

WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 9, 2013

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 - T. Welsh of the Year and Hall of Fame
 - U. CLOSED SESSION:
 - Resolutions, Qualifications, Ethics
 - VIII. Next Board Meeting
- Adjourn

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SHOW RULES WORKING GROUP MEETING

Saturday, November 9, 2013

A letter will be sent to the Santa Barbara show regarding recent complaints.

Effective 12/1/2013. Add to article 104. If insurance certificates are not received within 30 days prior to the show, the sanctioning will be removed. The WPCSA needs to be named as an additionally insured. The minimum amount of \$1,000,000 coverage is required. Also add to this to: Article 117, Article 121, to the show check list and to the show application form. The loss of sanctioning needs to be added to Article 117.1 Application penalties.

Article 118.7 Penalties Failure to report show results on the official result forms provided and TO submit fees postmarked within 21 calendar days of show date (certified mail - return receipt requested) will result in a fine of \$20 per day up to a maximum of ~~\$200~~ \$500. SHOWS FAILING TO EITHER SUBMIT RESULTS OR REMIT ALL PAYMENTS INCLUDING FINES BY DECEMBER 1ST OF THE CURRENT SHOW YEAR WILL NOT BE SANCTIONED IN THE FOLLOWING SHOW YEAR.

We thank David Maurer for all of his hard work. The show coding will now be moved back to the office and the results will be posted as received from the show secretaries. He has done a great job training them and we will now let the members be responsible for auditing their own points.

Dr. Benedict's motion that the following regional titles be awarded in 2014 was passed with Mrs. Verkuyll abstaining: Western to Oregon, Central to Red River and Eastern to PennMarydel.

Mrs. Steinmetz reviewed her report.

The following rule changes were agreed upon:

- **Article 112.8 * WPCSA LOW HUNTER***
Classes are open to all ponies/cobs/Half-Welsh/Part Bred. This division is open to juniors and adults. ANIMALS in this division, including the under-saddle class, may not compete over fences in any other division at that show where the fences exceed 18". There are no restrictions for riders exhibiting in these classes. Courses to be set at 18" with have a minimum of 4 fences with 8 jumping efforts ~~required~~. Show management may offer the division either as 18" only or a choice of 18" or 2'. If a choice of 18" or 2' is given, the jumps must be verticals (no cross rails). No animal may jump both 18" and 2" in this class at the same show. Fence heights are not determined by the height of the animal. Over-fence classes to precede the under-saddle class. To be judged 100% on performance. May trot or canter the course. Not required to jog for over-fences classes.
- **Article 112.7 *WPCSA LONG STIRRUP HUNTER***
Article 112.7.1 For riders age 13 – Adults. Classes are open to all ponies/cobs/Half-Welsh/Part Bred. If entries warrant, classes may be split into riders age 13 – 17 and adults. RIDERS in this division, including the under-saddle class, may not compete over fences in any other division at that show where the fences exceed 18" with the exception of Low Hunter. There are no restrictions for animals exhibiting in these classes. Courses to be set at 18" with a minimum of 4 fences and 8 jumping efforts required. Over-fence classes to precede the under-saddle class. To be judged 100% on performance. May trot or canter the course. Not required to jog for over-fences classes.
- **Article 112.5 *WPCSA HUNTER***
Article 112.5.8 Faults in Over Fences
1) The following are considered major faults and must be penalized.
 - ~~Stopping and showing an obstacle to the animal while on course~~
 - a. Knockdown of any part of an obstacle
 - b. Refusals;
 - c. ~~Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment~~ Refusal or stopping while on course

~~Circling while on course (Circling at beginning and end of the round is ok).~~

~~Pulling up;~~

d. Dangerous jumping

e. Addressing a jump –coming to a stop in front of a jump in order to show the jump to the horse

f. Completely missing a lead change

g. Adding or eliminating a stride in an in and out

h. Breaking stride or trotting while on course (Exceptions – Where posted on course diagram i.e. trot jumps, steep banks, etc and also as outlined above in Article 112.5.8.2.n Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle.)

2) The following faults ~~may be considered minor faults and may be penalized at the discretion of the Judge;~~ **are scored according to the judge's opinion and depending on severity or division, may be considered minor or major faults.**

~~Light touches or rubs;~~ a. Rubbing the jump

~~Missing a lead change;~~ b. Swapping leads in a line or in front of a jump

~~Switching leads; incomplete lead changes;~~ c. Late lead changes

d. Freshness

~~Kicking out;~~ e. Kicking up or out

~~Spooking or shying;~~ f. Spooking

g. Pinning ears or ringing tail;

h. Jumping out of form

~~Not straight or in center of fence;~~ i. Jumping off the center line of jump

j. Poor presentation of animal or rider

~~Trotting while on course when not specified;~~

k. Bucking and/or playing

l. Adding a stride in a line with a related distance

m. Eliminating a stride in a line with a related distance

n. Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle (May be corrected with either a simple or flying change of lead)

Article 112.5.9 Elimination

~~a. Three 3 Refusals over the course~~

b. Off course

c. Jumping a ~~fence~~ course before it is reset

d. Bolting from the ring

e. Fall of animal and/or rider (rider shall not remount in the ring)

f. Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment

- Add to **Article 121 SANCTIONED SHOW STANDARDS** No more than two shows can be held back-to-back. Stabling must be provided for back-to-back shows.
- **Article 113.1 *WPCSA PLEASURE DRIVING**
Article 113.1.1 General To be shown to a suitable two or four-wheeled vehicle or four-wheeled vehicle for pairs but not a viceroy, racing sulky or fine harness rig. **Use of a bike style vehicle with floorboards and a basket is acceptable.**
- Remove tandems as an exception to backing in pleasure driving and every place it appears in the rulebook.
- **Article 113.2 *WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING**
Article 113.2.1 General Wire wheeled vehicles ~~can~~ **may** be used if stated in prize list. General rules are the same as Welsh Pleasure Driving except where noted. **To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back. In addition to the gaits detailed in the Pleasure Driving Section (Article 113.1.11), (walk, working trot, strong trot, halt and rein back), Carriage Driving also requires the slow trot where In the slow trot the animal should maintain forward impulsion while showing submission to the bit. The trot is slower and more collected, but not to the degree required in the dressage collected trot. However, the animal should indicate willingness to be driven on the bit while maintaining a steady cadence.**
- **Article 113.2 *WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING**
Article 113.2.3 Carriage Driving Class Specifications
WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING TURNOUT
To be judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and ~~trot on~~ **strong trot**. To stand quietly and **to** rein back. ~~All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge, and may be asked to execute a figure eight and/or~~

~~perform other appropriate tests.~~ To be judged 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression; 30% on performance, manners and way of going.

WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING WORKING

~~A carriage driving class in which entries are~~ **To be** judged primarily on the suitability of the animal to provide a pleasant drive.

To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and ~~trot on~~ **strong trot**. To stand quietly **both on the rail and while lined up** and to rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be ~~requested~~ **asked** to execute a ~~figure of eight~~ **appropriate tests**. To be judged 70% on performance, manners and way of going; 20% on condition and fit of harness and vehicle; 10% on neatness of attire.

- **Article 113.3 *WPCSA DRAFT DRIVING***

Article 113.3.1 General Utility is stressed for animals, harness and ~~an appropriate wagon for multiple draft driving.~~ **draft vehicles. Traditional type carts such as road carts or stud carts are suitable for singles and fifth wheel hitch wagons for multiples.** Inappropriate equipment to be penalized. Fancy equipment not to count over a neat suitable working outfit.

- Delete **Article 116.8 *CARRIAGE DRIVING FREESTYLE REINSMANSHIP**

- **Article 115.4.1 Leadline Class Specifications**

In all Leadline classes the leadline is to be attached to the cavesson on the English bridle and on the Western bridle to the cheek slot of the bit (top of the bit). No chain leadlines allowed.

WPCSA LEADLINE WALK

Judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk. To stand quietly.

WPCSA LEADLINE WALK-TROT

Judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk and trot or jog. To stand quietly.

