



AMERICAN SHETLAND PONY CLUB, INC.

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Board of Directors Meeting November 1, 2023 Fort Wayne, IN

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

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

Karen Shaw mentioned that the Spring Meeting minutes did not have the AMHR Carriage Equipment inserted.

(AMHR Tack & Equipment Carriage)

1. Light Harness (breast or collar type)
 2. To be shown in a suitable two or four wheeled carriage pleasure type driving vehicle. Wooden wheels are preferred, Solid spoke or steel wheels are acceptable, Pneumatic wheels permitted, Boot removed.
 3. Type of bit(s) optional, Snaffle, Liverpools, French Lick, Mullen, Butterfly or Myler are acceptable driving bits. Curb chains or curb straps are allowed and can only be driven in the half cheek. Blinkers appropriate to type of harness.
 4. Martingales and overchecks are prohibited for all vehicles. False Martingales are acceptable.
 5. Side checks are optional, breeching or thimbles are required. Tying down of tongues is prohibited. Bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on the vehicle or other pieces of harness. A throatlatch and a noseband or cavesson is mandatory. Open bridles are permitted but are not encouraged.
 6. Whip required. The thong (lash) of the whip should be long enough to reach the shoulder of the farther horse.
 7. Braiding of mane and forelock is optional in any carriage driving class.
 8. Spares Kits are optional.
- (Effective January 1, 2024)

Alan Dial motioned to accept the 2023 Spring Meeting minutes with the addition. Donna Phillips seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Steve Henderson, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Alan Dial.

Rob Crater thanked Steve Henderson for all his work as a Board Member, President, Vice-President and Past President for the American Shetland Pony Club Inc. Seating of new Board members, Joel Rosenstern – Area I, John Rimmer – Area II, Kelsey Kleve – Area III, Lisa Rains – Area V, Rob Crater – Area VIII. Bill Eperthener motioned to seat the incoming Board members. John Rimmer seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Donna Philips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Alan Dial.

Third quarter financials were reviewed.
2023 payouts were distributed
Stake Classes - \$25,341.00
Amateur Incentive & Jackpot Classes - \$28,885.00
Futurity Modern - \$11,487.17
Futurity Classic - \$32,692.66
Futurity AMHR - \$58,267.37
Futurity ASPR - \$7039.32
Futurity Super G - \$1,975.00
ASPC Sweepstakes - \$13,357.00
AMHR Sweepstakes - \$25,963.50
Area National Shows - \$16,000.00
High Points (Pony Bucks) - \$9,850.00
Area National Shows (Pony Bucks) - \$9,810.00

Investment accounts
LPL – 232,006
Morgan Stanley – 808,991
Edward Jones – 1,400,000

2024 Working budget
Revenue - \$954,608
Expenses - \$936,563
Committee – \$132,490

Alan Dial motioned to accept the 2024 working budget. Donna Phillips seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Donna Philips, Kelsey Kleve, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Alan Dial.

Discussion held on Amateur Owned/Shown – Change ASPC to match AMHR with Ammy names must be on papers. Tabled until Saturday

Youth Birthday discussion with Show Season
When changed show season – did not think about youth age of animal age. If an animal is a yearling and showed in October 2023 it had to show as a yearling, but on January 1, 2024 it will begin showing as a 2yr old. Discussion on to move the show

season back to the calendar year. Recommended that discussion should be held with membership in the open meetings over the next couple days. Bring back to Saturday meeting.

NSPPR & ASPR divisions

Divisions are not progressing. Discussion held on how to grow these divisions. Committees need to be advised to bring the Board of Directors recommendations.

Andrea Barth gave a brief update for the Super Gelding program. Amy Dalsing and Rebecca Calkins have agreed to chair this program. Andrea Barth will be the Board liaison. The 2024 nomination form and instructions were handed out.

Futurity program. The Association gives \$43,500.00 each year into the futurity program. New members are not aware and do not understand. The committee needs to work on ideas to help promote the program.

Bill Eperthener asked that the Sire & Dam be announced during Congress & Nationals for the champion. Jill will get with programmer to see how we can make this happen.

Discussion on Judges for National Shows. The list of Judges needs to be approved by the Judge's Committee and the recommendation then to the Board of Directors for final approval. Bill Eperthener motioned that the judges need to be approved by the judge's committee and then approved by the Board of Directors. Alan Dial seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Donna Philips, Kelsey Kleve, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Alan Dial.

Karen Shaw mentioned a few concerns during the AMHR National Show with carriage classes. Wants to split the carriage classes at 15. One of the classes in 2023 was 33 if we split at 15 entries, we will split three times, then if we bring back 6 from each split we would need to split again as there would be 18 from the first three classes. We would run 6 classes to get to the Grand class. Discussion held on placing splits rather than bringing back for the final. Other breeds place splits. Recommend to take this to the membership over the next few days and get their opinion. This will all need to go to the Show Committee to bring recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring meeting.

The National Area Show Committee distributed the proposed 2023 National Area Show Schedule.

