

# MN POAC General Membership Mtg

Signatures Restaurant, Winona MN

January 31, 2025 – 2:00pm

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
  - a. Erin Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:08pm
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. Nina Conn made a motion to approve the minutes and Sami Bruns seconded. Motion carried. None opposed.
3. Financial Update - Treasurer report will be placed on file
  - a. Treasurer report
    - i. Sami Bruns made a motion to approve the treasurer report that was provided at the meeting and Nina Conn seconded. Motion carried. None opposed.
  - b. Will be filing a 990 tax form - Erin Johnson will be doing this
4. 2026 Shows
  - a. May 8-9 @ the MEC - Sara Gronski & Nina Conn are chairing
  - b. July 25-26 @ the MEC - Futurity is chaired by Melissa Andring. Sophie Andring has volunteered to show chair the regular show along with Melissa Andring.
  - c. Oct 16-18 Spooktacular/Regional @ the MEC - Erin Johnson will chair.
    - i. Regional Committee: Sami Bruns, Sara Gronski, Nina Conn, Sophie Andring, Lee Ruplinger, Vanessa York.
    - ii. Still looking for equipment coordinator for the second trail course. IL POAC and WI POAC have been reached out to. Shannon Thompson has some trail equipment that she is willing to lend as well.

- iii. Also looking for someone to help put together the program and send it to the printer - Sami Bruns mentioned Melanie Meyer did the Iowa Regional last year and might be willing to help. Nina Conn has a printer that we could possibly use and she is going to look into this.
- iv. Nina Conn brought “Thank you” card idea for the sponsors. Erin Johnson came up with the idea to bring the cards to the futurity show so kids can color them as an activity.
- v. Youth activity idea - pony bingo
- vi. Sami Bruns brought an update on Regional awards. Emily Martin with Envisioned is going to be creating quarter zips for first place and then if you win 2+ classes you can trade for a jacket. She is willing to hear any suggestions for any further award/highpoint ideas.
- vii. Apparel order will be a separate order closer to the show with the Regional logo.
- viii. Lexi Yu is currently creating the 2026 Midwest Regional logo.

## 5. 2026 Show Bill

- a. 2026 show bill same as 2025 with the following exception
  - i. Split “Open Halter - all ages” into an Open 2 & Under and Open 3 & Over
  - ii. In hand trail will be set up in the extra warm up arena middle of the day on Saturday for practice and will be run in there on Saturday evening.
- b. Show types
  - i. May - B&P
  - ii. July - B&P
  - iii. October - Promo, B&P, and Regional

- c. Judges have been acquired for all three shows for 2026. Regional will have two sets of judges since Sunday will have 2 trail arenas in the morning.
6. Show Fees - no changes as of now
  - a. MEC stall fees will be assessed when contracts are received
  - b. Melissa Andring brought up that  $\frac{2}{3}$  shows lost money in 2025. Please promote to open show people and others to increase numbers.
7. Royalty Committee
  - a. Had 6 applications this year and will announce the new royalty during the awards presentation. A handful of new kids are a part of the 2026 royalty committee.
  - b. We are looking for stall sponsors for royalty for the July futurity show. If anyone would like to sponsor a royalty member stall or knows a business that would, please see Erin or Sara Gronski.
8. Jess Rivers verified that the new arena/addition at the MEC is going to be up and running in March. The tack store will also be back.
9. Nina Conn brought up a running list that the club could keep that goes out to its members to generate ideas for awards (year end, high points, etc).
10. Shannon Thompson is going to take over the show secretary position for the 2026 season. Thank you to Heather Kessler for all her hard work for the past couple of years in this position.
11. Election of Officers
  - a. President (Erin Johnson currently holds)
    - i. Nina Conn nominates Erin Johnson - she accepts. Sami Bruns moves to cease nominations. Shannon Thompson seconded. Nina Conn moved to cast a unanimous ballot to nominate Erin Johnson as President of Minnesota POAC. Sami Bruns seconded. Motion passes. None opposed.
  - b. Secretary (Libby Ruen currently holds)

- i. Melissa Andring nominates Liberty Ruen - she accepts. Sami Bruns moves to cease nominations. Brian Dadisman seconded. Nina Conn moved to cast a unanimous ballot to nominate Liberty Ruen as Secretary of Minnesota POAC. Brian Dadisman seconded. Motion passes. None opposed.
  - c. Member - At - Large (Heather Kessler currently holds)
    - i. Kya Pulsipher nominates Shannon Thompson - she accepts. Sami Bruns moves to cease nominations. Erin Johnson seconded. Nina Conn moved to cast a unanimous ballot to nominate Shannon Thompson as a Member-At-Large of Minnesota POAC. Brian Dadisman seconded. Motion passes. None opposed.
    - ii. Thank you Heather Kessler for holding this position the past couple of years. Thank you and congratulations to Shannon Thompson for joining the MN POAC BOD.

12. Adjourn

- a. Sami Bruns motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sara Sternberg seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Liberty Ruen*

Secretary