

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
PASO FINO HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
APRIL 17-18, 2009 – ATLANTA, GA

CALL TO ORDER BOD MEETING – President Edward Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL #1 - Susan Niebling (See Exhibit I for details.)

Total Eligible Votes:	5352
Quorum	2730
Total Votes Present	4242
Majority	2122
2/3 Majority	2829

Motion #1

Sue Niebling moved; Ed Lafferty seconded: **To take the Finance Committee report out of order and present next. Motion passed unanimously.**

Finance Committee – Peggy Tanner

President Ed Smith introduced Gil Hernandez of Larson Allen LLP who presented the PFHA financial statements for 2008 and 2007.

Motion #2

Ed Lafferty moved; Robin Ratliff seconded: **To approve the recommendations from the audit report.**

Motion #3

Lew Haines moved; Bob Windsor seconded: **To table Motion #2. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion #4

Alex Amador moved; Bea Fedor seconded: **To return the Finance Committee report to original agenda order. Motion passed unanimously.**

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23-24, 2009 BOD MEETING – Susan Niebling

Motion #5

Bea Fedor moved; Gwyn Wright seconded: **To accept the minutes from the January 23-24, 2009 Board of Directors' Meeting as published. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Committee – Edward Smith – Presented and Received

Motion #6

Bea Fedor moved; Alex Amador seconded: **To contact the Rules Committee to develop an extraordinary rule change concerning the rule change submitted by Dr. Margaret Fahringer.**

Motion passed – Yes votes: 4240; No votes: 1 (Dr. Margaret Fahringer).

Listed below is copy of rule change proposal.

State the proposed rule:

3. No Registration If Breeding Date During Period of

Suspension. No horse shall be registered which is sired by a stallion, or out of a mare, owned or leased by such person or spouse or business where the breeding date is shown to be on or subsequent to the date of notice of disciplinary action:

(add) until fees, penalties, or fines are paid in full to the Association.

Rationale: Once fees, penalties, and fines are paid the member is now in good standing and should be accorded all privileges of membership including the right to register horses with the Association.

Motion #7

Bob Windsor moved; Bea Fedor seconded: **To recess the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009.**

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 8:20 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2009

ROLL CALL #2 - Susan Niebling (See Exhibit I for details.)

Total Eligible Votes:	5352
Quorum	2730
Total Votes Present	4851
Majority	2427
2/3 Majority	3236

Youth Committee – Christy Meyer (absent) – Presented as Written

United States Equestrian Federation – Fred Moretti (absent) – Presented and Received by Robin Ratliff

Robin Ratliff introduced Lori Nelson from USEF who made a presentation on the benefits and services available from USEF. Regions can apply for grants for their shows - see the USEF website at www.usef.org. She also suggested checking the website www.clubequestrian.org. The World Games will be held in the United States in

2010. USEF is looking for photographs with photographer releases – contact Jennifer Mellenkamp who is our Breed liaison.

Motion #8

Elizabeth Arledge moved; Lew Haines seconded: **To take the Finance Committee out of order and present next. Motion passed unanimously.**

Finance Committee – Peggy Tanner – Presented and Received

Motion #9

Committee Motion; no second required: **That any standing committee requiring semi-annual meetings of its members, proceed to schedule these meetings the day preceding the scheduled Board of Directors meeting, effective with the board meeting in April, 2009.**

Motion #10 – Amendment to Motion #9

Ed Lafferty moved; Bea Fedor seconded: **To change the effective date to October, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion #9 as Amended

Committee Motion; no second required: **That any standing committee requiring semi-annual meetings of its members, proceed to schedule these meetings the day preceding the scheduled Board of Directors' meeting, effective with the board meeting in October, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion #11

Committee Motion; no second required: **That PFHA shall reimburse for coach/economy airfare charges not to exceed the normally accepted 30 day advance purchase fare on a commercial air carrier for the same or substantially similar route; volunteers and staff should seek the lowest possible fares through use of advance booking. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion #12

Committee Motion; no second required: **That a formal policy be accepted that the Executive Director obtain three competitive bids on budgetary expenses of \$2500 or more and these bids be presented to the Finance Committee for approval prior to selection and contracting. Motion passed – Yes votes: 4654; No votes: 196 (Northeast, Lee Vulgaris)**

Motion #13

Bob Windsor moved; Margie O'Neill seconded: **To recess until 1:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was recessed at 11:50 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Motion #14

