

## NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**DATE:** October 19, 2010

**MEETING CHAIRPERSON:** Joline Hahn

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Sharon LaPierre, Gene Pepe, Jim Alexander, Juan Bosco Sandigo, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Joline Hahn, Rich Ovenburg, Joy Redman, Veryl Robinson, Charlotte Becerra, Carolyn Mittrick, Cindy Lemke and Deborah McCormick

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Athena Goumas, Brad Raphel and Tonya Egger

**EX-OFFICIO, CLUB PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS PARTICIPATING:** Jean Melton, Maily Dreyfuss, Debbie Dutton, Dave Ryan, Alice Wolf, Liz Potof, Cheryl Aldrich, Nancy Hargrove, Larry Redman, Danell Adams, Rich Ovenburg, Lucho Dapelo and Charles Melton

Meeting convened at 8:33 p.m. EST

**TOPIC 1: Minutes/Amendments from August 10, 2010 meeting approved previously via email**

**TOPIC 2: RAC Chairperson Report by Joline Hahn**

Joline Hahn explained that she has received emails from people willing to run for vacant RAC positions in Region 11. Said that Carol Hayden had volunteered to take her Region again. Joline Hahn said that she would need a motion from the BOD to appoint people to these positions.

**TOPIC 3: New Business**

Edie Gandy gave a show report from Nationals. She said there was not yet a final monetary tally, but they are working on finding out the bottom line. She thinks the show did about \$41,000 to \$42,000. The entries and income was lower than expected, but assumes that it is mostly due to the economy. She went on to compliment the California clubs for putting on a very nice party for everyone.

**TOPIC 4: Awards Banquet**

Joline Hahn reminded everyone that there was no awards banquet this year due to the confusion on the points for 2009 and 2010. The JOR awards were presented during the show. There were mixed comments as to whether we should hold an award banquet in the future or just do a presentation between classes. Joline Hahn said that Lynn Kinsky did a great job on the awards that her committee had done. She also thanked Sharon LaPierre for the belt buckle that she donated for the western class. Joline Hahn suggested that in the future individuals and ranches give special awards to certain classes of their choice. This will help defer the costs for NAPHA and have some really special awards. Edie Gandy suggested we create some type of criteria for these awards.

**TOPIC 5: Amateur Status**

Danell Adams reminded everyone that they need to get their paperwork signed and turned in early for their amateur status. She also said they need to be aware of the remuneration rules. It was further suggested that amateurs only be allowed to ride on two horses besides their own as people are expressing some frustration with this. Rich Ovenburg said that the USEF does have regulations governing this. Also, added that we should promote amateur/owner to ride classes. Charlotte likes the idea of having pro, semi-pro, and non-pro classes. Edie Gandy said we don't want to create a lot of classes that aren't full if we divide too many classes. A lottery class was also suggested to test a rider's skill on a horse they've never ridden. Gladys Freeman suggested not dividing the classes at all. Lucho Dapelo added that we already have amateur owner classes, which should be sufficient. Maily Dreyfuss said she has juniors and amateurs ride for her and it is very expensive for these riders. She felt there should be some things reimbursed for them. Rich Ovenburg said expenses could be covered under our current rules. Maily Dreyfuss asked if this could be better clarified. Joline Hahn suggested the rules committee work on this. Gene Pepe agreed with Lucho Dapelo stating that amateurs don't ride for a living whereas pros do. Charles Melton said this was suppose to be addressed in 2006 but was never finalized. He read a proposal that was voted on by the BOD stating amateurs can win money from a purse/stakes class, however the current rules committee doesn't have that information from the BOD. Joline Hahn said they have the information but understood it was never approved. Rich Ovenburg suggested as BOD members, they should follow up on this. Jim Alexander requested clarification be sent out to the RAC members and general membership.

