

Illinois Paint Horse Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, November 1, 2015  
Decatur, IL

Meeting was brought to order by Steve Morse, IPHA President at 12:22 p.m.

1. Reading & Approval of Minutes from the October 3, 2015 General Membership meeting - Scott Schuetz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Brandi Schuetz. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.
2. Report from the President
  - Great year, fellowship camaraderie, futurity show went off pretty well. We paid out over \$22,000 for futurity money. We're going to make a few changes for 2016 with incentives for mare owners & give away free stalls. During the Stallion Service Auction, we're also going to provide hors d'oeuvres (snacks),
  - WI suspended their SSA and will conduct existing classes but due to payouts and lack of interest won't have their auction in 2016, but may help us. Hate to see that, as it's bad for the breed so we hope they get it up and going again.
  - Decision made earlier this year at a board meeting concerning Amt. Walk/Trot. The board didn't have all of the information, and should not have changed the show rules mid-year. We've sliced it and diced it since we made the decision to count IPHA points for an Amt. Walk/Trot exhibitor when they did not own, or lease the horse according to APHA owner/lease rules. Today we reversed the decision as a Board to not allow IPHA year-end points for the individual. However, we need to address the rule for next year which will be discussed later in the meeting.
3. Report from the Treasurer:
  - a. First sheet of the hand out are the Show Reports for this Year. Basically we made a profit just under \$40K which was very good. We made \$12,000 at the Futurity in October & \$16,000 at the April Show. Every show was profitable. We made \$2,000 to \$3,000 on the one day shows.

Questions from members:

- Clean up charge – Gordyville charges us a clean-up of \$1 per stall. Belvidere does too.
  - Shaving charges – Belvidere, we buy the shavings and sell them. Jerry contracts with a feed store in Belvidere and they deliver the shavings. The shavings that aren't used are returned so we don't owe anything for them. Income is listed under the show entries when you charge the show participant. Belvidere charges \$5. And we charge \$5.50 a bag.
4. Income & Expenses:
    - a. Shows for the futurity \$17,675 is what we sold in stallions and there are some additional monies coming in yet. This year was the lowest selling year for payouts since it was based on the 2011 calendar year and we only had \$9,000 & \$11,000 and continues to increase.
    - b. Bank balance – for all three accounts it's approximately \$74,000. (General, Youth & Futurity).
      - The only outstanding payments are the year-end awards which will take the General Fund down to \$20,000 or so before we're done. We also need to make a payment

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to the Lauren Kelly Foundation of \$1250 which was raised by the Calcutta with Wade Spell donating his portion back (\$625). Fred also donated his portion of \$625, and had already paid Jerry for it so it will also go to the Lauren Kelly Foundation. ,

**Action:** Lorna to check with Debbie Kelly to see where the funds should be sent.

We also received \$1,785 in memorial donations that we have in our General account for Evan Leonard.

**Action:** The board will need to get together with the Leonard Family to determine what to do with the monies.

Financials: Year-end awards need to come out yet this year. Banquet will go on next year's expenses since we'll be paying for it in 2016.

**Action:** Beth has some differences on the youth accounts & will categorize them the same way Jerry has on his expense sheets and they will figure it out.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Shelly Prehoda, seconded by Brandy Daughtery. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

5. Nomination of Officers

- a. President – Fred Cole & Steve Morse, once. Fred Cole & Steve Morse second time. Fred Cole & Steve Morse third and final time. No other names nominated. Membership voted and Fred Cole is our new President for 2016.
- b. Vice President – Dale Bushue – Shelly moves that we accept the nomination of Dale as Vice President, seconded by Fred, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.
- c. Secretary – Lisa Riddle, Julie Bushue made a motion we accept the nomination of Lisa as Secretary, seconded by Bill Schenk. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.
- d. Treasurer – Jerry Wyrick & Scott Schuetz - Jerry Wyrick & Scott Schuetz second time, Jerry & Scott Schuetz a third and final time. No one else nominated. Membership voted, and Jerry Wyrick is our Treasurer for 2016.

