Area VII Shetland Pony and Miniature Horse Assoc., Inc.
General Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Gail Byrnes at 1:00 p.m.
The meeting quorum was met with 35 members present. For a member listing see Katey Valente or Susan Browning Wroe. The following Board members were present: Gail Byrnes, Becky Horat, Stefanie Jumper, Jen Rodis, Katey Valente, and Susan Browning Wroe.

Secretary Report:
Katey Valente read the January 2026 General Meeting Minutes for Susan Browning Wroe. Jen Rodis made a **Motion** to accept the minutes as read. Liz Pride seconded the **Motion.** The motion passed. Beginning immediately, the Board and General meeting Minutes will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report:
Michele Nelson sent her report in writing.
She reported that in January of 2026, the Club Treasury balance was $17,843.75. By October 25**,** the Club account had increased by $5,000 with a few profits still to be accounted for. Gail thanked the members for their generous sponsorships and support of the Club events. Becky thanked Gail for her leadership in making it all happen. Susan made a **Motion** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read. Liz seconded the **Motion.** The **Motion** passed.

2027 Club Events:
Gail shared that the 2027 California Classic will be held at Murieta Equestrian Center on May 22 & 23, 2027. The date has changed due to scheduling conflicts.

There was discussion regarding the volunteers needed for a variety of jobs in order to run this show smoothly. It was also mentioned that there is a local CDE running the same weekend. Members were encouraged to support the show through class registrations and financial sponsorships. More specific information is forthcoming in early 2027.

The membership greatly expressed their desire for another Buckle series in 2027. The Board will work toward this. It was mentioned that we currently have 74 members.

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Katey explained the Pony Pals program. This program continues through December 31, 2026 and the paperwork can be back dated. Specifics regarding this program can be found on the Club website.

2027 Board Nominations:
The following slate of officers was presented for Club consideration for 2027.

President	Katey Valente	nominated by Gail Byrnes
Vice President	Jen Rodis	nominated by Katey Valente
Secretary	Becky Horat	nominated by Gail Byrnes
Treasurer	Michele Nelson	incumbent
Director #1	Stephanie Jumper	incumbent

Director #2 and Director #3 will be voted in from the following candidates:
Gail Byrnes
Karen Dixon
Kathleen Rose

Voting will be done on line in December and the new Board will begin on Jan. 1, 2027. Paper ballots are available upon request to Michele Nelson.

Gail made a **Motion** to close the nominations. Jen seconded the **Motion.** The motion passed.

Susan made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting and move on to the awards. Kathleen Rose seconded the **Motion.** The motion passed.
Katey and Becky explained the awards. For a complete list of winners please visit the website or contact Becky Horat.

Respectfully Submitted
Secretary
Susan Browning Wroe

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