WPCSA LEADLINE WALK-TROT POLES

- All shows are required to have an appropriately attired ringmaster or ring steward to assist the judge. This person should be capable of rendering assistance. Add this to Article 119 Show Management and under gold, silver and bronze standard shows. Also add to show application.

- **Article 105.2 Ring Procedure**

a. Assistance in showing from outside the ring is prohibited.

b. **In breed classes, only one person shall be allowed in the ring with each animal** except with special dispensation from the show committee.

c. **In driving classes each animal may be headed by one attendant, properly attired.. The attendant must take no action that would affect the performance of any animal. Passengers are allowed in driving classes.**

d. Unruly animals must be excused from the ring.

- **Article 112.5 *WPCSA HUNTER***

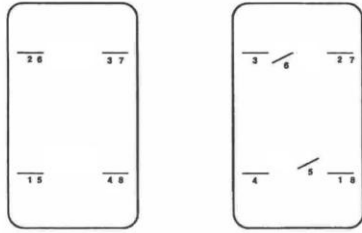
Article 112.5.2 Course Fifty percent (50%) or more of the obstacles must be at least the required height and none may be more than 2" over or under.

Add new paragraph # 7 to the end of this article as follows:

For Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup Hunter over fences classes, crossrails or verticals are acceptable but not oxers. Courses for Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup and Low Hunters should not have bending lines or rollbacks. See sample courses in Appendix B.

- Add the following to the end of Appendix B:

SAMPLE JUMP COURSES – SHORT STIRRUP, LONG STIRRUP & LOW HUNTER



The following items were tabled for more discussion:

Adding a pointed reinsmanship class to carriage driving in order to have a traditional ADS carriage driving division.

Points/Shows:

The following topics have been discussed at the 2013 AGM and at the spring 2013 BOD meeting. The first topic, eliminating the number of animals required for a show rating has been looked upon favorably by many people across the country especially since many shows are have trouble meeting the number of animals requirement. Most agree that we would want to increase the requirements for gold and silver shows if this were passed.

- Eliminating the number of ponies for a show rating

If the number of animals requirement was dropped, *possibly* change the gold show requirements as follows:

Article 121.1 Gold Standard Show

1. ~~A minimum of 75 purebred Welsh and/or Half Welsh/Part Bred in classes specifically limited to them.~~

1. ~~\$100~~ \$55.00 fee for Provisional Gold sanctioning (~~\$200~~ \$110.00 for double-judged gold rating).

2. Minimum of ~~\$800.00~~ \$400.00 prize money offered **uniformly** across at least ~~ten~~ **three** divisions.

3. Minimum of a two-day show **with over-night stabling available**

4. **Minimum of 10** ~~Six~~ Welsh performance divisions, 12.2. & Under, Over 12.2 but not to exceed 14.2, C & D or Half-Welsh/Part Bred. Each division must contain the three point classes as described in the specifications section of this book and a Championship based on points. Additional **pointed and/or non-pointed** classes may be added at the discretion of show management.

5. Minimum of ~~12~~ **10** breeding classes must be offered. All four sections and Half-Welsh/Part Bred must be included.

6. Minimum of WPCSA Approved judge.

7. **Must have Steward or Technical Delegate recognized by USEF or another organization or a WPCSA Technical Delegate.**

8. **Must have a Ringmaster**

9. **Must have regulation jumps.**

10. **Must have a warm up area.**

Article 121.2 Silver Standard Show

1. ~~Minimum of 40 Purebred Welsh and/or Half Welsh/Part Bred shown in classes specifically limited to them.~~

1. ~~\$45.00~~ \$60 fee for Provisional Silver Sanctioning (~~\$120~~ for double-judged silver rating).

2. Minimum of ~~\$200.00~~ **400.00** prize money offered across at least two divisions.

3. Three Welsh performance divisions, 12.2 & Under, Over 12.2 but not to exceed 14.2, C & D or Half-Welsh/Part Bred. Each division must contain the three point classes as described in the specifications section of this book and a championship based on points. Additional non-point classes may be added at the discretion of show management.

4. Minimum of six breeding classes must be offered.

5. Minimum of WPCSA Approved Judge.

Article 120 FEES

GOLD SANCTIONING (PER JUDGE) ~~\$55.00~~ **\$100**

SILVER SANCTIONING (PER JUDGE) ~~\$45.00~~ **\$60**

BRONZE SANCTIONING \$35.00

PER ANIMAL, PER JUDGE, RECORDING FEE \$5.00

PROTEST FEE \$50.00

NON-MEMBER MEASUREMENT FEE \$5.00

*SHOW SANCTIONING FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE

- More points for National and Regional Shows
Again, this has been requested for many years. For national and regional shows, quadruple points would be given.
- American and Regional winner's recognition *equally* under both breed judges. (i.e. two American National Champions, Grand Champions, Supremes, etc) Article 117.2
- Points based on number of ponies beaten
The idea behind this is to give ponies that win in large classes more points. Our computer program could be modified to track this for a nominal fee.
- Double performance
There have been many people in all areas of the country that like the idea of having two judges to judge performance classes at the same time like we do in breed classes. Double sets of points would be awarded. USEF does not point any other breeds that offer double performance.

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LISCENED OFFICIALS WORKING GROUP MEETING

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Dr. Benedict reviewed her report (filed herewith).

Jane De Thouars has volunteered to do a monthly newsletter for judges. This is encouraged.

It is time to update the exam and all judges need to complete it.

The committee voted to approve DeDe Bushneck as an Approved judge..

We have received word that the WPCS has decided that panel judges residing overseas need to attend one conference in six years if they can prove that they have attended a conference in their own country every four years.

The following rules changes were approved:

Article 126.4 add: a) Only one learner judge is allowed in the ring at a time regardless of the number of judges.

JUDGES QUALIFICATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 122 USEF JUDGES

Article 122.1 USEF Welsh Judges Judges holding current USEF Recorded (r) or USEF Registered (R) Welsh cards, ~~are automatically~~ but not WPCSA cards, may become WPCSA Approved Judges on an individual basis upon application, payment of membership fee, \$50 one-time judge application fee, and completion of the written exam with a score of not less than 85%.

Article 122.3 USEF Judges holding non-Welsh cards and Judges holding judging credentials with other organizations such as ADS ~~Judges holding open USEF Recorded (r) or USEF Registered (R) non-Welsh cards~~ will be considered for Provisional Judge Status on an individual basis upon submission of application, payment of membership dues, \$50 application fee, and completion of a written exam with a score of at least 85%.

Article 123 INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

UK judges who are recognized Welsh judges in Great Britain are automatically WPCSA Approved Breed Judges. All other International Judges including Canadian Judges with Welsh judging credentials in their own countries may be approved as breed judges by the Licensed Officials Committee on an individual basis. Canadian judges may be ~~are~~ approved on an individual basis to judge Performance. Other international judges may be approved to judge the child's first pony, leading rein and Ridden Welsh Classic on an individual basis. They may not judge any other WPCSA-rated performance classes under any circumstances.

Judges from other countries need not be members of the WPCSA but the \$25 annual fee must be paid.

If a judge listed on the WPCSA Approved Judges List moves from the US or Canada, they will be allowed to remain on the list providing they judge at least once every five years and keep their membership dues and annual renewal fee current.

Article 124 GUEST JUDGES

Guest judges' cards are issued to people with cards ~~identified judging experience~~ in other approved organizations. At the discretion of the Licensed Officials Committee, guest cards may be offered for two separate shows upon submission of applications and payment of membership fees. After two guest cards are issued, judges will be required to apply for Provisional or Approved Status before judging again. Guest judges may officiate at silver and bronze shows only. Applications must be received no less than 90 days prior to the date of the show.

