

PHBA NATIONAL DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 11, 2023

A meeting of the PHBA National Board of Directors was held on Saturday March 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by President Tom Craun. Ken McDowell gave the invocation. Mr. Butch Watson will serve as the Parliamentarian.

Roll call attendance sheets were to be completed by each APA in attendance. Each National Director present signed the sheet. Completed sheets were turned into Terri Green. A quorum was established.

President Tom Craun asked Ginny Baskerville to read the minutes from the March 19, 2022. Thomas Coon made a motion to accept minutes as read. Seconded by Mary Ann Fielitz.

Lynn Rohwedder gave highlights for PHBA and the World Show for the year.

PHBA 2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP - \$ 55,900.67

REGISTRATION - 25,490.00

TRANSFER - 5,850.00

HORSESHOW - 391,156.70

OTHER - 115,716.55

TOTAL INCOME - \$594,113.92

EXPENSE

ADMINISTRATIVE (\$215,156.57)

WORLD SHOW - (293,012.58)

OTHER - (78,816.81)

TOTAL EXPENSE - (\$586,985.96)

NET INCOME - \$ 7,127.96

2022 WORLD SHOW:

SHOW INCOME - \$346,010.70

SPONSORSHIPS/ADVERTISING - 48,875.00

MISCELLANEOUS - 4,005.00

TOTAL INCOME - \$398,890.70

TOTAL EXPENSE - (293,012.58)

NET INCOME - \$105,878.12

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS SOLD (ALL DIVISIONS) - 1,390

TOTAL HORSE SHOWS (OTHER THAN WORLD) - 161

TOTAL HORSES REGISTERED - 375

(OF THOSE 95 WERE PALOMINO BRED)

Motion made by Bev Armstrong to accept this report. Seconded by Thomas Coon. Motion passed. An applause was given by the national directors.

President Tom Craun explained the QR CODE for members to complete a quick survey.

President Tom Craun asked each committee Chairperson to give their Committee Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

APA & Membership: Martha Hoff, Chairperson of the Committee, read the report to be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion made by Joy Isley to accept report. Seconded by Dawn Pyle. Motion passed.

Amateur Committee: Shelley Rystrom, Chairperson of the committee read the report. Shelley read the list of officers for Amateur Board: President Helen Fleming Bryson; President-elect Carmon O'Donnell; Vice President Susan Arbo; Vice President Jason Perkins; Treasurer Alisha Wold; Secretary Ashley Meeks; Correspondent Robert Russell; and Immediate Past President, Shelley Rystrom. Shelley Rystrom made a motion to accept report as read. Seconded by Thomas Coon.

Benefit Auction: Ginny Baskerville, Chairman of the Committee read the report. PHBA \$4,570; Amateurs \$3,385; Youth \$1,955; Professional Horseman \$200; Trainers Crisis \$75; Capital Computer \$270; CHP \$80; Heritage \$3,850; and Youth Scholarship \$1,215. An increase of \$4,725 over last year. Ginny moved that the report to be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Dawn Pyle.

By-Laws & General Rules: Louie Hufnagel Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, read the report. Thomas Coon moved the report to be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Dave Pyle. Passed

Financial Management, Resources & Sponsorship: Dawn Pyle, Chairperson of committee read the report. Giving statement the committee received answers to questions by Dick Shanahan in the executive session. Dawn moved this report to be accepted by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Ken McDowell. Passed

Hall of Fame: Mimsi Coon, Chairperson read a report. Names for hall of fame: Exhibitor: Dawn Pyle; Breeder: Helen Fleming Bryson; two horses; Jacks Diamond Sox and Do Right Dooley; Service, Lawanda McDowell. Mimsi moved this report to be accepted by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Bev Armstrong. Passed

Judges: Louie Hufnagel, Chairperson of committee read the report. He listed the three new judges for 2023. Louie moved the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Bev Armstrong. Louie stated the two rule recommendations to change immediately the hiring of judges for show. Passed.

Marketing & Public Relations: Susie Arbo, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed.

Nominating: Mimsi Roe Coon read the slate of officers:

President: Dave Remus

President-Elect: Gene Ray Stewart Seconded and passed.

Vice President: Mike Battey Seconded and passed.

Vice President: Mike Bendele Seconded and passed.

Lawanda McDowell made a motion to accept report. Seconded by Mary Ann Fielitz. Passed.

Break and back in session 9:30 a.m.

Judges Committee: Louie Hufnagel update us on the judges committee: Shawn Budke, as Judge; Melodee Furnish, Past President and Ken McDowell as director. Motions made by Ann Jones to close each nominee and seconded by Mary Ann Fielitz. Passed.

P3 (Palomino Performance Program): Amanda Viator, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. (Belt buckle for 2023 is sponsored) Seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed.

Public Policy and Animal Welfare: Bev Armstrong, Vice Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed.

Recreational Riding Program: Helen Fleming Bryson, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed.

Professional Horsemen: Ricky Young, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed.

Registration & Transfer & Breeders: Marlene Cowie, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Helen Fleming Bryson. Passed.