Finance Committee moved; Bea Fedor seconded: **Recommends that a cash discount be given on payments by check or cash for PFHA class fees and stall fees at the Grand National show. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion #15

Lew Haines moved; Bob Windsor seconded: To readdress tabled Motion #2: **To approve the recommendations from the audit report. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion #16

Robin Ratliff moved; Charlene McFadden seconded: **That the Board of Directors moved into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion #17

Robin Ratliff moved; Ed Lafferty seconded: **That the Finance Committee's recommendations concerning personnel issues be referred to the Personnel Committee and recommendations for actions as deemed appropriate be sent to the Executive Committee no later than June 1, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion #18

Guillermo Iglesias moved; Lee Haines seconded: **That the Personnel Committee reviews the Employee Handbook and to make recommendations for actions as deemed appropriate be sent to the Executive committee no later than June 1, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion #19

Elizabeth Arledge moved; Cindy Griffeth seconded: **To move out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

Rules Clarification Committee – Fred Moretti (absent)- Presented as Written.

Rules Committee – Lynn Burke (absent) - Presented as Written

Motion #20

Committee motion; no second required: **That the Rules Committee is requesting PFHA Board of Directors' approval to make grammatical and/or typographical corrections with the 2010 Rule Book without changing the intent of any rule. No action taken and all typographical errors will need to go through the rule change process.**

Lee Vulgaris asked that the composer of a Rule change proposal be made known if requested.

Recreational Rider Committee – Lindsay Campbell (absent) – Presented and Received by Sue Niebling

Motion #21

Alex Amador moved; Bea Fedor seconded: **That two new organizations be sanctioned by PFHA for the Pleasure Long Distance Trail Program. These are South Creek Foxhounds and the Ride and Tie Organization. Motion passed unanimously.**

Planning Committee –

Motion #22

Alex Amador moved; Charlene McFadden seconded: **To accept Ed Smith's recommendation to appoint Terry Thompson as Chairman of the Planning Committee. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mary Emmons has been asked to update the Executive Director Handbook.

Personnel Committee – Edie Gandy (absent) – No Report.

2009 National Show – Gwyn Wright – Presented and Received

Membership & Regional Liaison – Ed Lafferty – Presented and Received

The following Regions have not submitted a regional contact for membership monitoring: Southern Regional, Florida, Sunshine, Colombia, Great Lakes, Mason Dixon, Mid America, Northeast, Tennessee Valley, and Virginia Presidential.

Motion #23

Robin Ratliff moved; Gwyn Wright seconded: **To instruct the Communications Committee to survey our members via the website and/or magazine to see if the members would like the magazine cost separated from the membership fee. (See Motion #24)**

Motion #24 – Amendment to Motion #23

Elizabeth Arledge moved; Bea Fedor seconded: **To change the wording in Motion #23 as follows: To get membership feedback on membership services. Motion passed unanimously.**

Amended Motion #23

To instruct the Communications Committee to survey our members via the website and/or magazine to get membership feedback on membership services.

Motion #25

Lee Vulgaris moved; Alex Amador seconded: **To refer Amended Motion #23 to the Communications Committee. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ed Lafferty will meet with Mary Emmons to determine the feasibility of switching back to having all memberships renewed on the same date.

Marketing Committee – Dwight Grabber (absent) – Presented as Written

Dwight Grabber has resigned as Marketing Committee Chairman.

Motion #26

Cindy Griffeth moved; Bob Windsor seconded: **To approve Ed Smith's recommendation to accept Robin Ratliff as Chairman of the Marketing Committee. Motion passed unanimously.** Rose Ann Harper Howell will also serve on this committee.

Judges & Stewards Committee – Dr. Jose Laracuente – Presented and Received

The ballots for the voting of the Judges for the 2009 Grand National Show were handed out to the Board of Directors for voting and collected by Ron Evans for tabulation. The Judges selected will be announced under Old Business.

Historical Committee – Dr. Margaret Fahringer – Presented and Received

Motion #27

Dr. Margaret Fahringer moved; Virginia Foster seconded: **To give Dr. Margaret Fahringer the authority to request from Larry Williams and other photographers photographs for the Historical Committee. Motion passed unanimously.**

Hearing Committee – Richard Lockhart (absent) – Presented as Written

Gelding Committee – Ed Lafferty – Presented and Received

Ed Lafferty has resigned as Chairman of the Gelding Committee.