Area I – Delmarva Miniature Horse Club – Harrington, DE – June 7-9

Area II – Bluewater Miniature Horse Club – Corunna, MI – June 1-2

Area III – Bluegrass Miniature Horse Club – Liberty, KY – May 24-26

Area IV – Central States – Gifford, IL – June 14-16

Area V – Southwestern Miniature Horse Club – Glen Rose, TX June 14-16

Area VI – Midwest Classic Shetland Breeders Assoc. – Cedar Rapids, IA – May 31- June 1

Area VII – Pacific Coast Miniature Horse Club – Norco, CA – May 24-26

Area VIII – Northwest Miniature Horse & Shetland Alliance – Moses Lake, WA – June 21-23

Karen Shaw discussed that she has the dates June 14-16 reserved at Glen Rose, so the Southwestern Club cannot have that facility booked on those dates. Donna will get with the Southwestern Club. Tracey Slagle motioned to accept the 2024 National Area Shows. Sherri Jolliff seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Donna Phillips, Kelsey Kleve, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Against: Amber Kildow, Karen Shaw, Julie Mabie.

National Area Show 2024 paybacks. Discussed to give the clubs \$2,000.00 again in 2024 to help put on a prestigious National Area Show. A letter will need to be submitted to the National Office in detail how they will be using the funds. Pony Bucks will be given to the exhibitors for the Grand and Stake classes only in the mandatory National Area Class list. Total to each area would be a maximum of \$3,040.00. Donna Phillips motioned to accept the payout to the club and the pony buck payback to the exhibitors. Alan Dial seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Donna Phillips, Kelsey Kleve, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial.

Show Manager section of the rulebook page 323 E., It is recommended that Show Managers and other show employees refrain from showing horses/ponies in shows in which they are officiating or employed. Further down in the paragraph it states Show management's horses/ponies may be shown at a show in which they are officiating if the horse/pony is shown by someone else. The paragraph needs to be cleaned up to state one way. Donna Phillips motioned that the paragraph state Show Managers Must refrain from showing horses/ponies in shows in which they are officiating or employed. Tracey Slagle seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Donna Phillips, Kelsey Kleve, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Julie Mabie. Against: Eric Tani, Alan Dial.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes – submitted Jill Gleason

**Board of Directors Meeting
November 4, 2023
Fort Wayne, IN**

Rob Crater called the meeting to order at 11:30am
Roll Call

Area I – Bill Eperthener	Joel Rosenstern
Area II – Amber Kildow	John Rimmer
Area III – Donna Phillips	Kelsey Kleve
Area IV – Sherri Jolliff	Pat Sanders
Area V – Lisa Rains (Absent)	Karen Shaw
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Nominations for 2024 Officers.

Pat Sanders nominated Rob Crater for President. Alan Dial seconded.
No other nominations.

For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Tracey Slagle nominated Alan Dial for 1st Vice President. Eric Tani seconded.
Rob Crater nominated Sherri Jolliff for 1st Vice President. Alan Dial seconded.

Votes tallied

Alan Dial – 8 votes

Sherri Jolliff – 7 votes

For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Pat Sanders nominated Sherri Jolliff for 2nd Vice President. Alan Dial seconded.

No other nominations.

For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Amateur 2023 – 3

Rule passed in Rules Committee meeting 46 Yes – 1 No

Delete - such that family relationship including marriage to or cohabitation with a professional does not automatically disqualify a person from amateur status.

Add – Any person including a family member (as defined at III, Part 1, 14, “Family”) of a professional is not an amateur if that person engages in any professional activities as defined herein (III, Part 3, 3.1 A-F; or per youth disqualification below). Simply a family relationship alone (including as a spouse or cohabitant) to a professional does not disqualify a member from amateur status so long as the member is otherwise qualified. Bill Eperthener motioned to make this extraordinary as we do not want to lose amateur exhibitors. Eric Tani seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Amber Kildow, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Sherri Jolliff, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Amateur Owned/Shown names on papers – tabled until Spring meeting.

The Amateur Committee proposed an updated Amateur Gelding Incentive and Amateur Jackpot Rules for showing. Discussion held as the rules state everyone in the ring must be an amateur including tailers. This rule failed in 2022 in the general meeting for amateur classes. This is for the Gelding Incentive and Amateur Jackpot classes only not all other amateur classes. Sherri Jolliff motioned to accept proposed rules as written. Alan Dial seconded. For: Bill Eperthener, Pat Sanders, Sherri Jolliff, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Eric Tani, Alan Dial. Against: Joel Rosenstern, John Rimmer, Kelsey Kleve, Donna Phillips, Andrea Barth, Julie Mabie. Motion Passed.

Show Season discussion after membership voiced their opinions and the majority voted that the show season should stay calendar year. Tracey Slagle motioned to move the show season back to the calendar year with the 2024 show season being October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024 and then beginning in 2025 January 1 – December 31. Eric Tani seconded. For: Joel Rosenstern, Bill Eperthener, John Rimmer, Kelsey Kleve, Pat Sanders, Karen Shaw, Tracey Slagle, Andrea Barth, Eric Tani, Julie Mabie, Alan Dial. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Stewards Committee presented a re-write for the measurement section of the rulebook. This will be sent back to the stewards committee.

International condensed class list tabled until Spring meeting.

Meeting Adjourned – Moved to Closed Session.

Minutes – submitted Jill Gleason