

Palomino Horse Breeders of America
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 8, 2025
Time of Meeting: 8:00 AM
Location of Meeting: Tulsa, Oklahoma

- A. **Directors Sign In:** quorum was established at 8:16 AM
B. **Motion to approve** 2024 BOD minutes: Mary Ann Fieltz
Second: Louis Hufnagel Motion passed
C. **Treasurers Report:** PHBA 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1. INCOME-

MEMBERSHIP	\$ 48,665.56
REGISTRATION	\$ 27,655.00
TRANSFERS	\$ 4,575.00
HORSE SHOW	\$354,758.00
OTHER	<u>\$132,115.42</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$567,768.98

2. PHBA 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

EXPENSE-

ADMINISTRATIVE	\$(210,341.36)
WORLD SHOW	\$(316,677.60)
OTHER	<u>\$(51,484.42)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$(578,503.22)</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$(10,734.24)</u>

3. 2024PHBA WORLD SHOW PROFIT/LOSS

WORLD SHOW INCOME	\$318,523.00
SPONSORSHIPS	\$ 47,029.98
MISC.	<u>12,769.06</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$378,322.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$(316,677.60)</u>
<u>PROFIT</u>	<u>\$ 61,644.44</u>

motion to accept: Mary Ann Fieltz

Second: Ashley Woerpel motion passed

D. **Standing Committee Reports** (motion to Accept= MTA) (Motion passed= MP)

1. APA- MTA: Dawn Pyle; 2nd: Ashley Woerpel; MP
2. Amateur- MTA: Carmen O'Donnell; 2nd: Julius Culwell; MP
3. Benefit Auction- MTA: Matthew Heinz; 2nd Michele Kelley; MP
4. By-Laws- MTA: Lowanda McDowell; 2nd Butch Watson; MP
5. Financial, Management & Resources- MTA: Dawn Minger; 2nd Butch Watson; MP
6. Hall of Fame- MTA: Dave Remus; 2nd Dawn Pyle; MP
7. Judges- MTA: Cara Stewart; 2nd: Ken McDowell; MP

8. Marketing & Public Welfare- MTA: Susie Arbo; 2nd Michele Kelley; MP
9. Nominating-
 - a. Slate of PHBA Officers
 1. President Elect- Mike Battey MTA: Mary Ann Fieltz; 2nd Ricky Young; MP
 2. Vice President- Ricky Young MTA: Michele Kelley; 2nd Mary Ann Fieltz; MP
 3. Vice President- Butch Watson MTA Mary Ann Fieltz; 2nd Lowanda McDowell; MP
 4. Treasurer- Dawn Minger MTA: Mary Ann Fieltz; 2nd Ashley Woerpel; MP
 - b. Judges Committee
 1. Past President- Steve Tidwell MTA: Mary Ann Fieltz; 2nd Ken McDowell; MP
 2. Judge- Louis Hufnagel MTA: Mary Ann Fieltz; 2nd: Ashley Woerpel; MP
 3. National Director- Cara Stewart MTA Mary Ann Fieltz; 2nd: Michele Kelley; MP
 4. Report Dave Remus
10. P3- MTA: Amanda Viator; 2nd Ashley Woerpel; MP
11. Professional Horseman/Trainers Crisis Fund- MTA: Merle Arbo; 2nd Steve Tidwell; MP
12. Public Policy & Animal Welfare-MTA: Diana Watson; 2nd: Ashley Woerpel; MP
13. Recreational Riding-MTA: Katie Davidson; 2nd: Michele Kelley; MP
14. Registration/Transfer/Breeders/PB- MTA: Marlene Cowie; 2nd: Ashley Woerpel; MP
15. Show Management- MTA: Debbie Wall; 2nd: Michele Kelley; MP
16. Show Rules- MTA: Beverly Armstrong; 2nd: Ashley Woerpel; MP
17. Working Horse & Ranch Versatility- MTA: Alecia Heinz; 2nd: Michele Kelley; MP
18. World Championship Horse Show Ad- MTA: Mary Ann Fieltz; 2nd: Michele Kelley; MP
19. Youth- MTA: Cory Roehrs; 2nd: Ashley Woerpel; MP
20. Handbook Review- MTA: Cara Stewart; 2nd: Ashley Woerpel; MP
21. Long Range Planning- MTA: Dave Remus; 2nd: Michele Kelley; MP
22. Youth Association Report- MTA: Lanie Phelps; 2nd: Michele Kelley; MP
23. Challenged Horseman- MTA: Lowanda McDowell, 2nd: Pat Burton; MP
24. PHBHF- MTA: Amanda Hersom; 2nd: Cheri Clark; MP