Motion #28

Ed Lafferty moved; John Tonetti seconded: **To approve Ed Smith’s recommendation to accept Chuck Rechtenbach as Chairman of the Geldings Committee. Motion passed unanimously.**

Futurity Committee – Mary Rizo-Patron (absent) – Presented and Received by Alfredo Rizo-Patron

Executive Director – Mary Emmons – Presented and Received

Motion #29

Cindy Griffeth moved; Gwyn Wright seconded: **To hold the January 14-17, 2010 General Membership Meeting at the South Point Spa, Casino and Equestrian Center in Las Vegas, NV. Motion passed – Yes votes 4648; No votes 202 (Tennessee Valley, Terry Thompson); Abstained votes 0**

The Paso Fino Horse Foundation has requested that the application for scholarships be posted on the PFHA website. Mary Emmons will see that the application is added to the website.

Events Committee – Cindy Griffeth – Presented and Received

Ethics Committee – Judy Bradbury (absent) – Presented as Written

Education & Clinics – Robert Yunits and Fred Moretti (absent) – Presented as Written

Motion #30

Committee Motion; no second required: **To approve the Fee to Attend the required J/S Clinic be increased from \$125.00 to \$175.00. Motion passed – Yes votes 4360; No votes 197 (Georgia, Cindy Griffeth); Abstained votes 293 (Great Lakes, Alfredo Rizo-Patron)**

CONFEPASO – Dr. Jose Laracuente – Presented and Received

Motion #31

Committee Recommendations and Actions; no second required:

Recommendations:

That the Board of Directors considers and approves a motion by the Finance Committee establishing a processing fee for the Validation Certificate for show purposes.

That the Board of Directors approves the recommendation of this Committee to approve the American Trote & Trocha Association as an Accepted Registry for show purposes.

That the Board of Directors approves the recommendation of this Committee to publish the list of Accepted Registries in the PFHA website.

That the Board of Directors approves the recommendation of this Committee in appointing the Mundial judges that will represent the United States.

Action:

At the last PFHA Board of Directors meeting held in January 2009, a Validation Certificate for show purposes was approved. However, a processing fee was not. We recommend, based on expected expenses that the Finance Committee submits for Board of Directors approval a motion to establish a processing fee of **\$75** (see Amendment – Motion #32 which changes fee to **\$125**).

That Ms. Sharon Londono be the appointed judge representing the United States and Ms. Carmen Cepero be the first Alternate and Mr. Ernie Sanz be the second Alternate.

Motion #32

Guillermo Iglesias moved; Alex Amador seconded; **To change the Validation Certificate fee for Other Paso Modalities for show purposes from \$75 to \$125. Motion passed – Yes votes 4654; No votes 0; Abstained votes 196 (Northeast, Lee Vulgaris).**

CONFEPASO's Recommendations and Action as amended passed unanimously.

Computer Committee – Lew Haines – Presented and Received

Motion #33

Virginia Foster moved: That the Computer Committee research with USEF their services to enhance our website. Motion failed for lack of a second. Lew Haines volunteered to research this topic with USEF.

Communications Committee –

Motion #34

Elizabeth Arledge moved; Lew Haines seconded: To approve Ed Smith's recommendation to accept John Tonetti as Chairman of the Communications Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Amateur Owner Committee – Kathy Yarbrough – Presented and Received

OLD BUSINESS

The following Judges have been selected for the 2009 Grand National Show:

Mr. Nicanor Miranda

Dr. Miguel A. Pastrana

Dr. Jose M. Laracuenta

Dr. Jorge Torres

Ms. Carmen Cepero

Mr. Guillermo Iglesias First Alternate

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Smith announced that Janice Meyer won the National Championship in her division at the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Championships.

Motion #35

Bob Windsor moved; Bea Fedor seconded: **To have the Committee Chairmen post their reports no later than 15 days prior to the Board of Director's meetings. Motion failed – No votes 3844; Yes votes 1006 (California, Bea Fedor – 218: Great Lakes, Alfredo Rizo-Patron – 293: Kentucky, Bob Windsor – 160: North Florida, Elizabeth Arledge – 137: Northwest, Margie O'Neill – 198)**

NOTE: POLICY WILL REMAIN TO HAVE THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN POST THEIR REPORTS NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Motion #36

Guillermo Iglesias moved: **To reduce the cost to the Regions of black and white PFHW ad printing. Motion failed for lack of a second.**

Motion #37

Bob Windsor moved; Elizabeth Arledge seconded: **To adjourn the Board of Directors' meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Niebling, Secretary

Paso Fino Horse Association, Inc.

EXHIBIT I – ROLL CALL