6. Director's at Large

**Area III** – Beth would like to nominate Carl Wilcoxon & Bambi Zulaf Bays – anyone else, asking as second time, third time. No other names nominated. Voting from the four members present from that area resulted in a tie. As a result, we will wait to vote on it by the members of that area at the January 2016 meeting

**Action:** Vote on Director for Area III at the 1/16/16 Membership meeting.

**Area IV:** Annie nominated Rhonda Baum, Jerry nominated Lorna Wyrick, Shelly nominated Bill Schenk. Membership from Area IV voted & Rhonda Baum won the vote & will be Director for Area IV in 2016.

**At Large Director:** Jerry nominated Lorna Wyrick, Shelly nominated Bill Schenk, Connie nominated Kristy Doyle, and Mark Merriman nominated Patty Douglas. Membership voted and Patty was elected Director At Large.

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7. Committee Reports

- a. Show – Shelly
  - b. Awards - Patty
  - c. Banquet - Jerry
  - d. Directory - Connie
  - e. Futurity - Steve
  - f. Youth – Beth
- 4/16 & 4/17 – POR Gordyville (POR) – Confirmed & application submitted to APHA **(4 Judge)**
  - 5/21 & 5/22 – Gordyville. Options for show are:
    - partner with IN, or
    - IL POR Only, or
    - 1 day/2 judge show, or
    - 2 one day/2 judge show
  - 6/18 - Mark Merriman's Show at Clinton, IL @ DeWitt County Fairgrounds **(1 Day/1 Judge)**
  - 6/25 – Belvidere **(1Day/2 Judge)** – Confirmed & application submitted to APHA
  - July State Fair
  - ~~7/30~~ has now been changed to 8/6 at the meeting. Mark Merriman's Show at Clinton, IL @ DeWitt County Fairgrounds **(1 Day & 1 Judge)**
  - 8/13 – Hopedale **(1 Day & 2 Judge)** Confirmed & application submitted to APHA. Show Manager - Patty Douglas.
  - 9/3 & 9/4 - Labor Day at Gordyville **(2 Day & 2 Judge)**. Also potential to host Premier Paint Sire show. Show Manager: Shelly Prehoda.
  - 9/10 - Mark is adding an additional 1 day/1 judge show in Clinton

Pauli Crull couldn't commit during our meeting in October, has since went back to her club and IN is interested in partnering. The better bet is Labor Day weekend, even though they have Cloverdale open in 9/10. Are we ok with partnering with 9/3 & 9/4? If we partnered with IN we could do a POR since we'd be using IN POR.

Question asked about the difference in a POR versus a 2 day/2 judge show. It's because the show bill is split between two days for a POR.

Shelly recommends we put everything together and split the costs with IN for the POR. Money wise it will cost the same. Points count for both clubs on both days & for both zones. As a result, it doesn't matter and we can just combine all of the expenses and split them 50/50. This year, when we did the split combined and partnered with IN in Cloverdale, we split 50%.

Premier Paint Sires (PPS) contacted Shelly and asked if IL was interested in partnering. Shelly couldn't provide an answer at the time of the call and since then she's tried to contact them multiple times.

We don't have a lot of information to go on. It will lengthen the day of our show and also add a day. We'd be looking at a facility charge for an additional day along with judges. At one point, we heard they will only provide \$1,500 which isn't enough. They have their own announcer, and they intertwine their classes within our show bill. WI said they drew in quite a bit of participation as those attending hauled in another horse to show in open classes. We have a list of questions that we've generated, but haven't heard back from them.

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We don't know how IN feels about it either. If it's just IL only, its two one day shows with 2 judges each day. We're interested in preferences from the membership on how to proceed on the following:

Scott Schuetz made a motion that for the Labor Day weekend (9/3 & 9/4) to make it a POR using IN POR and partnering with them at Gordyville. Brandi seconded motion. All in favor, a few opposed. Motion carries with majority.

Vanessa asked a question about Labor Day show and it conflicting with MO. The only one that conflicted mileage wise was MI. Jerry will find out from MI if they are having their show or not.

