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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Mason Dixon PFHA Members,

We have gotten off to a great start for the year. In January and February, we successfully exhibited at the Maryland and Pennsylvania Horse Expos and in April we held the first of our Trail Horse Test Clinics and Testing Programs and, of course, in May we held our Regional Spectacular at DreamPark. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated in these events.

Our first Trail Horse Test Program was held in Manchester, PA with Rick Shaffer as Clinician and Virginia Foster as Monitor. The program is new to PFHA and is a wonderful way to demonstrate the skill and versatility of our Paso Finos. Congratulations to Jonathan Shaw and Domino on passing the first phase of the THT program. We have more programs coming up, so please join us for a fun, educational day.

Our Mason Dixon Show was held at the Dreampark in May. We had such a wonderful supportive show Committee that I would like to thank for all their hard work and dedication; Kim Yocklin, BJ Schuler, Mel Petri, Nick Burgos, Jena Shaffer, Lisa Gorsuch, Andy Vera, Rick Shaffer and Nola Hauptert-Keill. Thanks also to Beaverlea Manderbach for your advice and to all the volunteers that helped with Ribbons and other duties at the show. Also, a big thank you to our Sponsors that supported our silent auction and our classes.

We also held a Trail Horse Clinic at the show with Nola Hauptert-Keill doing a wonderful job as Clinician

We had 50 showing and participating in the clinic with horses coming from New York, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The financials are not complete, but we do know that we made money which is always a good thing!

We held a member meeting at the show and it was unanimously agreed to return to DreamPark in 2018, but not on Mother's Day weekend. The show will be held on Saturday, May 20th and Sunday May 21st.

We have a lot of events to look forward to including; The October Fun Show, A Cow Penning Clinic, A Trail Horse Testing Clinic and Test Day, Trail Rides and more. Please come out and support our events. If there is an event you would like to host, please let us know.

Ride safe and enjoy the warmer weather.

Susan



KNOW HOOF – KNOW HORSE

by Claudia Garner

Most horse owners and horse lovers know a lot about horse colors, riding styles, saddle fit and some major health concerns with horses. Most everyone connected with horses knows about laminitis and founder of the hoof, and there is a lot of discussion about the relationship between nutrition and founder and often the admonishment "don't let your horse out on grass or he will founder" is heard. When a horse becomes uneven or lame, the guess work begins. The radiographs taken do not show everything that can go wrong, and they are open to interpretation, which requires a lot of in-depth knowledge about the hoof, a chapter that is usually only mentioned in passing in veterinarian colleges or not taught at all.

A well-functioning hoof looks the same on every horse, no matter what the breed. Management often leads to undesirable changes: foals not trimmed from the beginning and living on soft ground, not enough movement on too soft footing, not understanding what correct hoof form is supposed to look like and therefore not understanding the importance of correct hoof care, etc.

To read the rest of the article visit [Know Hoof Know Horse](#)



Antonio Quinoa, PA
Hannah Stack, NY



*Mason Dixon Spectacular
Paso Fino Horse Show*



SAVE THE DATE!

Trail Horse Clinic and Test, July 8th and July 9th

Location: Middlefield Farm
4988 Middleburg Road
Taneytown, MD 21787

Time: 9am-4pm

Light Lunch Included - Pre-Arranged Stalls Available for Overnight (additional fees may apply)

Clinician Rick Shaffer, R&S Paso Finos, National Gaited Breed Judge

Contact: Lisa Gorsuch: middlefieldfarm@verizon.net, (410) 596-5586

Group Trail Ride, July 22, 2017 Patapsco Valley State Park, Ellicott City, Maryland. For more information contact Susan Crawford sac909@aol.com.