Article 125 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL WPCSA JUDGES

1. To be an Annual or Life Member of the WPCSA.
2. Membership renewal is due February 1, otherwise the judge's name will become inactive.
3. If membership remains inactive as long as the following February 1, the judge's name will be removed from the roster and she or he will need to reapply.
4. Application to become a WPCSA Learner Judge may be obtained by writing or emailing the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America, 720 Green St., Stephens City, VA 22655 or online at www.welshpony.org (click on show program).
5. **A one-time Application fee is of \$50 (excluding guest card) and an annual renewal fee is of \$25 is required. This one-time fee of \$50 is required for all applicants whether applying for the first time as a learner, provisional, approved or special category judge.**

Article 126 LEARNER JUDGE

Change #11 as follows: ~~Application fee is \$50 and~~ **The \$50 application fee must be paid. The annual renewal fee is \$25 to remain on the judges' list.**

Article 127 PROVISIONAL JUDGE

Change #6 as follows: **The application fee is only applied if the judge applicant has not already paid it as a learner. The annual renewal fee is \$25 to remain on the judges' list.**

Article 128 APPROVED JUDGE

1. A Provisional Judge may qualify as an Approved Judge when the following requirements have been met:
 - a) Applied for Approved Judge Status.
 - ~~b) Judged a minimum of two WPCSA Bronze Sanctioned Shows~~
b) Judged a minimum of two WPCSA Bronze Sanctioned Shows or a combination of Bronze and Silver (as a Guest Judge) or a combination of Bronze and Learner Judged an additional Silver or Gold show.
 - c) Provisional judges who qualified under Article 122.3 have the option of judging a minimum of two WPCSA bronze sanctioned shows or one silver show as a guest judge or learner judging a minimum of two WPCSA silver or gold sanctioned shows.**
 - ed)
- ~~4-~~Application fee ~~is~~ **of \$50 is applied only if not previously paid. The annual renewal fee to remain on the list is \$25.**

Article 129 SPECIAL CATEGORY JUDGES

1. Breeding Division Judges - This category will be awarded by the WPCSA Board of Directors on an individual basis. Experience will be paramount. **The application fee of \$50 is applied. The annual renewal fee is \$25.**
 - ~~f) Application fee is \$50 and annual renewal fee is \$25.~~
 - f) If the Special Category Judge applicant has ~~little or~~ no judging experience, he/she must learner Judge at least two WPCSA sanctioned shows with different Approved Judges. At least one of those two shows must be gold or silver rated. Candidates must list the names of major Welsh shows at which her/his Welsh were exhibited during five of the last seven years.

Change under 2. Performance Division Judges:

~~e) Application fee is \$50 and annual renewal fee is \$25.~~ **The application fee of \$50 is applied. The annual renewal fee is \$25.**

f) If the Special Category Performance Judge applicant has ~~little or~~ no prior judging experience, he/she must learner Judge at least two WPCSA sanctioned shows with different Approved Judges. At least one of those two shows must be gold or silver rated. Candidates must complete an application form, listing the names of WPCSA/USEF shows at which they have exhibited their Welsh in performance divisions during the previous five years. Once both breeding and performance division special category cards have been issued to the same judge, he or she will automatically be placed on the list of Approved Judges.

Article 130 JUDGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT (Number each paragraph in this section)

1. No judge may adjudicate **for the same show management** at the same show for two consecutive years, ~~or~~ at two consecutive shows, **or at two shows within the same show year held by the same show management**. Judges may officiate at two shows within each region each year (rather than two per zone) but these shows cannot be within 30 days of each other. The regions are NE, SE, NC, SC, NW, SW. (See map inside back cover.)

2. All judges are expected to judge according to the breed description for each Welsh Section.

Article 118.1 Judges It is the responsibility of the Show Secretary/Show Management to ensure that all judges meet the WPCSA's requirements for eligibility. For example, judges may not officiate at the same show ~~in~~ **for** two consecutive years, ~~or~~ at two consecutive shows, **or at two shows within the same show year under the same management**.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Saturday, November 9, 2013

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America, Inc. was called to order by the President, Dr. Ruth Wilburn, at 4:11 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at the Homewood Suites, Sacramento, California. With the exception of Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Abeles, all Directors were in attendance as was Mrs. Landis, Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

I. President's Report

The President noted that she is concerned about the pool of future Directors. We must try to entice people who are qualified to run and expand the pool of potential candidates. We also need to make plans for a transition if the new by-law amendment goes through to help with continuity for the incoming Directors. We continually need to utilize more volunteers and keep the volunteers, Directors, and Committee Chairs motivated. She reminded the Directors to please get all written reports in on time. There needs to be enough time for everyone to print and read them before leaving for the meeting.

II. Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting had previously been approved via email. The minutes of this meeting will be sent out as soon as possible and a vote is expected immediately. No vote will be considered a vote in favor.

III. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Verkuyl reviewed the Finance Committee's report (filed herewith). The possibility of holding another stallion auction is being discussed. Upcoming expenses include putting new shingles and guttering on the building, updating the website and a new laptop. It was agreed by consensus to get the new computer immediately.

IV. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report is filed herewith. It was agreed by consensus that Tracy Dopko can be Canadian regional representative. Mrs. Aitken's motion that we allow electronic signatures for all paperwork was unanimously adopted. Mrs. Landis will let Patty Eastman know that the embryos can be frozen but we will need to know how many she has and when she uses them. There will be no change to the four per year that can be registered.

V. Unfinished Business

The five year plan was discussed and updated as follows:

WPCSA FIVE YEAR PLAN - NOVEMBER 2013

A. Increase revenue

1. Increase membership numbers
2. Develop sponsors
 - a. Corporate sponsors are decreasing in general for all nonprofits
 - b. Private sponsors - develop plan to increase gifts and bequests
3. Merchandising - items that will promote the breed plus bring in revenue
4. Grants - must have someone to research and write

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5. Volunteers - Continue to develop and coordinate volunteer program to help with labor costs
6. Continue "Fee for service"
7. Develop discounted advertising packages for members

B. Must be committed to remaining fiscally sound and conservative

1. Maintain the six months of operating expense in reserve that we currently have
2. Pay off or greatly reduce the mortgage
3. Increase our building fund to cover physical plant improvements
4. Research possible pairing with other organizations for developing judges clinics and education seminars.

C. Expenditures

1. Website Upgrade

a. Member Only Section

- i. Have sign in link on home page (use membership # as username)
 - ii. Ability to handle forgotten username/passwords
 - iii. Member information – name, address, email, phone & capability to update it
 - iv. Membership type and expiration if applicable
 - v. Ability to renew membership
 - vi. List of currently owned animals with links to pony information and points
 - vii. Expanded financial information
 - viii. .pdf files of Welsh Review
 - ix. Feature articles
 - x. Member-breeder directory
 - xi. Fill out and submit stallion service report
 - xii. Fill out and submit registrations including photos
 - xiii. Fill out and submit show applications
- b. Larger thumbnails and easier to place classified/stallion ads
- c. News page that is more user-friendly
- d. Capability of members to upload year-end pictures with a disclaimer that the WPCSA can use them.

2. Promotional

- a. Winner's photos in outside venues, photos with children, etc.
- b. Promotional items for sale online and in general outlets (Stateline Tack, etc.)
- c. Increase financial support to members promoting breed in horse fairs, expos, etc.
- d. Increase financial support for advertising the breed in other disciplines' publications (USDF, ADS, USPC, etc) and general horse publications
- e. Co-ordinate breeder groups to sponsor awards locally, regionally
- f. Co-ordinate breeder groups for co-op ads in outside venues nationally and regionally
- g. Develop marketing video for use on you tube
- h. Develop educational videos for new members, judges

3. Publications

- a. Expand and upgrade Review and Journal
- b. Develop brochures and handouts for promotional/educational venues
- c. Catch up on Stud Books and stay current
- d. Develop press releases for outside publications

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4. Shows
 - a. Continue to improve the quality of our shows
 - b. Encourage rating with USEF

VI. New Business

We need to revise the judge's clinic requirements for hosting a clinic and for hours of continuing education of judges. A two-hour clinic at the AGM on one subject is not the same as an all-day clinic covering multiple subjects. This year's AGM clinic will be on breed type and movement.

VII. Committee/Working Group Reports

AMERICAN NATIONAL

We need to look at our sponsorship agreements with the OK-KS organization. The USEF rating needs more discussion as well. It would be nice if we can use the larger ring.

