

## Area VII SP&MHA Club Minutes January 27th, 2018

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Area VII Shetland Pony & Miniature Horse Assoc. Inc.  
General Membership Meeting January 27th, 2017 Residence Inn, Vacaville

**Attendance Officers:** Susan Browning Wroe, new Vice President, Michele Nelson Treasurer, Robert Blackwell, Director, Jacob Elliott, new President, new Secretary Melissa Berschens, John Gracey Director, Richard Radulovich, Director.

**Members Present:** Elizabeth Pride, Stephanie Jumper, Heidi Jensen, Lynn Blackwell, Julie Mabie, Jill Wright, Maxine Richey.

**Guests:** none

Meeting called to order at 12:56pm on January 27th, 2018.

**Roll Call** - sign in sheet used.

**President's Welcome:** Susan Brown Wroe thanked everyone for their participation in the club and the opportunity to serve the club and wanted to welcome in the new president. Votes were counted from the 2018 election ballot.

**Secretary's Report:** (Michele Nelson) Michele announced the winners of the 2018 election ballot after the ballots were individually counted by a non board member and tallied.

Results of Election were:

President - Jacob Elliot

Vice President - Susan Browning Wroe

Treasure - Michele Nelson

Secretary - Melissa Berschens

John Radvulich - new director

John Gracey and Robert Blackwell are 2nd directors with a tie.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Michele reminded everyone that the minutes are available on the Area VII website.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Michele Nelson) Checking account balance as of 1/26/18: \$8553.75

Petty cash balance: \$182

Total assets: \$8735.75

Pending Deposit: \$190

John Gracey Made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and Michele Nelson 2nd the motion. Motion to accept the report was approved.

APPROVED

**National Director Report (Julie Mabie)**

Julie Mabie is the Shetland Representative gave a report about the upcoming Spring Board meeting for the AMHR for area Hawaii, California and Arizona.

The Spring Board meeting is 2nd Weekend in March 10th-11th. The Spring Board meeting is in Omaha Nebraska for convention and meeting for area 6. If you have agenda items or items to bring to the board meeting, please get those to her asap so she can present them. One of the rule changes being brought to the board will be qualifications for the board seats to change the requirements for qualification for attendance to be meet 2 meetings in the last 5 years.

Committee Reports

**Show Committee Report**

Michele Nelson reported that the class sponsorship information is up on the website, she will send out a sponsorship form sent out to the membership with the show premium. Sponsorships go towards the general show expenses and help pay all the show bills.

**Sunshine Committee Report:** No report.

The Sunshine Committee is a committee to welcome new members or congratulations or get well soon cards.

**New members** - Welcome Elizabeth Pride and Stephanie Jumper and they have a 2 year old colt and are excited to learn more and show this year in the club.

**Website Report:**

Michele Nelson made a website report. She made the website and will try to keep it up to date with other shows and things that our club members would be interested in and it is a good place to keep up to date with new events and all the show information for our club and club membership information and a list of show sponsors and club sponsorships and new members are listed. Please use this website for club information.

<http://www.areaviiclub.com/>

**Facebook Report:**

Michele Nelson reported Jacob Elliot and Michele Nelson, are trying to keep the group updated it is a open group on Facebook. Feel free to join this group to get more updates on the club.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/aspcamhrareavii/about/>

**Newsletter Report:**

Michele Nelson reported the spring newsletter deadlines Friday Feb 9th. We do take paid advertising from anyone and we also take ranch news to display in the newsletter, which is free. See the newsletter page on the website to find more information on ad pricing and more information for the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

**Awards**

**Barbara Naviaux Award**

Jacob Elliot gave a report about the Show committee talking about the Barbara Naviaux award. Barbara Naviaux was one of the pioneers of this industry and was an inspiration to us all. The committee came up with some options were presented and we are looking at doing a tulip style bowl with a plack for winner and the winner will be also given a plack. The award will be for A size and B size minis that are multi-colored mares, geldings and stallions that will end up in the championship class for multi-color and this is a non-rated class championship will be in honor of Barbara. The class will be added to the show premium.

**Pat Michielssen Memorial High Point Pony Award**

Pat had a great love for the minis and ponies. Pat was filled with a lot of knowledge and bred spectacular horses and gave back to the mini horse industry with sharing her knowledge and was a very special lady. Pat passed away in November and \$200 was donated to the club and it was decided to give a wall plack in Pat's name as a memorial.

**Status of Non-Profit Application**

Jacob Elliot gave a report about the non-profit status. Jacob wanted to wait until we had the 2018 installation of new officers and looked at the application process and the fees involved. There is an application fee of \$702 and the IRS charges a additional \$850 on top of that. This is something that needs to be considered. If we have the non-profit status, we can get corporate sponsorship. Michele Nelson spoke up and said it might be better to wait until later in the year, since the show is so close and the budget is tight and decide later if there is enough money in the budget to pay for the fees.

It was asked what the benefit would be to have the non-profit status, Susan Brown Wroe talked about the benefit being that large corporate sponsors like Wells Fargo, Farnam would be more apt to give donations so they could get a tax write off.

Discussion was made that it takes a long time to get the process completed and it might be better to go through a company like Charity Net USA to complete the application process. It was voted in November 2017 to move forward with the application, however, it was discussed that there was no deadline or date in place to get the status completed according to Susan Brown Wroe.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Michele Nelson let the club know that the club trailer has been picked up and it as Dennis's house. Michele Nelson requested sending a card Karen Farlo for storing the trailer last year at Blue Oak Farm.

Some of the jumps need repairs and the bases are broken. Once Dennis gets the key and can open the trailer (Susan Brown Wroe) will give him a key, he will look at repairing the trailer. Michele Nelson has an inventory of the trailer and will send the inventory to Susan Brown Wroe.

**Location for next meeting**

It was discussed where to have meetings and what would be the most central meeting location. Livermore was discussed, Tracy was discussed. It was discussed when to have the meeting, Michele Nelson suggested we have a meeting in the fall so elections candidates for the officers. It was discussed having the meeting at a show and that was troublesome due to it being too busy. Dates were discussed for the first weekend in December 8th, 2018, location is to be announced. It was discussed to talk about next year having year end awards this will be tabled to talk about in a later date.

Motion to adjourn was made by \_Richard Erickson seconded by Robert Blackwell.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM

Notes taken by: Melissa Berschens Secretary/Treasurer Area VII SP&MHA