E. Proposed Rule Changes

1. Public Policy and Animal Welfare 2992. No person on the show grounds, which includes but is not limited to the barns, stalls, practice areas, and show arena, may treat a horse in an inhumane manner.

G. Humane Treatments: No Horse shall be shown in more than

fifteen (15) classes per day (excluding in- hand classes i.e. halter, showmanship, hunter in hand) regardless of division or age group.

Committee **Denied** 2nd Carmen O'Donnell

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to deny.**

2. P3- Committee recommendation to move the reporting deadline to 45 days. ***Must pass by 90% since it originated on the floor.**

Committee **Approved** 2nd: Molly Nicodemus;

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation**

3. Judges Committee-

a. New Rule- 2118 PHBA judges are prohibited from judging any rail class outside of the performance arena. EXCEPTION: the class entries exceed 18. (I believe 18 is about the number that the world show uses to 'split' classes that have entries beyond that number)

Committee **Denied** 2nd Mary Ann Fieltz

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to deny.**

b. 2030. A judge not holding a current PHBA card but holding a card with and in current good standing with AQHA and/or APHA may receive a variance to judge an APA show once each calendar year and each APA may apply for one variance each calendar year. {side note: there should be NO monetary amount taxed to the individual judge NOR should they be required to be a member of PHBA)

Committee **Denied** 2nd Mary Ann Fieltz

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to deny.**

4. Registration, Transfer & Breeders Committee

a. New Rule 554: Rule 554, Defining Palomino Bred: A PB must be produced from the breeding of at least one PALOMINO in color (stated on the papers going back three generations) ~~parent~~ registered with any of the PHBA recognized breeds.

Committee **Approved** 2nd: Laura Simmons

National Directors: Amendment remove parent (Laura Simmons)

2nd Amendment to add Going Back Three Generation (Shelley Rystrom)

For immediate implementation – **approved as amended with immediate implementation.**

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

A. Hardship Clause: The owner of an eligible non-palomino horse, whose palomino parent/grandparent (must meet PHBA registration guidelines) is not

registered with PHBA, may seek registration if his/her horse using one of the following options.

1.) Living palomino parent/grandparent: The owner of the eligible non-palomino horse, may purchase one annual membership for the owner of the parent/grandparent horse and the registration of the parent/grandparent horses (must meet PHBA registration guidelines), if the parent/grandparent horse's owner is agreeable via letter documentation. Requirements:

a.) Copies of recognized breed association paper(s) stating palomino color and
b.) Pictures of parent/grandparent horse as stated in Rule 507.

2.) Deceased palomino parent/grandparent: documentation of registration in a PHBA recognized breed, deceased and color must be provided stating such. Appropriate fees must accompany documentation for registering applicant.

Committee **Denied**

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to deny.**

c. Rule 521, Adding U. Pony of America (POA) registration, only those with A.) permanent POA registration papers that state height of 56", or B.) ID pink POA registration papers that state height of 56.1" or greater.

Committee **Approved**. The committee **STRONGLY** recommended immediate implementation of this Rule.

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to approve with immediate implementation.**

d. Rule 545- If a Palomino is not eligible for registration with one of the recognized breed associations listed above, it may be considered for registration strictly on color characteristics of body skin, eyes markings, mane, ~~and~~ tail and height.

