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I don't know about the rest of the members, but I have certainly had enough of winter. The snowfall and the ice put hardships on many in our membership area. We all hope that everyone endured and things have started to get back to normal. As we all start to get a early handle on spring cleanup I know we share the same thought in our minds as we pickup, put back, and plow back the last remembrance of winter.....our horses.

Yes, the next thing on the to do list is to get that tack out and get back into the saddle no matter if it is on the trail or in the show ring or both. We have already started the year out with the horse expo in Maryland and in Pennsylvania. We have put on our first clinics, Lisa's open house and we have things in motions for Mason Dixon's first show in Dillsburg, Pa and the second one in Glouster County, NJ. I hope to see everyone on the trails or in the show ring soon. Happy trails, happy spring, and good luck to all in the 2014 show season.

This year, 2014, is a election year. If you wish to be a part of the future of Mason Dixon's Board please contact our nominating committee. As of the today there are two members on the committee, Bea Manderbach and Denise Cocoran. If you wish to be a part of the nominating committee please call or contact me.

Before I end this letter I just want to recognize the hole left in the fabric of our blanket of friendship with the passing of Dick Shaffer. I find it hard to use all the right adjectives that fit this great man and afraid to leave out a single one to describe him. I find it hard to not see the physical presence of this man by the show ring from now on. Even I know if I think of him there I can heard his voice in comment of a horse, a smile and a gentle word to a nervous rider as they pass, and a different point of view on the most resent rule change. I have seen this man's passion with the Paso Fino be fired up about recent activities in the show world and just as quick show the same intense emotions pointing out one of his family riding into the show ring. I know I certainly will miss Dick and can't even imagine the lost felt by his family. Just know all of us are thinking of you and he will be greatly missed!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Burgos

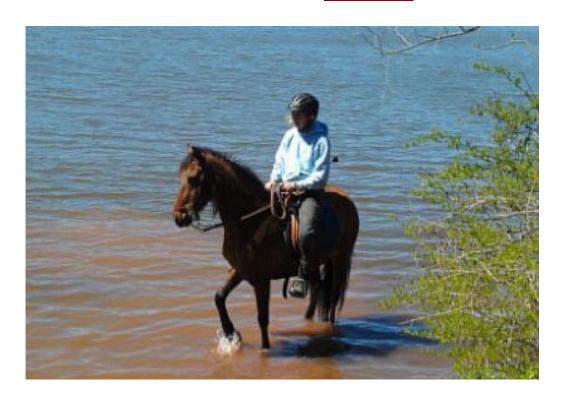


EDITOR'S CORNER:

Greetings to all Mason-Dixon Members,

Congratulations for making it through this very tough winter! I hope and trust that your horses did the same. 2014 promises to be an exciting year for Mason-Dixon. We have already enjoyed great exposure at the Maryland and Pennsylvania Horse World Expositions. Middlefield Farm has hosted a clinic and Nick Burgos present eda clinic at Hillside Farm on 8 March. Middlefield Farm hosted a clinic by Joe London (the Gaited Horse Clinician from the Maryland Horse Expo.) So, we have already had lots of public exposure and received first class educations provided by our region's National judges/Trainers and guest Trainers.

Just a reminder about a few items: 1) Memberships. Membership renewals have been slow to arrive. Please consider renewing, if you have not already done so; 2) Elections. 2014 is an election year for Mason-Dixon leadership. Hard as it is to believe, we are half-way through the Board's current term and will be soliciting people to run for the voluntary positions of President. Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Delegate. You can anticipate communications from the Nominating Committee seeking your input and suggestions. Please consider offering your talent, time and expertise to move our organization ever-forward; 3) PowerGlide and PFHW submissions. 3) As always, I seek your input for the bi-monthly PowerGlide. I thank BJ Schuler and Susan Crawford, in particular, for stepping up and providing valuable content on a regular basis; 4) Bi-lingual column. As I have mentioned on other occasions, I am interested in publishing a bi-lingual column in the PowerGlide. I envision the column covering training / tack / shoeing / showing advice in both English and Spanish. If you have and interest in working with me to develop this resource to serve ALL, of our members, please contact me.— Diame



Beth Sheldon and JR at Tyler State Park

Regional News:				
Mason-Dixon				
TBA	Reading Pet Exposition			
25-27 APR 14	May Day Show in Dillsburg, PA			
30-31 MAY 14	Mason Dixon Spectacular, Dream Park, Gloucester County, NJ			
Northeast				
TBD	Syracuse Show			
11-12 JUL 2014	Fiesta of the Gaited Horse			
Virginia Presidential				
5-8 JUN 14	Show #1			
21-14 AUG 14	Show #2			
Great Lakes				
2 NOV 2013	Fall Meeting			
7-9 MAR 2014	2014 Michigan Horse Expo.			
TBD	2014 Equine Affair			
TBD	2014 Heritage Show			
Piedmont				
25-27 APR 2014	The Carolina Classic			
19-22 JUN 2014	Ashville Alive			
Nationals				
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29 SEPT—4 OCT 2014	ressure the tradition			



Morning Song Farm after the

Members Current for the 2013 Show Year (Oct 1, 2013—Sept. 30, 2014)

Karen Basehore Maribelle MacAlpin

Ann Bastian Susan Marshall
Janice Brennan Teresa Moebuis

Ben & Tammy Boyer Shepard & Grace Morgan

Nicholas Burgos and Darnell Williams Joseph Motsay

Denise Corcoran Pamela Oakley-Whiting
Susan Crawford Melanie & Jeff Petri

Beverly & Kenneth Cross, Jr. Bailey Purvis

Rosemary D'Agostino and Raymond

Williams

Susan Data-Samtak and John Samtak

Kathy Dell
Diane Dutt

Barbara Duvall

Marti Eldredge

Angel Flores and Karen Spiegelthal

Kathrine Gamble

Keith and Lisa Gorsuch

Forest and Judy Gray

Ann Harper-Howell

Donna Hurst

S. Jean Jehu

Pamela Kavlick

Karen Kraushaar

James and Patricia Laird

James, Alaina and Shann Langner

George & Bertha Lyons

Amy Romanofsky

Beaverlea & Gary Roye-Manderbach

Maryan and George Schlesman

B.J. and Gary Schuler

Melody Scioli

Lynn Shaffer

Rick and Suzette Shaffer

John Shaw and Anne Hab-

berton

Beth & Bob Sheldon

Stephanie Snyder

Fransisco Soto

Ann Stever

Darla Wagner

Robin Walton

Connie Wolkowicz

Donald Wright

Please examine the list of current members, presented here. If your name does not appear on this list, please consider renewing your membership by contacting our Membership Chair, Mel Petri (Melanie Petri@cmsmtg.com). She will help you with the renewal form. Your payment should be sent to our Treasurer, Beth Sheldon (Sheldon.beth@gmail.com). Their phone information is found on the Contacts page of this publication. Please inform Mel and Beth if you wish to advertise in the PowerGlide and how you would like to receive your PowerGlide subscription (email, paper, CD)

Current TrailBlazer Roster:

Karen Basehore

Maureen Boskin Maryan Schlesman

Susan Crawford-Charters George Schlesman

Diane Dutt Dorothy Snedden

Virginia Foster Michaele Srock

Kathrine Gamble Ann Stever

Jacquelin Grubb Connie Wolkowicz

Maribelle MacAlpin Please contact <u>Susan Data-Samtak</u> and

Carolyn Marinko Mel Petri if you feel there is a discrepan-

John Samtak

cy regarding this list.

Susan Data-Samtak

Toni Roland

PA Horse Expo

MDPFHA members,

It's time to start working on getting things organized for the PA Horse World Expo. Anyone interested in participating with their horse and/or putting some time in at the Association booth please contact me by email kazisimage2@aol.com. An alternate Point of Contact is Gale Peluso at threelfarms@aol.com.

We have a great time and it is a wonderful way to let the world know about out Paso Fino breed.

Regards,

Lori

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Year 1 Portrait				
Year 0 Portrait				
Breeding		Intocable de Victoria X Es- merelda EV	Arrogancia de Calidad (19262) by Hom- bre Valiente (55565	Luna Bonita deVencedor (52366) by Hombre Va- liente (55565)
Date of Birth Gender	4/8/2013 Colt	5/18/2013 Filly	Filly Born May 2013	Filly born May 2013
Owner / Breeder "Baby's Barn Name"	Nancy Gallegher "Scooter"	Nicholas Burgos / Den- ise Corcoran "Alegria de Emerald Valley"	Dick Teachout "Carmelita"	Dick Tachout "Red"

Mason-Dixon PFHA Election 2014

Yes, painful as it is, the election season is upon us. As we tune out (or tune into) the attack ads and rhetoric on the National Stage and engage or flee from the State and Local contests, there is ONE riveting, engaging, POLITE, and influential election worth tracking. That election is the contest for who will lead the Mason-Dixon PFHA for 2015 and 2016.

During the MDPFHA Annual Meeting on 1 November 2014, we will elect a new panel of Officers to guide our organization, but the process will begin long before November. This is the 1st installment of election information. Let's begin with identifying the positions in which Officers serve, the requirements and the roles they play in the organization. This information is drawn directly from the Mason-Dixon by-laws.

President: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of Mason Dixon and shall preside over all meetings thereof and meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall have the right to appoint a Parliamentarian and all Mason Dixon Committee Chairpersons as may be deemed requisite and perform such other and further acts and functions as are usually performed by a President of a Membership Association.

Vice President: The Vice-President shall in the absence or during the incapacity of the President perform the duties and functions of the President's office.

Secretary: The Secretary shall record and maintain a record of the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of Mason Dixon PFHA, conduct correspondence and perform such other secretarial duties as may be required by the President, the Board of Directors and the incorporation records maintenance.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be the fiscal officer of Mason Dixon and shall deposit all funds received in the designated banking institution in the name of Mason Dixon PFHA. The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate account of all finances and financial transactions and shall make all authorized disbursements.