Show Management Seminar: Dianna Watson, Vice- Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Alisha Wold. Passed.

Show Rules: Bev Armstrong, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Alisha Wold. Passed.

Trainers Crisis Fund: Melonie Furnish, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Highlight: helped one trainer Seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed.

Working Horse and Ranch Versatility: Alisha Heinz, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Pat Benton. Passed.

World Championship Horse Show Advisory: Mary Ann Fielitz, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed

Youth Committee: Tia Koehler, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Mimsi Roe Coon. Passed.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Handbook Review: Beverly Armstrong, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed.

Long Range Planning: Mimsi Roe Coon, Chairperson of the Committee read the report. Highlights: More E Blast, Calendar format for show listings, fall think tank, and introduced five year plan focus. Mimsi moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Carolyn Henderson. Passed.

Palomino Bred: Shawn Budke, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed.

RELATED ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS

PHBA Youth Association: Kate Roehrs, Youth President read the report and move the report be received by the National Boards of Directors. Seconded by Carolyn Henderson. Passed

Challenged Rider Program: Dianna Watson member gave a quick overview update of program classes show rules. Dianna moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed.

PHB Heritage Foundation: Mimsi Roe Coon gave highlight of meeting having the PHBA Executive Board attends meeting. An eight page highlight of first world show (43) in magazine. Mimsi moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed.

Youth Scholarship & Education Fund: Cara Stewart gave report on behalf of Roxanne Guthrie. Cara said they have 10 active scholarships with two new this year. Also, the cards will be at World Show. Cara moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Seconded by Thomas Coon. Passed.

President Tom Craun announced that the committee and Association Reports were complete. Next order of business will be for the National Board of Directors to vote on the proposed rule changes. Each committee will present the rule change proposals voted by their committee and give the committee recommendations.

Break: 15 minutes. After which discussion and voting on proposed rule changes will happen.

2023 RULE CHANGE SUMMARY

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS VIOLATIONS

69. Complaints. To file a complaint regarding inhumane treatment be prepared to report the following:

A. Your name and contact information

B. Date, Time and location of the observed inhumane treatment

C. Detailed description of the observed inhumane treatment

D. Name of person(s) involved

E. Detailed description of the horse, color, markings, and name if possible

F. Name and contact information of any witnesses

G. If possible, provide photos and/or videos of the incident evidencing the inhumane treatment

H. Must be filed within fifteen (15) days of incident.

Committee Recommendation: Accepted the amendment. Accepted the amended proposal.

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

REGISTRATION & TRANSFER RULES

PALOMINO BRED

554. A. A PB must be produced from the breeding of at least one PHBA registered parent (not including the PB registry), and the other parent is required to be from the list of PHBA recognized breed registries. Its sire and/or dam are registered in PHBA. The horse shall meet all previously mentioned registration requirements.

B. A registered PB can be bred to a registered PB and if that produce is ineligible for the regular registry in PHBA, then that produce will be eligible for registration as a PB. The produce shall meet all previously mentioned registration requirements.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

PALOMINO BRED ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE HORSES

557. Horses with a Palomino base coat and other qualifying characteristics as required in **Rule(s) 503-506** but are ineligible for regular registration due to excessive body white as outlined in **Rule(s) 503. B 3 and Rule 512 A-E** may

be eligible for Palomino Bred registration under this clause, regardless of sire/dam color when both sire and dam are ineligible for regular registry. Registration requirements for Additional Eligible Palomino Bred registry that must be met are **Rule(s) 521, 552, 553, 555 and 556 or registered by, means of the Unregistered Palomino Colored Horses option.**

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of the Committee

TITLES AND AWARDS

GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION

1095. PHBA will make available for purchase a copyrighted trophy in an open, amateur or youth division to any horse earning the title of Grand Champion **in each sex division of halter classes having three (3) or more entries.** ~~if there are two or more classes exhibited in the sex division.~~ The owner may purchase a similar trophy if the show does not award it.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of committee

HORSE SHOW RULES

HORSE SHOW APPROVALS

3019. A horse show may hold concurrent classes with other equine associations. The horses will work one time for each class and the judge(s) will judge the class for exhibitors in the PHBA and the other equine associations concurrently.

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted recommendation of Committee

SHOW MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

3070 B. The show manager shall:

9. Show management is required to provide photocopies of Judges score sheets that are available to all exhibitors to review throughout the duration of the show **hand written copy or posted digitally online or show website, {or at written request of an exhibitor after the show} for sixty (60) days.**

Committee Recommendation: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

3121. Any horse weanling age or older, must have a PHBA registration certificate, have a registration application or have a transfer application submitted to PHBA in order to show. **Exception: All registered palomino bred cremello colored horses will be allowed to show in the respective age and class as those registered as regular registry. Cremello's shown in regular registry class would not be eligible to show in the Palomino Bred classes and vice versa.**

