

Area VII Shetland Pony and Miniature Horse Association  
October 19, 2025  
Club General Meeting Minutes  
Clay Station Horse Park, Wilton, California

The meeting was called to order by President Camryn Day at 12:10 p.m. All Board members were present. There was a quorum in attendance.

**President's Message:**

Camryn gave a brief recount of the past two Summer shows held at Clay Station. She thanked all for their hard work and the club members for their support. She recognized all the Show Judges, the Stewards and the show staff and expressed the Club's sincere appreciation. She also gave a sneak peek of some of the projected upcoming Club activities.

**Treasurer's Report:**

This report has been tabled until the next meeting.

**Show Committee Report:**

Gail Byrnes was applauded for her outstanding success in raising funds for the 2026 Shows. Her calendar raffle earned over \$3000 and the item raffle at the final show raised over \$600. All those who contributed to these raffles and the sale of "cart puppies" were applauded and are greatly appreciated. Future fund raising ideas were shared and explored. The possible sale items being researched are coffee mugs, drink tumblers, and Club shirts.

Gail and Michele stated that the last California Classic lost close to \$5000. Therefore, Gail is looking for sponsorship to support the 2026 Classic expenses. Gail is requesting help from the membership in this search. The estimated cost for this show is \$15,000. Gail also mentioned there will be plenty of VSE classes at the Classic. Members who will develop the class list are Michele, Susan, Gail and Katey. Any suggestions are welcomed.

Ted Horat led the discussion regarding the possibility of including the Classic in a "buckle series" for next year. There was discussion about hosting the Classic and then our usual October show and combining them together for points. There was also discussion about hosting all three shows from the "buckle series" again plus the California Classic. These items will be further researched by the Board and the Show Committee in January.

A "Save the Date" flier for the 2026 Classic will come out before January.

**By Laws Committee:**

Two by laws have been amended to better address the membership needs.

1. The first amended by law would change the current term limit of two years per two year Board position, and one year for the one year Director's position. It will be changed to

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add that the current incumbent may continue with their position if there is no one else to run for that position.

2.The second by-law to change states that the Club may use “on line” ballots and methods of voting. A paper ballot will be available upon request.

Gail Byrnes **made a motion** that these two amendments be accepted by the membership. Robert Blackwell seconded the **motion. The motion passed.**

**Call for Board Members:**

Michele Nelson explained as per our by-laws , half of the Executive Board is replaced every other year. This ensures that there are always some seasoned Board members to mentor in the new Board Members. The President, Secretary and one Director are elected in the odd years and the Vice President, Treasurer, and two Directors are elected in the even years. Therefore, the following members were nominated to positions beginning January 1, 2026.

Vice President .....Katey Valente

Treasurer.....Michele Nelson

Two Directors..... Robert Blackwell, Becky Horat, and Stephanie Jumper

Susan Browning Wroe has been appointed to finish the Secretary position vacated by Vicki Veiga for the 2026 year.

Voting will be toward the end of December 2025 with the new Board announced at the January meeting.

**New Business: Future Club Activities**

The remainder of the meeting focused on proposed future Club activities. Becky Horat shared that she and Ted would like to host on-line beginning workshops for those interested in starting their own horses in Obstacle, Hunter/Jumper and the Showmanship disciplines This idea will be considered by the Board.

Without further business to discuss a **motion to adjourn** the meeting was made by Michele Nelson and seconded by Katey Valente. **The motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Susan Browning Wroe - Secretary**

**October 24, 2025**

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