The Treasurer shall ensure that disbursements are made only through the official Mason Dixon checking account. Itemized vouchers shall support disbursements and the Treasurer shall maintain vouchers. An annual audit of the files and accounts of the Association may be conducted by a qualified person appointed by the President at the close of each fiscal year and the results of such audit shall be reported to the members at the next occurring annual meeting. Interim audits may also be made upon giving at least ten (10) days notice to the Treasurer. At the annual meeting a full and complete report of all receipts and disbursements and financial status of the Mason Dixon PFHA shall be made by the Treasurer. During the fiscal year interim financial reports may be requested by the President or the Board of Directors. No funds shall be withdrawn from the Association depository except by check signed by either the President, Vice President, or Treasurer, all of whom may be bonded in the amount determined by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer is responsible for all tax reports and returns as may be required by the State and Federal Governments.

Delegate: The Regional Representative to the PFHA shall represent the interests of the membership of the Mason Dixon PFHA at the PFHA by serving as a board member of that organization. In as much as is possible, the Regional Representative shall determine the wishes of the Mason Dixon membership on issues before the board of the PFHA and vote accordingly and at least make a full and complete report of all votes cast, including the rationale to the membership via the newsletter.

Past President: Note that the President from the previous election serves as a Board Member for 2 years following their term.

Now that you know what the Officers are obligated to do as individuals, there is more to it. The Officers function as a group. The duties and responsibilities of the Board are as follows, as defined in the By-laws:

Duties and Responsibilities: The Board of Directors shall be the administrative and policy making body of Mason Dixon PFHA and have general supervision of the affairs thereof. No act of the Board of Directors, however, shall conflict with the By Laws of the Mason Dixon PFHA.

- The Board shall hold at least two (2) meetings per year at such times and places designated by the President.
- The Board shall have the right to declare a vacancy in its membership when any member without just cause fails to attend (2) consecutive Board meetings.
- The Board shall have the right to fill any vacancy on said Board by electing a new member who shall hold such office until the next election of officers.
- The presence in person of a majority of the Board members shall be requisite for the transaction of business at any meeting thereof and a majority vote of such members present shall be necessary for a decision.
- The Board of Directors may censure, suspend, or expel from Mason Dixon PFHA any member charged with acts of conduct detrimental to the Association and/or in violation of the Code of Ethics detailed in the PFHA Constitution. Disciplinary action will be imposed after a due and proper hearing at which the accused is afforded an opportunity to be heard and defended on all charges.

According to the By-laws, Members have responsibilities too:

Membership Responsibilities: To be entitled to full Mason Dixon PFHA benefits one must:

- Be a member of Mason Dixon PFHA
- Maintain current Mason Dixon PFHA dues,
- Maintain good standing with Mason Dixon PFHA and
- Not have designated a region other than Mason Dixon as one's regional affiliation.

Members with a regional affiliation other than Mason Dixon PFHA with PFHA are entitled to all benefits with the exception of voting on national matters, voting in Mason Dixon PFHA elections and holding office in Mason Dixon PFHA.

The first step in the Election Process is for the President to select a NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The By-laws state:

The President, within a reasonable time after the annual meeting, shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three (3) Mason Dixon voting members in good standing, none of whom are officers of the Association. The responsibility of this committee will be to actively solicit and encourage qualified candidates and make as well as receive nominations for offices for the ensuing term. The nominating committee must ascertain that each person nominated is willing and able to perform the duties of the office and must receive written or verbal consent from the candidate. The committee

shall publish to the membership the list of candidates for each office thirty (30) days prior to the election and the Annual Meeting. Nominations for any office may be made by any member in good standing from the floor at the annual meeting. All nominees must give prior consent to have their name placed in nomination, including nominations from the floor. A nominating committee member will voluntarily resign from the Nominating Committee if he or she is nominated for an office of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall remain in force until its recommendations are presented to the Presiding Officer at the Annual Membership Meeting.

"Who can run for Office?", you might ask. The By-laws define eligibility as:

Eligibility for Office: No person shall be eligible to serve as an officer of Mason Dixon PFHA unless such person has been an active member in good standing with Mason Dixon PFHA for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of nomination. No person shall hold more than one (1) elective office in the Mason Dixon PFHA at one time.

During the Election, we will be voting on proposed changes to the By-Laws. Proposed changes (Amendments) shall be submitted to the Editor of the Newsletter and the Secretary. Amendments to the By-Laws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting of Mason Dixon PFHA at which there is at least 20 members present, provided also that written notice of such meeting and any proposed amendment shall have been given at least two (2) weeks prior to such meeting to the membership.

Stuffing the Ballot Box will be accomplished in two ways: Ballots will be completed either during the Annual Meeting or submitted via mailed Absentee Ballot. The details are outlined in the By-laws as follows: Election Procedures: Members who are unable to attend the annual meeting may vote by absentee ballot. An absentee ballot may be used only for the election of officers. The form for the Absentee Ballot will be published in the Association's newsletter. All absentee ballots shall be completed according to requirements stated on the ballot and shall be sent to the Secretary of the Association to be received no later that 5 days before the annual meeting. Any member voting by absentee ballot shall have been a member in good standing of the Mason Dixon PFHA for thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. If you intend to vote at the Meeting, you must also renew your membership at that time!

Remember that Memberships in Mason-Dixon PFHA expire on 30 September 2014. If you intend to vote by Absentee Ballot, you MUST have your membership renewal submitted to Melanie Petri NO LATER THAN 1 October 2014 to remain eligible to vote. Remember: Your PFHA affiliation MUST be aligned with the Mason-Dixon Region for you to participate in this election.

Up to this point we understand that ours is an organization of paying members who participate in various ways. All service to the organization is voluntary. Candidate Officers volunteer to fill the roles described above. Beside the elected positions, there are essential positions, identified and appointed by the MDPFHA President. Our current appointed positions are those of: Membership Chair and Youth Chair. Members volunteer to serve as organizers for shows, demonstrations, trail rides and other organizational events. While many of us volunteer to help the organization function and improve, only the Board is chosen by the members. During this Election year, we will have an opportunity to select those who will guide our organization for 24 months. Given the challenging fiscal climate, it is critical that we make thoughtful choices when selecting our next Board of Directors.

SCHEDULE OF ELECTION ACTIVITIES

Date	Task
	Nominating Committee Selection
	Nominating Committee
Apr 20, 2014	Nominating Committee identified to membership
Apr 23, 2014	Candidate Solicitation Begins
Aug 1, 2014	Candidate List is Finalized
Aug 15, 2014	Candidate List is Published
Sep 3, 2014	Membership renewals due for Absentee Voters
Oct 5, 2014	Candidate Position Statements due to PG Editor
Oct 15, 2014	Candidate Position Statements Published
Oct 15, 2014	Proposed Amendments to the MDPFHA By-laws Published
Oct 15, 2014	Absentee Ballots Published in PG
Oct 29, 2014	Absentee Ballots due to Secretary
Nov 1, 2014	General Meeting & Election
Nov 1, 2014	Membership renewals due for all voting members
Nov 4, 2014	Election Results published by Email and posted to Homepage
Dec 15, 2014	Election Results published in PG
Jan 1, 2015	New Board of Directors begins to function
Jan 1, 2015	New Board of Directors begins its tenure.

Mason-Dixon Members Serving the Paso Fino Community:

Karen Basehore—PA Farm Show Demo.

Nick Burgos—MDPFHA President; PFHA Cert. & USEF Reg. Judge & Trainer; Reading Pet Expo.; Dream Park Show Decorations

Susan Crawford—Trail Ride and Fun Show Organizer

Susan Data-Samtak—MD Recreational Rider Coordinator; Recreational High Points; Regular PG Contributor

Kathy Dell— MD Secretary; MD Membership Chair

Diane Dutt—Editor-Power Glide; MD Facebook; MD Twitter

Angel Flores—Trainer

Lisa Gorsuch—MD Regional Delegate to PFHA; PFHA Finance, Membership and Events Committees; MD Gaited Classic Show Chair; Maryland Horse Expo.

Forest Gray—Ring Master

Nola Haupert-Keill-Trainer; Equine dentist

BJ Schuler— MD Spectacular Chair

James Laird—Trainer; Coach

Terri Mobius—Trail Ride Leader

Gale Peluso-MDPFHA Vice President

Melanie Petri—MDPFHA Membership Chair

Rick Shaffer—PFHA Cert. & USEF Reg. Judge & Trainer

Beth Sheldon—MDPFHA Treasurer

Dick Teachout—Trail Ride Leader; Farrier

Darla Wagner—Secretary

Lori Wieszkowiak— Pennsylvania Horse Expo.; Ribbon Coordinator

Debbie Wolkowicz— PFHA Cert. Judge

Volunteers Sought for:

PFHW Liaison

Sponsorship Chair

Show Ribbon Presenters

Advertising Coordinator



2014 Dick Shaffer Memorial Obstacle Ride Challenge

In Memory of a wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather, Coach, Trainer, Paso Fino Supporter, Friend and Cooper's rider, we are offering an obstacle ride challenge series. There will be three pointed obstacle rides with first, second and third places winners in both Jr. and Sr. categories at each ride. At the Mason Dixon annual meeting we will award a grand prize to the Jr. and Sr. person who accumulated the most points in the series.

If you want to honor Dick but not compete then come as a buddy rider and ride the trail.

Rides open to all ages and all breeds.

Ride 1: June 28th at R&S Paso Fino in Somerset, PA

Ride 2: July 20th at Middlefield Farms, Taneytown, MD

Ride 3: September 20^{th,} at the Foxcatcher Arena, Fair Hills, MD.

Entry fee per ride: \$25 for Seniors (over 18): \$15 for juniors and free for Buddy riders.