MARKETING/OUTSIDE ADVERTISING/PRESS RELEASES

Mrs. Stover reported that the economy is making the co-op advertising impossible.

JOURNAL/REVIEW

Mrs. Almond will be the Chair of this working group. A new page of business card ads is being planned for next year.

WEBSITE

Mrs. Steinmetz's report is filed herewith. We need to add educational articles to the website.

YOUTH

Mrs. Verkuyll reported that Sally Ross Davis is coordinating the youth portion of the Convention. Mrs. Davis and Elizabeth Lemke are working on the junior merit program details.

BY-LAWS

Ms. Himler read the by-law submitted by 15 members that will appear on the next ballot which is as follows:

Article V of the Bylaws shall be amended as follows: New Section (c) shall be added to read as follows:

(c) Limitation of Terms of Service

Each Director, whether elected or appointed, shall be eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year Terms of Service at a time. Service for any part of a Term as an appointee of the Board to serve the balance of a departing Director's unexpired Term shall be considered to be service for the entire term.

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Upon completion of service for two consecutive terms, whether partial or complete, a Director must remain out of office for six hundred and ten (610) consecutive days, after which time said former Director shall again be eligible, by election or appointment, to serve on the Board of Directors, provided that all other eligibility requirements for candidacy for a directorship have been met. All terms of service, whether partial or complete, separated by less than six hundred and ten (610) days shall be defined as consecutive under the terms of this article.

There shall be no limit to the total number of Terms of Service which any eligible person may serve.

Directors serving at the time of adoption of this article shall complete their respective remaining Terms of Service, at which time they shall be subject to the limitation of Terms of Service described in this Section.

Term limits shall take effect at the annual election in the year subsequent to approval of such limitations.

The subsequent Sections of Article V shall be re-lettered (d) through (m).

If this by-law amendment passes, within five years, nine of the sitting directors will need to be replaced and only three will be left to provide continuity. Only a few people have expressed an interest in being on the board and many of those do not qualify to run. This amendment is not in the best interests of the Society. Ms. Himler will work on the suggested wording for the Board's recommendations regarding this amendment and email it to the Directors.

NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Schiller reported that Mrs. Petersen asked to not be on the Nominations Committee and Dr. Wilburn appointed Mrs. Almond to replace her. Sara Bloomer has not responded to Mrs. Schiller's correspondence and will need to be replaced. Dr. Wilburn appointed Mary Alice Williams to fulfill this duty.

CONVENTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. Stover reported that the University of Minnesota will speak about their laminitis research. If the open division award winners attend, they will be able to pick up their ribbons only if they let us know ahead of time. Megan Burtness and Mrs. Aitken will do the PowerPoint presentation for the banquets. We will ask for suggestions for buy up awards.

INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR

Mrs. Thomson reported that the South African Society has settled their differences.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE LIAISON

Mrs. Almond reported that there has been little response from some of the Regional Representatives.

WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Saturday, November 9, 2013

USEF LIAISON

Mrs. Steinmetz reported that the USEF has been discussing The Horse Welfare Initiative. The award structure allows owners to put their animals into many divisions in one day and some consider this as close to abuse. A new measurement rule is being discussed to have the age changed to eight rather than six for a permanent card. Existing cards will be grandfathered in. USEF officials are now required to complete a criminal background check.

LICENSED OFFICIALS

Mrs. Schiller's motion that the rule changes from the Licensed Officials Committee meeting be approved and DeDe Bushneck be made an Approved judge passed with Mrs. Aitken abstaining.

SHOW COMPLIANCE

Mrs. Schiller reviewed her report (filed herewith). It was felt that the penalty fees should all be \$50 each, and if the fine is not paid by December 1, the points will not count. Also, managers should be allowed five days to return corrections instead of three. Ms. Himler's motion that the report be accepted was unanimously adopted.

SHOW SANCTIONING/HIGH SCORE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Verkuyl's motion that the suggestions and rule changes from the Show Sanctioning Committee meeting be approved was unanimously adopted

WELSH OF THE YEAR AND HALL OF FAME

Mrs. Verkuyl reported that the deadline for the Welsh of the Year nominations is the following week.

The President recessed the meeting from 7:33 p.m. until 7:39 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The President noted that Pat Cochran was elected to the Board during closed session.

Mrs. Verkuyl's motion that the reports of the Qualifications Committee, Ethics Committee and Resolutions Committee (filed herewith) be accepted was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in February 2014.

Ms. Himler's motion that the meeting be adjourned was unanimously adopted. The President adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Lisa L. Landis, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lisa Landis **SEE MINUTES FOR RULE CHANGES AND ACTIONS TAKEN**

Office: Office turn-around time is within two to three weeks for all memberships, registrations and transfers. Becky Snider left our employment in April. Rhonda Dean joined our staff recently as a part-time Administrative Assistant. She will be working as a direct support to me with administrative, publication and shows duties. At the current time, we are working closely with the committees to establish new procedures to improve the communication with shows as well as streamline the application, reporting and rule change processes.

Welsh Review & Journal: Margaret Almond has been appointed as the Chairperson for the working group to help improve the quality and timeliness of the Review.

Correspondence from Members:

- Tracy Dopko requests that a Canadian Regional Representative be allowed.
- Jeri Jackson requests a change to office policy that would allow us to accept signatures that are faxed, photocopied or emailed.
- Patricia Eastman requests a change to embryo transfer rules to allow for frozen embryos to be flushed at day six instead of seven and then stored in liquid nitrogen until the recipient mare cycles.

LICENSED OFFICIALS WORKING GROUP REPORT – Tiz Benedict **REPORT ONLY SEE MINUTES FOR RULE CHANGES AND ACTIONS TAKEN**

JUDGES QUALIFICATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 122 USEF JUDGES

Article 122.1 USEF Welsh Judges Judges holding current USEF Recorded (r) or USEF Registered (R) Welsh cards, ~~are automatically~~ but not WPCSA cards, may become WPCSA Approved Judges on an individual basis upon application, payment of membership fee, \$50 one-time judge application fee, and completion of the written exam with a score of not less than 85%.

Article 122.2 USEF Registered (R) Hunter Judges Upon receipt of application and payment of membership fee, USEF Registered (R) Hunter judges will:

- a) Be automatically approved to judge Welsh hunter classes at any WPCSA sanctioned show.
- b) Obtain a guest card to judge ridden pleasure classes at any WPCSA sanctioned shows.

Only two guest cards will be issued before the judge will be required to obtain a WPCSA Approved or Special Category-Performance card.

Article 122.3 USEF Judges holding non-Welsh cards and Judges holding judging credentials with other organizations such as ADS ~~Judges holding open USEF Recorded (r) or USEF Registered (R) non-Welsh cards~~ will be considered for Provisional Judge Status on an individual basis upon submission of application, payment of membership dues, \$50 application fee, and completion of a written exam with a score of at least 85%.

Article 123 INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

~~Canadian and~~ UK judges who are recognized Welsh judges in Great Britain ~~their own Countries~~ are automatically WPCSA Approved Breed Judges. All other International Judges including Canadian Judges with Welsh judging credentials in their own countries may be approved as breed judges by the Licensed Officials Committee on an individual basis. Canadian judges may be ~~are~~ approved on an individual basis to judge Performance. Other international judges may be approved to judge the child's first pony, leading rein and Ridden Welsh Classic on an individual basis. They may not judge any other WPCSA-rated performance classes under any circumstances.

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Judges from other countries need not be members of the WPCSA [but the \\$25 annual fee must be paid](#). If a judge listed on the WPCSA Approved Judges List moves from the US or Canada, they will be allowed to remain on the list providing they judge at least once every five years and keep their membership dues and annual renewal fee current.

Article 124 GUEST JUDGES

Guest judges' cards are issued to people with identified judging experience. At the discretion of the Licensed Officials Committee, guest cards may be offered for two separate shows upon submission of applications and payment of membership fees. After two guest cards are issued, judges will be required to apply for Provisional or Approved Status before judging again. Guest judges may officiate at silver and bronze shows only. Applications must be received no less than 90 days prior to the date of the show.

