

WPAPHA NEWSLETTER

February 5th, 2022



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! As we welcome the new year, we also welcome the new point season! With the first two months behind us, we look forward to a winter full of showing. We are very excited to have several new horse shows join our list of sanctioning this show calendar! If you have any shows you wish to be added, please let us know and we will work on getting them added to the show calendar. Our first meeting of the year was also held this past Monday. We had a lot of great feedback, and we are excited for this year to unfold with the opportunities we plan to provide to

our members! We are also excited to welcome Adam Gray to the board as our new Vice President! Below you will find the meeting minutes along with another survey. We love to have our members be involved and provide input!

Regards, *Spencer Turnblacer*

MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 31st, 2022

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Hardwood Café

646 Pittsburgh Road, Butler, PA 16002

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order:**
Spencer Turnblacer called to order the WPaPHA meeting at 7:05PM
- II. In Attendance:**
Spencer Turnblacer, Casey Slabe, Melissa Kaczynski, John Ham, Stacey Enck, Sydney Pyle, Bo Jackson
- III. Reports:**
 - Treasurer's Report:
 - 2021 Report on file
 - Membership Report:
 - 52 people, 51 horses
 - Numbers are up for this time of year compared to prior years
 - Typically see numbers jump in June/July
 - Horse Show Report:
 - New Sanctioned shows include Swan Lake Stables, Up & Over, Fair Haven, Erie Hunt & Saddle Club, Lake Erie College, Buffalo International Horse Show, and Hinckley.
 - Recommendation to add additional unrated divisions to year-end awards for Schooling Show High Score Series

- *Spencer made a motion to add 2'6 Intermediate rider to unrated year-end awards. Casey seconded. All are in favor.*

IV. **Old Business**

2021 Year-End Banquet:

- Missing some ribbons. Will order what is needed

V. **New Business:**

Review of Bylaws/Rule Book:

- Spencer spoke with National PHA (President, Kathy Pinera) to clarify rules regarding membership status of board members
- National PHA confirmed that Amateurs can sit in a board position if no professional is nominated/willing to
- Whether Amateur or Professional, elected board members will serve for the entire year
- *Spencer Turnblacer made a motion to add above details to Bylaws. Melissa seconded. All are in favor.*

Vice President

- *Adam Gray (Professional) has volunteered to serve as VP. All are in favor.*

Sponsorship Goals and Ideas

- Utilize social media for advertising, involve 2021 sponsors, target gas/oil companies
- Stacey Enck to lead Sponsorship Committee (Amy Finley, Jamie Schneider, Kristin Wozniak)
- Goal to get Derby sponsored. \$1,000.00 minimum for naming rights
- Stacey to investigate Schneiders for year-end prizing/trophies and Derby Sponsorship
- *Stacey proposed all board members have a \$200.00 sponsorship goal. All are in favor.*

Committee Ideas

- Sponsorship Committee – Stacey Enck
- Horse Show Committee – Need volunteers
- Junior PHA – Sydney Pyle expressed interest in being involved. Focus on educational, fundraising, juniors supporting other juniors
- Scholarship Committee – Need volunteers

Scholarship

- Idea to open scholarship to any Junior member – not just kids of professionals
- Idea for separate non-educational Grant. Open to all juniors. Must be nominated.
- Focus on Scholarship for this year. Table Grant idea for Future Years.
- Sponsor involvement – potential naming rights of scholarship

2022 Horse Show

- 140 horses in 2021
- Need to change schedule. Looking for more feedback from members
- Feedback from December's Newsletter survey was positive regarding food and prizes
- Get schedule planning sooner rather than later – Horse show committee!
- John/Casey to look into caterers

2022 Year End Banquet

- Will explore Hampton as venue again for 2022. Targeting November 11th or 18th.
- How do we make it more memorable? Slideshow (Junior PHA), raffles, sponsor involvement, etc.
- Year-end suggestion box at banquet

Clinic

- Idea to host clinic directly before horse show or separate to spread out yearly schedule. Separate from show was preferred. Spencer willing to host at Houdini Farms.
- Laine Ashker and Archie Cox were most voted in December Newsletter Survey. Looking into timing and pricing details
- Fundraising opportunities at clinic – Junior PHA (bake sales, etc.)
- John to look up pricing for past clinics

VI. **Adjournment**

Spencer Turnblacer adjourned the WPAPHA meeting at 8:50PM. Next Meeting TBD.

