

OPEA General Meeting Minutes from 12-7-24

President Sam Westfall called the meeting to order after the potluck lunch at 12:23.

**Those present:** Sam & Anita Westfall, Lynn & Floyd Branson, Libby Crandell, Marilyn Dunahay, Robert Meyers, Sandy & Mike Bendele.

Last year's minutes were presented. Floyd Branson made a motion to approve, and Mike Bendele seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee minutes:

GFTG report: Marilyn Dunahay was excited about how well the auction has done. The 2025 GFTG auction is Jan 15 – 18 through the Professional Horse Services Auction Website. After the auction closes, Marilyn Dunahay and Libby Crandell will handle the remaining sales. More information and promotion is available on the GFTG home page and the auction house.

At the Color Breed show, the GFTG classes were well attended and additional bonus money of \$5000 in sponsorship & \$200 per class from OPEA helped contribute to its success. It is felt that it will continue to grow. There were 19 futurity classes offered and 14 made. We paid out \$2800.

Treasurer – Libby Crandell presented the OPEA finance report. Anita Westfall made a motion to approve the report and Lynn Branson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Libby Crandell made a motion to transfer \$9,687.90 of the investment income account to our operating account to allow for the continued support of bonuses for the GFTG futurity classes at the Color Breed Show. Libby Crandell made the motion and Lynn Branson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sam Westfall presented his slate of officers.

**Nominations for:**

**Open:**

President: Sandy Bendele  
Pres. Elect: Anita Westfall  
VP Show Chair: Sam Westfall, Sandy Bendele,  
Mike Bendele  
VP Treasurer: Libby Crandell  
VP Secretary: Sandy Bendele  
VP Finance/Class Sponsor: Marilyn Dunahay  
& Lynn Branson  
GFTG Show Chair: Marilyn Dunahay,  
Committee: Libby Crandell, Robert Meyers,  
Anita Westfall  
Website: Sandy Bendele  
Youth Leader: Heather Kubik  
Awards: Robert Meyers  
Past President: Sam Westfall

**Amateur:**

President: Lynn Branson  
Pres. Elect: Sandy Bendele  
1st VP: Kathryn Roehrs Claxton  
2nd VP: Heather Kubik  
Secretary: Cory Roehrs  
Treasurer: Elliana Roehrs

**Youth:**

President: Raylynn Kubik  
President Elect: Morgan Branson  
Sec/Treas: Levi Kubik  
Past President: Makenna Branson

Directors:

- \* 3 year: Leonard Berryhill, Leigh Berryhill, Bob Story
- \* 2 year: Nikki Longacre, Marilyn Dunahay, Ross Kubik
- \* 1 year: Cory Roehrs, Floyd Branson, Sandy Berenson

Mike Bendele made a motion to accept the slate of officers by acclimation. Anita Westfall seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

New business:

Anita Westfall made a motion to update our Bylaws and to be more in line with other associations. Sam & Anita Westfall agreed to work with that and consult with Cindy Chilton-Moore. Libby Crandell seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

We discussed that maybe for 2026 we try to have some palomino classes with the Oklahoma Paint Horse Club in OKC.

Mike Bendele reported some changes in the cost for sponsoring classes at the world show. We agreed to sponsor 3 classes again.

Sam Westfall adjourned the meeting at 1:27.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Bendele – Secretary