

## NAPHA board

### Conference Call

November 4, 2015 5:00pm PST

**Attending:** Danell Adams, Chris Austin, Pam Castaneda, Bonnie Gallegos, Jackie Green, Carolyn Mittrick, Larry Redman

**Approval of previous minutes:** review of past month's minutes

**Finance report:** \$41,000 in account after all bills paid. Still reviewing the show finances and will report once we have final numbers.

**Longevity project-funding:** We are investigating this excellent website, and Chris Austin made a motion to increase our contribution to another \$500 sponsorship (for a total of \$1,000), since they have done an excellent job with this project. Danell seconded. All agreed to proceed.

**Increase in CLRC charges:** We received notification from the CLRC that they are going to be increasing the fees they charge NAPHA by over 12% in 2016. We need to examine if our registration fees to member/non-members need to increase to offset the increase in fees being charged to us.

**Executive session:** (5:36 – 6:45)

#### **National show review:**

**Judges' results (and MOS):** There were both positive and negative comments regarding the judging at the show and the new 3-judge MOS system. All agreed that there are some bugs to be worked out if we want to do this again in order to keep things moving more quickly and accurately. The team who worked on this did an excellent job, especially for a first-time trial.

**Evaluations:** Arlynda will be mailing exhibitor evaluations for show this coming week.

**Venue:** The venue was functional, and some things about it worked well, but it did not seem to be a "national level" location. There were some complaints about the quality of stalls, (some were fine) and the lack of a separate warm-up ring was an issue. We will attempt to locate show arenas that are nicer, and that are closer to major cities.

**Discussion about exhibitor behavior:** We reviewed a complaint (actually multiple complaints of same behavior) made regarding an exhibitor in class. We agreed the behavior should have been handled more immediately and appropriately by the show steward at the time. Discussion has taken place with the parties to prevent this situation in the future.

**JOR – progress, site application, zones and insurance:** We would like to recommend we use the 15 regional zones as JOR zones for awards to encourage more people to participate. Danell Adams made a motion to use same zones and Carolyn Mittrick seconded.

**Amateur judges:** We had a request (again) for judges not being allowed to show as amateurs. Just because someone is a judge, it doesn't mean they are the best rider. We are following typical rules, consistent with USEF, regarding who gets compensated as a professional. We had a thorough discussion and unanimously agreed that the rules remain the same.

**Drug testing:** We discussed modifying the scope of who is responsible for drug results now that USEF has expanded the chain of responsibility. We decided to leave this alone and simply follow USEF drugs and schedules but not expand unless it becomes a problem in the future.

**Elections:** The board of director voting ballots are out and we are waiting for responses. Due date is post-marked by November 20.

**Newsletter:** It's time for another newsletter, and we discussed make it a holiday edition. We discussed some topic ideas, including an re-issuing a good article by Cheryl aldrich. Include a JOR update and Re-cap of national show. Should we Ask for a membership card sponsor?

**Discussion re: National Conference location:** We need an answer from RAC regarding where the meeting can be. Florida was suggested, but we need to get a decision from a team willing to organize.

**Membership card:** We would still like to investigate whether we can we get some discount logos from merchants for the backside of our card.

**Discussion re: tiered membership levels:** We need to figure out some correct additional tiers to make membership more attractive. This is an on-going topic that we should resolve in near future.

**Review recommendation for new judges from JAC:** Received e-mail with JAC recommendations for the judges. Recommended all approved. We agree with all the committee's recommendations.

**Motion to adjourn:** 8:32pm PST