

2019 Virginia Paint Horse Club Board Candidates

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Returning Board Members

Vice President (2018-2019) Vicki Simmons

Treasurer (2018-2020) Randi Zahm

Secretary (2017-2019) Jennifer Johnson

3 year board member (2018-2020): David Lands

3 year board member (2017-2019): Megan Brown

Office: President (2019-2020)

Candidate: Debbie MacDonald

As a lifetime horseman my first horse Quarter horse show was in 1968. I have shown and bred horses ever since. I am a life member of AQHA, AZQHA and members of NSBA, APHA, VPHC, CPHC and a member of the American Carriage Association. I have served as a board member and club reporter for AQHA clubs in the past. I have also served as a board member for VPHC and CPHC. I would like to see continued growth of VPHC. My knowledge and experiences make me a good candidate for a VPHC board position.



Office: Board Member (1) 3-year term, 2019-2021 and (3) 1-year terms, 2019

Vote for 4 from the following candidates (highest number of votes gets the 3-year term):

Tera Fauver

Ellen Hillyer

Bob MacDonald

Candice Owen

Steve Meadows

Alison Umberger

Sarah Wells

Bruce Wilson

Candidate: Tera Fauver

Tera Fauver has been showing on the APHA and AQHA circuit for 20 years. After her youth years, she began working for some of the leading trainers assisting in Congress and world champions in all associations. Owner and operator of Break Away Show Horses, she has trained and earned multiple futurity champions and reserve champions. She continues to share her love and knowledge of training to both horse and rider and strives to encourage youth and all exhibitors to better the associations.



Candidate: Ellen Hillyer

Ellen was raised in Howerton, Virginia on a small family horse farm and grew up showing pleasure horses with her sister as a youth. From the age of 9 she dreamed of being an equine veterinarian. Ellen attended Virginia Tech and received an undergraduate degree in Animal and Poultry Sciences with an equine emphasis. She spent a semester working at Granada Farms in Wheelock, Texas learning the ins and outs of breeding horses. After graduating from Virginia Tech Dr. Hillyer obtained a Master of Public Health degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. From there she moved to Raleigh, North Carolina and began her veterinary education at North Carolina State's College of Veterinary Medicine. Ellen graduated in 2010 and began working in equine private practice. In 2015 she opened River Equine Veterinary Services in Chesterfield, VA. After graduating from veterinary school Ellen was able to become involved again in the local horse industry. She currently has a regular registry and a solid bred paint that she shows. Ellen also serves the veterinary community as President of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine. She looks forward to continued involvement in the Paint horse industry.



Candidate: Bob MacDonald

My first Quarter horse show was in 1956. I have been showing, training, breeding horses my whole life. I am a life member of AQHA, NSBA, MSQHA and AZQHA and a member of APHA, VPHC, and CPHC. I have served 3 terms as Vice President of VPHC. I have served as President of Mid Atlantic Quarter Horse Association for 2 terms and held a board position on Maryland State QH for 3 years. I am one of the founding members of the Color on the Coast Horse Show. Would like to see continued growth of the VPHC club. My knowledge and experiences make me a great candidate for a Board Member of VPHC.



Candidate: Steve Meadows

Steve and his wife Becky own and operate Meadows Quarter Horses in Staunton, Virginia where along with their daughter Noel they live and love the horse dream. Steve is involved in training and mentoring his customers and their horses in various AQHA & APHA recognized events.

Steve was recognized as the 2012 recipient of The Southern Belle Invitational – Living the Mission Award which recognizes Professional Equine Trainers that demonstrate “Character, Integrity & Stewardship in their life and business practices”.



Steve is an APHA, AQHA & NSBA judge; an AQHA Director for Virginia; and a member of the VQHA Executive Board. He has won numerous World, Congress, High Point and Honor Roll titles in Ranch Riding events.

Candidate: Candice Owens

I am Candice Owens from Water View, VA. I am an Auditor for the Commonwealth of Virginia. I have been a part of multiple business professional boards such as FBLA and event planning for conferences and local horse shows. I have been showing horses for over 15 years and have been a member of VPHC for the past 3 years with an all-around solid paint breed horse.

I would like to use my knowledge of business management skills and APHA to improve show attendance in all areas and help educate others of the wonderful events and opportunities with VPHC for adults and youth.