**Action:** Jerry will follow-up with MI about their decision on the Labor Day show. He will also contact IN concerning the above decision to partner on Labor Day at Gordyville. PPS is out for 2016 and once we learn additional information, we can consider for the 2017 show season.

8. Old Business

- a. 2015 Scholarship Awards: (Kaitlyn Prehoda, Erin Kettlecamp, Nicole Balkema) \$500 per scholarship

9. New Business

a. Futurity Changes for 2016:

- o Entry deadline will be changed from 8/1 to 8/15
- o Late entry date will be 8/16 to 9/15 with double entry fee as a late fee

b. Banquet 1/16/16

- o Without subsidizing meals they will be \$27. Everyone paid \$15 for members last year, \$25 for non-members. Basically the club covered ½ of the cost of our meal.

Mark Merriman made a motion to subsidize the banquet for 2016 like we did for 2015. Carl Wilcoxon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

c. October 2016 POR/Futurity Show

- o Jackpot Classes/Illinois Foaled run currently
  - Trail & Western Pleasure (will consider additional classes for 2017 depending on how well these classes fill)

d. 2016 Stallion Service Auction

- o Minimum bid will start at \$250
- o Proposing we drop the \$20 stallion nomination fee. For mare owner, it will be the purchase price plus a \$25 fee for the office charge. Stallion owners wait all summer and he doesn't sell, they may buy him back so they won't pay a penalty.
- o Anyone purchasing a stallion at the auction will be entered in to a drawing for 5 free stalls @ Futurity show

Jerry made a motion to accept the proposal as presented with dropping the \$20 stallion fee, and implementing a \$25 fee for the mare owner. Carri Hansen seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

- e. Directory Deadline is 12/1/2015. Carri Hansen can help or Connie can help! \$65 for the publishing company to help. Print company is Dyna Graphics in Decatur.

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- f. Futurity:
  - Went well and we had a little bit different format. Show coordinator helped with organization.
  - Lessons learned:
    - More of an opportunity to increase the show.
- g. Youth:
  - Beth – great year fundraising! A lot of cool things she's thinking about for 2016. Youth will meet again at the Banquet and elect officers. Lots of merchandise. Youth show – YTT – 5<sup>th</sup>, Syd 7<sup>th</sup> showmanship, outside of the team tournament. Did really well! Thanks to everyone for their participation!
- h. Awards Update:
  - Had a great year, and did some different things for the weekends. Starting tomorrow sending out the awards email. Myla, Lisa & Lorna & Patty. If there's something that you want you can pay the difference.

Feedback from membership: (Yellow highlight are comments from Show Committee)

- i. Classes: Add/Change/Delete
  - Have a Performance Halter division – APHA does not recognize as an event – everyone ok with this.
  - Add Ranch Horse Classes – probably not ready to take on right now
  - Offer Green SPB Classes -not enough numbers at this time – went back and looked at entry numbers and don't think there's enough to justify adding classes. Think we had 4 or so. Crystal discussed Green classes – outside the all-day fee.
  - Let's experiment with Green SPB with horses under 10 points. Didn't feel like they had enough people. Discussion about the current solid situation, and can open it up. Plus if we have trainers that have solids, think it's worth trying. Additional discussion that it's too hard to come in if you have a 2 year old Pleasure or Green HUS.

Motion from Scott Schuetz to not add any Green SPB (Western Pleasure & HUS). Nina Schenk seconded motion. Majority in favor, a few opposed. Motion carries.

Additional discussion concerning about adding them the classes to Mark's show to try them. That is Mark's decision to make.

- Make a complete set of Speed events: add Youth and Amateur SPB Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, and Stake Race, plus Open SPB Stake Race and Youth (RR) Stake Race. Add at PORs, Belvidere, and Hopedale. The only show we would not have them at would be the 5/22 weekend.

Eliminate confusion to be more consistent. If we didn't offer it, you still qualify since its ½ the judges for the classes offered, and because it's not offered, it doesn't count.

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\$70 high point and reserve is \$50, and \$15, \$10, & \$5. Won't cost more in year-end awards. If we add classes, we need to remove something. When it's costing more money you have to stop somewhere. We're full right now.

