2026 PHBA Convention

National Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Palomino Horse Breeders of America, Inc.
March 2026
Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Theme: *PHBA – Together We Succeed!*

Call to Order

The National Board of Directors Meeting of the Palomino Horse Breeders of America, Inc. (PHBA) was called to order by President Lynn Rohwedder at 8:20 a.m. Central Time.

- Quorum Established:
  - Directors Required: 37
  - Directors Present: 86
- Parliamentarian: Jeff Ohler
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Jarrell Jackson
- Opening Prayer: Ken McDowell

Approval of 2025 Minutes

Motion by David Pyle to approve the 2025 written minutes.
Seconded by Ashley Woerpel.
Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Dawn North Minger, PHBA Secretary/Treasurer.

2025 Financial Summary

Income

- Membership: $58,528.44 (+20%)

- Registration: $29,383.00 (+6%)
- Transfers: $3,470.00 (-24%)
- Horse Show: $410,768.00 (+16%)
- Other: $154,695.57 (+17%)

Total Income: $654,635.47 (+15%)

Expenses

- Administration: $220,437.02 (+5%)
- World Show: $358,770.38 (+13%)
- Other: $65,481.71 (+27%)

Total Expenses: $644,689.11 (+11%)

Net Income

- 2025 Net Income: $9,946.36
- 2024 Net Income: ($6,043.22)
- Positive Change: Approximately $16,000

2025 World Show Statistics

Compared to 2024:

- Horses: 319 (+6%)
- Entries: 2,343 (+7%)
- Stalls: 436 (+18%)

2025 World Show Profit & Loss

- Total Income: $453,912.02 (+20%)
- Total Expenses: $358,770.38 (+13%)
- Total Profit: $95,141.64 (+54%)

Motion by Dr. Ed North III to accept the Treasurer's Report.
Seconded by Dawn Minger.
Report Accepted.

Standing Committee Reports

APA & Membership Committee

Chair: Helen Fleming

Key discussion points included:

- Development of zones for shows
- Increased use of inspectors for promotion and registration solicitation
- APAs conducting clinics and trail rides to remain active
- Roberts Rules of Order for annual Zoom meetings
- Assistance updating lifetime membership records

Motion to accept report by Helen Fleming 2nd Marlene Cowie
Seconded.
Report Accepted.

Amateur Committee

Chair: Susie Arbo

Rule changes discussed:

- Rule 1001 — Passed
- Rule 3305 — Passed with amendment
- Rule 3376 — Passed with amendment
- Rules 3657, 3669, 3680 — Failed
- Rules 3698, 3674, 4715 — Failed
- Rules 5109 & 5110 — Passed
- Rule 5101 — Failed

New Officers Elected:

- President Elect — Liza Eikenberry
- Vice President — Ashley Woerpel
- 2nd Vice President — Michele Kelley
- Secretary — Shelly Tooley
- Treasurer — Dawn Pyle
- Correspondent/Reporter — Perry Fleming
- Saturday Night: Appointees
- Tara Beard, Anne Lumley, and Sue Beacher

Motion to accept report by Susie Arbo 2nd Ashley Woerpel
Report Accepted.

Benefit Auction Committee

Chair: Matthew Heinz

Reported fundraising totals:

- Palomino: $2,750
- Amateur: $2,450
- Youth: $1,025
- Heritage: $3,900
- World Show Book: $3,300
- Additional funds raised through STEP, CHP, Marketing, and other initiatives

Total Raised: $18,905

Motion to accept report by Matthew Heinz 2nd- Ashley Woerpel.
Report Accepted.

Bylaws Committee

Chair: Lowanda McDowell

- 2025 minutes approved
- Alabama bylaws updates approved
- Additional bylaw proposals moved to New Business

Motion by Lowanda McDowell to accept report.2n Alisa Wold d-
Report Accepted.

