

2024 Virginia Paint Horse Club Board Candidates

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Returning Board Members

President (2024): Mandy Riley

Secretary (2024-25): Jennifer Johnson

3 year board member (2024): Debbie MacDonald

Office: Vice President (2024-2025)

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.



Office: Treasurer (2024-26)

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.

Office: Board Member

(1) 3-year term (2024-2026)

(1) 2-year term (to finish 2023-25)

(3) 1-year terms (2024)

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

John Bowyer

Ellen Hillyer

Kay Lumpkin

Bob MacDonald

Danielle McCray

Vicki Simmons

Alison Umberger

Candidate: John Bowyer:

I'm John and I hail from southern West Virginia. I'm a clinical psychologist by day and amateur (in every sense of the word) equestrian by evening and weekend. I have been riding all my life. I competed in leadline at less than 2 years of age. I started out at open and 4-H shows and began competing in breed shows as an adolescent. I show quarter horses and paints. I ride with my best friend, who also happens to be my wife, Lisa. Between us, we have three paints, two quarter horses, and a mini donkey. Hunter under saddle is my favorite class, but I am also a budding rancher. I am a past and current director of the West Virginia Quarter Horse Association. I am enthusiastic about supporting West Virginia and Virginia state affiliates' initiatives to achieve long-range goals and keep breed shows thriving in the Mountain State and Old Dominion. Because horses, showing, and the equestrian community have been so instrumental in shaping the person I am now, I am passionate about making showing accessible to individuals and families of all income levels. Thank you for considering me for VPHC director. I look forward to meeting new faces and collaborating with the VPHC leadership team. Cheers!



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 time 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: Kay Lumpkin

I am Kay Lumpkin and I live in Gloucester Virginia on Indian Spring Ranch. We have been showing Paint Horses since 1998. I retired from Baylands Family Credit Union after 35 years of service where I was the Controller. Since my retirement I have been taking care of family members and working with our horses. We have 5 Paints at the current time and my daughter and granddaughter show with me. I have been the treasurer for Virginia Paint Horse Club and am currently the treasurer for Tidewater Equine Club. I would feel honored to be on the board and help keep the club growing.



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: Danielle McCray

Hello there! My name is Danielle McCray. By trade, I am a Radiologic Technologist working at a local hospital. However, my heart truly lies within all things horses and agriculture. I was born and raised on my family's farm just outside of Staunton, Virginia. My husband and I are fortunate that we were able to purchase the home and small barn I grew up in. We have continued my family's farming tradition and operate our own modest farm, raising beef and producing quality hay for our horses and cattle.

I grew up riding Hunter horses on the local show circuits. I knew after school, I wanted to transition into showing stock horses. I was thrilled to learn there was a new division, the ranch horse division. I really wanted a horse I could take out on our farm to push cows around and also take to shows. I was so blessed to find Tera, and her assistant Mandy (who I actually graduated high school with-a small world!), a young trainer who was local to me and was showing ranch horses.



I've been showing Paints since 2019. I have spent the last year volunteering every chance I get to help at shows. So many wonderful people have taken me under their wing, allowed me to make mistakes and ask questions and kindly helped me grow. I am excited to continue helping at shows this coming year and to continue doing what I can to help promote our club! Thank you for your consideration and I can't wait to see each of you this coming show season!

Candidate: Vicki Simmons

Vicki has been showing Paints on and off for the past 30+ years. She has served on the VPHC Board for the past 6 years, serving on the Show Committee, Awards Committee and Nomination Committee. She manages the VPHC Year-end Award Program. Vicki has also served on the Show Committee for the Color on The Coast show series for the past five years. Her day job is with the Association of Chartered Professional Accountants and manages the AICPA Political Action Committee.



Candidate: Alison UMBERGER

My love for Paint Horses began at the age of five, when my family leased a Paint mare named Lady for me to learn to ride. 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 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'm a strong supporter of the Color Classic Stallion Sale and Futurity and raised my first Virginia Bred foal in 2015.

I first joined the VPHC Board in 2012 and served as President in 2017 and 2018. I've also represented Virginia as an APHA National Director since 2012 and was elected to the APHA Board of Directors (Executive Committee) in 2017. When I'm not in the barn, I work as an Attorney-Advisor for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, most recently as part of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Center. I look forward to working with our great club to promote Paint Horses in Virginia!