Article 125 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL WPCSA JUDGES

1. To be an Annual or Life Member of the WPCSA.
2. Membership renewal is due February 1, otherwise the judge's name will become inactive.
3. If membership remains inactive as long as the following February 1, the judge's name will be removed from the roster and she or he will need to reapply.
4. Application to become a WPCSA Learner Judge may be obtained by writing or emailing the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America, 720 Green St., Stephens City, VA 22655 or online at www.welshpony.org (click on show program).
5. [A one-time Application fee is- of \\$50 \(excluding guest card\) and an annual renewal fee is of \\$25 is required. This one-time fee of \\$50 is required for all applicants whether applying for the first time as a learner, provisional, approved or special category judge.](#)

Article 126 LEARNER JUDGE

1. Applicants must be or become WPCSA members at the time of application.
2. Applicants must complete a written exam and score not less than 85%.
3. Applicants must include references from three WPCSA adult members who are familiar with the applicant's ability to judge and who are unrelated to the applicant judge (by blood or marriage).
4. Applicants wishing to Learner Judge at a show must request permission to do so from the WPCSA National Office, the Approved Judge and Show Management.
5. Learner Judges must mark a judge's card and discuss the placings with the Approved Judge officiating at a convenient time **AFTER** the Approved Judge has turned in his card. The Learner Judge must respect the Approved Judge's opinions and discussion, which must be kept totally confidential.
6. Learner judges may not talk to the judge about or draw the judge's attention to any animal while the Approved judge is judging the class.
7. Learner Judges may not be given any other duties while they are Learner Judging.
8. Learner Judges may not learner judge at any show where family members, clients or the learner judge's trainer is exhibiting.
9. Learner judges are responsible for bringing their own judging tools such as judges' cards, clipboards, pencils, etc.
10. Learner judges are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the show and for securing and paying for their own lodging and meals during the time of the show.
11. [Application fee is \\$50 and The \\$50 application fee must be paid. The annual renewal fee is \\$25 to remain on the judges' list.](#)

Article 127 PROVISIONAL JUDGE

1. To qualify as a Provisional Judge, the following requirements must have been met:
 - a) Applied for Provisional Judge status.
 - b) Learner Judged at least two WPCSA sanctioned shows with different Approved Judges. At least one of those two shows must be a gold or silver show. Evaluations of a Learner Judge from two shows must have been forwarded by the Approved Judges to the WPCSA.
 - c) Attended a WPCSA Judges Clinic within two (2) years of application.

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2. Applicants for provisional status with judging cards in other breeds or disciplines need not meet the learner judging requirement, but must attend a WPCSA judges clinic and pass the written exam with a score of 85% or more.
3. Provisional Judges may judge only WPCSA Bronze Sanctioned Shows except, on an individual basis, Provisional Judges may be approved by the Licensed Officials Committee to Guest Judge at Silver-rated shows.
4. To maintain provisional status, Provisional Judges must judge a minimum of two Bronze Shows or a combination of Bronze and Learner Judge an additional Silver or Gold show and receive favorable evaluation from each show during a period of three show years from date of application. At the end of that period, reapplication must be made for Provisional Judge Status to continue.
5. To judge the Ridden Welsh Classic classes, the judge must have attended a clinic that covered that topic, or watched the tape showing the ridden cob class being judged (available from the WPCSA office) or learner judged the ridden cob/pony class with a WPCSA or UK judge approved to judge those classes.
6. [The application fee is only applied if the judge applicant has not already paid it as a learner.](#) The annual renewal fee is \$25 to remain on the judges' list.

Article 128 APPROVED JUDGE

1. A Provisional Judge may qualify as an Approved Judge when the following requirements have been met:
 - a) Applied for Approved Judge Status.
 - b) Judged a minimum of two WPCSA Bronze Sanctioned Shows
 - b) Judged a minimum of two WPCSA Bronze Sanctioned Shows or a combination of Bronze and Silver (as a Guest Judge) or a combination of Bronze and Learner Judge an additional Silver or Gold show, [or learner judged 2 shows including at least one gold.](#)
 - c) Attend an interview before at least three members of the Licensed Officials Committee at an Annual Convention (or other agreed upon place), with results forwarded to the WPCSA Board of Directors for final decision.
2. Approved Judges may adjudicate at Gold, Silver or Bronze Sanctioned shows but to judge the Ridden Welsh Classic classes, the judge must have attended a clinic that covered that topic, watched the tape showing the ridden cob class being judged (available from the office) or learner judged the ridden cob/pony class with a WPCSA or UK judge approved to judge those classes.
3. To maintain Approved Judge status, judges:
 - a) must either officiate at a WPCSA Sanctioned Show OR attend an approved clinic at least once every five years.
 - b) must pass a written open book examination every five years and score not less than 85%.
- 4-Application fee ~~is~~ of \$50 is applied [only if not previously paid.](#) The annual renewal fee [to remain on the list](#) is \$25.

Article 129 SPECIAL CATEGORY JUDGES

1. Breeding Division Judges - This category will be awarded by the WPCSA Board of Directors on an individual basis. Experience will be paramount. [The application fee of \\$50 is applied \(unless already paid in some other context\).](#) [The annual renewal fee is \\$25.](#)

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- a) have bred Welsh ponies and/or cobs for over 10 years and have been a member of a recognized National Welsh Pony & Cob Society or Association for at least the same length of time.
- b) have registered 20 purebred ponies and/or cobs.
- c) have shown ponies or cobs for at least five of the last ten years at major WPCS National Shows.
- d) have completed a written exam and scored not less than 85%.
- e) attend an interview before at least three members of the Licensed Officials Committee at

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an Annual Convention (or other agreed upon place), with results forwarded to the WPCSA Board of Directors for final decision.

~~f) Application fee is \$50 and annual renewal fee is \$25.~~

f) If the Special Category Judge applicant has little or no judging experience, he/she must learner Judge at least two WPCSA sanctioned shows with different Approved Judges. At least one of those two shows must be gold or silver rated. Candidates must list the names of major Welsh shows at which her/his Welsh were exhibited during five of the last seven years.

2. Performance Division Judges - This category will be awarded by the WPCSA Board of Directors on an individual basis. Experience will be paramount. Candidates must meet the following criteria:

a) be a member of the WPCSA.

b) have completed a written exam and scored not less than 85%.

c) attend an interview before at least three members of the Licensed Officials Committee at an Annual Convention (or other agreed upon place), with results forwarded to the WPCSA Board of Directors for final decision.

d) have shown ponies or cobs in performance divisions for at least the previous five years at WPCSA/USEF Shows.

~~e) Application fee is \$50 and annual renewal fee is \$25.~~ The application fee of \$50 is applied (unless already paid in some other context). The annual renewal fee is \$25.

If the Special Category Performance Judge applicant has little or no judging experience, he/she must learner Judge at least two WPCSA sanctioned shows with different Approved Judges. At least one of those two shows must be gold or silver rated

Candidates must complete an application form, listing the names of WPCSA/USEF shows at which they have exhibited their Welsh in performance divisions during the previous five years.

Once both breeding and performance division special category cards have been issued to the same judge, he or she will automatically be placed on the list of Approved Judges.

Article 130 JUDGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

No judge may adjudicate at the same show for two consecutive years or at two consecutive shows held by the same show management. Judges may officiate at two shows within each region each year (rather than two per zone) but these shows cannot be within 30 days of each other. The regions are NE, SE, NC, SC, NW, SW. (See map inside back cover)

All judges are expected to judge according to the breed standard for each Welsh Section.

Judges are expected to render fair and impartial decisions at each WPCSA sanctioned competition.

Judges are expected to follow the rules of the WPCSA when judging WPCSA sanctioned competitions. Judges are expected to honor their contracts with shows. Any judge who, after accepting the invitation to judge in writing, does not fulfill their obligation without an acceptable excuse, will be removed from the WPCSA Judges list.