Finance, Management & Resources

Chair: Amanda Hersom

- 2025 financial report approved
- Recommendation to add marketing line item to financial reports

Motion by Amanda Hersom to accept report. 2nd- Dawn Pyle
Report Accepted.

Hall of Fame Committee

Chair: Gene Ray Stewart

Nominations received:

- Service: Cindy Chilton, Marlene Cowie
- Exhibitor: Amanda Viator
- Horses:
    - Showtime in Vegas -Amberly Phelps
    - Solid Gold Levy- Bobby Jo Taylor

Motion to receive report by Gene Ray Stewart. 2nd- Shelly Tooley.
Report Received.

Judges Committee

Chair: Debbie Wall

Approved:

- Rule Changes 2006 & 2006C
- Rule 2087 regarding erasable pens on judges' cards
- New Judges:
    - Pamela Whitfield
    - Ashley Bower

Motion by Debbie Wall to accept report.2nd Alisa Wold
Report Accepted.

Marketing, Public Relations, Web & Sponsorship Committee

Chair: Susie Arbo

Request for two Surveys continue.

Goals established:

1. Increase National Facebook Page engagement by 10%
2. Track source of new memberships
3. Conduct monthly meetings

Additional discussions:

- Continued use of surveys
- Potential "Stallion Row" advertising at World Show

Motion by Susie Arbo to accept report. 2nd Alisa Wold
Report Accepted.

Nominating Committee

Gene Ray Stewart Election of Officers

- **Jarrel Jackon- President Elect-**Motion by Acclamation-Ed North III 2nd Alisa Wold Passed
- **Butch Watson- Vice President-** Motion by Acclamation-Mary Ann Fielitz-2nd Shelley Tooley Passed
- **Ricky Young-Vice President**- Motion by Acclamation Alisa Wold 2nd Shelley Tooley Passed
- **Dawn Minger**- **Secretary/Treasurer**- Motion by Acclamation Jeff Ohler 2nd Alisa Wold Passed
- **Saturday Night**- Appointees Tony Burris, Robert Russell and Julie Hoepf Passed

2 Judges Committee-3 year terms

- Melonie Furnish-Past President Motion-Alisa Wold 2nd Shelley Tooley Passed
- Shawn Budke-Judge Motion-Lowanda McDowell 2nd Alisa Wold Passed
- Jeff Ohler-National Director Motion-Dave Pyle 2nd Lowanda McDowell Passed
- Mary Ann Fielitz (2 yr Past President) Motion Lowanda McDowell Passed
  Gene Ray Stewart, I respectfully request this report be approved. 2nd Ashley Woerpel Passed

P3 Committee

Ashley Woerpel 6 members 1 guest

- Development of Cards for records
- Request to have a volunteer to do the point tabulations and update web
- Request that classes not listed as PHBA classes be recorded as other points

Ashley Woerpel respectfully submit this report. 2nd Shelley Tooley

Professional Horseman- Shawn Budke

Important to reach out to your legislator regarding the Horse Protection Act.
If you see something at the horseshow reach out to one of the professional horsemen immediately.
At the World Show there will be a sign listing all the Professional Horseman
AQHA has a program called Team Wrangler for various disciplines. Jarrell Jackson is a member of the Halter Team Wrangler "The Things that Matter".
Flyer for Trainer for Sale- An ad InStride
Ask the amateurs to assist in selling raffle tickets for various tack to increase our fund.
Request for report to be accepted by Shawn Budke 2nd Alisa Wold Approved

Public Policy & Animal Welfare- Dianna Watson

6 members and 4 guests
2025 minutes approved.
Butch Watson gave an update on the Horse Protection Act -currently suspended till December 31,2026 but still need to contact your legislature.
Need to re-join American Horse Council
Additional Stewards at World Show in warm-up areas and barns
Add random drug testing at the World Show
Dr. Tara Beard has a protocol program in place for EHV
Request for report to be accepted by Dianna Watson. 2nd Lisa Eikenberry, Approved