Please mark the dates and more information to follow

MASON DIXON GAITED CLASSIC PRIZE LIST

APRIL 26 & 27, 2014

DIAMOND 7 ARENA DILLSBURG, PA

SATURDAY APRIL 26TH ONE DAY POINTED SHOW WITH PLANTATION WALKING HORSES OF MD & NORTHEAST MOUNTAIN HORSE CLUB

> APRIL 26TH & 27TH PASO FINO 3 PFHA AP SHOW

ALL BREED FUN CLASSES SATURDAY APRIL 26TH

Contains

- ***Show Information—Rules & Fees
- ***Master Class List For Show
- ***Individual Breed Class List For Registration
- ***Individual Breed Registration Forms

MASON DIXON GAITED CLASSIC

PASO FINO 3 PFHA AP SHOWS TWH/MH/NEC ONE DAY SHOW April 26 & 27, 2014 DIAMOND 7 RANCH & ARENA 36 Deardorff Road, Dillsburg, PA

JUDGES

SHOW SECRETARY

Saturday: Robert Yunits (PF)

Keith Dane (PF/TWH/MH/NEC)

Sunday: John Ocasio (PF)

STEWARD: Lynne Ridgeway

RING MASTER: Forest Gray

SHOW CHAIR: Lisa Gorsuch

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middlefieldfarm@verizon.net

Christina Earl

Mail Entries:

May Day Gaited Classic

c/o Christina Earl

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Lyons Falls, NY 13368

Fax Entries: (315)339-6793

Email: earlfamily2005@hotmail.com

Phone: (315)725-0346

BARN MANAGER

Call Barn Manager For Stall Reservations
Lisa Gorsuch: 410-596-5586
middlefieldfarm@verizon.net

SHOW ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Negative Coggins (less than 12 months old)
Health Certificate (out of state, less than 30 days old)

Copies of Registration Papers & Membership Cards for breeds requiring

FEE SCHEDULE

ALL BREEDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRE-REGISTER. When you pre-register you DO NOT have to send payment. When you pre-register it makes check in at the show faster and easier and lessens the stress for everyone the morning of the show. Your horse or horses are already in the computer with a number and classes can be changed without charge. You will provide payment at the time you check in with the show secretary. At this show we only accept checks or cash no credit card payments. Make Checks Payable To: Mason Dixon PFHA

Stall Fees: \$70/weekend (Fri-Sun) includes 1 bag shavings

\$35 Fri night & leaving Sat after the show-includes 1 bag shavings

Daily Show Out of Trailer Fee: \$20 per horse

Camping \$35 per night

**** Early Arrivals of Thursday Night need to make prior arrangements with the Barn Manager or there will be no access to stalls. There will be an additional charge per stall of \$20 for the extra night.

******Classes may be combined at the discretion of Show Management*****

TWH/MH/NEC (refer to your breed class list for registration)

Pre-Entry per class \$12 (received by 4/18/14)* Post-Entry Fee \$15 per class (received after 4/18/14)

Championship Classes \$12**\$5 office fee per horse

PASO FINO (refer to your breed class list for registration)

Pre-Entry per class/per judge \$30 (received by 4/18/13)

Post-Entry per class/per judge \$40 (received after 4/18/13)

Paso Fino Championship Classes \$20 per judge

Office Fee \$5 per horse

Amateur Class-\$20 fee/per judge (see rules for those who qualify)

Opportunity Class-\$12 fee/per judge (see rules for those who qualify)

SHOW JUDGING RULES

This show is not an affiliated show with FOSH for the TWH/MH/NEC but shall operate under the FOSH rules and be judged in accordance with those rules. All horses shown under the FOSH rules shall be checked by the DQP prior to going into their class.

The shows for the Paso Finos are being operated and judged in accordance with the Official PFHA Rule Book not under the FOSH rules.

Show Management reserves the right to combine classes and management will make every effort to announce well in advance so that exhibitors can be prepared for their classes timely. The Gait Attendant and Show Steward will always know what classes are being combined.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday Night

4:00pm til closing Pot Luck Dinner All exhibitors coming in on Friday are invited and should bring a dish of your favorite food to share. Last year everyone enjoyed not having to worry about going out to get something to eat and coming back to work horses! Food area will be set up near the Show Secretary Area.

Saturday

8:30 am Show Starts First set of classes start with the Paso Finos.

9:30 am approximate start time for the first TWH/MH/NEC class (will not start before 9:30)

Lunch To Be Announced

During Lunch: Fun Classes All Breeds Welcome to participate. Classes will be posted and instructions on sign up.

Barn Party & Dinner (To Begin approximately 1hour after the end of the show) \$10 per person and head count will be needed by 10am Sat. Show Secretary will have sign up sheet.

Sunday

9:00am Show Starts

Lunch To Be Announced

Show Continues to last class

1	Trail	PF
2	Bella Forma Fillies 1 yr old	PF
3	Bella Forma Fillies 2 yrs old	PF
4	Bella Forma Fillies 3 yrs old	PF
5	Bella Forma Fillies 4 yrs & older	PF
6	Bella Forma Mares Championship	PF
7	Bella Forma Geldings 1 yr old	PF
8	Bella Forma Geldings 2 yrs old	PF
9	Bella Forma Geldings 3 yrs old	PF
10	Bella Forma Geldings 4 yrs & older	PF
11	Bella Forma Geldings Championship	PF
12	Bella Forma Colts 1 yr old	PF
13	Bella Forma Colts 2 yrs old	PF
14	Bella Forma Colts 3 yrs old	PF
15	Bella Forma Stallions 4 yrs & over	PF
16	Bella Forma Colts & Stallions Championship	PF
17	Open Model	TWH/MH/NEC
18	Western Pleasure	PF
19	Fino Schooling Fillies 3 yrs old	PF
20	Fino Schooling Fillies 4 yrs old	PF
21	Fino Schooling Colts & Geldings 3 yrs old	PF
22	Fino Schooling Colts & Geldings 4 yrs old	PF
23	MH Trail Pleasure	MH\NEC
24	Fino Mares	PF
25	TWH Lite-shod 2 Gait - English	TWH
26	Fino Geldings	PF
27	Fino Stallions	PF
28	MH Amateur Classic	MH\NEC
29	Fino Championship	PF ·
30	TWH Country Pleasure E/W 2 Gait	TWH
31	Opportunity Class - Fino (non-pointed)	PF (NP)
32	Fino Sub Junior	PF-Youth
33	Fino Youth	PF-Youth
34	Gentlemen to Ride	MH\NEC
35	Performance Schooling Fillies 3 yrs old	PF
36	Performance Schooling Fillies 4 yrs old	PF
37	Performance Schooling Colts & Geldings 3 yrs old	PF
38	Performance Schooling Colts & Geldings 4 yrs old	PF
39	TWH Trail Pleasure 2 Gait E/W	TWH
40	Performance Mares	PF
41	MH Amateur Trail Pleasure	MH\NEC
42	Performance Geldings	PF
43	Performance Stallions	PF
44	MH Juv. 17 & under Trail Pleasure	MH/NEC
45	Performance Championship	PF
4 5 46	Opportunity Class - Performance (non-pointed)	PF (NP)
40 47	Performance Sub Junior	PF (NP) PF-Youth
47 48	Performance Sub Junior	
40 49	Team 2 Ride	PF-Youth MH\NEC
50	Amaetur Performance (non-pointed)	PF (NP)
51	Fino A/O Schooling Fillies 3 yrs old	PF (NP)
52	Fino A/O Schooling Fillies 3 yrs old	PF
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53	Fine Schooling A/O Colta & Coldings 2 was ald	DE .
54	Fino Schooling A/O Colts & Geldings 3 yrs old Fino Schooling A/O Colts & Geldings 4 yrs old	PF PF
55	Open All Day Pleasure E/W 2 Gait	
56	Fino A/O Mares	TWH\MH\NEC
57	Fino A/O Geldings	
58	Fino A/O Stallions	PF PF
59		
60	Open Trail Pleasure Racking - English Fino A/O Championship	TWH\MH\NEC
61	Ladies to Ride	PF
62		MH\NEC
63	Amaetur Fino (non-pointed)	PF (NP)
64	Sub Junior Horsemanship Junior Horsemanship	PF-Youth
65		PF-Youth
66	Open Country Pleasure Racking E/W	TWH/MH/NEC
67	Versatility	PF
	Walk Corto Lead Line (free, non-pointed, all breed)	AB
68	Driving	PF
69	MH Classic Pleasure	MH\NEC
70	Country Pleasure	PF
71	TWH 3 Gait E/W (Open Shod)	TWH
72	Pleasure Schooling Fillies 3 yr olds	PF
73	Pleasure Schooling Fillies 4 yr olds	PF
74	Pleasure Sub-Junior Youth	PF-Youth
75	Pleasure Junior Youth	PF-Youth
76	Open Adult Beginner E/W	TWH\MH\NEC
77	Pleasure Schooling Colts & Geldings 3 yrs old	PF
78	Pleasure Schooling Colts & Geldings 4 yrs old	PF
79	Spotted Saddle Horse 2 gait E/W	TWH
80	Pleasure Mares	PF
81	TWH Western 2 Gait (open shod)	TWH
82	Pleasure Geldings	PF
83	Open Novice Rider E/W 2 Gait	TWH\MH\NEC
84	Pleasure Stallions	PF
85	Open Youth E/W 2 Gait	TWH\MH\NEC
86	Pleasure Championship	PF
87	MH Trail Pleasure Championship	MH/NEC
88	Amaetur Pleasure (non-pointed)	PF (NP)
89	Adult Equitation	PF '
90	TWH Lite-shod 2 Gait - English Championship	TWH\MH\NEC
91	Opportunity Class - Pleasure(non-pointed)	PF (NP)
92	Performance A/O Schooling Fillies 3 yrs old	PF
93	Performance A/O Schooling Fillies 4 yrs old	PF
94	Performance A/O Schooling Colts & Geldings 3 yrs old	PF
95	Performance A/O Schooling Colts & Geldings 4 yrs old	PF
96	MH Classic Pleasure Championship	MH\NEC
97	Performance A/O Mares	PF
98	TWH Country Pleasure 2 Gait - E/W Championship	TWH
99	Performance A/O Geldings	PF
100	Performance A/O Stallions	PF
101	TWH Trail Pleasure 2 Gait E/W Championship	TWH
102	Performance A/O Championship	PF
103	TWH Western 2 Gait (open shod) Championship	TWH

