Area VII Shetland Pony and Miniature Horse Association
General Club Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Gail Byrnes at 6:31 p.m. Gail welcomed all who were present at the virtual meeting.

Those in attendance were Lynn Blackwell, Robert Blackwell, Gail Byrnes, Erika Colbert, Morgan Crouch, Camryn Day, Karen Dixon, Kandi Griffith, Sharon Housley, Becky Horat, Ted Horat, Stefanie Jumper, Jan Kaase, Jessica Kaase, Emily McGrath, Yvette Miller, Gina Nelson, Michele Nelson, Liz Pride, Jennifer Rodis, Larry Rodis, Kathleen Rose, Katey Valente, Rick Valente, Violette Valente and Susan Browning Wroe. There was a quorum present.

Minutes:

The minutes from the October 2025 General Meeting were read by Secretary Susan Browning Wroe. Gail made a **motion** to accept the minutes as read. Katey seconded the motion. The vote was called and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasury Report was given by Treasurer Michele Nelson. The current balance in the Club bank account is $17,843.75. The current amount of expenditures so far for 2026 is $263.30. An itemized report may be obtained from Michele upon request.

Michele has projected the cost of the 2026 California Classic as $10,000 plus. This projection is based on the previous years of this show and the current costs quoted by the 2026 vendors. This figure excludes the cost of ribbons and awards, the judges' air fare and mileage, and airport parking. In addition all the prices for the Steward.

New Board of Directors:

Camryn Day stated that due to life changes, she is stepping down as our Club President. As per Board protocol, it was agreed that Gail Byrnes will finish Camryn's 2026 year as President and Camryn will finish the 2026 year in a Director;s position. Becky thanked Camryn for an excellent job in her Club leadership for three years. Michele stated how awesome the Buckle Shows had turned out. Kandi thanked everyone for a year with really fun shows.

The 2026 board is as follows:
President - Gail Byrnes
Vice President - Katey Valente
Secretary - Susan Browning Wroe
Treasurer - Michele Nelson
Directors - Camryn Day, Becky Horat and Stefanie Jumper

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New Business:

2026 California Classic

MIchele stated that the 2019 Classic hosted 104 horses. She also stated that the 2024 Classic had 42 horses. The Show Committee is working diligently to entice more participation through a creative class list which includes something for everyone, awesome prizes, ways to earn perks and reasonable prices and fun.

Gail and Camryn are working on gaining sponsorship. Sponsorship levels will be $750, $500 and $250. Please see the sponsorship form for the perks that can be earned by becoming a sponsor. There is also a need for Class sponsors.

Karen mentioned that businesses can claim their sponsorship as a tax deduction as part of their advertising budget.

MIchele will immediately post the class list on the Club website.

Gina asked if the Club could add lead line classes to any other shows. She states she would sponsor that class. Michele responded that it could be added and thanked Gina for her support.

2026 Events:

The membership has requested that the Club provide the Buckle Series again this year. The shows would be held in July, august and October at Clay Station.

Katie made a **motion** that the Club repeat the 3 Show Buckle Series again this year. Michele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Suggested Judges were Paul Tarap and Tracy Yost.

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