Recreation Riding Program- Katie Davidson

Minutes Approved from 2025
How can we log hours regularly on website
Create a card advertising this program
Request to approve report by Katie Davidson. 2nd Shelley Tooley. Approved

Registration & Transfer & Palomino Bred- Marlene Cowie

14 members, 9 guests and 4 EB
Marlene's #s—2025—450 horses registered up 21% (235 Palomino (52%) and 219 Palomino Bred (48%)
Note new PB guidelines used. AHQA registered 7,833 and we did only 197 of these horses.
APHA (paint) registered 10200 with 776 palominos of those 428 were solid.
One of our goals is to have registration online with PHBA
Barrel Racing event did 37 new horses and memberships
One horse will be clipped this spring for regular papers (has Palomino Bred Papers)
Marlene Cowie asks to have this report approved. 2nd Lisa Eikenberry. Approved

Show Management Seminar- Debbie Wall

Debbie Wall said she had several show managers in her session. Good discussion followed regarding different situations at shows.
Debbie reminded everyone about $1 fine-actually can be $4 with multiple judges.

A new handbook will be completed this fall.
Debbie requested this report to be approved. 2nd Alisa Wold Approved.

Show Rules- Shawn Budke

She used a different approach in show rules to have the person who wrote the rule explain the reason for the new rule. Shawn felt this helped discussion and voting. Rules will be discussed later.
Shawn requested this report to be approved. 2nd Ashley Woerpel. Approved

Working Horse and Ranch Versality- Alecia Heinz

9 members and 9 guests
Ranch roll-over denied
Add ranch handler sent to sub-committee
Both Ranch W/T accepted
Alicia requested this report to be approved. 2nd David Pyle Approved

World Show Advisory- Tony Burris

31 members
Rule change regarding world show qualifying-discussion was sone—decision made not to recommend at this time
Show Schedule is about 95% ready just need to post
Judges hired and world show staff waiting on contracts to be returned
Tony Burris asked for this report to be approved. 2nd Shelley Tooley, Approved

Youth Committee- Cory Roehrs

7 members and 1 guest
Discuss the youth decisions from their meeting
Hospitality baskets will not be used this year
Youth have items to give out for 3rd,4th and 5th place winners at the World Show
Youth were excited to elect their officers at this convention
Thank you to this board sitting behind me for their communication with the youth board.
Cory Roehrs asked for approval of this report. 2nd Alisa Wold Approved

Ad HOC Committee Reports

- A. Handbook review- Tish Russell
  5 members and 4 guests
  First approach is to look for spelling, punctuation and other errors
  Set April 8th to have this completed. At this time, we have worked through halter
  Tish Russel request approval of this report. 2nd Alisa Wold Approved
- B. Strategic Planning- Scott Holanda
  Scott referred to the peak year use these stats to provide goals.
  57 participates – 5 groups-20 pages of materials giving us a list of ideas
  This will set the stage for PHBA
  Scott Holand requests approval of report. 2nd Ashley Woerpel Approved.

Related Association Reports

- A. **PHBA Youth Association**- Kaitly Jones

Discussion took place regarding World Show, senior cookies and the Wisconsin Horse Fair
Election of Officers: President- Ava Scheiderer; President Elect-Rebekah Schilling; Vice President Matalyn Royuk; Addison Strohfus; Secretary-Abigail Herren; Treasurer Wyatt Orrick; Reporter Aubrey Strohfus; Appointees—Caleb Heinz, Lanie Dawes and Riley Russell; Immediate Past President, Katlyn Jones.
Kaitlyn Jones, Madam President, I respectfully submit this report. 2nd Vanessa Simmons. Approved.