MDPFHA Fun Show, October 22, 2017

MDPFHA Spectacular Show, May 20 and 21, 2018



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June 24*	Mark Harrison Memorial Show	Bel Air, MD
Sept 17	Thurmont Riding Club	Thurmont, MD
Oct 14	Fall Harford County Fun Show	Bel Air, MD

Need help getting ready for a show, deciphering the rules, class names, show ring protocol or anything else... contact jacquiecowan@comcast.net/410-215-4979

*Rescheduled from June 3 due to rain.

About the Association

The Mason Dixon Paso Fino Horse Association was incorporated in 1987. The region includes the states of New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., Maryland and West Virginia. The regional association supports both the PFHA and Paso Fino owners within the region. Our association sincerely desires to represent all of the region's Paso Fino people and provide a sound support system that will increase breed related activity for our members. Our primary communication tool is our newsletter, the Power Glide, which is published every two months on our website at www.masondixonpfha.org. If you are visiting our region, please let us know if we can assist.



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**Rec Rider Committee
April 13, 2017
Approved Meeting Minutes**

1. Members Present: Judi Bradbury, Vivian Ashcraft, Patti Blichmann, Lindsay Campbell, Susan Crawford and Moira Smith. Absent: Virginia Foster and Ann Howell.
2. Minutes of 16 March 2017 meeting were approved.
3. RR at 2017 Grand National Show - Moira Smith asked what was the top 3 RR events that we should request be held in the indoor arena. Based on past participation they are Freestyle, Poles and Barrels. Last year we did a Cowboy Mounted Shooting demo only. An Obstacle Course needs to be held outside. Discussed a Master Trail Horse demo video to be shown on the jumbotron during breaks. Vivian Ashcraft has a source for really nice belt buckles at a lower price than last year. Acknowledged that all requests to hold activities must be forwarded to Sergio Garcia by 5 May.
4. RR articles in PFHW - Virginia Foster submitted an article on the first Trail Horse Test. Vivian Ashcraft has working on the Foal/Youth issue due 1 June. Moira Smith will cover RR activities for the Nationals Preview and GNS Highlights.
5. Trail Horse Test Program - The first THT was held in Bixby, OK and was very successful. Lessons learned will be incorporated in the three follow-on THT scheduled on 20 April in Clemson, SC, Rush Valley, UT on 21 & 22 April and 29 & 30 April in Manchester, PA. Received a THT Application for a THT on 9 July 2017 in Taneytown, MD, which was approved. THT Rules with Application Forms are included in the E-News and on FaceBook.
6. RR Regional Representatives - Vivian Ashcraft has forwarded approved RR minutes and updates on all RR program to each of the regional representatives.
7. Partnered Annual Distance Ride - Lindsay Campbell stated the official AHA announcement and flyer have been well circulated. Need to work with PFHA staff to verify if we can split entry fees for awards and ride fees and how to track it.
8. Marketing RR Programs - Susan Crawford has prepared a draft Trail Horse Test tri- fold brochure, which was graciously funded by PFHA. She is having 2500 printed and will distribute to each of the regions when finalized.
9. RR Handbook Update - Lindsay Campbell has updated the RR Handbook. The RRC was informed that the PFHA BOD approved the RR motions to include the (1) Equine Distance Riding Association (EDRA) as an approved sanctioned association in the Endurance Trail Program and (2) the Better Barrel Racers, LLC (BBR) as an approved sanctioned association in the Sport Horse Program's Speed Events category. Lindsay will update the RR Handbook with these two accordingly.

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10. RR Brochure - No report; however, Virginia Foster has prepared and posted two brochures with information for each of the RR programs. This was posted in the PFHA E-News for all regions to download. Action closed.

11. NATRC Points - Discussed differences in scoring of points for CTRs and Endurance rides between authorizing organization and PFHA along with the need to standardize them. Procedures and methodology are included in the PFHA Rule Book, so any changes require a Rule Change Proposal. Susan Crawford is preparing a RCP to correct this issue. Lindsay Campbell offered to assist her. Action closed.

13. Next meeting will be held on 18 May 2017.