Committee approved and **STRONGLY** recommended immediate implementation of this Rule. **AMENDMENT- Rule 545 to add at time of Registration.**

Committee **approved** amendment

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to approve as amended.**

e. Rule 548: The owner must submit:

A. Four (4) color photographs (front, back, and each side of the horse). These pictures become the property of PHBA.

B. A written letter, or electronic transmission, from a licensed veterinarian on their official letterhead, stating proof of age, sex, height and current ownership at time of examination. Must be submitted at time of application and signed by submitting veterinarian..

Committee **Approved**

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to approve.**

6. By-Laws & General Rules Committee: Board of Directors Meeting Section 1. Board of

Directors Meeting. There shall be an annual Youth Board of Directors meeting of PHBA-Y at the same time and location as the ~~PHBA Youth World Champion Horse Show~~ Annual Convention at which time the members shall transact such business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

Committee **Approved**

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to approve.**

F. Proposed Show Rule Committee Changes

1. Horse Show Fees- HORSE SHOW (page 4)

- Show Application fee \$50.00
- Non-APA Show Applications \$100.00
- PHBA administrative fee (per horse/per show) \$7.00, \$5.00, \$3.00
- Late Show Applications (plus show application fee) \$100.00
- Late Show Results (over 10 business days) per show per judge \$100.00

3058. The administrative fee, per horse, shall be charged only once during any

- given show. ~~Additional fees should not be collected for the same horse showing in youth, novice youth, amateur or novice amateur competition.~~ A show having 1-25
- horses shall owe administrative fees of \$3.00 per horse/show. A show having 25-59
- horses shall owe administrative fees of \$5.00 per horse/show. A show having 60
- proposal

Show Management Committee recommends to deny. Committee: **Denied.**

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to deny.**

2. SHW 305.5 (This resulted in an update of these rules to correspond to AQHA and NSBA rules)

- 3322. A. Junior Horses. Horses five (5) years old and under competing in western pleasure, western horsemanship, western riding, trail, reining, working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, ranch rail pleasure and all VRH classes that are shown with a hackamore or snaffle bit may be ridden with one hand, as long as that hand is not changed, or two hands on the reins. When riding with two hands on split reins the tails of the reins must be crossed on the opposite side of the neck except in reining, working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, ranch rail pleasure and all VRH classes. The rider's hands should be carried near the pommel and not further than four (4") inches out on either side of the saddle horn. Reins may be held singularly or bridged with the tails of the reins on the opposite side of the neck. Exception: in ranch classes, only one rein may be crossed over the neck and held with two hands. When showing with one hand on the reins, the hand is to be around the reins; index finger only between split reins is permitted. Closed reins (example mecate) may not be used with a snaffle bit, except in working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, ranch rail pleasure and all VRH classes where a mecate is permitted. When using a snaffle bit in working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, working western rail and all VRH classes a leather or other woven material chin

strap of any width is to be used and should be attached to the bit below the reins. No iron, chain, or other material is allowed. The chin strap can include metal buckles and/or keepers. The use of 'two-rein equipment' is allowed in working cow horse, boxing, ranch riding, ranch trail, ranch rail pleasure and all VRH classes. See Ranch Horse Division Rule 3660.

Committee **Adopted**.

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to adopt**.

3. 3322. B. Senior Horses. Horse six (6) years of age and older must be ridden with one (1) hand on ~~split~~ the reins. The hand is to be around the reins, however, the index finger only is permitted between split reins and cannot be changed during the performance except in those events which specifically state otherwise. More than one finger may be between the reins of two-rein equipment. In trail, ranch trail, ranch riding, it is permissible to change hands to work an obstacle. Violation of this rule is an automatic disqualification in all western performance classes, except Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail where it is an automatic OP (off pattern penalty).

Committee: **Adopted**.

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to adopt**.

4. 3385. There shall be an annual PHBA ~~Honor Roll~~ High Point Award in this class. A. Points from this class shall ~~not~~ count towards PHBA Year-End High Point Awards or towards the 100-point novice status.

Committee **Denied**.

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to deny**.