- B. **PHBA Amateur Association** –combine with amateur earlier
- C. **Challenge Horseman**- Lowanda McDowell
  6 members
  Three board members stepped down: Carolyn Henderson, Larry Salter and JJ Caldwell. Three new members—Cheri Clark, Pat Benton and Dr. Tara Beard.
  There are 17 classes (9 in office & 8 in mail) all sponsored. Although we are trying to get all classes double sponsored.
  The committee is reviving the gift bags. They have items obtained.
  Lowanda McDowell respectfully submits this report for approval. 2nd Ashley Woerpel. Approved.
- D. **PHB Heritage Foundation**- Amanda Hersom
  15 members, 11 guests (5 EB members)
  In this booklet is an annual report written by Alda Buresh. Please take time to read.
  Our Officers remain the same after our elections.
  We plan to update our website with D2.
  Amanda Hersom requests this report to be approved. 2nd Ashley Woerpel. Approved
- E. **Youth Scholarship and Educational Fund**- Roxann Guthrie
  We accept digital transcripts now.
  We gave out two Scholarships: 1. Kaityln Jones, 2. Rebekah Schilling
  At the World Show our fund raiser will be $100/hour with a trainer to work on a pattern or showmanship
  Scholarships fund will sponsor one class at the World Show and an ad in the program.
  We have a Tree of Life for you to ad names in memory
  Officers elected as the same.
  Roxann Guthrie requests this report be approved. 2nd Ashley Woerpel Approved

Break== Helen Fleming will have hospitality Room 422 at the close of the meeting
Thank you to Fully Furnished (Scott and Shelly Rystrom) for the coffee at the Amateur Meeting and this am.

Rule Change Actions

The Board considered numerous proposed rule changes. Major actions included:

Passed

- Rule 1001 (as amended)

- Rule 1001, page 56 Proposed: 1001. At such time as any horse meets the point requirements for any PHBA or Palomino Bred title or award, the award(s) or certificate(s) will be prepared and forwarded to the owner, youth or amateur (as appropriate) of record at the time the award was earned or at the next annual meeting of PHBA or PHBA-Y. ~~Unless otherwise stated, all awards will be in form of a certificate.~~ Excluding awards for that require colo points for Palomino Bred. All cumulative awards shall be in form of a certificate.

Shelly Rystrom admendment 2nd Vanessa Simmons Amendment passed. Gail Craun accepts rule as admended. 2nd Ashley Woerpel. Passed.

Effective immediately –passed unanimously. Passed unanimously.

- Rule 2006
- **Rule 2006, page 69**
- **Proposed:**
- **2006. Complaints.** To make a formal complaint against a PHBA approved judge, such complaint must be in writing, signed by the complainant, contain specific facts giving rise to the complaint, and be received by PHBA within **fifteen (15) sixty (60)** days of the date of occurrence. By Filing this complaint, the complainant agrees to participate in a hearing conducted by PHBA in regard to the matter either at PHBA offices in Tulsa, OK or as the PHBA Executive Board directs.
- A. If the situation come to the attention of PHBA and can be documented by PHBA records and is a violation of PHBA rules, this information will be forward to the appropriate committee for further action if any.
- **B. Any complaint must be accompanied by a filling fee of $100. The $100 must be in the form of cashier's check, certified check, money order or valid credit card in order to be considered. A complaint may be mailed or faxed to the PHBA office. If faxed, a valid credit card shall be used by the person filing the complaint on the appropriate form provided by the PHBA. Said form must be signed by the individual(s) filing the complaint. All filing fees are non-refundable.**
- **C. The $100 filing fee shall be waived if the complaint has been submitted by a standing committee and/or the chairman of the Committee, PHBA employee, Officer or Executive Board member. Further, the filing fee shall be waived if filed by a show manager, show secretary, ring steward or judge if such violation found in the complaint is witnesses and expeditiously filed by said individual.**

Gene Ray Stewart made a motion to accept 2006. Ashley Woerpel 2nd. PASSED

Rule 2087, page 73

Proposed:

2087 D. Judges may not use erasable pens on judges' cards. Corrections must be initialed

Bud Missel made a motion to approve. 2nd Alisa Wold

Shelly Rystrom made a motion to amend as judges committee recommended 2nd Jeff Ohler

- **Rule 3305, page 92**
- **Proposed:**
- **ATTIRE**
- **3305. ST Division English classes.** In St Division English classes, exhibitor and judges should bear in mind that entries are being judged at all time on ability rather than on personal attire. Exhibitors should wear:
- **J. ~~EXCEPTIONS for Hunter in Hand: Dress Pants, Paddock boots, Hunt Coats, and Hats are optional.~~ Spurs, Tennis Shoes and Short-Sleeve Shirts are prohibited.**

Motion made to accept by Alisa Wold 2nd Ashley Woerpel

Amendment leaving Spurs, tennis shoes and short-sleeve Shirts are prohibited.

Shawn Budke amended, Ashley Woerpel 2nd. Passed

Shawn Budke Amend the amendment to add long sleeve button up collared shirt. 2nd Ashley Woerpel passes

Motion passes with amendments.

- Rule 3376 (with amendment)
- **Rule 3376, page 107**
- **Proposed:**
- **HUNTER IN HAND**
- **3376. 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. 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. **At the completion of judging, when the horse returns to cone A, the horse will exit the judging area at a walk.**
- D. 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.

  Motion by Gene Ray Stewart accept. 2nd Alisa Wold

  Motion on amendment –striking E by Shawn Budke 2nd Alisa Wold. Amendment passed

  Motion with amendments passed

- Rules 3657, 3669, 3680
- Motion by Alisa Wold to combine all three 2nd Ashley Woerpel.

  Motion Failed

  Rules 3674 & 3698 failed

  Rule 5101, page 222

  Proposed:

  Amateur and Youth Walk-Trot Program

  5101. The exhibitor may either show in this division or in one of the other amateur programs at the same show. The exhibitor may not show in both the walk-trot division and a division that requires a lope/canter at the same show. <u>If a rider is entered into a walk-trot class that rider cannot show in the corresponding loping/cantering class at the show. A rider is eligible to show in a lope/canter class that does not correspond to a walk-trot class that they are entered in at the same show.</u> EXCEPTION: a walk-trot exhibitor may show in halter, color, hunter in hand, longe line, parade and driving. Amateurs may choose to show their Showmanship class in either the walk-trot division or in the Novice thru Select divisions, this will not affect their ability to show in the riding classes of the walk-trot division

  Dave Pyle made a motion to accept. 2nd Tish Russell

  Rule mocking AQHA walk/trot rule

  Vote 29 approve and 35 opposed. **Motion fails**

  Rule 5110, page 222

Proposed:

5110 – W/T Ranch Riding – To be judged the same as Ranch Riding omitting the lope. Also to include Palomino Bred.

Rule 5111, page 222

5111 – W/T Ranch Trail – To be judged the same as Trail omitting the lope. Also to include Palomino Bred.

Pat Benton made a motion to accept. 2nd Alisa Wold

W/T riding and W/T trail **Motion passed**

Referred to Subcommittee

- **Ranch Ground Handling proposal**
- **Palomino Bred year-end point reduction proposal**

- **Speed event equipment proposal**

  Jeff Ohler made a motion to send to a subcommittee 2nd Lora Simmon

  Need to study IRBA rules and our rules.

- **Western Dressage proposal**

Run as special event

Alisa Wold made a motion to accept. 2nd Vanessa Simmons

Both withdraw motion and 2nd.

Jeff Ohler removed from table and recommend it to sub-committee chosen by board.

2nd Jarrell Jackson **MOTION Passed**

- Ranch Ground Handling revisions

Old Business

- **Youth have a rule proposal**-Lanie Phelps, Kaitlyn Jones, and Ava Scheiderer
- New rule To be eligible for year end high point awards must show with a minimum of 3 different APA events

- 75%
- Gene Ray Stewart made a motion to accept. 2nd Dawn Pyle.
- Gene Ray Stewart re-tracked motion. Dawn Pyle re-tracked 2nd.
- Encourage girls to do more study of idea and return with another proposal.
- Thank you to these young women and their idea.

