

**Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 20, 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, Mary Mishefske, Cailyn Schave, Jackie Brown, Olivia Lamont, Ashleigh Carlson, Brenda Wolfe.

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, Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Olivia reported that we currently have \$43,527.05 in our account. Year-end buckles have been paid for. MN Pinto club has been paid. Upcoming expenses include the banquet. Kathy moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Youth Board Report: Jackie reported that they are awaiting applications. Ashleigh will order buckles next week. These are for the founding members and also for the future members. Ashleigh questioned whether the youth board members meals are being paid for at the banquet. Discussed giving a price break of \$10 off per plate for 10 and under and also for the youth who showed in 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nomination Committee: Cailyn reported that we have received quite a few nominations in, including all of the current Board members plus a few new nominees. Cailyn suggested having bios for the new nominees on the ballot. Kim and Cailyn will work together to create a ballot for those interested in being on the Board of Directors. Ballots are due by November 15.

Show Committee:

- Kim reported on the judges she has hired to date. Suggestions and "do not hires" were given. Cailyn questioned the benefits of having 3 vs 4 judges. Discussion. Kathy suggested that maybe we should have 3 judges for the May show and 4 for the August show, making that a bigger show. Cailyn made a motion to hire 3 judges for May and July, and 4 judges for August. Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Show Secretary. Christina Kooiman, our show secretary, will not be available for the July mini/pony show. Tina asked Hannah to reach out to Cindy Westphal. Kim will reach out to the WSCA Club to see who their show secretary is. Hannah will also reach out to Funwware to see if they have any recommendations.
- Different venue possibilities. Kathy has reached out to Racine County regarding future shows. They will offer a covered arena and 80 stalls. Additional venues were also discussed.
- Judges Fees. We currently offer a flat fee of \$1300 and provide lodging and meals. Cailyn suggested adding travel expenses. Discussed that that can be quite variable depending on where the judge is traveling from. Tina suggested upping the flat fee to \$1500 which would include travel expenses, and we would still cover lodging and meals. Mary made a motion to increase the judges fee to \$1500 (including travel fees) flat and continue to cover meals and lodging. Kathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Publicity Committee: Hannah presented updates to the website that she had been working on. A few additions/changes were discussed. Everyone liked the show checklist forms. Awards rules and entry rules were discussed. Nominations form for weekend and year-end awards will be added. Rookie Of the Year applicants can sign up at any time. A Youth Board page has also been added and everyone liked it. She will also be adding banquet and MWHF tabs.

Finance Committee: Kathy reported that we are financially stable. Discussed what the actual function of this committee is. Agreed that it is basically to oversee the treasurer and all finances.

Legislation Committee: Mary reported that the by-laws are basically finished, just need to be reviewed and voted on. Hannah will get them emailed to everyone to review. Board will vote on at the November meeting. Signatures will be completed after the general membership meeting at the banquet in January.

Points Committee: Mary had to do final points manually as Horse Show Tracker software did not tabulate them. This was because each show had a different class list. Kim suggested that we make sure that the May and August showbills are identical for 2026. Year-end awards will not be publicized until the rules are posted on the website. Current rules were reviewed, and a few changes will be made.

Kathy suggested a different entry fee price for our 10 and under exhibitors. Discussion, also, regarding adding additional walk-trot classes and taking out the utility classes. Ashleigh would like to add walk-trot discipline rail and ideal classes. Discussion that ideal is a very time-consuming class. Hannah would like suggestions to be put on Trello for the Show Committee to look at and take into consideration.

Sponsorship Committee: Cailyn will continue to work on sponsorships. Jackie will create a letter for the youth board members to send out.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Banquet:** Kathy has left several messages for her contact person at the Crystal Room. Currently the cost per plate is \$44.00. She proposed that we change it to \$45/plate, but that the 10 and under kids and kids who showed would get a \$10/plate discount. This cost only applies to the food, it does not include the rental of the banquet room itself. Cailyn suggested \$50/plate. The rental for the banquet room is \$1000.00 which includes the use of their sound system and microphones. A deposit of \$100 was paid on 1/10/2025, balance due is \$900.00. Also discussed requiring everyone who attends the banquet must pay for a plate and different ways to monitor that. Kathy suggested inviting Darrel Bilke. Tina will talk to him at Color Breed Congress. It was decided to get cupcakes from an outside bakery for the desert as it is more cost effective. Kathy stated that there are 5 hotels in the group with the Crystal Room and questioned how many rooms we should reserve. After discussing, it was decided to add 10 rooms to however many we reserved in 2025. We will have access to the Crystal Room all day on Saturday, January 10, 2026. If the room is open on Friday, we would have access to it then also. Brenda made a motion to charge \$45/plate, Hannah seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Midwest Horse Fair:** Brenda reported that we do not have confirmation yet as to how many stalls we will have and will not know until November. She has requested 16 stalls. She will reach out once we know how many stalls are available to ask for volunteers to participate. December 9 is when camping reservations open and is on a first come, first served basis. These sites usually sell out within minutes.

3. **Membership:** Cailyn has nothing new to report, other than that we can now collect payments on the Google forms.
4. **Fundraising:** Hannah will launch the “arrest warrants” for the banquet soon!
5. **Sunshine:** Brenda’s husband was hospitalized for 4 days for A-fib but is now home and doing well. Kim is recovering at home from foot surgery. Cailyn stated that Krystal (?) lost a horse recently. Tina will send her a card.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Jubilee with MN Pinto.** John Hanson had messaged Tina about the possibility of hosting a Jubilee with us in 2026. They would like to hold it at Sunnyview in Oshkosh. Tina will talk with him and get additional information.
2. **Committee involvement – Kathy Findley:** Tina created a card on Trello expressing Kathy's interest in being on the Show Committee and Legislative Committee. Board members expressed their opinions on the Trello card. It was agreed upon that Kathy would need to go through the proper channels to be considered as a committee member.

As there was no other New Business, Tina called for a motion to accept the Committee Reports, Old Business and New Business. Hannah moved to accept all reports as presented and discussed. Cailyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Olivia and seconded by Hannah. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

MOTIONS MADE ON TRELLO:

- October 21, 2025. Kim made a motion to increase the daily rate of pay for our announcers to \$200/day from the current amount of \$150/day. We would continue to cover their meals and lodging. Hannah seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 yes votes.
- October 23, 2025. Hannah made a motion to lower the price per plate at the banquet to \$40. Kathy seconded the motion. Following some discussion the motion carried with 6 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Ziegler
WPtHA Secretary