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

MISCELLANEOUS

3181. Exhibitors Representative. Prior to the beginning of the show, the show management will appoint an exhibitors representative. The representative will act as the intermediary between the judge and the exhibitors with the assistance of the ring steward **and assist in instances of animal welfare.**

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

3191. ~~Trail Class~~ **Individual Working-Class Order. Shows with multiple judges and arenas may make ~~trail~~ classes available to exhibitors in a random order and position. ~~Working order for this class may also be random.~~ **{Horse shows with multiple judges and arenas may offer the option of working "At Will" for Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, reining, trail, western riding and working hunter. Classes with similar patterns and skill sets should work within a block.}****

Committee Recommendation: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

EQUIPMENT CHECKS

3311. A judge(s) or steward(s) may disqualify horse(s) from the class if fresh blood is found on the mouth and/or body areas of a horse (i.e.: including but not limited to the barrel, flanks, belly, sides, shoulders). Judges or stewards have the sole authority to determine if the blood found on the horse warrants disqualification from the class. The decision is final and not protestable. If blood is found on any mouth and/or body areas of a horse, (including but not limited to barrel, flanks, belly, side, shoulders) at any time anywhere on the show grounds, the steward will call such to the attention of the show management. Upon further investigation by these parties, if it is deemed to be the result of abuse, the horse may be asked to be excused from the competition and/or expelled from the show grounds. Also, stewards should check these areas upon entering a warmup, class, cut (split) and if signs of broken skin, rawness or blood is found, the horse must be excused from the competition.

3312. Prior to a judge's final placing, s/he MUST inspect the noses, mouths, jaws, and bodies of the horses (i.e.: including but not limited to barrel, flanks, belly, sides and shoulders) in the class (or finals) for raw, abused areas or fresh blood. If a horse shows signs of rawness or bleeding in any of these areas, the judge will disqualify the horse from the class.

Committee Recommendation: Reject (judges committee requested that #3312 be duplicated and placed as new **Rule 2080** under judges' responsibility.)

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

ST DIVISION ROPING/SPEED EVENTS

3331. A. In a multi-judge situation, all judges do not have to be present in the speed event classes; however, there must be a minimum of one judge judging the classes.

B. In multiple judged shows, in the timed events only, one judge may oversee/judge the class(es) and sign all sets of judge's cards.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION PROCEDURE

3366. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion must be selected for each sex in each division of halter classes having three or more entries in that sex division. Two (2) or more separate classes of different age divisions or an age division and Performance Halter must be held, and if there are three (3) or more horses exhibited in the sex division, before the titles of Grand and Reserve Champion of that sex can be awarded.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

COLOR CLASS

3373. Mane and Tails

E. Banded or braided manes are not allowed. Manes must be at least two (2) inches long and lie smoothly on the side of the horse's neck. Roached manes are prohibited.

3375. Procedure for judging the Color Class. Horses will enter the arena and line up head to tail. The judge(s) shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY

HUNTER IN HAND (Chilton-Moore proposal)

This class will be open to horses of all ages and will be divided into Open, Amateur and Youth divisions.

3375. Class Procedures

A. Horses will be judged individually on the triangle, following a posted order.

B. The horses will approach the judging area (A) and set up for inspection in the “open” position (i.e. with all four legs of the horse visible by the judge standing on either side of the horse). The judge shall inspect each horse from the front, rear and both sides.

C. After the inspection, ~~At the judge’s request,~~ the horse will then walk the small triangle ABCA. The horse will continue on at a trot following the large ADEA.

D. Exhibitor will be worked from the gate individually. Exhibitors should leave the arena after their work. ~~At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. As one horse leaves, the next one will enter the judging area promptly. When all horses in the class have completed the triangle, they may be lined up for judges to place, or “ringing” (walking in a large group circle around the judges) may be used.~~

E. An exhibitor may show more than one horse in a class. ~~on the triangle. In this case, a helper may assist in bringing the horses back for ringing or final inspection.~~

F. This class will be open to horses of all ages and will be divided into Open, Amateur and Youth divisions.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

3376. Scoring System: ~~60% movement, 30% conformation, 10% temperament.~~

A. Conformation scored on a scale of +8 to -8.

Excellent (6 to 8); Very Good (3 to 5); Good (0 to 2);

Poor (-1 to -3); Very Poor (-4 to -8)

B. Walk scored on a scale of +8 to -8.

Excellent (6 to 8); Very Good (3 to 5); Good (0 to 2); Poor (-1 to -3); Very Poor (-4 to -8)

C. Trot scored on a scale of +12 to -12.

Excellent (9 to 12); Very Good (5 to 8); Good (0 to 4); Poor (-1 to -6); Very Poor (-7 to -12)