New Business

Article 5 Section 4 Amendment

G-A Biennial Financial review of the accounts of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be made by a certified public accountant. Following the close of the fiscal year and shall be reported at the next annual meeting of the National Board of Directors following the completion of said financial review. Such accountant shall be a disinterested person and not a member of the association. A financial audit will be prepared and presented to the National Board of Directors review every six (6) years.

H- A financial report of the most recently completed review prepared by a CPA will bemailed to all national directors fifteen (15) days prior to the next scheduled PHBANational Convention. The CPA report will be available for review at the PHBA National Convention.

Add: Following the close of the fiscal year the PHBA Audit Committee shall conduct an audit of said year's financial records and prepare an Audit Report. Said Audit Report will be presented to the National Board of Directors at the next annual meeting.

Motion to accept Alisa Wold. 2nd Ashley Woerpel

5. Justification for change and impact if not passed: (use attachment if needed)

The size of PHBA does not warrant a CPA and we definitely aren't large enough to need a CPA financial audit.

Our current CPA, Dick Shanahan, is retiring. He is in his 80's and has been our accountant for many years.

Even he says we don't need a CPA; we just need an accountant. Additionally, we would have to move to another
firm because Dick is the only CPA there. We have our payroll service with an affiliated business in the same
building, which is a huge benefit.
6. How will this rule change affect PHBA financially if not adopted?
If this by law change is not adopted, it will have a huge negative financial impact on PHBA. We estimate
our accounting bill would increase by approximately $15,000.00 annually. Additionally, if this change is not
adopted and PHBA would be bound by the existing rules, we would be required to not only have a CPA, we would
have to have a CPA financial audit every six years. The audit would cost $10,000.00 - $15,000.00.

Motion to accept by Alisa Wold. 2nd Ashley Woerpel

Integrated Services is the same firm that does our payroll. Mitchell cost $125/hr.

90% required to pass

Unanimous vote!

Amendment approved replacing CPA audit requirements with PHBA Audit Committee review procedures.

Passed unanimously.

Article 5 Section 5 Amendment

Minutes approval changed from legal review requirement to Executive Board approval requirement.
C. The minutes shall be reviewed by legal prior.
Replace:
C. The minutes shall be approved by the Executive Board
prior to distribution.
5. Justification for change and impact if not passed: (use attachment if needed)
This ByLaw places unjustified financial burden on PHBA. We are not a large corporation that can afford

to keep an attorney on a retainer for reviewing Executive Board meeting minutes.__This has not been done for
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$4,000.00 annually
Tom Craun made a motion to approve. 2nd Alisa Wold

Passed unanimously.

Alabama APA Bylaws

Next-Alabama By-Laws

Constitution and Bylaws of the Alabama APA

Updates included allowing associate members to run for

year-end awards Plus, updates in several area but following

Our rulebook.

Motion made by Gene Ray Stewart. 2nd Butch Watson.

Motion passed unanimously.

2023. Effective March 14, 2026, all PHBA judges are required to attend a PHBA approved judges seminar once every five (5) 3 years.During interim years they are required to enroll and participate in the Judging portion of HORSE IQ. EXCEPTION: AQHA All Around and Level One APHA and ApHC judges: (does not include Specialty judges). These judges must submit copies of written documentation from AQHA, APHA and/or ApHC indicating attendance at an AQHA, APHA and/or ApHC seminar. It shall be the responsibility of an AQHA, APHA and/or ApHC judge to submit that information to PHBA.

Effective Immediately

Rule change passed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Gail Craun.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Ginny Baskerville, Assistant Secretary
PHBA Executive Board