MASON DIXON GAITED CLASSIC PASO FINO SATURDAY SUNDAY CLASS LIST FOR REGISTRATION

1 Sat.	201Sun.	Trail .	PF
2	202	Bella Forma Fillies 1 yr old	PF
3	203	Bella Forma Fillies 2 yrs old	PF
4	204	Bella Forma Fillies 3 yrs old	PF
5	205	Bella Forma Fillies 4 yrs & older	PF
6	206	Bella Forma Mares Championship	PF
7	207	Bella Forma Geldings 1 yr old	PF
8	208	Bella Forma Geldings 2 yrs old	PF
9	209	Bella Forma Geldings 3 yrs old	PF
10	210	Bella Forma Geldings 4 yrs & older	PF
11	211	Bella Forma Geldings Championship	PF
12	212	Bella Forma Colts 1 yr old	PF
13	213	Bella Forma Colts 2 yrs old	PF
14	214	Bella Forma Colts 3 yrs old	PF
15	215	Bella Forma Stallions 4 yrs & over	PF
16	216	Bella Forma Colts & Stallions Championship	PF
18	218	Western Pleasure	PF
19	219	Fino Schooling Fillies 3 yrs old	PF
20	220	Fino Schooling Fillies 4 yrs old	PF
21	221	Fino Schooling Colts & Geldings 3 yrs old	PF
22	222	Fino Schooling Colts & Geldings 4 yrs old	PF
24	224	Fino Mares	PF
26	226	Fino Geldings	PF
27	227	Fino Stallions	PF
29	229	Fino Championship	PF
31	231	Opportunity Class - Fino (non-pointed)	PF (NP)
32	232	Fino Sub Junior	PF-Youth
33	233	Fino Youth	PF-Youth
35	235	Performance Schooling Fillies 3 yrs old	PF
36	236	Performance Schooling Fillies 4 yrs old	PF
37	237	Performance Schooling Colts & Geldings 3 yrs old	PF
38	238	Performance Schooling Colts & Geldings 3 yrs old	PF
40	240	Performance Mares	PF
42	242	Performance Geldings	PF
43	242	Performance Stallions	PF
	245	Performance Championship	PF
45 46	245	Opportunity Class - Performance (non-pointed)	PF (NP)
47	247	Performance Sub Junior	PF-Youth
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54	254	Fino Schooling A/O Colts & Geldings 4 yrs old	PF
56	256	Fino A/O Caldings	PF
57	257	Fino A/O Geldings	PF
58	258	Fino A/O Stallions	PF PF
60	260	Fino A/O Championship	
62	262	Amaetur Fino (non-pointed)	PF (NP)
63	263	Sub Junior Horsemanship	PF-Youth
64	264	Junior Horsemanship	PF-Youth
66	266	Versatility	PF

MASON DIXON GAITED CLASSIC PASO FINO SATURDAY SUNDAY CLASS LIST FOR REGISTRATION

67	267	Walk Corto Lead Line (free, non-pointed, all breed)	AB
68	268	Driving	PF
70	270	Country Pleasure	PF
72	272	Pleasure Schooling Fillies 3 yr olds	PF
73	273	Pleasure Schooling Fillies 4 yr olds	PF
74	274	Pleasure Sub Junior Youth	PF-Youth
75	275	Pleasure Junior Youth	PF-Youth
77	277	Pleasure Schooling Colts & Geldings 3 yrs old	PF
78	278	Pleasure Schooling Colts & Geldings 4 yrs old	PF
80	280	Pleasure Mares	PF
82	282	Pleasure Geldings	PF
84	284	Pleasure Stallions	PF
86	286	Pleasure Championship	PF
88	288	Amaetur Pleasure (non-pointed)	PF (NP)
89	289	Adult Equitation	PF
91	291	Opportunity Class-Pleasure (non-pointed)	PF (NP)
92	292	Performance A/O Schooling Fillies 3 yrs old	PF
93	293	Performance A/O Schooling Fillies 4 yrs old	PF
94	294	Performance A/O Schooling Colts & Geldings 3 yrs old	PF
95	295	Performance A/O Schooling Colts & Geldings 4 yrs old	PF
97	297	Performance A/O Mares	PF
99	299	Performance A/O Geldings	PF
100	300	Performance A/O Stallions	PF
102	302	Performance A/O Championship	PF
104	304	Equitation Sub Junior	PF-Youth
105	305	Equitation Junior	PF-Youth
107	307	Pleasure A/O Schooling Fillies 3 yrs old	PF
108	308	Pleasure A/O Schooling Fillies 4 yrs old	PF
110	310	Pleasure A/O Schooling Colts & Geldings 3 yrs	PF
111	311	Pleasure A/O Schooling Colts & Geldings 4 yrs	PF
113	313	Pleasure A/O Mares	PF
115	315	Pleasure A/O Geldings	PF
117	317	Pleasure A/O Stallions	PF
119	319	Pleasure A/O Championship	PF

Come Join us for some Lunch-Time Fun at the Mason Dixon Gaited Classic Horse Show

Saturday, April 26th, 2014

- The Ribbon Ride pick a partner and navigate around the arena holding a ribbon between you.
- Eqq and Spoon race just how smooth is your gaited horse?
- Potato Race Teams of 4. Pick up a potato from the barrel at one end of the arena and drop it on the barrel at the other end
- Switch a Breed Class enter the class on your horse and be prepared to swop with someone riding a different breed.
- Bourbon Relay Race –. Each team of 4 will get a glass of bourbon (ok, Coke). One by one you each take a turn riding across the ring with the glass. The team with the most liquid still in the glass wins

Great Prizes and only \$5 entry per class.

Open to one and all.

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For entry information go to: http://www.masondixonpfha.org/events.php

Or contact: Lisa Gorsuch (410)595-5588 Email: middlefieldfarm@verizon.net

Diamond 7 Arena, 36 Deardoff Road, Dillsburg, PA

PASO FINO HORSE SHOW ENTRY FORM

Entries must be accompanied by copy of horse certificate of registration, PFHA cards for each owner, all riders, trainer; USEF cards (if required) for one owner, riders and trainer. Pre-entry prices will not be honored if all credentials are not included by pre-entry deadline.

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FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/

Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

- I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition to the following:
- I AGREE that the "Federation" and "Competition" as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates.
- I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm").
- I AGREE to hold harmless and release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.
- I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.
- I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition. I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and, if applicable, EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly en courages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.
- I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank and all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand.

VAULTER/LONGEUR(mandatory)	(mandatory)
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**** Second Year at Our New Location ****

Mason Dixon PFHA Spectacular Show

May 30 & 31, 2014

Gloucester County Dream Park,

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Double Pointed PFHA/USEF Shows

JUDGES:

Friday May 80 - Jose Colon

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Saturday May 31 - Rufino Figueroa

Daniel Figueroa

STEWARD: Paulette Denault-Bryce

SHOW CHAIR: B.J. Schuler 215-859-8577

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Included in the class schedule are non-pointed Amateur Classes and Opportunity Classes.

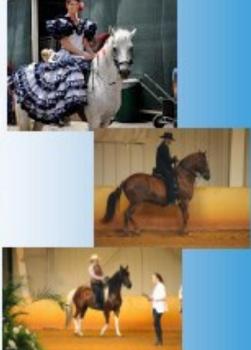
Friday night will be fun & games with our horses and an exhibitors buffet.

Thursday night through Saturday night the Penalverts Food Concession will be serving fine Puerto

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Visit www.masondixonpfha.org for more information.





Pre-Entry fees by May 23: \$30/class

per judge

Post Entry fees: \$40/ class per judge



May 30 and 31, 2014 PFHA AP/USEF "Local Rated Show"

> Dream Park Logan Township, NJ

> > Official Prize List



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Dream Park, Logan Township, NJ

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AP/USEF Local Rated Show (Double Points, 4 Judges)

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Friday May 30 -(Show I)

Saturday May 31 -(Show 2)

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SHOW SECRETARY:

Christina Earl 3810 Franklin Street Lyons Falls, NY 13368 Phone 315-725-0346 Fax 315-339-6793

Email - earifamily2005@hotmali.com ANNOUNCER: Bernie Santana

RING MASTER: Forest Gray

FEE SCHEDULE:

Class Fees - Per Judge

Pre-entry (received by 5/23/14) \$30 Post-entry (received after 5/23/14) \$40 \$25 Championship Classes Amateur Classes (non-pointed) \$20 Opportunity Classes (non-pointed) \$10 flat fee

Office Fee \$5 per horse. \$16 per horse USEE Fees

(Drugs & Medication - \$8, USEF - \$8)

Stalls (Permanent 10'x 10' with doors) \$80

\$25/night/stall Early Arrivals - before Wednesday Noon

SHOW ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Copy of Registration Papers

Negative Coggins less than 12 months old Health Certificate less than 30 days old PFHA & USEF card (Amateur, if applicable) PFHA Entry Forms - completed and signed

To receive the pre-entry price, the show secretary must receive the entry form, registration papers, PFHA and USEF cards by 5/23/14 either by mail or fax. The Coggins and Health Certificate should be brought to the show.

VET ON CALL WILL BE POSTED IN THE BARNS AND IN THE SHOW OFFICE.

The Dream Park Indoor Arena is 300' x 150' with a sand/clay mix. The Warm Up Arena is 300' x 150' with a sand/clay mix.

STALLS: To reserve stalls, email Show Chair - bischuler56@comcast.net or call 2l5-859-8577. Stall fees cover from 12 Noon Wednesday to 12 Noon Sunday. For early arrivals, please make advance arrangements with the show chair. When reserving stalls, please state approximate time of arrival if late at night or early in the morning so someone is there to help with check-in.

BEDDING: No outside bedding is to be brought into the Dream Park. You may advance order bedding with your stall reservations and purchase extra bedding at the show office. Price is \$7 per bag.

LODGING: Host Hotel - Hampton Inn Bridgeport, 856-467-6200. Mention Mason Dixon PFHA to get the group rate.

CAMPING: The Dream Park has 78 Camping Spots with electric and water hookups. Camping is \$30 per night. Reservations can be made with the Show Chair by email at bischuler56@comcast.net or phone 215-859-8577. Payment can be made to the Show Secretary at the show.

DIRECTIONS: Dream Park, 400 US Route 130, Logan Township, NJ From Pennsylvania; Take Route 322 East over the Commodore Barry Bridge crossing into New Jersey to Route 130 South. The Dream Park is 1.6 miles on the right. From Delaware and the South: Take 295 North over the Delaware Memorial Bridge. Take Exit 10, Center Square Road. Turn left and go 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Route 130 North. The Dream Park is 1 mile on left.

Class Schedule

Show begins both days at 8:00 a.m.