Connie Parker shared the following thoughts: If you're going for top 20, it helps a lot. There is no SPB stake race for IL. We only pay one judge and it's not adding a lot of time. A lot of discussion about this. Even though adding AM & Open Solid, we declare so we're not running each class twice. At the futurity you didn't declare and they ran every class. For most of the shows they are declaring. Need to make sure it's announced if they "declare" when you're timing it. Usually the gate person yells to the judges. Does it justify paying judges? We only pay one judge for speed events. However in Green we are adding to the show bill.

Fred Cole shared that during the APHA Executive meeting this year, they discussed a study APHA conducted. 51 of the horses did not carry a marker and couldn't reproduce a colored offspring. If they carry the marker, and can produce a paint, they will be able to enter in regular registry classes. APHA is expanding the study to approximately 1,000 horses in 2016, so this change may not occur until at least 2017.

Motion made by Scott Schuetz to approve as stated by Show Committee. Lorna Wyrick seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

- Offer Jackpot classes at Fall Futurity \$25 entry for both Regular Registry and SPB together – HUS, WP skip warm up classes at these shows.

We started with a variety of classes but just decided to start with WP & HUS. First class and can use as a warm up class. Otherwise, we'll pay back the money as a jackpot. Youth club sometimes got the \$5 warm up class. This recommendation is only for the futurity show.

Jerry Wyrick made a motion, Lisa Riddle seconded to accept the recommendation and add the Jackpot classes at the Fall Futurity for a \$25 entry fee. Class will be open to Regular Registry & SPBs together for HUS & WP. Warm up classes will be removed. Scores will be combined like a futurity class and one judge will be named as a tie breaker for the class. The number of entries will determine how many places paid out. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Order of classes/fee schedule updates

- Have the Longe line classes moved from Sunday to after halter on Saturday on split combined shows.

Membership Discussion:

Also on Futurity show put it after showmanship and before geldings. We had the break after showmanship this year and the Longe Line could be first class after break and away from 2 YO Futurity classes. Ok on split combined to put after Halter, but leave Futurity alone. There's too much on Saturday.

Problems with getting HUS horses ready when they are showing after Longe Line on Sunday. Also, it would be easier for the babies to have them on Saturday so they can be done for the weekend. Can we put it after Halter, but before lunch break? Saturday night it was 10:30 or so

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before we finished. We would be adding 4 classes on Saturday, & Longe Line takes 1.5 hours to complete.

Jana suggested we put a break in between (after Walk/Trot 611 but before Class #78. Break would be 20 minutes and then we would come back with Youth. This would only be for the Futurity as far as the 20 minute break.

Jerry made a motion to accept adding a break after Walk Trot 611 & before Class 78. Break would be 20 minutes and would only be for the Futurity show. Lisa Riddle seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Feedback from membership: (Yellow highlight are comments from Show Committee)

- Put a limit on how many classes you can do while on the all-day fee. For example limit it to 12 classes for the all-day fee. **Get input from club. Recommend**  
No action taken by club.
- Move Stake Race to follow Pole Bending.

Bambi Zulaf-Bays made a motion to accept moving Stake Race to follow Pole Bending. Bill Schenk seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Awards: Add/Change/Delete

- Replace individual speed class awards with cumulative speed division awards for each division (Youth, Amateur, Open, SPB).

Discussion by membership:

Information sent to Shelly from Kristy Doyle since she was not able to be present.

Rather than have High Point Barrel, High Point Stakes, etc, suggestion made for High Point for the Speed Division similar to the all arounds year-end awards. Class award of \$175 per class (2014 price) with 6 Divisions instead of 18 individual class awards. Patty Douglas shared that our 2015 fees for Division awards are \$150, \$100, \$40, \$30, \$20. This would be paid in accordance to an all-around award.

