

## 2023 Virginia Paint Horse Club Board Candidates

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### **Returning Board Members**

**Vice President (2022-23) Vicki Simmons**

**Treasurer (2021-23) Alison Umberger**

**3 year board member (2021-2023): David Lands**

### **Office: President (2023-2024)**

**Candidate: Amanda Hutchinson Riley**

My name is Amanda Hutchinson Riley and I am from Waynesboro, Virginia. In 2016, I was hired by Tera Fauver as her Assistant Trainer. My responsibilities include everything from basic farm responsibilities to breaking and starting horses that come into training, assisting with the continuation of training for green broke and seasoned horses, assisting and coaching clients at shows, and competing at APHA sanctioned shows.

In addition to my experience in the horse industry, I worked in property management for six years. For three of those six years I was a Property Manager. I am experienced in marketing, setting budgets, budget management, increasing occupancy, decreasing delinquency and increasing revenue for my properties. In December of 2021, I left property management to work in a Law Enforcement. During my graduation of the Basic Law Enforcement academy, I was presented with the Directors award for Leadership. I have been on the VPHC Board of Directors for a year and additionally have been nominated for the Virginia State Director position. I look forward to continuing to serve for our club, club members and APHA.

I am honored to be nominated for the Virginia Paint Horse Club President position. I will be happy to answer any questions or provide any additional information that you may need.



### **Office: Secretary (2023-25)**

**Candidate: Jennifer Johnson**

Hi everyone. My name is Jennifer Johnson and I am running for secretary. I have been the secretary for the past 6 years and would like to continue.

If I am elected I would be able to offer support to VPHC as a whole and continue to help it move forward with the tremendous strides it has made so far.



**Office: Board Member**

**(1) 3-year term (2023-2025)**

**(1) 2-year term (to finish 2022-24)**

**(3) 1-year terms (2022)**

Vote for 5 from the following candidates (highest number of votes get the 3-year term):

Megan Brown

Tera Fauver

Ellen Hillyer

Debbie MacDonald

Danielle McCray

Ashley Moser

Mary Richard

Cameron VanSickle

*Candidate: Megan Brown*

Megan has loved horses since a Shetland pony stole her heart at age 6. She started showing Paints regionally at 15 and has owned them ever since. A multiple world champion, Megan shows at the National Level in both APHA and NSBA events, and serves as an appointed Director at Large for the American Paint Horse Association as a member of the Judges Committee. She has recently gotten re-involved in regional level shows, serving on the board of the VPHC in 2017, and works to strengthen our paint horse breed. Her day job is with the National Park Service, where she manages the Historic Preservation Fund that awards grants across the country to save America's historic sites and culture.



*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 Mechanicsville, VA. After graduating from veterinary school Ellen was able to become involved again in the local horse industry. She volunteers her timing to local 4-H and pony clubs to encourage youth to show horses. Ellen also serves the community as a member of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine. She looks forward to continued involvement in the Paint horse industry.

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. Would like to see continued growth of VPHC. My knowledge and experiences make me a good candidate for a VPHC board position.



Candidate: Danielle McCray

Hi! My name is Danielle McCray. I grew up on my family's cattle farm just outside of Staunton, VA. My husband, Matt, and I now own the house and small stables I grew up in. We also run a modest farm, specializing in custom beef production. We have grown our business from the ground up, collaborating with other local farmers and creating lasting relationships within the community, both in the cattle and equestrian communities. I grew up riding Hunters at the local level until I went to college. After graduating and becoming a registered Radiologic Technologist in 2017, I started to peruse my dream of showing at the breed level.



I started with a Quarter but switched to Paints roughly a year later. The Lands family graciously leased their beloved Snowman to me for a year to get started, I was hooked! After help from Tera and Mandy at Break Away Show Horses, we found a gorgeous little mare about a year later. After purchasing her, she went into training with Tera, who turned her into a fantastic, successful little ranch horse!

I'm fairly new to APHA. I've only been showing with the association since 2019. With that being said, I'm extremely motivated, organized, and outgoing. Serving others, especially through horses, is a passion of mine. I am always eager to learn new things and share ideas with others. Promoting the longevity of the breed, association, participants-especially our youth-, and our club are all dear to my heart. I am so honored to be nominated for the VPHC Board of Directors. Thank you for your consideration, I hope to see each of you this coming show season!

Candidate: Ashley Moser

Hi my name is Ashley Moser, and I reside in Magnolia, NJ, and I am running for the 1 year board member position!

I have been showing Paint & Pinto horses for over 30 years. I have held offices in the Garden State Paint Horse club and the Zone 7 show committee for about 15 years, and I've held offices in the New Jersey Pinto Horse Association from president to board member.

I would like to be a board member of The Virginia Paint Horse Club, as I would like to get more involved helping with membership and show planning, I can bring years of experience in both areas.



Candidate: Mary Richard

I started riding horses when I was 5 years old. My mother enrolled us into a weeklong summer camp, and I have been horse crazy ever since. I took lessons weekly and leased my first horse, who later became mine at the age of 12. Sundance Kid was a grade black and white Paint mare who fueled my passion for horses and the paint breed. We competed in Hunter/Jumpers, Dressage, Cross Country, and other various events through 4-H, FFA, and Pony Club. I purchased my first registered Paint gelding in the summer of 2007 and joined APHA and PtHA then as well. I was not an active member at that time, as I was working on my Bachelor's degree. I then joined the United States Air Force, in July 2008, and spent several years flying all over the world supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, and finishing my Bachelor's and Master's degree in Criminal Justice.



During that time, I had purchased another Paint gelding "TMF Linkd Red Gold" (because one paint is never enough). I showed at my very first Paint show with my gelding at the VPHC Color Classic in 2014 and have not missed a Color Classic since. Since then, I have expanded my showing across the Northeast, and attended Eastern Nationals last year. I also purchased another Paint gelding about 4 years ago, "Willy Be Invested" and started showing him as a 2-year-old in the VA Bred Futurities that VPHC holds at the Color Classic. I absolutely love what the club offers for its member. The VPHC has been a great opportunity and experience for my boys and me.

When I am not at the barn, which is not very often, I work in government contracting as a Project Manager, and spend as much time with my mother as I can. If it were not for her, I would not have my passion for the paint horse breed or horses in general. I also volunteer as a mentor for teenagers in my area who have graduated from the West Virginia Mountaineer Challenge Academy and are transitioning back to everyday life. I am also currently the Chair for the VPHC Color Classic Stallion Service Sale.

Candidate: Cameron Van Sickle

My name is Cameron Van Sickle. I am a 27 year old horse trainer who co owns CK Show Horses in Selma, NC. I started riding when I was six years old and have made training and showing horses my life long passion. At age 16 I took my first job working for a trainer in Ohio and worked for a few different trainers over the following 9 years. I also graduated from Martin Community College with an associate degree in equine training technology. I founded the Virginia Maiden Futurity in 2019. I have primarily shown the AQHA circuits until 2020 when I started to show more of the paints.