**TOPIC 6: Steward/Judges Cards**

Joline Hahn said that Arlynda Castro cannot do everything herself, so she turned in her steward report to the JAC committee and suggested everyone continue that practice. Cheryl Aldrich said she thought that was the way it is suppose to work. Edie Gandy said that makes the most sense. Joline Hahn said the reports are not currently being received. Cheryl Aldrich suggested the BOD make a decision on this. Rich said that the clubs need to know if the judges they're selecting have any complaints. There needs to be a central location where these files are kept. Joline Hahn reminded everyone of possible legal ramifications and suggested we are careful going forward. Charles Melton suggested a disclaimer become part of the contract. Sharon LaPierre suggested an evaluation criteria be developed that is fair. Edie Gandy stated that we should to define infractions verses an unhappy exhibitor that didn't win. Gene Pepe suggested we use whatever USEF utilizes. Joline Hahn asked Cheryl Aldrich to follow up on and get a clarification packet out to all the clubs.

**TOPIC 7: Judge Protocol**

Joline Hahn said that there were some complaints about the judge visiting ranches and asked Danell Adams to comment on protocol. Danell explained that there are rules in place as to how many days prior or after a show a judge is permitted to visit. Rich Ovenburg said that the rules are impossible to enforce and end up causing more problems. Charlotte Becerra explained that the rules restrict a judge from visiting a farm, yet they can go on a hunting trip or whatever at any time with a farm owner. Charles Melton said, if we don't trust them, don't hire them. Alice Wolf said we need to be able to show hospitality. Jean Melton said we cannot regulate honesty and integrity. Dave Ryan expressed how difficult it is to find someone to show the judges around that aren't associated with the show. He added that we shouldn't pretend that the judges don't already know the breeders. Gene Pepe said the judge at the breeder's show was allowed to go wherever he wanted to. After much discussion, it was decided that the rules should be changed. Joline Hahn suggested this go back to the rules committee to be presented to the BOD.

**TOPIC 8: Raffle Ticket/Silent Auction Results**

Joline Hahn said the cruise and auction did not make any money for NAPHA. It paid for the cruise and nothing extra. Liz Potof said her club couldn't afford the \$500 show fee for a club of only 14 members. She asked if that amount could be reduced. Edie Gandy answered that registrations and studbook are not breaking even. Memberships are not bringing in enough to pay for a bookkeeper so there really isn't money coming in to be able to reduce club's costs. Sharon LaPierre suggested that the clubs find a sponsor to cover the \$500 and then those sponsors can be advertised in the show program. Gene Pepe suggested paying for the first judge and having a big discount such as only \$100 or \$200 for the second judge as no club to his knowledge is having two judges. Edie Gandy said we couldn't do discounts because we have to pay our debts. Gene Pepe suggested raising membership fees from \$70 to \$100. Carol Borden suggested we think outside the box in exploring corporate sponsorships, donations, etc. in raising funds for shows and for NAPHA. Gene Pepe said no one would donate to an organization that has so few members. Carol Borden suggested it needs to be approached on a different premise. Edie Gandy suggested putting together a group that will work together to find ways to relieve some of the financial burden on the member and see what else we can do to find other streams of revenue. She asked people to email her if they would like to volunteer for this group.

**TOPIC 9: National Show Locations for 2011**

Rich Ovenburg explained that the Glen Rose facility in Texas has been reserved for the October 13, 14, 15 and 16 National show dates. No contract has been signed yet. Glen Rose was temporarily chosen, as it is very inexpensive. If we have 200 stalls sold, that will pay for the facility. It is a very nice facility. He added that the John Justin in Ft. Worth is getting more and more expensive with multiple added fees. He said we need to be sure on the dates so that we are not in conflict with the Breeder's show. Edie Gandy asked if more people would participate if they set up a trail challenge. Carolyn Mittrick asked if it was the intention of NAPHA to hold two Regionals, one on the West coast and one on the East coast, with Nationals in a central location? Edie Gandy said there are lots of pros and cons, but they have to get as much participation from the exhibitors as possible without impacting the local regional clubs shows. She suggested polling the members. There was much discussion as to how this could be accomplished and how we can maximize on exhibitors. Gene Pepe suggested that the smaller regional clubs be a satellite for NAPHA. Lucho Dapelo suggested a double show with NAPHA. Jim Alexander suggested the Breeder's show partner with NAPHA. Edie Gandy suggested adding these questions to an annual poll of the membership.

Danell suggested trail rides as a fundraiser through the ACTHA. Cheryl Aldrich has participated and agreed.

Edie Gandy requested recommendations for the March Annual meeting keeping costs, etc., in mind.

Next Meeting to be November 16, 2006

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m. EST

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Borden  
NAPHA RAC Secretary