

Area VII Shetland Pony & Miniature Horse Assoc., Inc.

Annual Membership Meeting

01/11/2025

Video conference on whereby.com

Minutes prepared by: Vicki Veiga

Officers present:

Camryn Day, President

Robert Blackwell, Vice President

Michele Nelson, Treasurer

Vicki Veiga, Secretary

Susan Browning-Wroe, Director

Lynn Blackwell, Director

Guests present:

Gail Byrnes

Becky Horat

Katey Valente

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Camryn Day, confirmed quorum of the board present. Prior meeting minutes reviewed by board and membership. Motion made by Michele Nelson to approve minutes, seconded by Robert Blackwell. Minutes approved.

Director election results:

38 ballots mailed out, 14 ballots returned. Mailing sponsored by the Valente Family. Gratitude to outgoing director Jill Wright expressed.

Candidates for two open Director positions:

Gail Byrnes - 14 votes

Lynn Blackwell - 9 votes

Becky Horat - 3 votes (write-in)

Gail had the most votes, so she will serve a 2 year term (2025–2026). Lynn came in second with 9 votes, so she will serve a 1 year term (2025)

Bylaw committee report:

Michele Nelson (Chair), Katey Valente, and Gail Byrnes.

Michele provided an update. The main goal of bylaw amendments is to remove term limits to allow for officers to serve unlimited terms as long as said officer is willing and voted in by membership, and to stagger elections to ensure continuity for the club. For example, electing president and vice president one year, and electing secretary and treasurer the others. The bylaw committee also recommends amendments to allow for electronic voting. The bylaw committee plans to send amendments to membership after our first event to have a larger membership.

Treasurer report:

Michele Nelson provided treasurer report, available upon request.

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Membership report:

Gail Byrnes desired to send two gift certificates of \$25 in the style of a drawing to membership. BOD agreed to update membership dues to single adult membership at \$25 with 1 vote, and family membership at \$40 and 2 votes. This is the first membership dues increase since 2006.

Fundraising committee report:

Gail Byrnes (Chair)

Gail proposed a calendar raffle for the month of May. Tickets will be sold at 3 for \$25, a winner will be drawn daily. Every Monday will be a \$100 cash prize. Gail needs sponsorships for prizes, such as gift cards. She stressed the importance of having something non-horse related, and something that anyone can use regardless of location.

Event planning:

Camryn is coordinating with Deb at Clay Station Horse Park on dates for a 2025 show series. Considering doing three shows like the Youth/Amateur show we did in October. The goal for our show series is to help with fundraising for a sanctioned California Classic show in 2026.

ASPC/AMHR Director not present, no update available.

Meeting adjourned, no date set for next meeting.

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