

028_04_21_BoardOfDirectorsMeetingSummary

Meeting Summary for Board of Directors Meeting (Open to Public)

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Quick recap

The meeting involved discussions on various topics, including personal experiences, computer issues, and the weather in Texas, as well as committee reports and decisions. The participants also discussed rule changes and interpretations related to non-professional status in the Appaloosa Horse Club, and refined the rules related to this topic. The conversation ended with discussions on the relocation of the office, the organization's budget and financial strategies, and the issue of managing and storing photographs and microfilm related to horse registration.

Next steps

Non-Pro Committee: Review and revise the proposed rule change regarding family definition, remuneration, and disciplinary procedures, addressing burden of proof requirements

Rules Committee: Review and evaluate the revised non-pro rule proposal from the Non-Pro Committee

Office Staff: Continue organizing and packing for the building move before July 1st deadline

Lex: Review and finalize the temporary office lease agreement by end of week

Marketing Committee: Continue seeking sponsorships for National Show, including buckles and class sponsorships

Finance Committee: Create separate cost center tracking for building sale and moving expenses

Finance Committee: Create a spreadsheet comparing venue costs for 2026 Nationals between select locations

Jordan: Contact American Hereford Association regarding Kansas City venue incentives and temporary office space options

Trail Committee: Continue fundraising efforts and proceed with building two trailers

David O'Keefe: Work with Nick on implementing changes to make stallion reports easier

David O'Keefe: Create a portal for members to submit scanned registration papers

Registration Department: Implement new process to scan and save front and back of registration papers in PDF format

Lex: Proceed with disposing of photographs older than 2019 and microfilm records

Lex: Work with Heidi to finalize proposal for taking over journal operations from Betsy

Rich & Leslie Woolery: Organize social gathering activities for non-pros at National Championships

Brent & Nick: Schedule next Regional Club Town Hall meeting for October 15th

Jordan: Schedule Youth Committee meeting with Rachel and Hannah after Rachel's maternity leave

Sydney: Send out notification to Wisconsin Club regarding their Exemplary Club status

Nick: Follow up with Sean regarding ideas to strengthen the breed and promote Appaloosa from the breeders' standpoint

Lori: Follow up with Cody regarding writing and posting the fiscal year change resolution

Lori: Coordinate the cargo trailer insulation work with the Oklahoma City contractor

Summary

Diverse Group Discusses Personal Topics

The meeting involved a diverse group of participants, including Ray, David O'Keefe, David Beck, Lori, Brent, Deb, Nicholas, Rich, and others. The discussion revolved around various topics, including personal experiences, computer issues, and the weather in Texas. David Beck shared his experience with a new computer and his struggles with Zoom meetings. Lori and Deb discussed their upcoming plans, including a trip to Cloverdale. However, no specific decisions, alignments, next steps, action items, or open questions were identified in the transcript.

Committee Reports and Age Group Changes

The meeting involved discussions about various committee reports and decisions. The Executive Committee had only one meeting to approve an offer on a building and discuss financial matters. The Finance Committee presented a budget proposal for fiscal 2026. The Rules Committee discussed the removal of the 35 and over division and changing the age groups for the masters to 44 and 45 and over. There was a roll call vote on the motion, which passed with 6 votes in favor and 5 against. The decision was made to remove the 35 and over division and change the age groups for the masters. The meeting also touched on the concerns of some members about the changes.

Sponsorships, Committees, and Rule Changes Discussed

The meeting covered various topics. Deb discussed the need for sponsorships for the National Show, with only three buckles and a few classes sponsored so far. Lori mentioned a meeting with the Planning and Review Committee, and Brent reported on the Regional Club Committee, naming the Wissota Club as the exemplary club. Sean and Brent also discussed the Judge's Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee, respectively. Rich updated on the Non-Pro Committee, including plans for a social gathering at the National Championships and discussions on regaining novice status. Jordan reported on the Youth Committee, and Nicholas discussed the Breeders Committee, which had a Town Hall meeting and is working on strengthening the breed. Ray provided an update on the Trail Committee's fundraising efforts. Lastly, Darren from the International Committee was absent, and Sean raised the topic of potential rule changes.