5. 3387. The Longe line class will be approved for

A. Yearlings. This class will be approved on or after May 1 through December 31;

B. Two Year Olds. This class will be approved January 1 through ~~May 31~~ December 31.

Committee Denied Amend as the Amateur Committee proposed.

3387. The Longe line class will be approved for

A. Yearlings. This class will be approved on or after May 1 through December 31;

B. Two Year Olds. This class will be approved January 1 through ~~May 31~~ December 31.

1.) If a 2-year-old is shown under saddle where any PHBA approved classes are held, this horse is no longer eligible to be shown in 2-year-old longe line the remainder of that calendar year.

Committee: **Approved**

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to approve**.

6. AQHA SHW 509.1.6 and 509.1.7- *As a Housekeeping matter plus the addition of the two rein rules the following was presented.*

7. Ranch Horse Div.

3650. 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.

3651. 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:

3652. Walk - The walk is a natural, flat footed, four-beat gait. The gait is rhythmic and ground-covering. As in all gaits, the horse should display a level, or slightly above level topline with a bright, attentive expression.

3653. Extended Walk - The extended walk is an obvious lengthening of stride that will naturally increase the pace. The horse should move in a natural manner (not a running walk) as if it were moving across an open pasture.

3654. Trot - The trot is a natural two-beat gait demonstrating more forward motion than the western jog.

3655. Extended Trot - The extended trot is an obvious lengthening of the stride with a definite increase in pace. The horse should be moving in a manner as if it was covering a large area on a ranch with an above level topline.

3656. Lope - The lope is a three-beat gait. The lope should be relaxed and smooth with a natural, forward moving stride.

3657. Extended Lope - The extended lope is not a run or a race but should be an obvious lengthening of the stride, demonstrating a forward, working speed. The horse should display an above level topline with a bright, attentive expression.

8. RANCH HORSE DIVISION EQUIPMENT

~~3657.~~ 3658. Ranch ~~Riding~~ Apparel and Equipment

- a. No hoof polish.
- b. No braided or banded manes or tail extensions.
- c. Trimming inside ears is discouraged
- d. Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair.
- e. Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged.
- f. It is suggested competitors use a breast collar and a rear cinch.
- g. When exhibiting in a snaffle bit or hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands and one hand on the reins at any time.

9. ~~3658.~~ 3659. 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.

3660. Two-Rein Equipment. The use of two-rein equipment is allowed in all Ranch Classes. All rules for two-rein will follow hackamore and bridle requirements. The purpose of the two-rein option is the transition between the hackamore and bridle and can be used on any aged horse in the youth, amateur, junior, senior or all age classes for one year only. Only one hand may be used on the reins and hands must not be changed. Any number of fingers between reins will be permitted. Both mecate and bridle reins are to be held in the rein hand. Bosals may be of any size, constructed of braided rawhide or leather and have a non-metal flexible core. No iron or foreign substance may be used.

10. Motion and second to amend to remove the word “Riding” from 3658 title and to bold the words “**one year only**” in Rule 3660. **Adopted.**

Committee **Approved** as Amended.

(Note: The renumbering of these rules, also current Rules 3657 and 3680 A-D are to be deleted as they are now duplications.)

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation as amended to approve.**

11. SR 5100-5111; 6410-6460; 6420-6422; 6459-6461

Discussion of Walk Trot Ranch classes was started with a recommendation from both the Amateur and Youth Committees. They proposed one class being approved for both Amateur and Youth 18 and Under for both Palomino and Palomino Bred and with availability to show Ranch Confirmation – Walk Trot Ranch Rail Pleasure rule changes.

a. (NEW) 5109. W/T Ranch Rail Pleasure – To be judged the same as Ranch Rail Pleasure omitting the lope and extended lope. See Rule 3662-3669 that apply. Makes eligible for Ranch Conformation.

b. (NEW) 6459. Youth W/T Ranch Rail Pleasure – To be judged the same as Ranch Rail Pleasure omitting the lope and extended lope. See Rule 3662-3669 that apply. Makes eligible for Ranch Conformation.

