

Piedmont Paso Fino Horse Assoc.

Membership Meeting/Clemson

April 23, 2022

Board Members Present: Jeanne Griggs, Mindy Ashley, Johnny Lanier, Holly Dake, Hannah Jones

Absent: Julie Aldred, Ashley Aldred

Jeanne Griggs opened the meeting by welcoming members, current and new.

The PFHA Rule Change Proposals have been posted on their website for review. A few of them are as follows and will take effect next show year.

- If more than 250 horses entered the show must have 2 stewards.
- The 30 days in training rule for Country Pleasure has been removed.
- There will be no more point requirement for qualification for National Show.
- Judges have the right to use the boards in ANY class.

Jeanne thanked the Board Members for “holding us together” during recent hardships. This election year there will be several Board positions available. Holly Dake will receive all nominations. Members are encouraged to get involved and grow our organization.

Term limits for the various Board positions are:

President: 2 years Primary responsibility is to hold Board & Membership meetings and provide a leadership role within the Association.

Vice President: 2 years Assist the President as necessary.

Treasurer: 2 years Keep financial records of the Association and report to Board at meetings to provide status of Treasury.

Secretary: 2 years Keep and maintain minutes and any other relevant documentation.

Directors(3): 3 years Support the Board by forming and participating on Committees such as Youth, Clinics, Events, Amateur, etc.

Currently the positions available are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and two Director positions.

The Financial Report is available. The current bank balance is approximately \$64,000. We broke even on the Clemson April show and Asheville last year but did lose money on the October show at Clemson.

The Asheville show this year is scheduled for June 16-19. We are planning on having Dinner in the Dirt again this year on Friday evening. Our Youth Committee is planning activities for Thursday and Friday. More details to follow as they are firmed up. Thursday/Friday show will have 2 judges and Friday/Saturday show will have 3 judges. Sponsorships will be available to reserve on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The

Show Committee for Asheville is asking for volunteers to help in any way possible. It takes a village to put on these horse shows and any time that you can provide is greatly appreciated.

PFHA will have a meeting to choose judges for Nationals on April 30<sup>th</sup> and results will be posted shortly thereafter. At this point PPFHA can make their judge selections for Asheville.

PPFHA has a new website address: [PiedmontPasoFino.com](http://PiedmontPasoFino.com) Please use this site for information regarding current and upcoming events, etc. PFHA called a special Board meeting for April 27 & 30 to discuss Mundial Profit & Loss. There was approximately \$450,000 taken in of which \$50,000 will go to ConfePaso, and \$25,000 increments for grants to be applied to Youth, Clinics, etc. Jeanne will send out emails to notify members of these meetings and their findings. Please make sure your email/contact information for Piedmont is up to date.

We have yet to determine if we will have an October Event. Please remit your thoughts regarding this to any Board Member or comment via the website.

Discussion among members included questions regarding the PFHA position on using sharp roweled spurs in arena during the show or forbidden on Show grounds altogether. Jeanne informed us that there is currently no position held by USEF or PFHA to forbid the use on Show Grounds. The Show Committee can however set their own policies per event. PFHA does allow blunt spurs in Specialty Classes only as well as carrying a crop. There are concerns among members that the use of chains and other harsh equipment should not be allowed.

Members also are encouraging new Youth members and their families to get involved with our Youth Committee and programs. It is vital for the future of our breed to do as much as we can to promote our Youth and Amateur riders. Any suggestions for future activities are appreciated but it takes many hands to actually make them happen.

A question arose regarding futurities for Asheville. Updates will be provided prior to the Show.

We also discussed trying to merge with another Regional Association to have one show, one location, split expenses and profits. Thus far this has not been a successful endeavor. There is an upcoming show in Kentucky on July 4<sup>th</sup> and Milda will keep us posted on the dates for her shows. Also we may look into another location for an added event in October. Some ideas put forward were areas including, Camden, SC, Charlotte, NC area as well as Moorestown, TN. If anyone knows of a facility that may be available please let the Board know so that we may look into that possibility.

There was a request to post a description of each Board Member's responsibilities. I have added a brief synopsis above. It requires the participation and efforts of the entire Board to organize and put on an event. Yes, it is a lot of work and takes time but the benefits far outweigh the time put in to make them happen. We have a long history to which we owe our founders a debt of gratitude and the responsibility to continue their efforts.

Mtg. adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Dake, Secretary