MY JOURNEY TO FINALS

My name is Dalya Balk. I had the opportunity to qualify for multiple finals in 2019. I competed at Junior Hunter Finals, the Hunterdon Cup Equitation Classic, and the USEF Dover Medal Finals. Qualifying was a stressful experience, but it was very rewarding. I was lucky enough to have a wonderful trainer, Barbie Bancroft, who was willing to go out of her way for me and do everything she could to help me achieve my goals. There were weekends when it would be just the two of us traveling to shows in search of points. However, it truly is a group effort to qualify for any final and having a great team supporting you is essential. This includes your grooms, vets, farriers, friends, and parents. Showing at a final is an amazing experience. It is an honor to be able to compete alongside the top junior riders in the country. I enjoyed being able to test my skills and push myself to ride to the best of my ability. There is so much to learn from these classes, and you are able to see what you need to improve upon for the future. Additionally, it's just fun to be able to show off your hard work at the end of the year. I will never forget the feeling of walking out of the ring at Harrisburg and being so unbelievably proud of myself. Knowing I could walk into a ring at finals and successfully navigate the course gave me so much confidence in my riding that carried through into my amateur career. I will always be extremely grateful to my trainer, parents, and the entire team that allowed me to have these opportunities and succeed in them.



UPCOMING SHOWS

- 5-6 Chagrin Valley Farms Schooling Show
- 9-13 World Equestrian Center Classic #9
- 16-20 World Equestrian Center Classic #10
- 17-20 Chagrin Valley Farms A
- 18-20 Swan Lake Stables February I
- 23-27 World Equestrian Center Classic #11

2022 show sanctioning applications are updated and available on the website. We have a wide variety of shows ranging from local schooling shows to Premium

CURRENT STANDINGS (NOT INCLUDING WEC)

Green Hunter:

1. Wanderlust
2. Quintus
3. Jeuxbalou
4. Bedazzled
5. Tea Time! Tilly

Very Green Hunter:

1. Merci Balou

Amateur Owner Hunter:

1. Shimmy
2. Lady Illusion
3. Casual Date

Adult Amateur Hunter:

1. Omega
2. Ascension
3. Jeuxbalou
4. Next Big Deal
5. Tea Time! Tilly
6. Otherwise Fine
7. Wanderlust
8. Breakthrough
9. Goodfellow
10. Bedazzled

Junior Working Hunter:

1. Co-Pilot
2. Noonmark
3. Daily News
4. Authentic

Pony Working Hunter:

1. Pixie Dust

Children Working Hunter:

1. Duckhorn
2. Unbelievable
3. Reveal
4. Casual Date
5. Czech Me Out

Low Children Hunter:

1. A-Patchy

CURRENT STANDINGS (NOT INCLUDING WEC)

Short Stirrup Hunter:

1. Hidden Spring's Fennel
2. Campfire S'mores

Performance Hunter:

1. Lady Illusion
2. Daily News
3. Authentic
4. Co-Pilot
5. Shimmy

WPaPHA Adult Hunter:

1. Merci Balou
3. Tea Time! Tilly

High Child/Adult Jumper:

1. Calculated Risk

Low Child/Adult Jumper:

1. Blue Ash
2. Salvatore
3. Dream Boy
4. To Be Des T

Medium Child/ Adult Jumper:

1. Blue Ash
2. Read Between The Lines

Open Jumper .80 & Below:

1. Salvatore

Open Jumper .85-.95:

1. Dream Boy

Open Jumper 1.0-1.10:

1. Blue Ash
2. Calculated Risk

Equitation 15-17:

1. Katie Finley
2. Taylor Orłowski
3. Hannah Jackson
4. Clara Beck

(AA) USEF rated shows. We would love some feedback from our members on any additional show venues that you would like to see join our sanctioning list! You can find show applications on our website at <http://wpapha.org/documents.html>



RENEWALS

Now is the time to renew your membership and nominations! We are very excited to have Melissa Kaczynski join the WPaPHA this year as our new point secretary! Please do not hesitate to contact her with questions that you may need answered! Her contact info is points@wpapha.org

To join – you can either mail in your payment and the form located in the document section of our website at <http://wpapha.org/documents.html> or you can join online in a few easy steps at <http://wpapha.org/join.php>

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please take a moment to fill out this short, two question survey, which will help the board better serve our members this year.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

CURRENT STANDINGS (NOT INCLUDING WEC)

JUNIOR EQUITATION 14 & UNDER:

1. Paton Schneider

ADULT EQUITATION:

1. Katelyn Ziggas
2. Emma Smith
3. Stacey Long
4. Sara Ladley
5. Kennedi Kunkle
6. Kristin Wozniak
7. Heather Baumhardt
8. Kendra Ward
9. Lindsey Wrigley
10. Angela Corte
11. Casey Slabe
12. Avery Hardt

CHILDREN'S HORSEMANSHIP:

1. Claire Yanek
2. Paton Schneider
3. Julia Price
4. Lila Jabara
5. Clara Beck
6. Charlotte Cleveland

PONY HORSEMANSHIP:


1. Olivia Gallup

SHORT STIRRUP HORSEMANSHIP:

1. Annika Beck
2. Maddison Wrigley

WALK TROT CROSSRAILS

1. Beatrice Foster



**Have a Story, Advertisement,
Announcement, or Photo(s) you'd like
featured in our Newsletter?**

Contact Casey at:

secretary@wpapha.org

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