Non-Pro Rule Changes and Interpretations

The meeting focused on discussing rule changes and interpretations related to non-professional (non-pro) status in the Appaloosa Horse Club. The non-pro committee presented a proposal to allow non-pros to win prize money in equitation and showmanship classes, which was previously against the rules. However, there was a debate about the definition of a family and the burden of proof in determining familial relationships. The committee also discussed the potential impact of these changes on NCAA status and the need for clear guidelines on prize money in different classes. The conversation ended with a discussion on the burden of proof in cases of familial relationships and the need for further clarification on the rules.

Non-Pro Status Rules Refinement Discussion

The meeting focused on discussing and refining the rules related to non-professional (non-pro) status within the Appaloosa Horse Club. The participants debated the challenges of proving remuneration and the implications of this on the non-pro status. They also discussed the potential consequences of making unenforceable rules and the importance of maintaining a moral obligation to enforce the rules they create. The conversation ended with a decision to forward the proposed changes to the Rules Committee for further evaluation and potential revisions.

Office Relocation and Nationals Update

The meeting involved discussions on the relocation of the office, with Lex presenting a potential temporary location in the same building as Cody. The group also considered other locations such as Oklahoma City, Fort Worth, and Decatur. Lori mentioned that the due diligence period for the building they accepted an offer on would end on May 24th. The group also discussed the possibility of moving the office to a more permanent location, with several potential sites being considered.

Youth World show Location

Board discussed multiple location for hosting the 2026 Nationals and youth world show. The BOD will continue to reach out to venues to get as many proposals as possible.

Budget and Financial Strategies Discussion

The meeting focused on the organization's budget and financial strategies. The finance committee, led by Lex, has been working to create a balanced budget for the upcoming year. They have identified five cost centers, including daily operations and the Appaloosa Journal, and have made adjustments to ensure the journal operates in the black. The committee has also separated the National Show and the World Show as cost centers. The organization is also considering a fee increase to support the budget. The committee is also exploring options for the Appaloosa Journal, with Lex leaning towards a full-service provider. The conversation ended with a discussion on the Texas incentive money and the need to diversify the editorial content of the journal.

Digitizing Horse Registration Photographs and Microfilm

The team discussed the issue of managing and storing photographs and microfilm related to horse registration. Lex proposed the idea of digitizing the photographs and microfilm to

reduce storage space and improve accessibility. The team agreed to implement a system where members can submit their horse registration papers digitally. They also discussed the possibility of limiting the storage of photographs to recent years and disposing of older ones. The team agreed to support Lex's decision to dispose of the photographs and microfilm. They also discussed the need for a new database system for storing horse registration information.

Summary of Motions:

Motion 04.21.2025-1

Motion made for the second vote to eliminate the 35&O age category and define the Masters category as 45&O effective January 1st, 2026. This would still allow cross-entry between masters and non-pro divisions

Motion made by Nick Beil

Seconded by Deb Dyer

Roll Call Vote:

Nick Beil: Yes

Deb Dyer: Yes

Theron McCammond: Yes

Jordan Kelly: No

Ray Burchett: No

Brent Woolery: Yes

David Beck: Yes

Sean Schembri: No

Dave Parlier: Yes

Rich Maggard: No

Motion Carries, this is the second vote and it will go into effect in 2026

Motion 04.21.2025-2

Motion made for recommendation from non-pro committee regarding definition of a non-pro be sent to Rules Committee for review at the next meeting

Motion made by Jordan Kelly

Seconded by Brent Woolery

Motion passed unanimously

Motion 04.21.2025-3

Motion made to accept FY 2026 budget proposal from the finance committee

Motion made by Jordan Kelly

Seconded by Deb Dyer

Motion passed unanimously