Friday	Saturda	v Class i	Friday	Saturday	Class
	101	Trail	50	150	Pleasure Geldings
2	102	Bella Forma Fillies, I year	51	151	Pleasure Staillons
3	103	Bella Forma Fillies, 2 years	52	15.7	Pleasure Sub Junior
4	104	Bella Forma Fillies, 3 years	58		PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP
5	105	Bolla Forma Mares		153A	PLEASURE CHAMIPIONSHIP - FIIIles & Mares
6	106	BELLA FORMA MARES & FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP		1538	PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP - Geldings
7	107	Bella Forma Geldings, I year		1530	PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP - Colts & Stellions
à	108	Bella Forma Geldings, 2 years	54	154	Costume
9	109	Bella Forma Geldings, 3 years	55	155	Amateur - Performance Mares (non-pointed)
in	110	Bella Forma Geldings	56	156	Wostern Pleasure
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12	112		58	158	
		Bella Forma Colts, I year Bella Forma Colts, 2 years			Performance A/O Schooling Filles, 3 years
13	113		59	159	Performance A/O Schooling Filles, 4 years
14	114	Bella Forma Colts, 3 years	60	161	Performance A/O Schooling Cotts & Geldings, 3 y
15	115	Bella Forma Stallions	61	161	Performance A/O Schooling Cotts & Geldings, 4 y
16	116	BELLA FORMA COLTS/STALLIONS CHAMPIONSHIP	62	162	Performance A/O Mares
17	117	Versatility	68	163	Performance A/O Geldings
18	118	Opportunity Class - Performance (non-pointed)	64	164	Performance A/O Stallions
19	119	Performance Schooling Fillies, 3 years	65	165	Sub Junior Horsemanship
20	120	Performance Schooling Fillies, 4 years	66		PERFORMANCE A/O CHAMPIONSHIP
21	12	Performance Sub Junior		166A	PERFORMANCE A/O CHAMPIONSHIP - rillies & More
22	122	Performance Schooling Colts & Geldings, 3 years		166B	PERFORMANCE A/O CHAMPIONSHIP - Geldings
23	123	Performance Schooling Colts & Geldings, 4 years		166C	PERFORMANCE A/O CHAMPIONSHIP - Cotto & Station
24	124	Performance Mares	67	167	Country Pigasure
25	125	Performance Junior	68	168	Ameteur - Pleasure Mares (non-pointed)
26	126	Performance Geldinos	69	169	Pleasure A/O Schooling Filles, 3 years
27	127	Perfomance Stallions	70	170	Pleasure A/O Schooling Filles, 4 years
28	128	Egultation Junior	71	177	Ameteur - Pleasure Geldings & Stallions (non-pointed)
29		PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIP	72	172	Plasture Junior
-	1294	PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIP - Fillies & Mares	73	173	Pleasure A/O Schooling Colts & Geldings, 3 years
		PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIP - Geldings	74	174	Pleasure A/O Schooling Colts & Geldings, 4 years
		PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIP - Coits & Stallions		175	Pleasure A/O Mares
30	130	Amateur Fino (non-pointed)	76	177	Pleasure A/O Geldings
31	131	Fino A/O Schooling Filles, 3 years	77	177	Pleasure A/O Staillons
32	132	Fino A/O Schooling Filles, 4 years	78		PLEASURE A/O CHAMPIONSHIP
33	133	Fine Sub Junior	10	178A	PLEASURE A/O CHAMPIONSHIP • FILIES & Mares
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		Fino A/O Schooling Colts & Geldings, 3 years			PLEASURE A/O CHAMPIONSHIP - Geldings
35	135	Fino A/O Schooling Colts & Geldings, 4 years		178C	PLEASURE A/O CHAMPIONSHIP - Colts & Stellions
36	136	Fino A/O Mares	79	179	Trocha
37	13.7	Fino A/O Geldings	80	180	Opportunity Class - Fino (non-pointed)
38	138	Fine A/O Stallions	81	181	Equitation Sub-Junior
39	13/9	Junior Horsemanship	82	182	Fino Schooling Fillies, 3 years
40		FINO A/O CHAMPIONSHIP	83	183	Fino Schooling Fillies, 4 years
		FINO A/O CHAMPIONSHIP - Filles & Mares	84	184	Fine Junior
		FINO A/O CHAMPIONSHIP - Geldings	85	185	Fino Schooling Colts & Geldings, 3 years
	140C	FINO A/O CHAMPIONSHIP - Colts & Stallions	86	186	Fino Schooling Colts & Goldings, 4 years
41	141	Adult Amateur Equitation	87	187	Fino Mares
42	14.2	Walk Corto Leadline (non-pointed, no fee)	88	188	Fino Geidings
43	143	Driving	89	189	Fino Stallions
44	144	Pleasure Schooling Fillies, 3 years	90	191	Amateur Adult Horsemanship
45	145	Pleasure Schooling Fillies, 4 years	91	191	Silver Medal Equitation (Ages 7-17)
46	146	Opportunity Class - Pleasure (non-pointed)	92		FINO CHAMPIONSHIP
47	147	Pleasure Schooling Colts & Geldings, 3 years		192A	FINO CHAMPIONSHIP - FILIDS & Maros
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Classes may combined at the discretion of show management.

Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current PPHA and USEF Rule Books will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith. Opportunity & Amoteur class rules are listed on next page.

Driver's License Statement

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, dains losses or actions resulting from that operations. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6.

Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS RULES

- Rider cannot have shown previously in any pointed PFHA class.
- Rider does not have to be a member of PFHA or USEF to show in the Opportunity Classes.
- The horse must be a PFHA registered Paso Fino and the Rider does not have to own the horse.
- Classes will be judged in accordance with the official PFHA Rule Book for each division with the exception of the riding attire as stated in Number 5.
- 5. Riders are not required to ride in the official PFHA Costume for the division in which they are showing. They are required to wear appropriate casual riding attire. This includes stacks or dark jeans (no shorts), chaps, a casual shirt with steeves such as a polo shirt or dress shirt. Proper riding boots are required. For participants twelve years of age and under, a riding helmet will be required.
- If the Horse is only being ridden in the Opportunity Classes then the USEF Drugs/Medications Fee of \$16.00 does not apply to this horse.
- The Opportunity Class Fee will be a flat fee of \$10 per class.

AMATEUR CLASS RULES

- Rider must be a current member of PFHA and USEF with an amateur card.
- Rider may have previously shown in PFHA pointed classes and may have won a placement.
- 3. The horse must be a PFHA registered Paso Fino and the Rider does not have to own the horse.
- Class will be judged in accordance with the official PFHA Rule Book for each division.
- Rider's attire and tack are to be in accordance with the official PFHA Rule Book for each division.
- The Amateur to Ride Class fee will be \$20 per judge.

Unofficial Board Meeting Notes - January 17, 2014

- President's Comments & Report: O Greg Miller was appointed the new 3 Year Director by President Lee Vulgaris. Norman Timbs is the outgoing 1 Year Director.
- Lee Vulgaris recognized the furthest traveling delegate, Yvonne Bowen from the Paso Fino Association Europe (PFAE). Yvonne presented the current status of things in Europe: O In Europe, the membership is continually growing and interest in the Paso Fino is increasing.
- Currently there are new laws in Germany which may require Paso Finos bred there to be registered not just with PFHA but separately with the German registry. If these laws remain, the PFAE is encouraging owners to register both with Germany and with PFHA. The PFAE is hoping the German laws will relax in the next few months and not require them to be registered in Germany (because knowledge there of the Paso Fino is limited).
- o Endurance is the fastest growing equestrian sport in Europe, and the Paso Finos are doing really well.
- Some are even competing in gaited dressage.
- o PFAE had two major demonstrations at CHIO ACHEN and at the Queen's Palace last year.
- o PFAE shows are judged with PFHA judges. They have around 50 horses at each show.
- 1200 Paso Finos are currently in Europe, and growing.
- Age demographic of Paso Fino owners is "mature" but there are some youth teams. Switzerland and Germany both had Youth Mundial teams in 2012.
- o It is more expensive to import a gelding into Europe, because with breeding stock, you don't have to pay import tax (20%). It costs around \$6,000-7,000 to import a horse.
- o Germany has the most members and horses out of all the European countries.
- They have a challenge importing AI. It's currently cost prohibitive.
- Several ranches have discussed coming together to buy breeding stallions every few years to refresh the bloodlines.
- o Greg Miller suggested finding ways to have cultural exchanges with our youth.
- o Linda Holzer encouraged them to submit European events for the PFHA events calendar.
- o Sally encouraged the PFAE to submit regional news for the magazine.
- Lee and Sally encouraged Board Members to create a small resume/bio for PFHA to post on the website.
- Lee encouraged each region to send the current delegates, bylaws, and election dates to the PFHA office.
- Dick Miller gave the Treasurer's report.
 2014 Budget was approved.
- Paso Fino Foundation audit was approved to be removed from the PFHA audit, as recommended by the PFHA auditor.
- KK DuBois was appointed the new Membership Committee Chair.
- Patti Blichmann was appointed the new Recreational Rider Committee Chair.
- Don Schanche was reappointed as Chair of the Personnel Committee.
- Sally Walker gave Executive Director's report. O PFHW is now making a profit.

- Many processes in the office have been streamlined.
- \circ Staff are now doing many tasks that USEF used to do, such as the Morning and Night Computer Processing Runs, thus saving money.
- An updated Employee Manual has been implemented.
- Procedures Manuals have been developed and are constantly being updated.
- Staff are now doing call logs and time sheets.
- o A new payroll company is going to be used to save money.
- Sarah Huebner was appointed as the new PFHA Registrar.
- Sally gave successful analytics of the PFHALive.-Since start of Nationals, 114,187 pageviews, 14,603 views on demand.
- Registration trends: April to June is busiest time. Comparison to other breed registrations: All trends are going down.
- Marketing: PFHA is a sponsor at Road to the Horse this year (March 13-16) and will be in attendance with a booth. 8,000 people visit each day.
- o Gaited breeds have now been approved for dressage by USEF and USDF. PFHA member Celeste Dashiell wants to develop dressage tests for Paso Finos. Judi Bradbury noted that FOSH already has tests developed. The Board encouraged this to continue.
- o BOD Meeting Dates: April 11-12 Charlotte, NC; Oct. 24-25 Nashville, TN; Jan. 30-31, 2015 Louisville, KY
- PFHA is closing out the 401K for employees.
- Marilynn Baker presented PFHA Governance o Final report will be given in April
- Marilynn asked for BOD suggestions
 Dante Villarreal suggested reaching out to the membership.
- Lynn Burke pointed out changes that will be needed to the Constitution if this is implemented.
- Amateur Owners Committee Kathy Yarbrough O Amateur Owner of the Year award is being restructured.
- The new form will be available soon to start accepting nominations.
- Computer Committee Lew Haines O Projected end date for new computer system is in the fall, 2014, with testing beginning in the summer.
- The AS400 is now being hosted by SIS, not USEF.
- Marketplace testing is underway to allow people to buy PFHA merchandise online.
- CONFEPASO Written by Dr. Laracuente/Presented by John Ocasio O Youth Mundial will be July 4-6 in Colombia.
- Youth from Europe will also be participating in this Youth Mundial.