Motion made by Lorna Wyrick, seconded by Scott Schuetz to accept replacing the individual speed class awards with cumulative Speed Division Awards for each Division (Youth, Amateur, Open, SPB). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

- Add All-Around for Classic and Masters Divisions. I think this would increase our "senior" participation in the non-split classes (Halter, HUS, Equitation, Horsemanship, Trail, Timed Events) So they would be able to meet qualifying requirements. **Propose to membership**

Motion made by Carl Wilcoxon, seconded by Fred Cole to accept motion as proposed by Committee to add an All-Around for Classic & Master's Divisions. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

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Awards Rules: Qualifying/Eligibility

- Require 8 judges to qualify rather than 12 – no – would allow them to qualify in two PORs. Half the judges we offer is better all around – No action taken.
- PAINT STATE: can we recommend that ALL shows, containing classes that will be awarded with year-end awards, have matching show bills – that way you can accurately count your judges, plan your summer and make your budget without paying twice for judges for any class. We have no control over ISF Show bill. No action taken.
- Change rules to work around the fact we will now have four show bills – previous one stated we will give awards for classes held on our “regular” show bill. (Then moved the “qualifying” rule to appear above it). OK.
- Suggested adding wording to grant qualifying status to deceased horses. Yes

Discussion on horse ownership/lease rules for Youth and AM W/T

Steve Morse shared the following:

There were many comments and concerns regarding horse ownership for AM W/T. APHA rules allow exhibitors to show horses that they do not own or lease in Youth, Youth W/T and Amateur W/T.

- APHA allows Youth, Amt W/T & Youth W/T can show won't be DQ'd and if they win, they don't get national points and no one else gets them either.
- Question we need to answer: Should IPHA offer state point for that situation or do we adhere to the questions with APHA?
- Am W/T our IPHA rules don't provide clarification. However, our rules state Youth 5-9 W/T didn't have to own their own horse, and the points accumulated on exhibitor/horse.

Here's the information from Item #10 of the 2015 Award Rules:

All Lead-Line and Youth Walk-Trot exhibitors need not own their own horses. A Lead-Line or Youth Walk-Trot exhibitor may use any horse, but horse or exhibitor may only show one time in each class. In order to be eligible for the year-end awards, all Lead Line or Youth Walk-Trot exhibitors, but not the horse owners, must be IPHA members. A Lead-Line or Youth Walk-Trot exhibitor may change horses during the year and points will continue to accumulate.

We don't have anything that represents Am W/T. We haven't updated our Youth rules to reflect Leasing. Question is do we give them IPHA points or not? We have to allow them to ride based on APHA.

Scott Schuetz made a motion that effective 2016 IPHA will follow APHA guidelines for Amateur Walk/Trot, and Youth Walk/Trot. As a result, IPHA exhibitors would have to lease or own their



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own horse in accordance with the APHA rules. IPHA offers a non-APHA Walk/Trot class for someone who wants to start out. All in favor, one opposed. Motion carries.

IL will follow APHA guidelines for Amateur Walk/Trot (own or lease to get the points) & for Youth Walk Trot. Lead Line won't be affected since we follow the APHA rules on this already.

On the matter of "Once the IPHA show season has started the rules cannot be changed" – our bylaws allow for interpretation of rules in case there are questions that the rules do not cover. "If any sort of situation arises which is not covered by these rules, the IPHA President, Vice-President and Points Secretary will jointly make a ruling on the matter."

- j. August 2016 Rawlings Show – Charity Show
  - o Discuss Gold APHA status
  - o Vote on Charity to receive show proceeds

Currently, we only lack a small amount of criteria to receive the APHA Gold Star Award which is a charitable donation to a 501c3 organization & a monthly or quarterly newsletter.

We'd like to use the August 2016 Rawlings show as a fund raiser for a charity. Net proceeds would be donated to one to three 501c3 organizations. Receiving the Gold Star Status recognition from APHA also assists with marketing.

**Action:** Membership needs to submit suggestions to Shelly by end of December 2015 so it can be voted on during our January 16, 2016 meeting.

Motion made by Lisa Riddle, and seconded by Julie Bushue to make the Rawlings show a Charity Show with net proceeds going to one to three 501c3 organizations based on outcome of membership voting at our January 2016 meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Motion made by Dale Bushue and seconded by Julie Bushue to adjourn meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Lisa Riddle, Secretary - IPHA