**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Conference Call**

**April 16, 2020**

President Casey West called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. CDT on Thursday, April 16, 2020. Present were: President Casey West, Kansas; President-elect Alison Umberger, Virginia; Vice President Melanie Cox-Dayhuff, Indiana; Senior Board Member David Lands, Virginia; Fifth Board Member Sandy Jirkovsky, Texas; Sixth Board Member Kelly Boles Chapman, Michigan; Immediate Past President Mike Short, Texas and Executive Director Billy Smith. Director of Administration, Jennifer Crites was also present.

**Motion #1:** Melanie Cox-Dayhuff moved and Mike Short seconded to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

* + 1. \* March 1, 2020 (Meeting)
    2. \* March 9, 2020 (SLACK-Committee Priorities)
    3. \* March 13, 2020 (SLACK-Suspend 2020 Qualifying)
    4. \* March 16, 2020 (SLACK-Plan for shows canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak)
    5. \* March 20, 2020 (SLACK – Registration Eligibility-1912-1662)
    6. \* March 24, 2020 (SLACK-Registration Eligibility-1910-0689)
    7. \* March 26, 2020 (SLACK-Registration Eligibility-3002-2867)
    8. \* March 30, 2020 (SLACK-Two-Year-Old Performance Class Restriction)
    9. \* April 1, 2020 (Conference Call-COVID-19 Options)
    10. \* April 2, 2020 (SLACK-Registration Eligibility-1906-2960)
    11. \* April 3, 2020 (SLACK-VSPO Two Judge Clinic and Show)

Motion carried

**Motion #2:** Alison Umberger moved and Mike Short seconded to approve that Novice Youth, Novice Amateur, Youth Walk-Trot 11-18 and Green Horse eligibility for their current year is maintained through 2021 and that youth exhibitors in their last year of Youth Walk-Trot 5-10, Youth 13 & Under, Youth Walk-Trot 11-18 and Youth 18 & Under maintain their current youth division as January 1st, 2020 through 2021 to address the impact of the COVID 19 global pandemic. It is also being requested that staff draft a proposal for consideration by the Youth and Amateur Committees regarding possible age expansion of the youth division to 19 years of age.

Motion carried

**Motion #3:** Mike Short moved and Sandy Jirkovsky seconded to allow the PAC program to stay as it is currently but fold the e-Shows into the current PAC program to address the impact of the COVID 19 global pandemic. Staff has also been requested to draft a proposal to transition the current PAC program into the e-Show program and send it to the Equestrian Experience Committee for consideration.

Motion carried

**Motion #4:** Mike Short moved and Alison Umberger seconded to approve modifications to registration rules in RG-070 in response to the economic impact of COVID 19.

1. Modification and Clarification of Rule RG-070 H:
2. White leg markings ~~extending above the knees and/or hocks~~
3. Glass, blue or watch eye(s)
4. Apron of bald face
5. White on the jaw or lower lip
6. Blue zone around a “natural paint marking”
7. Two color mane or tail, one color being natural white
8. Dark spots or freckles in white hair on the face
9. White areas in the non-visible zone, excluding the head, completely surrounded by a contrasting color
10. A contrasting area of another color in the non-visible zone, including the head, on a predominantly white horse
11. ~~When at least one of the two Paint parents is a tobiano or tovero, traits for consideration may also include white legs below the knees and hocks, two colors in the mane or tail (one color being natural white),~~ ink spots/paw prints, and/or coronet spots.
12. Modification and Clarification of RG-070:

* **Two Paint Parents:**
* Must have **EITHER** white requirements/natural paint markings and bloodline requirements in RG-070 A-D.5.

**OR**

* Possess any **one** paint trait identified in RG070-H.1-10 **and** APHA approved genetic testing confirming that the horse carries at least one Paint pattern gene.
* **One APHA Parent:**
* Must have **EITHER** white requirements/natural paint markings and bloodline requirements in RG-070 A-D.5.

**OR**

* Possess any two paint traits identified in RG-070 H.1-10 and APHA approved genetic testing confirming that the horse carries at least one Paint pattern gene.
* Horses that carry the tobiano gene confirmed through APHA approved genetic testing must possess **ONE** paint trait identified in RG-070 H.1-10
* **No APHA Parent:**
* Must meet all white requirements/natural paint markings and bloodline requirements in RG-070 A-D.5. to qualify for the Regular Registry.
* To qualify for the Solid Registry, meet the bloodline requirements in RG-015 and have APHA approved genetic testing confirming that the horse carries at least one Paint pattern gene.