- \circ Next CONFEPASO meeting is in February and hearings will take place at this meeting for incidents at the last Mundial.
- o John congratulated Alex Amador and the Florida PFHA for the success of the 2013 Mundial.
- Education & Clinic Committee Report written by Dr. Laracuente and given by Sharon Londono O Working on a Steward's Handbook.
- DVDs being made for Performance and Pleasure.
- Clinic coming up in February.
- Updating Tack Guide.
- Futurity Committee Lisa Gorsuch o 2013 GNS Entries increased slightly from the year before.
- Ann Crossman has agreed to help rewrite the Futurity rules.
- Breeders' Sweepstakes 5 stallion breedings sold at Nationals. Stallion service is still available until March
- 1. Every yearling from an eligible stallion can show in Breeders' Sweepstakes at Nationals and win money!
- Hearing Committee Ann Crossman O Hearing held November 22, 2013 in Lexington, KY.
- o Results posted in January 2014 issue of Paso Fino Horse World.
- Ann suggests that we revise the PFHA Hearing process.
- Lee Vulgaris tasked Ann to come up with parameters for what types of penalties will be given for certain infractions.
- Judges and Stewards Committee Sharon Londono O Horsemanship and Equitation patterns are now in the PFHA office. They have been reviewed and rated by difficultly for use at all shows.
- Nationals videos are being used to educate our judges.
- JS Committee recommended a judging and scoring system for Nationals.
- Marketing discussion led by Lee Vulgaris O Chuck Hauser mentioned the MN Horse Expo in which his region participates. Public awareness (brand marketing) is the goal.
- Bobby Yunits mentioned the parades, beach rides, and trail rides that his region does. They also do Fantasia every 3 years. Fatigue is an issue with club members. He emphasized that we need to decide which group we market to.
- o Sally Walker discussed marketing (taking something to market) vs promotion (not necessarily a specific result) vs advertising (allied with marketing) vs. branding (overall image).
- Kay Chiappetta says it's important we attend horse fairs, however, most of these people already own horses. She says we need to go to other people. She mentioned Open Houses we did a while ago and the ads that the Alpaca association did which helped them sell thousands of alpacas with short, cute ads on tv.
- Dante says we need to give our regions a plan and tools to help them market in their area.

- o Sharon emphasized that 80% of our membership is recreational. Even the show people start there. She said that the little things (trail rides, potlucks, fun shows) are the basis for the shows and big things. She also mentioned youth camps. It gets the family involved.
- o KK mentioned that the versatility is what drew her to the breed and we need to promote it this way.
- Lee wants each regional representative to send to Sally a short description of what our breed is, what you would promote, and also what each region does to market the breed.
- Youth Committee John Ocasio O More than 100 kids participated in clinics throughout the year.
- o Fundraisers continue to help the kids raise money (selling cookies, horse auction, stallion service raffle, donations). They are currently at \$20,000. Their target is \$200,000 for between 20 and 30 kids.
- Southern Regional is earmarking \$10,000 to support the team. John encouraged other regions to help as well.
- National Show: O Dates were approved as September 28-October 4, 2014 at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Unofficial Membership Meeting Notes - January 18, 2014

- Rule Change Proposals were brought to a vote. Results will be posted in the March/April issue of the magazine.
- Don Schanche was approved as the new Nominating Committee Chair and Steve Chandler, Paul Marlowe, Lisa Gorsuch, and Brittany Marin were approved as additional Nominating Committee members.
- President Lee Vulgaris lead an open forum discussion and encouraged each member present at the meeting to give their thoughts. Some of the positive comments were in favor of the in-progress, interest-based governance once it is fully fleshed out. Other suggestions going forward were better communication at all levels of the Association, going forward with common goals and not focusing on how PFHA functioned in the past. Openness, trust, cooperation and unity. Lee reminded the group of the PFHA Operating Principles, which are being distributed at every meeting. Alex Amador made the point that as a large region, Florida wanted the best interests and success for the Association.
- The point was made that the Board should be working on policy, not doing committee work.
- Ideas were discussed concerning restructuring the annual membership meeting to encourage members to come and participate

Submitted by Catherine King

PFHA RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL VOTING RESULTS

Total Eligible Votes: California (108), Deep South (69), Europe (36), Florida (578), Georgia (98), Great Lakes (152), Great Western (76), Gulf (52), High Plains (73), Kentucky (117), Mason-Dixon (171), Mid-America (54), North Florida (91), Northeast (91), Northwest (99), Ozark Empire (106), Piedmont (270), Southern (309), Southwestern (161), Tennessee Valley (121), Virginia Presidential (71); Sharon Londono (1), Marilynn Baker (1), Proxy Votes (10)

Total Eligible Votes: 3159; 2/3rds majority (required for Constitution Rule Changes): 2106; 50%+1 (required for changes to Rule Book): 1581

PFHA CONSTITUTION

C-01.1 ARTICLE I. SEC. 2. FINANCIAL GAIN P.1

PASSED

YES VOTES: Europe, Florida, Great Lakes, Great Western (38 votes), Gulf, High Plains, Mason-Dixon, Mid-America, Northeast, Northwest, Ozark Empire, Piedmont, Southern, Tennessee Valley, Virginia Presidential, Proxy (1), Sharon Londono, Marilynn Baker

NO VOTES: California, Deep South, Georgia, Kentucky, North Florida, Southwestern, Proxy (9)

C-01.2 ARTICLE III. SEC. 2. SET ONE OVERALL NATIONAL/REGIONAL DUES ANNUALLY P.4

FAILED

YES VOTES: Europe, Georgia, Great Lakes, Mason-Dixon, Northeast, Northwest, Proxy (3), Sharon Londono, Marilynn Baker

NO VOTES: California, Deep South, Florida, Great Western, Gulf, High Plains, Kentucky, Mid-America, North Florida, Ozark Empire, Piedmont, Southern, Southwestern, Tennessee Valley, Virginia Presidential, Proxy (7)

C-02 ARTICLE v. SEC. 2. SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS P.7

PASSED

YES VOTES: California, Deep South, Europe, Florida, Great Lakes, Great Western, Gulf, High Plains, Kentucky, Mason-Dixon, Mid-America, North Florida, Northeast, Northwest, Ozark Empire, Piedmont, Southern, Southwestern, Tennessee Valley, Virginia Presidential. Proxy (10), Sharon Londono, Marilynn Baker

NO VOTES: Georgia

C-03 ARTICLE V. SEC. 1, 2, & 6. DESIGNATING PRESIDENT ELECT AND OFFICERS' TERMS P.7

FAILED

YES VOTES: Europe, Florida, Gulf, Northwest, Piedmont, Tennessee Valley, Proxy (1), Sharon Londono, Marilynn Baker

NO VOTES: California, Deep South, Georgia, Great Lakes, Great Western, High Plains, Kentucky, Mason-Dixon, Mid-America, North Florida, Northeast, Ozark Empire, Southern, Southwestern, Virginia Presidential, Proxy (9)

C-04 ARTICLE VI. SEC. 1. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR P.8

FAILED

YES VOTES: California, Deep South, Georgia, Great Lakes, Great Western, Gulf, High Plains, Kentucky, Mid-America, North Florida, Northwest, Piedmont, Virginia Presidential, Proxy (10), Marilynn Baker NO VOTES: Europe, Florida, Mason-Dixon, Northeast, Ozark Empire, Southern, Southwestern, Tennessee Valley, Sharon Londono

C-05 ARTICLE VII. SEC. 2. TELECONFERENCE OF BOARD MEETINGS ALLOWED P.9

PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

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NO VOTES: California, Deep South, Florida, Great Western, Gulf, High Plains, Kentucky, Mid-America, North Florida, Ozark Empire, Piedmont, Southern, Southwestern, Tennessee Valley, Virginia Presidential, Proxy (7)

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NO VOTES: Georgia

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NO VOTES: Europe, Florida, Mason-Dixon, Northeast, Ozark Empire, Southern, Southwestern, Tennessee Valley, Sharon Londono

C-06 ARTICLE VI. SEC. 3. WHEN A PARLIAMENTARIAN IS NEEDED P.9

PASSED

Why Create a New Governance Structure for the Paso Fino Horse Association?

You know it is
time for a change
when the current
governance is characterized
by the 3 Ds:

Let's take a look at our 3 Ds--

Number 1. Dysfunction

Number 2. Distrust



The 3 Ds are selfperpetuating because they breed the following...

Power Struggles



There is always a loser!

Political Divides Cultural Divides Personal Agendas





Oftentimes based on-

- a. Preconceived notions of people and groups
- b. Emotions rather than facts
- c. The way things were, rather than the current states of affairs

Then there's Panic!



Distrust Fear Dysfunction Fight or Flight

So what should

The Leaders of PFHA--

who have been entrusted with our Association's oversight--

Do to

Change the Way the Paso Fino Horse Association Operates?

Just Imagine

the biggest single opportunity

we'll ever have as a Board to put ego aside and make a

Real Difference for our Paso Fino Horse and Association

Just Imagine.....







A New Day for the PFHA-

One for all and all for one!

How to re-energize and unite
the Paso Fino Horse Association
through
interest-based Governance



The idea of interest-based Governance
was introduced by
USEF CEO John Long
at PFHA's 2013 Board Meeting
in New Orleans, LA

To explore the concept of interest-based governance, The PFHA Planning Committee Introduced a

Governance Strategic Planning Process at the May, 2013 Board Meeting

6 Task forces met during 2013 to address Six Main Objectives-

- 1. Redefine & Reduce Size of Current BOD
- 2. Incorporate the Executive Committee into the newly-formed Board of Directors
- 3. Set up a Structure of Interest-Based Representation
- 4. Define & Identify Policy, Procedures, Constitution & Rules
- 5. RE-align the Voting Process
- 6. Identify which types of decisions would come to the BOD for approval, and which might be assigned to the President or executive Director

Objective #1 -Led by Sharon Londono. Members: Steve Chandler, Ann Howell, Caesar Amin, Kathy Yarbrough

Objective #2- Led by John Ocasio. Members: Annette Crooks, Katreena Haley, Linda Holzer, Nicole Wooten, Denise Chandler

Objective #3- Led by Don Schanche. Members: Lisa <u>Gorsuch</u>, Alex Amador, Robin Ratliff, Alfredo Rizo-Patron, Paul Marlowe

Objective #4- Led by Norman Timbs. Members: Bobby Yunits, Chuck Hauser, Katreena Haley, Annette Crooks.