D. Temperament scored on a scale of +2 to -2. Excellent (2); Good (0 to 1); Poor (-1 to -2)

3377. One Point Penalty

A. Break of gait at a walk or trot for two strides or less

3378. Three Point Penalties

A. Break of gait at a walk or trot for more than two strides

B. Knocking over cones

3379. Five Point Penalties

A. Refusal

B. Back, rear, strike, or kicking

3380. Disqualification

A. Fall of horse or handler

B. Become detached from horse

C. Off Course

D. Not submitting to inspection prior to pattern

E. Lameness

F. Illegal Attire (jeans and/or western boots)

G. Illegal Equipment

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

3381. Equipment:

A. Horses, two years old or older may be shown in a plain leather halter and plain leather lead shank or English headstall equipped with any acceptable single rein. English headstall equipped with any acceptable single rein English bit (see English Performance specifications) and that complies with appropriate equipment rules for the age of the horse shown. ~~English bridle is mandatory on horses two and older.~~ **See Rule 3335. Bits**

B. For horses one year old and younger, the halter and lead must be a halter of plain leather **and plain leather lead shank.** The chain on the lead may be over the nose or under the chin; however, no chains are allowed in the horse’s mouth and no lip chains are allowed.

C. The use of a crop or bat is optional.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

HUNTER IN HAND (Hufnagel proposal)

3375. F. This class will be open to yearling and two year old horses of all ages and will be divided into Open, Amateur and Youth divisions.

G. Two-year olds may not be ridden under saddle at the same show.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

GREEN PERFORMANCE CLASSES

3385. The purpose of Green Performance classes is to allow a horse to compete in a field with minimally accomplished horses of the same level of experience. The Green Performance class is a stepping-stone to the more advanced competition. Horses regardless of their age may be ridden with one hand and a standard western bit, as approved by PHBA equipment rules, or with one or two hands and a snaffle bit or bosal as described under PHBA equipment rules. All other rules apply.

A. Green Performance classes may be offered in the Regular Registry and Palomino Bred Registry for Hunter Under Saddle, Ranch Division Classes, Reining, Trail, Western Pleasure, Western Riding.

B. Horses are eligible to compete if they have not, as of January 1 of the current year:

1. Won 25 points or more in PHBA-approved western pleasure classes (horse points from all levels in any division will count and are cumulative in determining eligibility); or

2. Won \$2,500 or more in any equine organization or association in same class, including earnings reported by Q Data, Equistat and other verifiable resources.

3. Accuracy of eligibility is the responsibility of the owner or exhibitor.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accept the recommendation of Committee

APPROVED ST PERFORMANCE CLASSES

STOCK TYPE PERFORMANCE CLASS RULE

LONGE LINE

3389. Class Format. The class will consist of two parts:

A. A conformation inspection and;

B. A longeing demonstration lasting one and one-half minutes (90 seconds).

C. Arena conditions permitting, two areas in the arena should be available for exhibition, each located on one half of the arena. The announcer will then request the first horse to take up a location on one half of the arena and begin its one and one half minutes (90 seconds) warm up at the walk only. At the conclusion of that time period and prior to the first horse beginning its demonstration, the announcer will request the second horse to take up a place on the other half of the arena to prepare for its warm up. Once the first horse is signaled by the announcer to begin its performance, the second horse may begin its warm up at a walk. This process is repeated until all horses have completed their demonstration.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

3410. Judges are to evaluate movement based on the gait descriptions.

A. Walk. The walk will be scored on a scale of +1 1/2 to ~~+3~~ **-1 1/2** in each direction, with 0 being average. The horse must be walked long enough for the judge to have sufficient time to evaluate and score the walk. Lower gait scores should reflect stumbling in the gait;

B. Jog or Trot. The jog/trot will be scored on a scale of ~~+3 to -3~~ **+1 1/2 to -1 1/2** in each direction, with 0 being average/correct. Using a 25' radius, the horse should jog or trot a minimum of 1/2 circle both directions of the ring. Lower gait scores should reflect stumbling in the gait;

C. Lope or Canter. The lope/canter will be scored on a scale of ~~+3 to -3~~ **+1 ½ to -1 ½** in each direction, with 0 being correct/average. Using a 25' radius, the horse should lope or canter a minimum of one full circle both directions of the ring. Lower gait scores should reflect stumbling in the gait;

Committee Recommendation: Sent to handbook review committee for correction

ND: No action needed

3413. Use of the circle. Consideration will be given to how well or how poorly the horse/exhibitor team uses the 25' radius of the longeing circle. A separate box on the scorecard is available to indicate an overall score (from +1 1/2 to -4 -1 ½ with 0 being ~~average/correct~~) for use of the circle.

Committee Recommendation: Sent to handbook review committee for correction

ND: No action needed

RANCH HORSE DIVISION

3600. Judging Emphasis. The ranch horse division demonstrates the performance, versatility and conformation of the Palomino horse as a working ranch horse. Classes offered may include ~~Ranch Horse~~, Ranch Riding, Ranch Rail Pleasure, Ranch Trail, Ranch Reining and Ranch Conformation.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

3601. Ranch Horse Gaits. In all gaits, movement of the ranch horse should simulate a horse needing to cover long distances, softly and quietly, like that of a working ranch horse. The following terminology shall apply:

Committee Recommendation: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

Delete Ranch Horse class from the rulebook; Rules 3608-3616

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

RANCH HORSE DIVISION EQUIPMENT

3608. Get Down Rope or Hobbles with Romal in Ranch Horse Divisions Classes. A get-down rope will be allowed with the use of romal reins for the purposes of leading or working on the ground where required. The get-down rope may be a neck rope or a neck rope with bosalita that is tied in a manner that will not slide/tighten around the horse's neck. The tail end (lead) of the neck rope may be attached to the front of the saddle with saddle strings or run through the rider's belt loop but should not be tied to the saddle horn. Hobbles are also allowed.

