

Paso Fino Horse Association Board of Directors & Members Meeting

January 27 & 28, 2017

Submitted by Linda Field, GLPFHA Delegate

The unapproved meeting minutes are available on the PFHA website.
You are encouraged to call me if you have any questions at 269-539-0782

Executive Director

The new Executive Director, **William Nelson** was introduced at the meeting. He is developing a strategic plan for the future to retain current members and building new membership as we move forward. He is very approachable and is extremely committed to assisting members in anyway possible.

USEF

USEF said while we are only 1% of their membership, we are the fifth largest horse group. Therefore, we are very important to their organization. USEF has videos available on their website for aftercare of performance horses and encourage everyone to watch and participate in its webinars. On the subject of rescues, USEF is aware the Morgan breed, as well as some other breeds have rescue information on their webpage.

Committees

The committees gave their reports. Those reports are available on the PFHA website under the members portion.

Note: The Computer Committee notes that the High Point standings portion of the webpage is not 100% accurate. There were issues with the printed High Point standings in the magazine versus the actual High Point winners from last year. High Point information on the webpage is to be used solely for entertainment value. If you need actual point standings, contact the PFHA and it will be happy to give them to you.

Show Information

When submitting show paperwork, it is no longer necessary to provide copies of the horse's registration and the PFHA membership to the show secretaries. These are now automatically being checked by the Paso Key system. The USEF membership card must still be faxed in with your show entry. The Events Committee is currently working on a new condensed show entry form.

Judge's/Stewart's Clinic

There will be a Judge's and Stewart's Clinic being held at Startown Stables in Newton, N.C., February 11 and 12th. Auditors are encouraged to attend. There will also be a Judge's Clinic at Besilu Farms in Ocala, Fla., in April. Watch the website for announcement of dates.

Election Results

As most of you are aware this was an election meeting. Results are as follows:

President: Sharon Londono

Vice President: Ann Crossman

Treasurer: Lisa Gorsuch

Secretary: Patti Blichmann

Great Lakes had 176 votes. We were the fifth largest region in the association.

The new President, Sharon Londono, addressed the rescue horse problem. She appointed Rick Shafer to be the Ethics Committee chair and to work with the association to acquire a low-cost way to have rescue horses registered, and to hash out that process and possibly work with the Paso Fino Foundation to get some funds available to assist with helping rescued Paso Fino horses with feed and vet bills .

President Londono also appointed new committee chairs with those results available on the PFHA webpage. Sergio Garcia is the new 2017 National Show Committee chair. He has run the spectrum show for many years and is looking forward to putting on a fantastic show for us in Perry, Ga., in September.

I remain on the Amateur Committee with Norm Timbs as the chair.

It is a pleasure and an honor to represent our region at the Board of Directors meeting.

Thank you.

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