Judges are expected to take their judging assignments seriously. Exhibitors are entitled to their sincere and undivided attention. It is inappropriate for judges to make small talk, joke and be inattentive.

Judges are responsible for completion of Evaluation of Learner Judges form and for forwarding to the WPCSA Office.

Judges are responsible for completion of a Show Evaluation form and returning it to show management after completion of their judging duties.

Judges of double-judged breeding classes may not confer about their placings until after the Supreme Champions have been awarded.

Judges may not confer with learner judges until the card has been signed and turned in.

Judges who have not finished officiating may not fraternize with exhibitors or attend exhibitor parties.

Judges may not reside with any exhibitor or member of show committee/show management whose immediate family is an exhibitor within one month preceding the show or during the show. Judges may not have any business dealings with any exhibitor within a three month period prior to the show being judged, with the exception of stallion service.

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Judges shall not be an owner of any interest in an animal or be an exhibitor, rider, driver, showman on-the-line, steward or manager at a show in which he/she is officiating. Judge must not discuss pony/cob business with exhibitors.

No member of Judge's family may exhibit in divisions over which he/she officiates; no Judge's trainer or client of trainer may exhibit in divisions over which he/she officiates, unless relationship is ended one month before show. No animals sold or leased by Judge or his/her trainer within last three months may be shown before Judge. No animal leased by judge or his/her trainer may be shown before that judge for the duration of the lease. Business partners of Judge must not exhibit in Divisions over which he/she officiates. No member of Manager's family may serve as Judge. Judge is responsible for signing class cards.

Any Judge who consistently receives poor evaluations by exhibitors or show committees will be given a hearing before (or receive feedback from) the Licensed Officials Committee. Other action may be taken. No judge, exhibitor, trainer, handler, or driver may use a cell phone while in the ring. If carried into the ring, the cell phone MUST be turned off.

SHOW RULES WORKING GROUP REPORT – Sally Steinmetz

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- The show rules effective 12/01/2013 (for the 2014 show year) are just about complete and ready to post. The updated class specifications for the 2014 show year will soon follow.
- The following topics have been brought to the attention of the committee and are being discussed:
 1. Request for 2' Hunter Division (possibly add to Low Hunter)

We continue to have requests for a pointed hunter division where animals over 13.2 can jump 2'. Recently, we've had an additional 4 letters/emails concerning this. Currently these animals can only jump 18" in Low Hunter or 2'6" in the other hunter divisions. There seems to be a lot of interest in a pointed 2' division, especially in the East - the requests have been for an extraordinary change for the 2014 show year.

At the Feb 2013 AGM we discussed changing Low Hunter so that animals over 13.2 jumped 2'. Although many thought it was a good idea, the following points were brought up:

- Need to be able to cross enter from Low to Long Stirrup (could change Long Stirrup rule)
- Difficult for show management to change fence heights
- Difficult for exhibitors and management to have schooling at two heights
- 18" can be cross rails or verticals, 2' must be verticals. If 2' in class, must all be verticals

Everyone is in agreement that we can't add another high score award division. It's been suggested that we give the Low Hunter exhibitors the *option* of jumping 18" or 2' rather than requiring all large ponies and horses to jump 2'. Any height animal could have the option to jump either 18" or 2'. There would have to be a statement that an animal/rider combination could not cross enter into any of the other hunter divisions where fence heights exceeded 18". The Long Stirrup division rules would need to be altered to allow cross entries. Jumps would have to be verticals and not cross rails.

Article 112.8 * WPCSA LOW HUNTER*

Classes are open to all ponies/cobs/Half-Welsh/Part Bred. This division is open to juniors and adults. **ANIMALS** in this division, including the under-saddle class, may not compete over fences in any other division at that show where the fences exceed 18". There are no restrictions for riders exhibiting in these classes. Courses to be **verticals (not crossrails) set at 18"** with a minimum of 4 fences with 8 jumping efforts required. **Animals to be given the option to jump 18" or 2'**. Over-

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fence classes to precede the under-saddle class. To be judged 100% on performance. May trot or canter the course. Not required to jog for over-fences classes.

Article 112.8.1 Low Hunter class Specifications

WPCSA LOW HUNTER OVER FENCES

WPCSA LOW HUNTER STAKE OVER FENCES

WPCSA LOW HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

Animals are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.

Article 112.7 *WPCSA LONG STIRRUP HUNTER*

Article 112.7.1 For riders age 13 – Adults. Classes are open to all ponies/cobs/Half-Welsh/Part Bred. If entries warrant, classes may be split into riders age 13 – 17 and adults. **RIDERS** in this division, including the under-saddle class, may not compete over fences in any other division at that show where the fences exceed 18” **with the exception of Low Hunter.** There are no restrictions for animals exhibiting in these classes. Courses to be set at 18” with a minimum of 4 fences and 8 jumping efforts required. Over-fence classes to precede the under-saddle class. To be judged 100% on performance. May trot or canter the course. Not required to jog for over-fences classes.

2. Hunter Faults

A proposal to expand upon the major and minor faults in a hunter over fences class was put forward. It has been recommended that we follow the USEF rule book. The following changes are taken from the 2013 USEF rule book in the Hunter section, HU135. The only change from the USEF rules is in keeping the two minor faults from our current rules (g. Pinning ears or ringing tail and m. Poor presentation of animal or rider)

Article 112.5 *WPCSA HUNTER*

Article 112.5.8 Faults in Over Fences

1) The following faults ~~may be considered minor faults and may be penalized at the discretion of the Judge;~~ **are scored according to the judges opinion and depending on severity or division, may be considered minor or major faults.**

~~Light touches or rubs;~~ **a. Rubbing the jump**

~~Missing a lead change;~~ **b. Swapping leads in a line or in front of a jump**

~~Switching leads; incomplete lead changes;~~ **c. Late lead changes**

d. Freshness

~~Kicking out;~~ **e. Kicking up or out**

~~Spooking or shying;~~ **f. Spooking**

g. Pinning ears or ringing tail;

h. Jumping out of form

~~Not straight or in center of fence;~~ **i. Jumping off the center line of jump**

j. Poor presentation of animal or rider

~~Trotting while on course when not specified;~~

k. Bucking and/or playing

l. Adding a stride in a line with a related distance

m. Eliminating a stride in a line with a related distance

n. Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle (May be corrected with either a simple of flying change of lead)

2) The following are considered major faults. ~~and must be penalized.~~

~~Stopping and showing an obstacle to the animal while on course —~~

~~a. Knockdown of any part of an obstacle~~

b. Refusals;

~~c. Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment~~ **Refusal or stopping while on course**

~~Circle while on course (Circle at beginning and end of the round is ok).~~

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~~Pulling up:-~~

- d. Dangerous jumping
- e. Addressing a jump –coming to a stop in front of a jump in order to show the jump to the horse
- f. Completely missing a lead change
- g. Adding or eliminating a stride in an in and out
- h. Breaking stride or trotting while on course (Exceptions – Where posted on course diagram i.e. trot jumps, steep banks, etc and also as outlined above in Article 112.5.8.1.n Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle.)

Article 112.5.9 Elimination

- a. ~~Three 3~~ Refusals ~~over the course~~
- b. Off course
- c. Jumping a ~~fence~~ course before it is reset
- d. Bolting from the ring
- e. Fall of animal and/or rider (rider shall not remount in the ring)
- f. Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment

3. Points/ Shows

The following topics have been discussed at the 2013 AGM and at the spring 2013 BOD meeting. The first topic, eliminating the number of animals required for a show rating has been looked upon favorably by many people across the country especially since many shows are have trouble meeting the number of animals requirement. Most agree that we would want to increase the requirements for a gold show if this were passed.

- Eliminating the number of ponies for a show rating

If the number of animals requirement was dropped, *possibly* change the gold show requirements as follows:

Article 121.1 Gold Standard Show

~~1. A minimum of 75 purebred Welsh and/or Half Welsh/Part Bred in classes specifically limited to them.~~

1. \$100 ~~\$55.00~~ fee for Provisional Gold sanctioning (~~\$200 \$110.00~~ for double-judged gold rating).