If approved renumber accordingly

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

RANCH RIDING

3618. For horses three years of age and older, offered as junior, senior or all-aged open division, and as an all aged class for Novice Youth, Youth, **Youth Walk-Trot**, Novice Amateur, Select Amateur, **Amateur Walk-Trot** and Amateur.

3619. Class requirements:

B. The required maneuvers will include the walk, trot, and lope both directions: and the extended trot and extended lope at least one direction; as well as stops, and back.

C. The optional maneuvers may include a side pass, turns of 360 or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, trot, or lope over a log(s); or some reasonable combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a ranch horse to perform or encounter during ranch work.

Committee Recommendation: Postponed until 2024; sent to subcommittee in Working Horse & Ranch Versatility

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

3621. D. (OP) Placed below horses performing all maneuvers

Eliminates or adds maneuver

Incomplete maneuver

Includes maneuver

Repeated blatant disobedience

Use of two hands (except junior or novice horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any finger between romal reins (except in the two rein).

Committee Recommendation: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

RANCH REINING

3647. The ranch reining class measures the ability of the stock horse to perform basic handling maneuvers. Patterns may be chosen from any of the PHBA Reining patterns, AQHA VRH and RHC Ranch Reining Patterns, **Working Cowhorse** or reining patterns of recognized breed associations at their sponsored and/or approved shows. Exhibitor should not be penalized for reining their horse through the pattern in a reasonable manner.

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

3648. ~~Stops should be hard and deep as if needed to stop and go in the other direction. Stop should be square and done without resistance (it should be at the judge's discretion on what he/she considers an excessive slide). Excessive stops beyond ten (10) feet should be minus in 1/2 point increments.~~ **PENALTIES: Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined independently. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:**

One-half (1/2) point: Starting a circle or exiting a roll-back at a trot for up to two (2) strides; delayed change of lead by one stride where the lead change is required by the pattern description; failure to remain a minimum of twenty feet from the wall or fence when approaching a stop and/or rollback; over-spin or under-spin up to 1/8 turn.

One (1) point: Over-bridled (per maneuver), out of frame (per maneuver), out of lead in the circles, figure eights or around the end of the arena (this penalty is cumulative and will be deducted for each quarter of a circle the horse is out of lead); Over or under spinning 1/8 to 1/4 turn. Slipping rein.

Two (2) point: Break of gait; freeze up in spins or roll-backs; failure to stop or walk before executing a lope departure on trot-in patterns; failure to be in a lope prior to the first marker on run-in patterns; failure to completely pass the specified marker before initiating a stop position, trotting beyond two strides, but less than 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the arena.

Five (5) point: Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise;

Off-Pattern (OP): breaking pattern; inclusion or exclusion of maneuver (e.g. over or under-spinning, backing more than two (2) strides, etc.); trotting in excess of 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the arena; repeated blatant disobedience; use of two hands (except junior and novice horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two-rein). Exhibitors cannot place above others who complete the pattern correctly.

Disqualification (DQ): Lameness; abuse; illegal equipment; disrespect or misconduct; leaving arena before pattern is complete; improper western attire; fall of horse/rider.

Committee Recommendation: Accept, as part of 3647

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

3649. Turn arounds should be those of a working horse, they should be correct and job efficient.

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

RANCH CONFORMATION

3651. All horses will be shown together as one class per division (Open, Amateur, Amateur Select, Youth). **{The ranch conformation class may be held at any time during the horse show.} To be eligible to compete in the**

ranch conformation class the horse must be ~~ridden enter and exhibit~~ in at least one ranch class in that division ~~riding class~~ at the same show.

Committee Recommendation: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

WESTERN RIDING

3658. Pattern. The judge will select one of the fifteen (15) patterns to be performed. The judge is responsible for the pattern being correctly set. The six (6) novice western riding patterns may be used for novice classes or green. {If approved add green western riding patterns}

Committee Recommendation: Committee rejected green performance proposal

ND: No action taken

3659. Markers. The ~~eight (8)~~ small circles represent markers (pylons or cones recommended).

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted recommendation of Committee

REINING

3686. Faults Against Rider. Faults against the rider, to be scored accordingly, but not to cause disqualification:

A. Losing a stirrup;

B. Any unnecessary aid given by the rider (such as unnecessary talking, petting, spurring, quirting, or jerking of the reins);

C. ~~In all Reining patterns, failure to run circles or figure eights within the markers is not considered a fault depending on arena conditions as to size; however, failure to go beyond the markers on rollbacks and stops is considered a fault.~~

Committee Recommendation: Reject

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

AMATEUR PROGRAM

Ownership of Horse

5205. Leases. 2) The lease must be recorded with PHBA on a Showing Lease form and submitted to PHBA prior to exhibiting the horse. ~~EXCEPTION: The lease must be recorded with PHBA by March 1 of the current year should the horse be shown at the PHBA World Championship Show.~~

Committee Recommendation: Accept; **effective immediately**

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER

6206. 2) The exhibitor must lead on the horse's left side holding the lead shank in the right hand near the halter with the tail of the lead loosely coiled in the left hand ~~unless requested by the judge to show the horse's teeth. It is preferable that the exhibitor's hand not be on the snap or chain portion of the lead continuously.~~ The excess lead should never be tightly coiled, rolled, or folded.

