



## **AMERICAN SHETLAND PONY CLUB, INC.**

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### **Board of Directors Spring Meeting March 16-17, 2024 Morton, Illinois**

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| Area I – Bill Eperthener  | Joel Rosenstern (Absent) |
| Area II – Amber Kildow    | John Rimmer              |
| Area III – Donna Phillips | Kelsey Kleve             |
| Area IV – Sherri Jolliff  | Pat Sanders              |
| Area V – Lisa Rains       | Karen Shaw               |
| Area VI – Tracey Slagle   | Andrea Barth             |
| Area VII – Eric Tani      | Julie Mabie              |
| Area VIII – Alan Dial     |                          |

Rob Crater called the meeting to order at 8:30 am  
Roll Call

Bill Eperthener motioned to accept the 2023 Convention Board Meeting minutes. Alan Dial seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial.

Rule Changes from 2023 Convention –

Amateur – 2023 – 1

Remove One year wait period and add three years wait period, effective January 1, 2025. Passed at 2023 convention 52 to 1. Alan Dial motioned to accept rule change. Kelsey Kleve seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial.

Amateur – 2023 – 4

Delete \$300.00 add \$1,000.00 – Amateur Section III, Page 45 – Accepting a token of appreciation, for riding, driving or showing in halter/in hand. (Notice: Horse board, prize money, partial support, or objects of more than \$300 are considered remuneration, not small tokens of appreciation.) Rule passed at 2023 convention 40 to 0. Eric Tani motioned to accept. Sherri Jolliff seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial.

Discussion held regarding adding the code of conduct for the organization. The Board of Directors currently must sign a code of conduct each year. ASPC Code of Conduct

as follows: We, as members of the American Shetland Pony Club Inc., in carrying out our role of providing service to the American Shetland Pony Club Industry, recognize the need to do so in a professional manner, and to deal with the public and our colleagues with the highest degree of integrity. To adhere to the professional standards and by-laws of the American Shetland Pony Club Inc., and to work to further its goals and objectives. To ensure that the welfare of the American Shetland Pony Club Inc., is paramount and that every ASPC/AMHR/ASPR shall always be treated humanely and with dignity, respect, and compassion. The American Shetland Pony Club Inc., expects all members to conduct themselves in an honest forthright, ethical, and sportsmanlike manner in their relationship with each other at any time they are involved in matters related in any way to the American Shetland Pony Club, Inc. To handle our business, operations, and communications (including those through social media) in a manner that promotes the positive image of the American Shetland Pony Club, Inc., and the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR breed.

Sherri Jolliff motioned to accept and add to membership applications and renewals. Bill Eperthener seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial.

In November 2023 the Amateur committee submitted a rule for showing document regarding the Amateur Gelding Incentive and the Amateur Mare Jackpot classes. After the 2023 convention where the Board of Directors voted to accept the rule that tailers must be amateurs, letters and emails were submitted to the Board as well as the National Office asking that this rule be discussed again for continuity on all amateur classes. Karen Shaw motioned to re-send this to the Amateur Committee to re-evaluate. Andrea Barth seconded. For: John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie. Against: Bill Eperthener, Pat Sanders, Alan Dial. Motion passed.

Discussion to add NSPPR Performance Pony of the Year. Classes to be included in this award are 1601, 1602, 1612, 1615, 1623, 1625, 1630. Donna Phillips motioned to accept. Tracey Slagle seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial.

Discussion of classes added to the master class list. Rule change proposals are being submitted to add classes and this is not a rule change proposal. Need to come up with a formal process for request to add classes. Amber Kildow motioned all class addition proposals must be processed through an application that will be created and must include 25 current member signatures to be submitted to the National Office on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>. The National Office will submit to the appropriate committees for discussion prior to being presented to the Board of Directors. Kelsey Kleve seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial.

Financials discussed as the organization paid over \$50,000.00 in credit card processing fees in 2023. Discussion held as most businesses charge a credit card processing percentage. Sherri Jolliff motioned to charge a 4% rate on all credit card charges effective April 1, 2024. Alan Dial seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial. Against: Eric Tani. Motion passed.

Sherri Jolliff motioned to increase the following fees effective October 1, 2024: Transfers - \$25.00, Foundation Certification - \$20.00, Lease Agreements - \$20.00, Late Stallion Reports - \$50.00 – Rush 2<sup>nd</sup> Day (in addition to Rush fee) - \$45.00, Rush Next Business Day (in addition to Rush fee) - \$55.00, Rush Saturday Delivery (in addition to Rush fee) - \$70.00. Donna Phillips seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial.

Alan Dial motioned to increase the following fees for 2024 ASPC Congress & 2024 AMHR Nationals: Congress Office Fee - \$30.00, Nationals Office Fee - \$35.00, Late Stall Fees for both shows - \$200.00. Eric Tani seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial.

Discussion held regarding having a 2024 National Sale. The first ASPC, Inc was held in October 2022. Sale was not held in 2023. Alan Dial motioned to give a \$25,000.00 budget to put on a 2024 sale. Lisa Rains seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial.

Mid America Miniature Horse Club contacted the organization that as of February 5, 2024 they have filed for dissolution. MAMHC has voted to evenly allocate their funds and establish a one-time scholarship to be awarded in 2025. This proposal is presented to honor the legacy of MAMHC and contribute to the education and development of the next generation of enthusiasts with the ASPC/AMHR. Kelsey Kleve motioned to accept the MAMHC proposal. Donna Phillips seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Lisa Rains, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial.

Meeting Adjourned to Closed Session

Minutes – submitted Jill Gleason