2. Minimum of ~~\$800.00 \$400.00~~ prize money offered **uniformly** across at least **ten** ~~three~~ divisions.

3. Minimum of a two-day show **with over-night stabling available**

4. **Minimum of 10** ~~Six~~ Welsh performance divisions, 12.2. & Under, Over 12.2 but not to exceed 14.2, C & D or Half-Welsh/Part Bred. Each division must contain the three point classes as described in the specifications section of this book and a Championship based on points. Additional **pointed and/or non-pointed** classes may be added at the discretion of show management.

5. Minimum of **12** ~~10~~ breeding classes must be offered. All four sections and Half-Welsh/Part Bred must be included.

6. Minimum of WPCSA Approved judge.

7. **Must have Steward or Technical Delegate recognized by USEF or another organization or a WPCSA Technical Delegate.**

8. **Must have a Ringmaster**

Article 121.2 Silver Standard Show

~~1. Minimum of 40 Purebred Welsh and/or Half Welsh/Part Bred shown in classes specifically limited to them.~~

1. \$45.00 fee for Provisional Silver Sanctioning (\$90.00 for double-judged silver rating).

2. Minimum of \$200.00 prize money offered across at least two divisions.

3. Three Welsh performance divisions, 12.2 & Under, Over 12.2 but not to exceed 14.2, C & D or Half-Welsh/Part Bred. Each division must contain the three point classes as described in the specifications section of this book and a championship based on points. Additional non-point classes may be added at the discretion of show management.

4. Minimum of six breeding classes must be offered.

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5. Minimum of WPCSA Approved Judge.

Article 120 FEES

GOLD SANCTIONING (PER JUDGE)	\$55.00 \$100
SILVER SANCTIONING (PER JUDGE)	\$45.00
BRONZE SANCTIONING	\$35.00
PER ANIMAL, PER JUDGE, RECORDING FEE	\$5.00
PROTEST FEE	\$50.00
NON-MEMBER MEASUREMENT FEE	\$5.00

*SHOW SANCTIONING FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE

- More points for National and Regional Shows
Again, this has been requested for many years. For national and regional shows, quadruple points would be given.
- American and Regional winner's recognition *equally* under both breed judges. (i.e. two American National Champions, Grand Champions, Supremes, etc) Article 117.2
- Points based on number of ponies beaten
The idea behind this is to give ponies that win in large classes more points. Our computer program could be modified to track this for a nominal fee.
- Double performance
There have been many people in all areas of the country that like the idea of having two judges to judge performance classes at the same time like we do in breed classes. Double sets of points would be awarded. USEF does not point any other breeds that offer double performance.

4. Trail

It was recommended that we expand upon our trail rules and this task was given to a sub-committee. We don't have any recommendations at this time.

5. Clarification to Article 113.1.1 from meeting on Nov 12th 2012, not approved yet.

Article 113.1 *WPCSA PLEASURE DRIVING

Article 113.1.1 General To be shown to a suitable two or four-wheeled vehicle or four-wheeled vehicle for pairs but not a viceroy, racing sulky or fine harness rig. **Use of a bike style vehicle with floorboards and a basket is acceptable.**

6. Clarification to Article 113.2.1 from a previous meeting not approved yet. Two sentences in red beginning with 'To be shown...' taken from 2013 ADS rules except they don't mention tandems.

Article 113.2 *WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING

Article 113.2.1 General Wire wheeled vehicles ~~can~~ **may** be used if stated in prize list. General rules are the same as Welsh Pleasure Driving except where noted. **To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and, except for tandems, to rein back. In addition to the gaits detailed in the Pleasure Driving Section (Article 113.1.11), (walk, working trot, strong trot, halt and rein back), Carriage Driving also requires the slow trot where In the slow trot the animal should maintain forward impulsion while showing submission to the bit. The trot is slower and more collected, but not to**

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the degree required in the dressage collected trot. However, the animal should indicate willingness to be driven on the bit while maintaining a steady cadence.

7. Clarification to Article 113.2.3 from a previous meeting not approved yet.

Article 113.2 *WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING

Article 113.2.3 Carriage Driving Class Specifications

WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING TURNOUT

To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and ~~trot on~~ strong trot. To stand quietly **both on the rail and while lined up** and, **except for tandems, to** rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge, and may be asked to execute a figure eight and/or perform other appropriate tests. To be judged 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression; 30% on performance, manners and way of going.

WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING WORKING

A carriage driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the animal to provide a pleasant drive.

To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and ~~trot on~~ strong trot. To stand quietly **both on the rail and while lined up** and, **except for tandems, to** rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be requested to execute a figure of eight. To be judged 70% on performance, manners and way of going; 20% on condition and fit of harness and vehicle; 10% on neatness of attire.

8. Clarification to Article 113.3 to give clear details and examples of acceptable vehicles and harness in draft driving

Article 113.3 *WPCSA DRAFT DRIVING*

Article 113.3.1 General Utility is stressed for animals, harness and ~~an appropriate wagon for multiple draft driving.~~ **draft vehicles. Traditional type carts such as road carts or stud carts are suitable for singles and draft style wagons or hitch wagons are preferred for multiples.**

Inappropriate equipment to be penalized. Fancy equipment not to count over a neat suitable working outfit.

9. Elements that are referred to in Article 116.8 are missing. Perhaps use exact rule (Article 37A) from ADS Freestyle Rinsmanship.

Article 116 MISCELLANEOUS NON-POINT CLASSES

~~**Article 116.8 *CARRIAGE DRIVING FREESTYLE REINSMANSHIP*** A pleasure driving class in which the entries are judged individually on their ability and the skill of the driver's execution of a self designed driving test. The competitor must submit an order of pattern and movement, which must be submitted prior to the start of the session. The following required elements must be demonstrated using any order within a maximum of 90 seconds. The 90 seconds commences when the nose of the pony/cob/Half Welsh/Part Bred passes through the start markers and ends when the signal is given, although the driver may finish sooner, indicated by a halt and a salute. At management's discretion, music may be allowed.~~

1. A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged individually on the skill of the driver's execution of a two-minute, self-designed driving test. Any driving style may be used.
2. Eight required elements must be executed. The first element: enter/halt/salute, to be followed by these elements driven in any order:

Walk Slow	Trot
Working Trot	Strong Trot
Halt (stand quietly)	Reinback

The final element, indicating the completion of the test: halt/salute/leave test area at a working trot. If an element is driven more than once, only the first occurrence will receive a score.

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Entries may complete the test in less than two minutes. If the entry exceeds the two minute time limit, no signal will be given until the 2 ½ minute mark, at which time the entry will immediately leave the test area.

3. Management must publish in the Omnibus / Prize List a description of the competition area including approximate dimensions.
4. Prior to the start of the show, entries must submit to the Organizer a clearly composed, legible description and diagram of their test on the Freestyle Reinsmanship Form.

5. At management's discretion, music may be allowed.

6. Overall impression will decide ties.

7. Scoring: half-points may be used for scoring all elements.

Handling of reins and whip, control, posture; 8 elements, maximum 10 points each.

Overall impression of the driver maximum 10 points

Best possible total score is 90 points.

8. Penalties:

Failure to perform any element 0 points

Exceeding the two-minute time limit 5-point deduction

9. It has been noticed that some exhibitors in the Leadline classes are having trouble with where to place the lead. We can use the wording from Leading Rein to specify this:

Article 115.4.1 Leadline Class Specifications

In all Leadline classes the leadline is to be attached to the cavesson on the English bridle and on the Western bridle to the cheek slot of the bit (top of the bit). No chain leadlines allowed.

WPCSA LEADLINE WALK

Judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk. To stand quietly.

WPCSA LEADLINE WALK-TROT

Judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk and trot or jog. To stand quietly.