Objective #5- Led by Dick Miller. Members: Patti Blichmann, Brittany Marin, Rick Miller, Moira Judas Smith

Objective #6- Led by Janice Meyer. Members: Martha Coolidge, James Burke, Judi Bradbury

The Task Leader consensus was that
It was time to see what a new interest-based
Governance would look like!

Proposed

PFHA Board Makeup

4 Officers—

President,
President Elect (Vice-President),
Secretary, Treasurer
(No separate Executive Committee)
plus

7 additional Board Members

The new, smaller PFHA Board

will make a commitment to meet once a month during the first year

The 7 PFHA Board Members are intended to provide a cross-section of expertise

The first Board members under the new governance would meet one or all of the following requirements:

- Have been a PFHA member for at least 5 years on the day that governance is implemented
- Have served on the PFHA Board, Executive Committee or as a Regional President
- Have been formally recommended by 3 previous or current PFHA Board members based on service as a board member, CEO or President of another association or company.

THE New11 Member PFHA BOARD of DIRECTORS

Selection Process:



- Those interested in being elected to one of the 7 Board Member and 4 Officer positions on the new PFHA Board must submit a letter of intent to the PFHA Office by August 1 of the year before the January Board meeting.
- A resume stating qualifications and compliance must accompany the letter of intent.
- ❖ Initial Criteria for candidates:

Anyone running for Board Member or Officer must have been a member of the Association for the past 5 years.

The Vice President automatically becomes the "President Elect," and will serve 4 consecutive years as an officer, first as Vice President and then as President

ELECTION ROTATON:

The initial elected board will be staggered as follows:

- 1. The two highest vote getters are elected for 3 years
- The second highest vote getters will be elected for 2 years
- The lowest 3 vote getters are elected for 1 year ELECTED OFFICIALS' TERMS OF OFFICE:
- 1. Elected Board members serve rotating terms
- Elected Officers serve 2-year terms
- The President serves one 2-year term, then becomes a non-voting Immediate Past President
- After the first 2 year term, the Vice President automatically becomes President
- The Treasurer and Secretary must run for reelection after their 2-year term but may serve indefinite terms

Each PFHA member will have 1 vote

for each Board Member spot, and 1 vote for each Officer position.

"Member" denotes an individual and does not include business or farm memberships.



The elected Board will vote on matters presented by the Interest Groups and as dictated by the Constitution & Rule Book

HOW WILL MEMBERS VOTE? Options to consider:

VOTING OPTION #1: BALLOTS BY MAIL

Membership number and original signature must be included on each ballot.

Ballots must be postmarked by January 20 of the voting year and will be mailed to the PFHA office.

VOTING OPTION #2: ELECTRONIC VOTING

Set up secure voting on line

VOTING OPTION #3: BALLOTS EITHER BY MAIL OR ELECTRONIC VOTING

Association Management &

Administration

The new, smaller PFHA Board will oversee policies, finances & Association operations



PFHA Interest Groups

will represent

the interests and activities of PFHA members and their Paso Fino horses

throughout the U.S. and beyond

Interest Groups will both drive BOD decisions and operate

under the auspices of the BOD

Interest Group #1: Shows



The guiding group for PFHA sanctioned shows

Interest Group #3-Recreational Rider



The Guiding Group representing the many activities of the PFHA Recreational Rider

Interest Group #5-PFHA Registry



The guiding group to help maintain the integrity and interests of the Paso Fino Horse Association Registry

Interest Group #2: Competitive Disciplines





The Guiding Group for timed events and versatility competitions such as Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Pole Bending Barrel Racing, Obstacle Challenges, Endurance, Freestyle, Dressage.

Interest Group #4— Professional



The guiding group to support the interests of our professional horsemen and licensed officials

Interest Group #6— Youth



The guiding group to maintain, protect and grow the interests of our PFHA Youth

Interest Group #7— Regions



This important Interest Group will transfer voting power directly to all members of all regions, whose voices will be heard in support of their interests. This Regions' guiding group will advocate for the promotion of PFHA Regional identities and will explore ways to grow regions through common PFHA interests. Each Region's prevailing interests will be exponentially represented through cross-pollination with the other six interest groups.

Interest Groups
will have accessibility and open
channels of communication-Each Board member will
serve as a liaison to an
Interest Group
Each Interest Group will also have
a designated
PEHA Staff Member

How will PFHA Interest Groups be formed?

- PFHA Members wishing to serve as
 Interest Group Leaders will submit a
 Letter of Interest, "certificate of relevance," and bio to the PFHA Board
- The first 6 Interest Group Leaders will be chosen by the new PFHA Board of Directors to serve one year terms. Beginning the second year, the Interest Group will elect its leader.
- 3. Each Interest Group Leader will, in conjunction with his or her Board Liaison, select the first 5 members to populate that Interest Group
- 4. To be considered as a member of an Interest Group, a PFHA member will submit a "certificate of relevance" outlining how s/he will be a contributing member to that interest group
- After the second year, each group will elect its leader and subsequent members
- 6. Each group may have 6-30 members

Interest Group Guidelines:

- 1. Interest group members must be members of PFHA
- 2. Interest groups must use PFHA Operating Principles
- Interest groups will work independently to further their interests within the PFHA, yet will remain faithful to the PFHA and its mission
- Interest groups will maintain records of and report minutes and activities to the PFHA quarterly in order to maintain transparency & open lines of communication
- 5. Interest group proposal guidelines will be developed by the Board to ensure that the Board will respect the Interest group authority. The Board will enact any valid Interest proposal which follows the PFHA guidelines and does not present an ethical or financial burden or conflict within the PFHA.
- 6. Interest groups may form up to 8 sub-sets within their group, with all subsets operating under the same guidelines and reporting to the main interest group
- 7. Interest groups will work with other PFHA relevant interest groups to enhance the promotion of the Paso Fino horse.

 Members may be on up to 3 Interest groups
- Interest group members will serve as "mini ambassadors" of the PFHA
- Potential future interests may petition the PFHA Board to form a new interest group

Interest Groups--

A direct pipeline for what you want and need as a member of the

Paso Fino Horse

Association

Here's what is required to make this work:

Commitment



Teamwork



Traveling New Roads



Wide Vision



Looking Outside the Box



Revising & Re-Structuring





I have studied the attached Power Point presentation on the proposed change in Governance Structure of the PFHA. I would like to voice my concerns so the Mason Dixon membership has as much information as they possibly can. My concerns come from the experience I gained while in office with the MDPFHA and PFHA, including 2 years as the Chair of the PFHA Strategic Planning Committee. Also attached is a letter from Virginia Foster to the PFHA Board of Directors with her questions and concerns. Virginia was a Mason Dixon delegate, PFHA Vice President and is currently on the Strategic Planning Committee so she has a good base of knowledge from which she speaks. By the way, the Strategic Planning Committee is where this new structure emanated.

I agree with all of Virginia's concerns, and have a few additional points to mention –

An interest-based governance structure may well suit the USEF as the USEF itself is a made up of diverse riding disciplines and different breeds. It also is a much larger association with the funds available to undertake a huge structural change such as this. Just consider the legal fees alone in rewriting the Constitution and By-Laws. The main objective of the PFHA is to promote the Paso Fino horse and maintain the registry. To me, that is hardly diverse enough to warrant this grand change in structure.

This proposal does not speak to how the Constitution and By-laws would be rewritten. If this structure is voted in by the Board of Directors and elections are held as proposed, they would be operating outside the current Constitution and By-laws. It seems that if governance changes are desired, the changes must first be presented as rule changes. This structure requires an entire rewrite of the Constitution and By-laws, taking just about every Article, Section and Chapter and deleting them, giving the rationale and writing new ones to replace them. Then these rule changes must be voted on by the members, as that is how the rules get changed under the PFHA By-laws currently in place. If and when these rules are passed, then the elections can occur. This will take a lot of time by the Rules Committee and those writing the changes and money for legal review.

Under this new structure, the regions will have no direct representation on the Board. As Virginia states in her letter, will the regions question "why belong to the PFHA?" Why should we as Mason Dixon PFHA pay \$1 per PFHA member that is designated to our region (not just dues paying members of Mason Dixon) to be an affiliate if we have no voice?

The interest groups as presented seem not much different than the standing Committees listed in the PFHA Constitution. I know there are committees that have not prepared and presented one report during this current administration. Is that a lack of motivation, ideas or leadership? Why would a change in name or even governance structure change that? Is there a way to get the current committee structure functioning again so as to avoid a great shake-up and disruption with what seem to be huge financial costs?

If it is important to have more meetings, then why not have more meetings via conference calls. That would keep up the energy that is usually generated by the Board meeting and keep projects going throughout the year.

Thanks for allowing me to air my concerns.

BJ Schuler

The following questions keep haunting me about the new governance.

Will the new governance cure what alls PFHA?

- a. Why can't I succinctly state what the major benefits will be with the new governance?
- b. Why can't I answer the question "Where did the six objectives come from?"
- c. If we can't get our regional delegates to communicate with our members, why do we think a smaller group of volunteers will communicate better?
- d. The perceived notion is that the larger regions control PFHA. Won't a smaller board have even more power?
- e. In my seven years on the board, I have seen the communication decrease as the animosity increase between the factions. Will the smaller board provide conduits to foster more communication or is it a means to silence the opposition?
- f. Will the new governance reverse the downward trends of PFHA?

Have we under estimated the importance of the regions?

- a. Data shows that over 90% of the motions put to the board are passed unanimously. What is wrong with a board made up of regional representatives?
- b. Having the regions question the Executive Committee and Executive Directors' actions really that bad? What other check and balances do we have?
- c. We have members who question "Why belong to PFHA?" If we reduce the voice of the regions, will the regions question "Why belong to PFHA?"
- d. What is the impact to PFHA if a region secedes? Will the seceded region become the seed of an association that competes with PFHA?