When leading, the exhibitor should be positioned between the eye and the mid-point of the horse's neck, referred to as the leading position;

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

HUNT SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

6232. Pattern. It is mandatory that the judge(s) post the pattern at least one hour prior to commencement of the class. The pattern should be designed so the majority of exhibitors can perform it in a reasonable length of time (under 60 seconds). All patterns must include a **walk**, trot, canter and a back. Patterns used in classes for riders 13 and under should use maneuvers from Group #1 and/or Group #2. ~~Horses' gaits are to be ridden with the same cadence and speed, as you would find in the rail phase.~~ All ties will be broken at the discretion of the judge.

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

~~6236. D. Faults, which will be cause for disqualification, except in novice amateur or novice youth classes, which shall be faults, scored according to severity:~~

~~Head carried too low and/or clearly behind the vertical excessively and consistently while the horse is motion, or otherwise showing the appearance of intimidation.~~

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

6252. Pattern. It is mandatory that the judge(s) post any pattern(s) to be worked at least one hour prior to the commencement of the class; however, if the judge requires additional work of exhibitors for consideration of final placing, the pattern may be posted. **All patterns must include a walk, jog, lope and a back.** Pattern(s) should be designed to test the horseman's ability. All ties will be broken at the judge's discretion.

6253. Class Procedures...

A. The following maneuvers are acceptable in a pattern: ~~walk, jog, trot,~~ extended **jog trot, lope,** or extended lope in a straight line, curved line, serpentine, circle, or figure 8, or combination of these gaits and maneuvers; stop; back in a straight or curved line; turn or pivot, including spins and rollbacks on the haunches and/or on the forehand; sidepass, two-track, or leg-yield; flying or simple change of lead; counter canter; or any other maneuver; or ride without stirrups. ~~A back should be asked for at some time during the class;~~

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

PROPOSAL TO ADD OPEN STAKE RACE AS APPROVED OPEN ST PERFORMANCE CLASS

Committee Recommendation: Accept; move both patterns to new **Rule 3730** following Flag Race pattern

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

PROPOSAL TO ADD IN HAND TRAIL

(Suggest this follows the Trail class rules and start with rule number 3600, renumbering following rules.)

3600. This class will be open to yearling horses and will be divided into Open, Amateur and All Age Youth divisions.

3601. A Register of Merit will be awarded for this class. However, it will not count toward the PHBA Championship or PHBA Supreme Championship Award.

3602. There shall be an annual PHBA High Point Award in this class.

A. Points from this class shall not count toward PHBA Year-End High Point Awards or towards the 100 point novice status.

B. APA's shall decide whether points in this class shall count for High Point awards at their shows.

Judging Emphasis.

3603. Judges should consider the overall appearance of the horse, conditioning, grooming, and equipment in the scores. Also, to be considered is the correctness of the horse while being led. Drifting to the side, leading or stopping crooked, failure to maintain a pivot foot in a turn, leading or turning sluggishly should be considered and evaluated in the maneuver scores and reflected in its overall score. Handlers should be discouraged from excessive verbal cues and excessive, stiff or unnatural movements around horse or when leading. For safety reasons, those handlers continuously holding the chain on the lead, tightly coiling lead shank around hand, or dragging the lead shank should be penalized.

3604. All faults are to be assessed against the horse and not the exhibitor.

Class Procedures.

3605. Exhibitor must use only the right hand on the lead where the chain begins, and lead on the horse's left side. A chain may be used under the chin or hanging from the halter. Leads may be used without chains. Exhibitor must use only the left hand to carry the excess lead, looped loosely except when:

A. Carrying an object from one part of the arena to another.

B. Dragging an object from one part of the arena to another.

C. Opening/closing a gate, left hand gate only. In these cases, the right hand can also carry the excess lead.

D. Side-passing. In this case, the lead at the chain and the excess lead can be held in the hand at the horse's head.

3606. Exhibitors should be poised, confident, courteous and sportsmanlike at all times. The exhibitor should continue showing the horse until the class has been placed or excused.

3607. Any stops should be straight, smooth and responsive with the horse's body remaining straight. Backing and turning should be performed from the left side of the horse. The exhibitor should face the horse when backing. Exception: When negotiating a gate, the exhibitor is not required to face the horse. The horse should back up readily with the head, neck and body aligned in a straight or curved line as instructed.

