30, prior to the Annual BOD meeting (2:00 p.m.). Their meeting will focus on goal planning. Jackie would also like the youth to meet with their adult counterparts at 1:30 p.m. There will be 4 executive board members, and the 5th member will be their social media manager. Kim made a motion to accept the youth board report, Hannah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nomination Committee: Cailyn reported that the nomination form has been sent out to the membership. She has received 7 responses, plus a lot of interest in serving on committees. Tina requested that the form be sent out again. Cailyn agreed to send it multiple times. She also reported that Melanie would like to continue to do the stall and camping charting, along with shavings sales for the 2026 shows. November 15 will be the last day to vote for nominees.

Show Committee:

- Clarification of leadline rules. Ashleigh would like to change the horse/rider combination rule for leadline as many of the entries are not riding the same horse at both shows. Kathy suggested that since all leadline participants get an award at the horse show, that rather than giving a year-end high-point award, that ALL leadline participants get a participation certificate with their name on it at the banquet and forego the 2 show and horse/rider combinations. Everyone was agreeable to this suggestion. Hannah will add this change to the year-end rules.
- Showbill committee. (New committee). Discussed tweaking the existing showbills based on entries. Hannah has the All R Small showbill nearly complete. Discussion about the ideal classes and where to put them in the day. Hannah has also compared our weekend and year-end awards with five other charters and we are very similar to those. New committees will be formed and members added after the November 15 elections.

- Suggestion to hire a show manager for 2026. Discussion of a show manager versus a ring crew. There is definitely a need for a bigger commitment of volunteers to help in the ring with set-up, etc. Also discussed putting together a pattern book for the entire year and have the youth sell them as a fundraiser.
- Jubilee Show Recap. Discussion regarding what the MN club owes for expenses and how to fairly split the profit. After a lot of discussion, Kathy made a motion to share the profit with the MN charter using a 70/30 split due to the fact that the WI charter did the majority of the work and advertising. The amount owed to the MN charter using this split would be \$6939.00. Brenda seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Kathy Findley has reached out to express her interest in being on the Show Committee in 2026. New committees and members will be formed after the November 15 election.

Publicity Committee: Hannah suggested changing this committee to a Marketing Committee or creating a marketing role among the Board members. Discussed also including the youth board member on this committee. Discussed. Again, no changes will be made until after the November 15 election. Discussed putting up some teaser ads now for the year end banquet, but to keep the awards themselves a surprise.

Finance Committee: Kathy. No new updates.

Legislation Committee: Mary and Hannah reported that an updated set of by-laws has been sent to the Board to review. The update includes the addition of a grievance committee and an anti-bullying clause. Also, a quorum is stated as being the members present. A new mission statement was created by Tina and approved by the entire Board. This will be added to article II in the by-laws and will also be put on the website. There was some discussion regarding allowing public attendance at the Board meetings and publishing of the approved minutes on the website.

Points and Awards Committee:

- Mary has run into some issues with people who showed at two shows but with two different horses but still won a year-end award with one horse at one show. The Points Committee feels that those individuals should still receive the year-end award. This type of situation will be clarified in our updated weekend and year-end awards rules. Discussed implementing a nomination form for high-point and put some of the responsibilities back on the exhibitor.
- 2025/2026 Weekend High Point and Year-End Awards program presented by Hannah.
 - Exhibitors must exhibit at two (2) of our shows
 - Adding a minimum number of points to qualify for awards
 - Award review – change to seven (7) days following the publication and emailing of the results.
- Class sizes. Mary reported that the solid 10 and under walk-trot entries were our smallest and the amateur walk-trot entries were our largest. She reported that overall, the amateur entries far outweighed the open entries, and that the mini/pony division has by far the most entries.

Sponsorship Committee: Jackie is working on canned letters for the youth board to send out. Hannah will work with Jackie and Ashleigh for awards donations. Olivia's husband would like to personally give a larger donation specifically ear-marked for an arena drag.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Midwest Horse Fair. Brenda reported that applications will be due soon. Discussed opening the demonstration up to exhibitors who are "outside" members or to keep within the Board. Tina advocated for better support for the MWHF as in the past many costs have been paid out-of-pocket by Brenda. Discussed setting up a budget. Jackie offered to help Brenda and to get the youth board more involved. Brenda will gather more information and potential costs and present at the next meeting.
- Membership. Kathy has asked Cailyn to take over these duties as she lives closer to our treasurer, Olivia, and will be able to get checks to her in a more timely manner.
- Fundraising. Nothing to report.
- Sunshine. Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Year-End Awards Banquet. Kathy has reached out to the Crystal Room to get prices, access times, etc. She will update as information becomes available.
- Grievance Committee. Olivia, Kim, Cailyn and Tina volunteered. Kathy will serve as the tie-breaking non-committee member.
- 2026 Show Dates. Tina has secured May 8-10th and August 14-16th at Sunnyview and July 11-12 at Heartland Stables for the All R Small Show. Discussed the possibility of hosting a fall show in October, possibly in Madison. Hannah will reach out to the mini/pony exhibitors to see if they would be interested in an October show.
- Judges Hiring Committee. Tina has secured the 3 judges for the July show. Olivia and Kim also volunteered to be on this committee.
- Updated forms. Hannah reviewed the updated forms and suggestions were suggested to add something about scooters, motorized bikes, and golf carts – to be mindful and ride at your own risk.

Tina gave an update on the grievance issues with Tara Venable. There was a hearing with the National PtHA office on September 16, which Tina sat in on. There were 3 executive committee members, 2 members in good standing, and the PtHA attorney present. Tara presented her defense to the attorney. Tina read the written results of the hearing regarding allegations of animal abuse and lack of supervision of Tara's young daughter. After much consideration, a unanimous decision was made by PtHA to drop all charges.

Olivia made a motion to accept and approve all Committee Reports, Old Business and New Business. Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting: Monday, October 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

MOTIONS MADE ON TRELLO:

- September 6, 2025 Tina made a motion to donate \$100 to the Schellinger family due to the complete loss of their barn on 9/4/2025 due to a fire. Kathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- October 17, 2025. Tina made a motion to approve Kathy Findley as a member of the Show Committee and Legislative Committee. To date there has not been a second to this motion. There has been some discussion. Motion remains open.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Ziegler
WPtHA Secretary