Will the new governance be the end of PFHA?

- a. Has anyone done a financial impact study on implementing the new governance?
 - Cost to rewrite the Constitution;
 - II. Staff and officers time directed at implementing the new constitution at the expense of what?
 - III. What doesn't get done while resources are directed at the implementing the new governance?
- b. Is governance the most important issue that PFHA should be addressing?
- c. Specifically what is hindering growth? What in the constitution is stilling growth?
- d. Is this too drastic of a change?
- e. Why were people saying the passage of C-07 (Which was a reassignment of votes to region) would be the death of the governance initiative and the end of PFHA? This governance proposal is much farther reaching? What will be the impact of this new governance?

I ran across the following quote which seemed very timely and appropriate.

James Madison, Father of the American Constitution, wrote that in setting up a government,

"the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself."

Aren't these the two great issues facing PFHA? We won't allow our elected officials to govern us and we don't trust the elected officials not to abuse their power. Do we need to fix these problems before any governance will work?

Virginia Foster

Concerned member of the PFHA Strategic Planning Committee



Chapter 4 - France

As promised, this month we will visit France. France produces the most wine of any country in the world with over 18% of the production. It was the first country to legislate a system to codify viticultural and horticultural practices and protect geographical names of origin. This codification system is called the Appellation d'Origine Controlee (AOC). These AOC laws cover many aspects related to the production of French wine. Specifically governed are geographical limits of regions and vineyards and the grape varieties that can be grown in a region. The labeling is quite specific due to these laws as well. The main thing to know is that the French wine label does not usually state the varietal that is in the bottle but where it was produced. So if you know what varietals can be grown in each region, you know what kind of wine is in the bottle. The label also contains other information as well which can tell you what quality of wine is inside. The subject of French wines could span many pages so I will try to supply an overview of the regions and their respective varietals.



This is a map of the major wine growing regions of France. One of the most well-known is **Bordeaux**. There are over 60 AOC-approved appellations in Bordeaux. Almost 90% of the wine produced in the Bordeaux region is red wine. A **Red Bordeaux** is always a blended wine and is made from two to five of the allowed Bordeaux red varietals - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Carmenere. The percentage of each grape used varies from year to year depending on the growing conditions. Usually either cabernet sauvignon or merlot is the dominant grape, followed by cabernet franc and then petit verdot. The use of malbec and carmenere in French Bordeaux has been on the decline because of poor growth. Both of these grapes have found better homes elsewhere. I will cover Cahors, the home of malbec, later in this chapter. The new home for carmenere is in Chile which will be covered in a subsequent chapter.

Here is a label from a Red Bordeaux that we had at one of the wine and food pairing dinners at the Rising Sun Inn. As

I said previously, understanding the label is the key to knowing what is inside. The first line of the label tells you it is from Bordeaux. With that information, you know it is a red blend of the above mentioned Bordeaux varietals. The Chateau is the estate or winery that grew the grapes. 2005 is the year that the grapes were harvested. Canon Fronsac is the appellation as indicated by "Appellation Canon Fronsac Controlee". Mis en Bouteille au Chateau means that it was bottled at the estate. The better red Bordeaux wines can be aged 10 to 20 years and the best can be aged from 20 to 40 years.

The main white Bordeaux varietals are semillon, sauvignon blanc and muscadelle. Any white Bordeaux will be the blend of these varietals. <u>Sauterne</u> is a sweet white Bordeaux wine produced in the Sauternais region of the Grave appellation. There are 2 types of dry white Bordeaux - light and fruity or rich and creamy. Just an aside fun fact – Sauvignon Blanc originated in Bordeaux. It is the precursor to Cabernet Sauvignon which is a genetic cross of Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Franc that occurred sometime during the 1600's.



Another well-known region is <u>Burgundy (Bourgogne)</u>. Burgundy wines are unblended, with white wines made from Chardonnay and red wines made from Pinot Noir. A few other varietals such as Gamay (red) and Pinot Blanc (white) are permitted and are found in the southern parts of Burgundy. Unlike Bordeaux which is dominated by large estates, Burgundy is composed of thousands of small-scale growers with tiny parcels of land. And unlike Bordeaux where most wine is Mis en Bouteille au Chateau, a significant portion of the Burgundy wine production comes from negociants — merchants who buy grapes and finished wines for blending and bottling under their own label. Some negociants are also vineyard owners. The larger ones who produce reliably good wines are **Jadot**, **Drouhin**, **Bouchard**, **Louis Latour** and **Faiveley**.

The distinct sub-regions of Burgundy are -

<u>Chablis</u> – home to the world's best known Chardonnays which are steely (no oak is used) and dry with flavors of lemon and minerals.

<u>Cote de Nuits</u> – home to the great expensive red Burgundies. One of the most famous villages (main geographical unit of Burgundy) is Gevrey-Chambertin. The Cote de Nuits together with the Cote de Beaune makes up the Cote d'Or which you might see on the label.

<u>Cote de Beaune</u> – known for both red and whites but the greatest white Burgundies other than Chablis. These Chardonnays are aged in oak, different from the whites of Chablis. The best known villages here are Mersault, Puligny-Montrachet & Chassagne-Montrachet. Pommard is probably the most well-known for red wine in this region.

Cote Chalonnaise – a lesser district but still some extraordinary reds and whites.

<u>Maconnais</u> – less expensive wines, made for drinking young and can be excellent values. Some excellent wines at affordable prices come from Pouilly-Fuisse, St-Veran, Macon-Villages, Macon-Lugny, Vire-Clesse.

Beaujolais is technically part of Burgundy but has a climate more like that of the Rhone Valley. The red wines produced from this region are from the Gamay grape. The best Beaujolais reds come from 10 villages in the northern end of the region which are allowed to show their names on the label and usually do not show the name Beaujolais. So for a great fruity wine at a reasonable price, look for Brouilly, Cotes de Brouilly, Chenas, Chiroubles, Fleurie, Julienas, Moulin-a-Vent, Morgon, Regnie, and St. Amour.

Just to the south of Beaujolais is the <u>Rhone Valley</u>. Syrah in the north and Grenache in the south are the main grapes. Viognier, Marsanne, Rousanne, Mourvedre, Cinsault, Carignan, & Grenache Blanc are the other major varietals. The blends produced by the Rhone Valley have good flavor, good prices and are very food friendly. Probably the most well-known appellation of the Rhone Valley is the <u>Cotes du Rhone</u>. Some other notable appellations in the south are <u>Chateauneuf-du-Pape</u>, <u>Cotes du Ventoux</u>, <u>Gigondas</u>, and <u>Vacqueyras</u>. The northern Rhone Valley has the <u>Cote Rotie</u>, <u>Condrieu</u>, <u>Hermitage</u>, and <u>Saint Peray</u> appellations.

M. Chapoutier is a very reputable Rhone Valley wine grower and producer. Their wines are dependably good, some at very reasonable prices. This label is from their Belleruche wine, which they make in both a white and red blend. Both are available in the PA State Stores. Louis Bernard is another reputable producer in the Rhone Valley and their Cotes du Rhone is a very good wine at a reasonable price.

As we keep moving south, we get to the <u>Provence</u> region. The most familiar AOC here is the <u>Cotes du Provence</u>. There is nothing better on a hot summer day than a glass of Cotes du Provence Rosé,

which is 88% of the wine production in this region. 36 varietals are allowed in Provence but the Rosé is usually a blend of mostly red varietals using Cinsault, Grenache and Syrah. These Rosés are reasonably priced, easy drinking alone or paired with food. I've never had a Cotes du Provence Rosé I didn't like!

The <u>Loire Valley</u> is a large region with 87 appellations whose wines are light and fresh, dominated by four major grape varietals—Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc, Melon de Bourgogne and Cabernet Franc. You've probably heard of <u>Sancerre</u> and <u>Pouilly-Fume</u>. Both these areas produce excellent wines made from the Sauvignon Blanc grape. The <u>Muscadet</u> region produces a wine from the Melon de Bourgogne grape (which is no longer grown in Bourgogne (Burgundy).

The most familiar Muscadet wine is from <u>Muscadet Sevre et Main</u> and is not expensive, bone-dry, crisp, fresh, flavors of lemons and grapefruit. <u>Vouvray</u> is almost exclusively planted in Chenin Blanc, producing dry wines in cooler years and sweeter wine in warmer ones. If you see a Loire Valley red wine, it would be made from the Cabernet Franc grape. These wines are deliciously fruity, can be consumed young but age well and are a great value.

Unlike the rest of the French regions, <u>Alsace</u> names its wines by grape varietal instead of place name of origin. White wines comprise 90% of the wine produced in the Alsace region. Given its proximity to Germany, Alsace produces excellent, aromatic Gerwurztraminer and dry Riesling. Also look for reasonably priced, light-bodied Pinot Blanc and full-bodied, rich Pinot Gris. A few of the better known producers here are <u>Hugel & Fils</u> and <u>Masion Trimbach</u>. An excellent white blend from Hugel & Fils comprised of Gewurztraminer, Riesling, Pinot Gris, Muscat, and Sylvaner is called **Gentil** and is available in the PA State Store.

I have to quickly mention <u>Cahors</u>. Malbec was first planted there 2000 years ago.by the Romans. During the 1850's, phylloxera hit the Malbec vines there and it was basically wiped out. It took about 100 years but Cahors Malbec has been redeveloped from seedlings sourced from Bordeaux. In 1971 Cahors was granted AOC status. It is once again the old and new home of French Malbec.

We can't leave France without mentioning <u>Champagne</u>, the sparkling wine from the region with the same name. EU law and the laws of most countries reserve the term "Champagne" exclusively for wines that come from this region. Champagne is made mainly from three grape varietals – pinor noir (red), pinot meunier (a red variety related to pinot noir) and chardonnay (white). About 85% of Champagnes are a blend of 2/3 red and 1/3 white grapes. A few Champagnes are 100% Chardonnay – this is called blanc de blanc. Fewer still are 100% red grapes – this is called blanc de noirs. 85% to 90% of all Champagne produced is non-vintage (NV) where grapes from different years and harvests are blended for a better product (and a more affordable price). Some of the more well-known champagne houses are Moët & Chandon (producer of Dom Perignon), Perrier-Jouët, Piper-Heidsieck, Verve Clicquot, Louis Roederer, Taittinger and Nicolas Feuillante.

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