3608. When executing a turn to the right, the exhibitor should face the horse and move the horse away from him/her. On turns of less than 90 degrees, it is acceptable to lead the horse toward the exhibitor. On turns 90 degrees or greater, the horse should pivot on the right or left hind leg while stepping across with the front legs.

3609. Exhibitor is not allowed to touch the horse, except when side passing.

Suggested Scoring.

3610. Scoring will be on the basis of 0-infinity, with 70 denoting an average performance. Each obstacle will receive an obstacle score that should be added or subtracted from 70 and is subject to a penalty that should be subtracted.

3611. Each obstacle will be scored on the following basis, ranging from plus 1 1/2 to minus 1 1/2:

+1 1/2 excellent

+1 very good

+1/2 good

0 correct

- 1/2 poor

- 1 very poor

- 1 1/2 extremely poor.

3612. Obstacle scores are to be determined and assessed independently of penalty points.

3613. Credit will be given to those horses negotiating the obstacles cleanly, smoothly, and alertly with style in prompt response to the handler's cues.

3614. Penalties. Should be assessed per occurrence as follows:

A. One half (1/2) Point Penalty:

1. Each tick of log, pole, cone, plant or obstacle.

B. One (1) Point Penalty:

1. Each hit, bite or stepping on a log, pole, cone or obstacle.

2. Incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog for two (2) strides or less.

3. Both front or hind feet in a single-stride slot or space.

4. Skipping over or failing to step into required space.

5. Failure to meet the correct strides on trot over log obstacles.

C. Three (3) Points Penalty:

1. Incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog for more than two (2) strides.

2. Knocking down an elevated pole, cone, barrel, plant or obstacle, or severely disturbing an obstacle unless caused by the tail.

3. Stepping outside the confines of, falling or jumping off or out of an obstacle with one (1) foot once the foot has entered obstacle; including missing one (1) element of an obstacle on a line of travel with one (1) foot.

D. Five (5) Points Penalty:

1. Dropping slicker or object required to be carried on course.

2. First or second cumulative refusal, balk, or evading an obstacle by shying or backing.

3. Letting go of gate or dropping rope gate.

4. Use of either hand to instill fear or praise (slight touching or tapping with one hand to cue horse in a sidepass maneuver only is acceptable).

5. Stepping outside the confines of, falling or jumping off or out of an obstacle with more than one (1) foot once the foot has entered obstacle; including missing one (1) element of an obstacle on a line of travel with more than one (1) foot.

6. Blatant disobedience (including kicking out, bucking, rearing, striking or continuously circling the exhibitor).

E. Zero (0) total score for course (disqualification).

1. Performing the obstacles other than in specified order.

2. No attempt to perform an obstacle.

3. Equipment failure that delays completion of pattern.
4. Excessively or repeatedly touching the horse.
5. Failure to enter, exit or work obstacle in any manner other than described, including overturns of more than one quarter (1/4) turn.
6. Failure to follow the correct line of travel between obstacles.
7. Working outside designated boundary marker of the arena or course area.
8. Third cumulative refusal, balk, or evading an obstacle by shying or backing over entire course.
9. Failure to demonstrate correct gait between obstacles as designated.
10. Horse gets loose from exhibitor.
11. Leading on the wrong side of the horse

3615. Equipment. Only Western Attire (see **Rule 3304**) and Tack are permitted in this class

3616. Course Requirements.

A. Use Care in Setting Up Course. Care must be exercised to avoid the setting up of any of these obstacles in a manner that may be hazardous to the horse or handler. Obstacles should be placed in such a manner that they flow from one to the other quickly and efficiently.

B. Change of Procedure. Where the local conditions and equipment will not permit the establishment of obstacles as specified and that they may require changing of procedures or hand on the lead, then all competitors must be advised that such changing of procedure or of hands is permitted.

C. Complexity of courses may increase throughout the calendar year, keeping in mind that this class is designed to expose the yearling horse to Trail obstacles, not resulting in a finished trail horse at the end of its yearling year. Course designs in January should be very basic compared to course designs later in the year.

3617. Obstacle Requirements.

Course will include a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of eight (8) obstacles.

3618. Mandatory Obstacles

A. Pole and Logs

1. Walk-overs. An obstacle of at least four (4) poles measuring 20 inches to 24 inches between poles, either on the ground or raised with a maximum center height of ten (10) inches. These can be in a straight line, curved or zigzag.

2. Trot-overs. An obstacle of at least four (4) poles measuring 36 inches to 42 inches between poles, either on the ground or raised with a maximum center height of ten (10) inches. These can be in a straight line, curved or zigzag. Note: A curved or zigzag design is measured for distance between the poles, from center of the length of the pole to the center of the length of the next pole.

B. Gate. The gate must be set up so that it is a minimum of four (4) feet in length and four (4) feet in height and so that the exhibitor can open from his/her left side. It is permissible to carry excess lead in the right hand while negotiating the gate. Handlers losing control of the gate while passing through shall be penalized and scored accordingly.

