

## 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Great Lakes Paso Fino Horse Association  
Saturday, November 16, 2019  
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
Perrysburg, Ohio

**Attendees:** Carolyn Barren, Mark Bunce, Tina Bunce, Linda Field, Tracey Hummer, Jennifer Karnes, Ashley Misner, Kathy Pfister, David Pfister, Tina Patterson, Lori Ware

Tina Bunce, GL President, called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were passed out for review. A motion was made by Linda Field to accept the minutes of the 2018 Annual Fall Meeting as documented. Kathy Pfister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Lori Ware reported that total GL members in 2019 was 31, a significant drop from the 2018 count. A suggestion was made to launch a membership drive for the GL chapter using the list of names from the PFHA national roster. Tina B. to provide the list of PFHA members assigned to Great Lakes. A motion was made by Tracey Hummer to accept the report. Ashley Misner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Pfister provided a detailed accounting of income and expenses for 2019 with the net result of a positive balance in the chapter treasury. A motion was made by Lori Ware to accept the report. Kathy Pfister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Delegate's Report:** PFHA Board of Directors meeting was held in Atlanta on November 2, 2019. Report included the following:

- The PFHA office now has a Spanish-speaking employee; the staff is keeping up with their work this year
- The accounting system has been simplified, making it easier to track/audit transactions
- An auto renewal feature has been added to the PFHA website
- There is a by-law that requires memberships to be renewed 30 days prior to the annual membership convention; next year's convention is January 25, so a member's renewal must be submitted by December 24 of this year in order to have a vote
- Jose Colon's "Judges and Stewarts Report" is available on the PFHA website; it includes an analysis of every class from the National Show for the past three years
- There is a committee working on a plan to hold a Youth National Show separate from the Grand National Show; the intent is to hold the Youth Nationals in the summer when school is not in session
- PFHA members can get show points for non-USEF shows if there are Paso Fino classes; members need to submit the show bill to the PFHA prior to the show from pre-approval
- The PFHA has implemented a number of programs for Recreational Riders, including a reduced fee for annual membership
- There are several rule change proposals that will be voted on in January; our board will need a teleconference prior to the January meeting to review/discuss
- The Grand National show will move from Perry, GA, to Ocala, FL, in 2021 and 2022
- The minutes from the Board of Directors meeting are published within 30 days and can be found on the PFHA website.

A motion was made by Carolyn Barren to accept the report. Mark Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional discussion during this segment of the meeting included the need for a better method for communicating to GLPFHA members prior to the National meetings. We want to ensure that agenda topics are shared and discussed so that our delegate knows how best to use our votes. It was agreed that we will try a group communication via What's App. It was also agreed that our delegate will provide an update on major topics to our members within ten days and formal minutes will be posted on the website within 30 days of each meeting.

**Heritage 2019:** Tina Bunce provided the report. Discussion included:

- We had a very successful show; we received many positive comments; show was profitable
- Tina expressed her appreciation to all the volunteers
- Carolyn's donation of Kuda gift certificates for the Amateur Championship class winners was a brilliant idea and resulted in much larger classes on both days of the show
- Having Kuda at the show made the event better
- The trainers in attendance held an open meeting looking for ideas to address the decline in the regional PFHA shows (Meeting was documented, and notes are available.) One of the action items from the meeting was to check on the possibility of dates at the Kentucky Horse Park for a multi-region show – no dates are available.

**Heritage 2020:**

- Heritage Center has been reserved
- Show dates will be August 7-8
- Show is approved as a "lite" show by USEF
- Joann Waugh will be our official photographer (at no charge)
- Carolyn Barren will work to identify the judges and steward; if signed contracts are not received by our deadline, replacements will be sought
- We will consider funding prizes for some of the championship classes (similar to Carolyn's donations this year)
- More volunteers are needed for the show; one option is to contact local groups where teens may need service hours (e.g, National Honor Society, 4-H, FFS); Tracey Hummer agreed to reach out to some of those organizations to see if they would be interested.

A motion was made by David Pfister to accept the report. Ashley Misner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Equine Affaire 2019:** Tina Bunce reported that the Paso Fino booth was in a good location and got a lot of traffic. Our breed demo only had two horses due to unforeseen circumstances, so was not as impressive as previous years. We had a few more volunteers to help man the booth.

**Equine Affaire 2020:**

Discussion included whether or not the booth provides enough value for the cost and time needed to man it. With the booth, we are allowed a breed demo every day; without it, we only get one for the entire four-day event. Decision: continue to have a Paso Fino booth, but look for alternatives to keeping it manned all the time (e.g., wear breed shirts, have volunteers spend more time near the stalls.)

- Dates for this event are April 2 – 5, 2020

**Public Information:** The GLPFHA website has a new look (updated layout via new service from current provider.)

**High Point Awards:** Presented by Kathy Pfister were the class awards and high point horses for year 2019. (See attached list). It was also noted that A cappella's Arte (owned by Sarah Preston) was earned the Legion of Merit Award from the PFHA and Novie el Malaheim (owned by Tina Bunce) received a High Point Award at Nationals.

**Old Business:** Nothing was reported.

**Election of New Officers for 2019:** Up for re-election were the offices of Vice President, Treasurer and 3-year Director. Nominations were accepted from the floor.

Vice President (2 yr.) – Tina Bunce nominated Ashley Misner for Vice President. Seconded by Lori Ware. Accepted.

Treasurer (2 yr.) – Ashley Misner nominated David Pfister for Treasurer. Seconded by Lori Ware. Accepted.

Director (3 yr.) – David Pfister nominated Mark Bunce. Seconded by Ashley Misner. Accepted.

**New Business:**

- We hope to resume GLPFHA trail rides in 2020; possibly one in Michigan and one in Ohio. Pat Richerson is willing to look for other groups that we can join up with in Michigan. Ashley will look at some options for an Ohio ride.
- The horse parade in Delaware, OH overlaps with Nationals, so we will not participate.
- Michael Gascon will be a featured clinician at the Michigan Horse Expo in March in Lansing, MI.
- We may want to ask some of the Paso barns in our region to host events (e.g., open house, trail test, fun show) to help promote interest in Paso Finos and the GLPFHA. Ashley is looking at hosting a clinic and Trail Horse Test in May at her barn.
- Braircroft (near Grand Rapids) is a boarding barn that will be hosting a Michael Gascon clinic in August. Lori will ask if we can advertise it on the GLPFHA website.
- A suggestion was made that we consider offering a no cost membership (Florida region does this.)
- It would be helpful if we had a representative on our board from every state in our region.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Lori Ware to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jennifer Karnes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Ware  
GL Secretary