

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Great Lakes Paso Fino Horse Association

Saturday, November 21, 2020

Virtual Meeting via 'Go to Meeting' due to COVID-19 restrictions

Attendees: Mark Bunce, Tina Bunce, Ashley Misner, Kathy Pfister, David Pfister, Tina Patterson, Lori Ware

Tina Bunce, GL President, called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting had been sent in advance. A motion was made by Tina Patterson to accept the minutes of the 2019 Annual Fall Meeting as documented. Kathy Pfister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Lori Ware reported that total GL members in 2020 was 27, down four from the 2019 count. Lori informed the group that she would not be seeking re-election at this time due to family commitments. A motion was made by Tina Patterson to accept the report. Mark Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The 2020 Financial Report was sent in advance of the meeting. David Pfister pointed out that due to the hard work of the Show Committee and co-operation of various individuals and organizations, Great Lakes only suffered a minimal (\$5) loss on the 2020 Heritage 2.0, and zero loss from the Equine Affaire cancellations. Fees paid for 2020 has been credited towards the 2021 events. These credits saved GL approx. \$800. There were no questions from the attendees. A motion was made by Kathy Pfister to accept the report. Lori Ware seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Delegate's Report: The PFHA Board of Directors meeting was held as a virtual meeting on November 7, 2020. Tina Bunce attended on behalf of the GL PFHA. She had previously sent a report via email. She provided the following highlights:

- The Grand National Show (GNS) operated under strict COVID guidelines. The Show Committee did a great job and there were no reported cases of COVID-19 during or after the show. Great Lakes was well represented.
- The GNS may not be moving to the World Equestrian Center in Ocala due to concerns about arena footing. The contract has not been signed, pending approval of the footing via a test ride by PFHA members. To date, the center has postponed the test ride three times. It is now scheduled for December.
- Under discussion is the possibility of doing a virtual show. Other organizations have done this with great success.
- Overall revenue for the PFHA is down. Membership was down 17% in 2020. The PFHA reported a loss for 2020. The GNS (normally a big contributor of revenue) provided a very small profit of \$1,200. 2021 budget will be presented at the January meeting.

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

Heritage 2020:

- Heritage 2.0 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Fees for the venue, PFHA registration and USEF registration have been rolled over to 2021.

Heritage 2021:

- Hoping to hold the show in 2021, but it will be dependent on COVID-19 restrictions.
- Judges who were contracted for the 2020 show have agreed to judge in 2021, with the exception of Betsy McHugh. Tina will ask Carolyn Barren to contact Betsy for confirmation. New contracts will be needed.
- USEF has already approved the show for 2021.
- It is unknown if participation in a regional show will be a requirement to qualify for the GNS in 2021 (to be discussed in January.)
- GL PFHA will have a virtual meeting after the January PFHA meeting to discuss Heritage 2.0 for 2021.

Equine Affaire 2020: Event was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Equine Affaire 2021:

- It is not known if this event will happen next year.
- Targeted dates are April 8-11, 2021.

Old Business: Nothing was reported.

Election of New Officers for 2020: Up for re-election were the offices of President, Secretary, Delegate and a 3-year Director. Nominations were accepted from the floor.

President (2 yr.) – David Pfister nominated Tina Bunce for President. Seconded by Ashley Misner. Accepted.

Secretary (2 yr.) – Lori Ware nominated Tina Patterson for Secretary. Seconded by Kathy Pfister. Accepted.

Delegate (2yr.) – It was suggested that Carolyn Barren be appointed to this position. Tina Bunce will ask her. If Carolyn does not accept, Tina B. will assume the position for the two-year term. Motion was made and accepted.

Director (3 yr.) – Lori Ware nominated Ashley Misner. Seconded by Tina Patterson. Accepted.

A membership committee was formed with Tina Bunce, Ashley Misner and Lori Ware agreeing to serve.

New Business:

- Discussion on membership fee for youth. A motion was made by David Pfister to set the membership fees as follows:

- Regular - \$15
- Family - \$30
- Youth - \$12

Kathy Pfister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Tina Bunce thanked Tina Patterson for her donation of items for the PFHA silent auction. Auction can be found on the PFHA website. Tina Bunce will send an email to members to call attention to the auction.
- Tina Bunce reported that Joann Waugh has agreed to be our show photographer at no charge. Photos are also provided free of charge. Lori Ware motioned that Joann be given a free membership to the GL PFHA as a token of appreciation. Ashley Misner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- David Pfister motioned to give Megan Kline Rosemark a free membership to GL PFHA as a token of appreciation for organizing the Paso Fino breed demonstrations at the Ohio Equine Affaire, if the 2021 Equine Affaire is not cancelled. Tina Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Ashley Misner informed the group that a trail horse test will be offered at her facility in May or June, pending a lift on COVID restrictions. This is the test that had to be cancelled in 2020 due to COVID.

Adjourn: Tina Bunce adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Ware
GL Secretary (outgoing)