PtHA President Roger Altman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, central standard time.

Proof of notice of meeting was given in the January 2017 Pinto Horse Online Magazine.

Roll call of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors was taken by Kim Hall. Executive Committee members present were Roger Altman, Kathleen Gallagher, Karen Craighead, Jenny LaGrange, Kevin Woodford and Darrell Bilke. Sue Ellen Parker was absent.

Board of Directors present were Dale Smith, Laura Fowler, Walter de la Brosse, Brianna Saucier, Amanda Palmer, Mike Adams, Annette Pitcher, Woodie Marshall, Tracey Imbaro, Mary Osborn, Gabriel Deters-Snider, Kameron Duncanson, Terri Wirthlin, Ann DiGiovanni, Kathy McCullough, John Kile, Terri Branham, Tina Bell, Kathy Thomas, Joni Osborn, Nell Tekampe, Marianne Warland, Carolyn Washburn and Marty Hedgren. Absent were Kari Reeg, Tanner Bauman, Lisa Jostad and Pat Walliser. Alternate Board members present were Chaun Merkens, Dale Timmerman, and Heather Rich, both were seated at table in place absent Board of Directors.

Past Presidents present were, Wendy Davidson, Mahlon Bauman, Nancy Bredemeier, Carl Cousins, Joe Grissom and Barbara Hulsey. Absent were Gary Streator, Jean Andrews, Gerald Milburn, Don Greenlee, Jim Isley, Chris Theiler and George Martin.

PtHA President, Roger Altman had members present introduce themselves.

Pinto Office Staff was introduced by Darrell Bilke
   Kim Hall - Executive Assistant
   Dorothy Fread - Controller/Office Manager
   Fred Kinder - Computer Consultant
   Rachael Doner - Magazine Editor, Website
   Emily Wolf – Special Events, Youth, Amateur & International Depts.
   Shauna Ford - Performance Dept.
   Debbie Weir – Registration & Archive Depts.
   Bonnie Billotte - Accounting Dept.
   Paula Simmons - Accounting Dept.
   Dan Ocenas - IT Department
   Terry Wiens - PtHA Legal Counsel
   Suzanne Crews - PtHA CPA

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, which have been published in convention packets by Mary Osborn, seconded by Ann DiGiovanni, motion passed.

Motion to accept the PtHA Budget and Financial Report given by Suzanne Crews, CPA and Dorothy Fread by Laura Folwer, seconded by Dick Bredemeier, motion passed.

Committee Reports:
Youth Committee, Wyneta Duncan reported they passed one rule change proposal to Breed Council. The committee talked about ideas for how to get more youth involved in local shows.

Membership/Charter Committee, John Kile reported their committee discussed merchandising the brand, how to sell Pinto, to everyone, everywhere you go.
Amateur Committee, Kaylee Altman reported they discussed and defeated one rule change proposal. Discussed the Walk/Trot and Novice rules in depth, talked about Amateur activities charters were holding to garner ideas from each other.

Judges Committee, Kim Hall reported there were 21 people that applied for PtHA judges card. 11 were invited to the CBC testing processed. There were 10 that passed all the testing to obtain their PtHA judge cards.

International Committee, Sally Jo Freund reported their committee how to promote Pinto internationally. They sent four rules proposals to the Breed Council to consider. Talked about how to use the USLGE money.

Rulebook Committee, Mahlon Bauman explained the process of making changes to our Rulebook.

Registration Committee, Nell Tekampe reported their committee discussed the new APHA registration changes that will affect the PtHA registration rules. They also held round table discussion about how to get people at 4-H and open shows and encourage them to try Pinto if their horse is eligible for registration.

Show/Contest Committee, Kameron Duncanson reported their committee went through three Rule Change Proposals. Two were passed to Breed Council, one was defeated in committee. There were 3 tabled proposals from last year that were brought back up and were defeated in committee.

Long Range Planning Committee, Joe Grissom, the following was discussed by the Past Presidents.
1. Raise Novice fee to $15 in 2018
2. Charge a credit card declined fee of $35, starting immediately
3. Eliminate the Versatility Classes in 2018 at the World Show and use saddles for Year-end awards for Open Solid Horse, Youth Walk/Trot (11 & under) and Amateur Walk-Trot
4. Add verbiage in registration requirements to clarify our rules after the APHA rule changes. “APHA horses registered under the RG-070-E rule will be considered on an individual basis.”

Heritage Foundation report from Joe Grissom. Gerald Milburn has resigned from the committee, this moves Joe Grissom to the office of President, Ann DiGiovanni is now Vice President and Dr. Michele LaMantia, Ernestine Owings, Mahlon Bauman, BobbieAnn Lawrence, Barbara Hulsey, Darrell Bilke and Woodie Marshall are committee members. They will present 9 scholarships during the Saturday Banquet and will be working on implementing a new Buy a Pinto Pro program. Reminded everyone about the smile.amazon.com that donates ½ of 1 percent to Heritage Foundation.

Motion made by Wyneta Duncan to accept all reports presented, seconded by Walter de la Brosse. Motion passed.

Executive Manager’s report, Darrell Bilke
- encouraged everyone to display their Pinto decals on their vehicles, ride for the brand
- thanked members, Board members, Executive Directors, and Past Presidents and staff for doing their part and being a big family
- encouraged members to use our Corporate Partners
- Go the distance, double memberships, and double shows

Old Business – none

New Business – none

President Altman gave his thoughts about “Going the Distance” with a great speech.

There being no further business, Kaylee Altman made the motion to adjourn General Membership meeting, seconded by Steve Carter, motion passed.