Candidate: Alison Umberger

Paint horses have been a big part of my life for over 25 years. I am a Lifetime Member of the APHA, the PtHA and the NSBA. I began showing Paints as a Youth in Nebraska and inherited a love of breeding horses from my father and grandfather. I participated in the Nebraska 4-H Horse Program, the Nebraska Paint Horse Club, the Nebraska Pinto Horse Association, and several open show circuits. I competed as a Youth and Amateur at APHA shows throughout the Midwest. I was also involved with the Nebraska Draft Horse and Mule Association with my father.

I moved to Virginia in 2003 and took a temporary break from the show ring to attend graduate school and law school. I continued to ride by taking lessons at Rock Creek Stables in Washington, DC and Woodlawn Stables in Alexandria, Virginia. After I finished school, I began volunteering with a therapeutic riding program in McLean, Virginia. I was able to return to riding my own horse in the summer of 2009 and have been competing at APHA shows throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic since that time. I have participated in the VPHC Breeders/Color Classic Futurity since 2012 and had my first Virginia Bred foals in 2015.



I served as the VPHC President for 2017 and 2018, and have been a National Director for APHA since 2012. I have represented VPHC as a delegate to the Zone 7 Coordinating Committee since 2014. I currently serve on the APHA Executive Committee as well as the American Horse Council Animal Welfare Committee.

Candidate: Sarah Wells

My name is Sarah Wells. My love for horses started at an early age. I spent a large part of my youth trail riding with my Tennessee Walking Horse "Beauty." As I grew so did my desire to compete in equestrian events. As a teenager I joined the 4-H and got my first taste of showing in all around events with my superior halter gelding Beaus



Mr. Rhett AQHA. In college I competed as a member of the Christopher Newport University Equestrian Team showing in hunter/jumper events. Upon graduation, I returned to showing AQHA horses as a member of the Virginia Quarter Horse Association.

I had always admired the colored horses, so I became an active member of the Old Dominion Buckskin Horse Association serving as the club treasurer. In December of 2008, my husband purchased me my first APHA registered horse, I'm Pure N Simple. Little did I know that this black fuzzy filly would lead me on a journey to meet such a great group of people and horses. At the time I knew very little about APHA but figured it couldn't be too different from AQHA. Boy did I have a lot to learn!

From that day forward, I have worn many hats as an exhibitor, breeder, spectator and admirer of the paint horse breed. In 2010, I was given the opportunity to chair what was formerly known as the VPHC Breeders Futurity. From 2011 to 2015 I chaired the Color Classic Stallion Service Sale and Futurity with a portion of that time serving as a VPHC board member. Over the years enjoyed watching the Color Classic grow into a multibreed program serving AQHA, APHA, TB and ApHC breeders throughout the United States and Canada. After taking two years off to adjust to motherhood, I returned to the role of chair of the Color Classic Stallion Service Sale and Futurity in the fall of 2017. Today the program continues to thrive and gives me the opportunity to work with the best stallion and mare owners in the industry. I also continue to support APHA by serving as a member of the APHA Breed Integrity Committee.

Candidate: Bruce Wilson

- Occupation - President - Wilson's Asphalt Maintenance, LC
Member – BSW Investments, LLC
- Education – BS (haha) Agricultural Engineering – Va Tech - 1986
- Interests – See marital status above
- Show career – Have shown halter horses (exclusively) for the past 12 years, winning numerous Club, Zone, and APHA awards
- Former Director CPHC
- Current Director VPHC
- Former Finance Chair at Round Hill UMC
- Past President and current Director – Shenandoah Chapter – Virginia Tech Alumni Association
- Past President and current Director at the Youth Development Center in Winchester, VA
- Past President Shenandoah University Athletic Association
- Past President Shawnee Ruritan Club
- Passions – Mentoring youth, sponsoring various FFA and 4-H clubs, volunteering at the Kitchen of Hope food pantry 1x a month, working with my Methodist Men's group, and volunteering at the Youth Development Center
- Goals for VPHA if reelected – Act in the best interest of the club, breed, and APHA in all matter
- Encourage the continuance of the "first time youth" sponsorship program
- Encourage continued cooperation and partnerships with other APHC Clubs to help strengthen the shows and the Association
- Work for the start of the Cash for Clunkers sponsorship program for the Masters Amateur classes