Committee **Approved** as above

Immediate implementation was **approved** in committee

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to approve with immediate implementation.**

12. 5314. At show management's option, any number of amateur performance classes may be offered as Amateur Select (ages 50 and over).

A. EXCEPTION: Jumping and team penning may only be offered as Amateur All Age classes;

B. The amateur which meets the age and Amateur Program eligibility requirements, may exhibit in ~~both~~ EITHER Amateur ~~and~~ OR Amateur Select classes;

C. The novice amateur exhibitor, which meets the age and Novice Amateur Program eligibility requirements, may exhibit in ~~Amateur, Amateur Select and Novice Amateur classes~~ both the Novice and either Amateur or Amateur Select classes;

D. ~~The same horse may be exhibited by the same amateur or novice amateur exhibitor in Amateur, Amateur Select and Novice Amateur classes~~

Exception: Amateurs who qualify for Amateur Select may show both classes IF they show a different horse in each division provided the ownership requirement found in Rule(s) 5202 is met;

E. D. An amateur may show in the Amateur Select classes on the day they turn 50 years of age.

Committee **Denied**

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to deny.**

13. 2025 NSBA rule changes were addressed. While looking at the Longe Line changes, this amendment was also proposed:

3389. D. The horse should be judged with its suitability as a future performer under saddle in mind. This class should define what it means to be a “western pleasure prospect,” “ranch horse prospect” or “hunter under saddle prospect.” Because these are yearlings, they are not expected to demonstrate the behavior or quality of a finished show horse, but only that performance necessary for a reasonable presentation to the judge.

motion and second to accept. **Adopted.** This will require a 90% vote.

(Housekeeping of related rules need to be addressed)

14. 3401. Conformation & Equipment Inspection. Each horse is to be inspected by the judge on conformation, proper equipment and for evidence of abuse, inhumane treatment, or violation of PHBA rules. Horses will not be allowed to show in illegal equipment or if there is evidence of abuse, of inhumane treatment, or of rule violations. It is mandatory that a horse must be tracked at a walk and jog/trot in the conformation portion of the class prior to longeing. Horses that show evidence of lameness will be excused prior to the longeing demonstration. Any entry failing to complete the “trot-off” for soundness pattern in three attempts will be disqualified.

Committee moved to **Adopted.**

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to adopt.**

15. 3408. The conformation inspection will occur as the horse is walked into the arena prior to the longeing demonstration at which the judge will evaluate the horse for conformation suitable for future under saddle performance. The judge shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear. Inspection for parrot/monkey mouth is not required. Any blemish and/or structural defect will be scored according to severity, however, will not be cause for disqualification. The judge may not discriminate for or against muscling, but rather look for a total picture, emphasizing balance, structural correctness, and athletic capability.

Committee moved to **Adopted.**

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to adopt.**

16. 3417--B.2) ~~Blatant Striking of the horse with the whip during the longeing demonstration that will~~ to cause forward or lateral movement including the “trot-off” for soundness pattern;

Committee moved to **Adopted.**

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to adopt.**

17. Ranch Trail--3671.F.6. Drag an object: For open and amateur classes ONLY. The drag is not to be used in youth or Novice Amateur classes. Drag may be a complete figure eight and may begin in either direction. The exhibitor must have the rope dallied on the saddle horn (half or full dally) for the duration of the drag.

Committee Moved to **Adopted.**

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to adopt.**

18. 3626. 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 12 inches ~~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 straddles the obstacle or passes between obstacles 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.

3628. Box ~~Square~~. Minimum eight (8) feet sides. Lead into the box square. While all four (4) feet are confined in the box square, make a 360 degree or less turn and lead out.

Handler's feet should remain in the box square.

Amend to immediate implementation. Motion amended

Committee moved to **Adopted.** These need a 75% vote.

National Directors **approved Committees recommendation to adopt.**

G. Old Business: Discussion of the 25 point rule and its effect on the Palomino Bred Division.

H. Announcement:

1. Judges' Committee Meeting
2. Silent Auction conclusion

I. Motion to Adjourn Steve Tidwell

submitted by: Amanda Viator