**Motion #4 (Amendment 1):** Alison Umberger moved and Mike Short seconded to amend the original motion to also require one paint trait for No APHA Parent requirements. Motion carried

* **No APHA Parent:**
* Must meet all white requirements/natural paint markings and bloodline requirements in RG-070 A-D.5. to qualify for the Regular Registry.
* To qualify for the Solid Registry, meet the bloodline requirements in RG-015 and have APHA approved genetic testing confirming that the horse carries at least one Paint pattern gene and must possess one paint trait identified in RG-070 H.1-10.

**Motion #4 (Amendment 2):** Melanie Cox-Dayhuff moved and Mike Short seconded to amend the motion and strike the No APHA Parent from the considered motion.

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* **One APHA Parent:**
* Must have **EITHER** white requirements/natural paint markings and bloodline requirements in RG-070 A-D.5.

**OR**

* Possess any two paint traits identified in RG-070 H.1-10 and APHA approved genetic testing confirming that the horse carries at least one Paint pattern gene.
* Horses that carry the tobiano gene confirmed through APHA approved genetic testing must possess **ONE** paint trait identified in RG-070 H.1-10
* **~~No APHA Parent:~~**
* ~~Must meet all white requirements/natural paint markings and bloodline requirements in RG-070 A-D.5. to qualify for the Regular Registry.~~
* ~~To qualify for the Solid Registry, meet the bloodline requirements in RG-015 and have APHA approved genetic testing confirming that the horse carries at least one Paint pattern gene and must possess one paint trait identified in RG-070 H.1-10.~~

In favor to strike No APHA Parent: Melanie Cox-Dayhuff, David Lands, Sandy Jirkovsky and Casey West

Against striking No APHA Parent: Kelly Boles Chapman, Mike Short and Alison Umberger

Motion to strike No APHA Parent carried

**Motion #4 (final motion):** Alison Umberger moved and Mike Short seconded to approve modifications to registration rules in RG-070 to address the economic impact of the COVID 19 global pandemic.

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**OR**

* Possess any two paint traits identified in RG-070 H.1-10 and APHA approved genetic testing confirming that the horse carries at least one Paint pattern gene.
* Horses that carry the tobiano gene confirmed through APHA approved genetic testing must possess **ONE** paint trait identified in RG-070 H.1-10

Motion carried

**Motion #5:** Mike Shortmoved and Melanie Cox-Dayhuff seconded to waive Regional Club membership and minimum show requirements for 2020.

Motion carried

**Motion #6:** Alison Umberger moved and Sandy Jirkovsky seconded to approve holding the APHA Convention on February 26-28, 2021 in the Fort Worth Stockyards.

Motion carried

**Motion #7:** Mike Short moved and Melanie Cox-Dayhuff seconded to approve a policy allowing the Performance Department to grant the following standard variance criteria requests according to SC-160.F Exhibitors Special Needs. Special needs accommodations would have to be submitted by a written request and signed by a physician.

* Allow member to exhibit without proper attire due to a medical condition.
* Allow member to show their horse with medical aid such as walking boot, cane, wheelchair, knee brace, back brace, crutches, etc.
* Allow member to show in halter classes with assistance from a handler to track and present horse to the judges, including assistance with setting the horse up throughout the class.
* Allow member to show their horse in pattern classes with assistance from a hearing aid device.
* Allow member to show with the aid of a motorized scooter/wheelchair in halter and showmanship classes
* Allow member to show in a seat adaptor for their saddle
* Allow member to use a crop to aid in cueing their horse in performance classes
* Allow member to walk beside their horse while their horse trots in Showmanship at Halter

Motion carried

**Motion #8:** Melanie Cox-Dayhuff moved and Mike Short seconded to amend the current APH Foundation Board bylaws to read:

* 1. Number.  The current Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) to fifteen (15) directors.  The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to these Bylaws, but, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in these Bylaws, no decrease in the number of directors shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director, and in no event shall there be less than seven (7) directors or more than fifteen (15) directors.

Motion carried.

**Motion #9:** Alison Umberger moved and Melanie Cox-Dayhuff seconded to explore a multi breed Youth Jamboree to be held during the Summer. Staff has been requested to bring back a proposal for consideration by the Board of Directors.

Motion carried

**Motion #10:** Sandy Jirkovsky moved and Alison Umberger seconded to pursue development of the Marked for Greatness Cowgirl Celebration in 2020 or 2021.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned from Executive Session at 9:55pm.