

**Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 15, 2025
Via Zoom videoconferencing**

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, Cailyn Ray, Mary Mishefske, Olivia Lamont, Jackie Brown.

Guests present: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes were emailed to all Board members in advance. No additions or corrections. Kathy moved to accept the secretary's report as presented. Mary seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Olivia reported the current balance is \$39,607.71. We have received \$1016.31 via PayPal for banquet reservations. Application for WI Horse Council membership has been sent in. Stalls for Midwest Horse Fair have been paid for. Jackie asked what the Youth Board budget is going into 2026 as they have not turned in any expenses. Olivia will have that amount at the January meeting. Olivia has gotten a new debit card through Johnson Bank for the Association. This does have a \$1,000 daily limit on it. Jackie suggested perhaps getting a credit card, however, that would have to be associated with an individual within the Association. Olivia can call Johnson Bank when we have larger purchases to increase the daily limit as needed. Discussion about a high-yield savings account. As we are considered a business for banking purposes, we are not eligible for a higher rate and we could incur penalties for early withdrawals. Cailyn will look into a "Wealthfront Account". Olivia also reported that MN Pinto still has not cashed their check from the Jubilee Show. That check is for approximately \$6,000, which will leave us with a balance of about \$33,000 in our checking account. Mary made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented. Brenda seconded. Motion carried.

Youth Board Report: (Jackie, Ashleigh) Ashleigh reported that we have received one application for the \$500 scholarship. We did not have enough youth interested in being a member of the youth board, so she did some recruiting and was able to promote enough interest to enable them to again have a full board. Jackie reported that the YB will meet from noon to 1:30 on January 10th. The junior members will then be excused and the YB officers will remain for the Annual Meeting, which will be followed by a short (20 minute) meeting with their adult executive officer counterparts. E-mails were sent out to the adult counterparts. She discussed preparations for the youth/adult meeting. She also stressed helping the youth to understand what it takes to host a horse show and how they can help. Kim made a motion to accept the youth board report as presented. Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nomination Committee: (Cailyn, Hannah). Cailyn sent out an email to the other Board nominees to see if any of them would be interested in becoming committee members. She did not receive any responses. Having committee sign-up sheets at the banquet was suggested. Information about the purpose of each committee should be discussed at the annual meeting. Hannah will also make a social media post asking for volunteers.

Show Committee: (Hannah, Kathy, Mary, Kim, Tina). Hannah reported that 2026 showbills have been emailed out to all of the Board members for review and approval. She stated that some mini classes have been removed. Discussed class order, specifically where to have the ideal classes. Ashleigh suggested keeping all of the classes in the same order at the May and August shows, i.e. open, amateur, YA, walk-trot. If the ideal classes are held in the middle of the afternoon, it was suggested that we have a short break following those classes for exhibitors to re-tack their horses. Hannah will make the suggested changes and send out updated showbills for review. Regarding the July mini/pony show, several classes that did not fill were eliminated, and junior exhibitor classes were added. Weekend high-point categories will be the same for both the May and August shows.

Publicity Committee: (Cailyn, Jackie, Hannah). Hannah has ads uploaded and running on Facebook for the banquet. Cailyn will send out a banquet email reminder to all members. She will also email members who are receiving awards but have not yet signed up for the banquet. There have been some issues with the g-mail password. The new password will be available on Trello. The recipient of the scholarship was revealed and will be disclosed at the banquet.

Finance Committee: (Kathy, Olivia). Kathy would like a detailed income/expenditures report available at the banquet. Olivia will have that ready.

Legislation Committee: (Mary, Hannah, Tina). Tina and Mary reported that they updated By-Laws are completed. Copies will be available at the general meeting in January where the Board will vote to approve and sign.

Points Committee: (Mary, Christina Kooiman). Mary reported that the rules are written for 2026. Exhibitors will need to nominate themselves if they wish to be eligible for weekend and year-end awards. Mary would like to keep the 7-point system for at least one more year, with the addition that exhibitors must accumulate a minimum of 10 points to be eligible for year-end awards. Kathy suggested that we hold a workshop in 2026 to help May with the point calculations.

Awards Committee: (Hannah, Kathy, Kim, Mary). Kathy has started to collect 2026 awards. The chairs for year-end halter/color awards are ready to be picked up in Elkhorn, WI. Discussed who can get them. There are 36 chairs, 3 coolers, etc.

Sponsorship Committee: (Cailyn, Jackie). Mary suggested having sign-up sheets available at the banquet. Cailyn will have QR codes available at the banquet for sponsorship purposes.

Tina called for a motion to accept all of the Committee Reports. Cailyn so moved, Jackie seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Banquet:** (Kathy, Hannah, Jackie) Kathy reported that December 28, 2025 is the absolute deadline for ordering food. We currently have just under 70 reservations. Current reservation deadline is December 20. Jackie suggested taking reservations after December 20 at an increased cost. After some discussion it was decided not to increase costs. Cailyn will send out a "final call" email on December 27. The mailed in reservations are going to Olivia. We need to make sure those are added to the spreadsheet so that we can get an accurate count. The

banquet task sign-up sheet was reviewed. Kathy reiterated that we need to do committee recaps at the general meeting. Olivia will order cupcakes and cookies.

2. **Midwest Horse Fair:** (Brenda, Gina Herman). Brenda reported that we were able to obtain an additional stall this year so we can do a hospitality stall again. We will have 10-11 horses coming. There will be openings available for some new exhibitors as a couple from last year are not returning. She and Gina have been working on some preliminary ideas. We will need to establish a budget for promotional items, especially the hats for little kiddos as we gave away about 500 hats in 2025. She would like to add a Wisconsin Pinto sticker on the hats as a promotional idea.
3. **Membership:** (Cailyn). Cailyn stated that we only have 12 paid members to date. Tina reminded everyone that all BOD members must be current members of the National Association. Brief discussion about having a raffle item for those who also sign up as a sponsor with their membership.
4. **Fundraising:** No report
5. **Sunshine:** No report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None.

Tina called for a motion to approve the Old and New Business reports. Kathy so moved, Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting, January 10, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. at Buffalo Phil's Crystal Room, Wisconsin Dells

Motion to adjourn was made by Brenda, seconded by Kathy. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MOTIONS MADE ON TRELLO:

- December 2, 2025. Tina made a motion to hire Macy Herman to photograph the banquet at a fee of \$200 plus lodging. Kim seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 yes votes and 2 abstentions.
- December 21, 2025. Kathy made a motion to approve the showbills for the 2026 season, including the All-R-Small Show and the May and August shows. Kim seconded the motion. Motion carried with 9 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Ziegler

WPtHA Secretary