WPCSA LEADLINE WALK-TROT POLES

10. A letter from a judge brought up three points:

1. Should there be a rule requiring a show to have a ringmaster? Perhaps add to Article 119 Show Management
2. Clarification is needed for the one handler per entry rule. There are instances when another person is needed to run the animal when the handler is not able to do so. Our current rule:

Article 105.2 Ring Procedure Only one person shall be allowed in the ring with each animal except in driving classes where each animal may be headed by one attendant, properly attired, or with special dispensation from the show committee. The attendant must take no action that would affect the performance of any animal. Assistance in showing from outside the ring is prohibited. Passengers are allowed in driving classes. Unruly animals must be excused from the ring.

3. Concern over the increasing amount of outside assistance at Welsh shows. Do we need to make our current rule more visible/known? See Article 105.2 above.

11. This was discussed at the meeting on Nov 12, 2012 but was not voted on:

Article 122.1 USEF Welsh Judges Judges holding current USEF Recorded (r) or USEF Registered (R) Welsh cards ~~are automatically WPCSA Approved Judges upon application and payment of membership fee.~~ **will be considered for Approved Judges status on an individual basis upon submission of application, payment of membership dues and completion of written exam with a score of at least 85%.**

12. This was also discussed at a previous meeting but was not voted on:

Article 130 JUDGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

No judge may adjudicate at the same show for two consecutive years or at two consecutive shows held by the same show management. Judges may officiate at two shows within each region each year (rather

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than two per zone) but these shows cannot be within 30 days of each other. The regions are NE, SE, NC, SC, NW, SW. (See map inside back cover)

Judges are expected to render fair and impartial decisions at each WPCSA sanctioned competition. Judges are expected to follow the rules of the WPCSA when judging WPCSA sanctioned competitions. Judges are expected to honor their contracts with shows. Any judge who, after accepting the invitation to judge in writing, does not fulfill their obligation without an acceptable excuse, will be removed from the WPCSA Judges list.

Judges are expected to take their judging assignments seriously. Exhibitors are entitled to their sincere and undivided attention. It is inappropriate for judges to make small talk, joke and be inattentive.

Judges are expected to judge according to the breed standard in each section.

13. Clarification to the types of jumps and courses in Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup and Low Hunter

Article 112.5 *WPCSA HUNTER*

Article 112.5.2 Course Fifty percent (50%) or more of the obstacles must be at least the required height and none may be more than 2" over or under.

In Welsh Hunter classes, animals 13.2 and under jump 2' and over 13.2 jump 2'6".

Except in the case of inclement weather, broken equipment or similar emergency, a course must not be altered except by written permission of all exhibitors in the class. If one or more original obstacles are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicate exists, management may substitute obstacles which approximate as nearly as possible the originals.

A course is a minimum of six fences with eight jumping efforts. Obstacles should be inviting, not airy, with a ground line and wings. Typical types of fences would be rails or poles, (natural or painted), gates, picket fences, stone or brick walls (not real) or brush boxes. Natural brush (evergreen) may be used with a ground line. There should be no striped rails or poles, targets, barrels, or jumper-type jumps.

Every course must have at least four different type obstacles, the first obstacle must be a vertical such as brush or rails - no oxers or coops. Distances between fences (lines) should be set on multiples of 12'. For example, 60' or 72'.

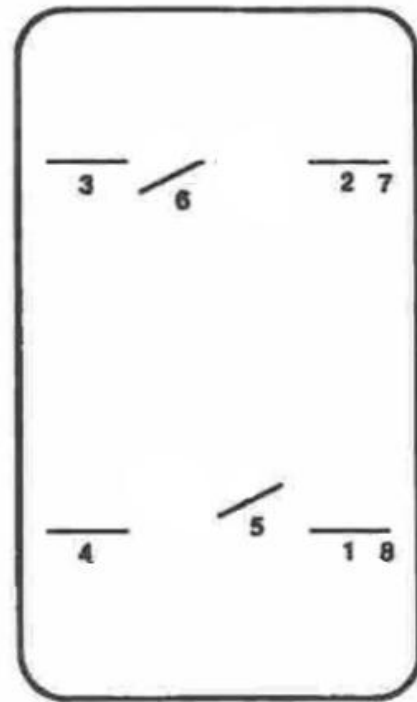
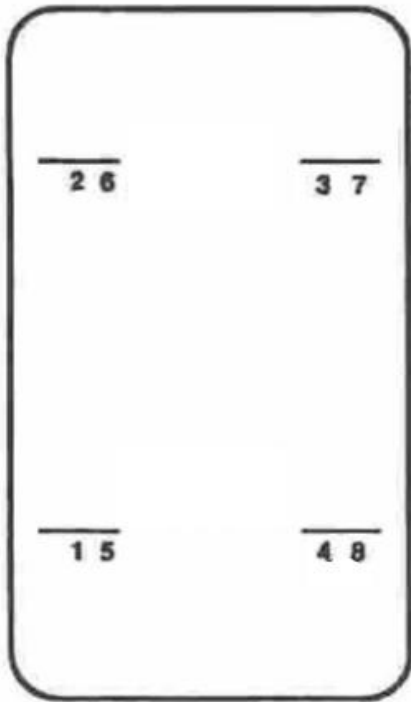
At least two different courses are required in a division and a change of direction (lead) is recommended.

For Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup Hunter over fences classes, crossrails or verticals are acceptable but not oxers. Courses for Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup and Low Hunters should not have bending lines or rollbacks. See sample courses in Appendix B.

Add the following to the end of Appendix B:

SAMPLE JUMP COURSES – SHORT STIRRUP, LONG STIRRUP & LOW HUNTER

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SHOW COMPLIANCE WORKING GROUP REPORT – Sabra Schiller SEE MINUTES FOR RULE CHANGES AND ACTIONS TAKEN

All prize lists must contain the following:

Name of Show

Dates of Show

Location and map on how to get there

Motels, feed stores, places to eat

Officials—no TBA, Judges Names, also your rules committee of 3 people all members of WPCSA or a USEF Steward.

WPC SA Provisionally Sanctioned Standard

WPCSA Membership Form

Classes and Class Specs

Schedule

Fees

Refund policy

Stabling

Prize monies

post entry requirements

Any rules and regulations specific to the show—include the WPCSA Rules for Helmets and Hitching Ponies

Services available on show grounds i.e. veterinarian, farrier, food, medical

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If your show is in conjunction with a fair or other breeds and you can't have all the above published, you will need to make a hand out for the exhibitors and send it in with your Prize List.

All changes to approved Prize Lists, classes or prize money must be turned in 2 weeks before show date or earlier to be reapproved and your exhibitors notified.

Prize List is due 60 days before show date or earlier. Please e-mail to sabrasponies@comcast.net. You should receive it back within 5 days. If corrections are needed, you must return prize list with corrections within 3 days. Your final approved Prize list will be your hard copy sent to the WPCSA Office.

Prize List must be approved prior to printing or putting on the internet.

FINES:

Posting on internet and/or printing before approval \$50.00

Not sending in on time \$20.00 per day

Not returning corrected form on time \$20.00 per day

WPCSA WEB SITE WORKING GROUP – SALLY STEINMETZ SEE MINUTES FOR RULE CHANGES AND ACTIONS TAKEN

- Browser compatibility issues
 - The WPCSA web site is having some compatibility issues with newer versions of some browsers.
 - The Society has received a quote to fix these issues.
- Updates to data on web site
 - Many of the forms have been updated
 - Improvement in having current data on site
 - Lifetime winners organized and many updated (complete through 2009. Still don't have some photos and some write-ups from 2010, 2011 and 2012)
 - Figured out how to change photos on front page. Need good selection of photos to represent our breed in various disciplines
- Planning phase is underway for a 'members only' area of web site (where members can sign in with username and password). The following is a brief summary of some of the features being considered:
 - Have sign in link on home page (use membership # as username)
 - Ability to handle forgotten username/passwords
 - Member information – name, address, email, phone & capability to update it
 - Membership type and expiration if applicable
 - Ability to renew membership
 - List of currently owned animals with links to pony information and points
 - Access to information for members only
 - Expanded financial information
 - .pdf files of Welsh Review
 - Feature articles

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Member-breeder directory

- Fill out and submit stallion service report
- Fill out and submit registrations including photos
- Fill out and submit show applications