C. Back through. Shall consist of either:

1. Poles. Straight L, double L, V, U or similar shaped obstacle. Poles should be on the ground, minimum width of thirty (30) inches apart. Handler may remain outside or inside the poles.

2. Barrels or Cones. Minimum of three, minimum width of thirty-six (36) inches apart. Handler and horse can pass between barrels or cones together.

3. Triangle. Minimum of thirty-six (36) inches apart at entry and forty (40) inches apart for sides. Note: If guardrails are used with b. or c. above, they shall be three (3) to four (4) feet from the sides of the obstacle.

3619. Optional Obstacles. But Not Limited To:

A. Side-pass. An object of such nature and length, which is safe may be used to demonstrate the responsiveness of the horse to signals at its side. If raised, height may not exceed two (2) feet. The obstacle should be designed to require the horse to side pass, to the right or left, off pressure or signal, on or near its side. The obstacle should be in the course design such that the horse comes up to it, but does not cross or straddle it while completing the side pass. The exhibitor is allowed to touch the horse on the side during the side pass.

B. Lime Circle. Requiring either:

1. Turn on the forehand with front feet inside and back feet turning outside the circle. The handler may hold the horse and the excess lead in his/her left hand during the turn.

2. Turn on the haunches with hind feet inside and front feet turning outside the circle.

C. Square. Minimum eight (8) feet sides. Lead into the square. While all four (4) feet are confined in the square, make a 360 degree or less turn and lead out. Handler's feet should remain in square.

D. Bridge. A bridge with a wooden floor not to exceed twelve (12) inches in height and with or without side rails not less than forty-eight (48) inches apart will be used.

E. Carrying Object. Any object, other than animal or fowl, and of a reasonable size or weight, may be carried to a specific point.

F. Drag or Pull. Any object, other than animal or fowl, which can reasonably be pulled or dragged by the exhibitor. This obstacle should be in the course design such that the item to be dragged is on the handler's left side. The excess lead may be carried in the handler's right hand.

G. Mailbox. Remove and/or replace items. Side pass is optional. Note: Obstacles 1 and 2—if the object will be picked up/put down or opened/closed on the horses' right side, the handler is allowed to hold the horse and the excess lead in his/her left hand while negotiating the obstacle

H. Serpentine. Obstacle consisting of four (4) pylons, guardrails optional, through which a horse will maneuver at a walk or jog-trot. Guardrails shall consist of poles placed parallel and a minimum of four (4) feet from the base of pylons; walk-pylons, minimum four (4) feet apart, base to base. Jog-trot pylons, minimum seven (7) feet apart, base to base.

I. Jog-around. Square consisting of four (4) poles, minimum twelve (12) feet long, and a pylon placed in the center of the square. Exhibitor will enter over a designated pole, perform a minimum 90 degree jog around the pylon and exit over the designated pole. The handler should be in the box with the horse.

J. Jog-through. Shall consist of poles L, double L, V, U or similar shaped obstacle. Poles should be on the three (3) feet minimum and four (4) feet maximum. Handler may be inside or outside the jog-through.

Committee Recommendation: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

AQHA/NSBA RULE CHANGES

RANCH RIDING

3619. Class requirements:

A. Each horse will work individually, performing both required and optional maneuvers, and scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance. Each maneuver will receive a score that should be added or subtracted from 70 and is subject to a penalty that should be subtracted. Each maneuver will be scored on the following basis, ranging from plus 1 1/2 to

-1 1/2.: -1 1/2 extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, + 1 very good, + 1 1/2 excellent.

Maneuver scores are to be determined and assessed independently of penalty points. Natural ranch horse appearance will also be evaluated ranging from plus 1 1/2 to - 1 1/2.

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

3621. Ranch Riding Penalties. Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined independently.

The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

A. One (1) point penalties

Too slow/per gait

Over-Bridled (**per maneuver**)

Out of Frame (**per maneuver**)

Break of gait at walk or trot for 2 strides or less

Wrong Lead or out of lead for 2 strides or less

B. Three (3) point penalties

Break of gait at walk or trot for more than 2 strides

Break of gait at lope; except when correcting an incorrect lead

Wrong lead or out of lead for more than 2 strides

Draped reins (**per maneuver**)

Out of lead or cross-cantering more than two strides when changing leads

Trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change

Trotting for more than ~~2~~ **3** strides in lope departures or exiting a rollback into a lope from a stop or walk
Severe disturbance of any obstacle

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

RANCH TRAIL

3635. CREDITS AND PENALTIES

A. Credit is given to horse/rider teams who negotiate the obstacles correctly and efficiently. Horses should receive credit for showing attentiveness to obstacles and ability to negotiate through the course when the obstacles warrant it while willingly responding to rider's cues on more difficult obstacles. Quality of movement and cadence should be considered part of the maneuver score for the obstacle. **Natural ranch horse appearance will also be evaluated ranging from plus 1 ½ to -1 ½.** Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined independently. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

Committee Recommendation: Accept

ND: Accepted the recommendation of Committee

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