

NAPHA
Regional Advisory Council
Conference Call - Minutes
May 10, 2011 - 1730 PST

Roll Call:

Danell Adams, Joline Bell, Edie Gandy, Lynn Kinsky, Jim Alexander, Joy Redman, Mike Moszer, Liz Potof, Darla Austin, Dave Ryan, Veryl Robinson, Kathleen Morrison, Cindy Lemke, Tonya Egger, Alice Wolfe, Oliver Williams, Annette Kart, Jackie Green, Charlotte Becerra, Charles Melton

Chairman Joline Bell opened the meeting at 1745.

PLEASE NOTE:

All RAC members are asked to be sure that their contact information is correct with Joline. This includes addresses, phone numbers and email addresses so that information being dispersed is appropriately received by everyone.

Committee Nominations:

A few of our committees have expired members. Nominations are being solicited from RACs and their area members. Please forward any suggestions you or your members may have for the following committees:

- * Rules Committee
- * JAC
- * Junior Committee
- * Membership Committee
- * Fundraising Committee

The Registration Committee is recommended by the board and all members are current. Debbie Dutton's position was recently renewed by the board for a five year term.

NAPHA Auction Site

NAPHA has purchased a one year membership with an Internet site called Bid For Good. This site is primarily used to auction items for non-profit organizations. It was recommended that we utilize this site for our **stallion service auction**, perhaps a bit earlier this year before our membership expires. If members have any suggestions as to items we could put up for auction, please let Joline know.

The site is automated and very easy to use. Members can log on and review the items and simply give credit card information towards the item(s) of interest. The site will keep

the bidder posted as to the progress of the auction particularly, if they are outbid. The site is also used by larger corporations, like hotel chains that will often donate their auction items towards non-profit organizations...like NAPHA. Napha paid for a one year membership. Joy Redman mentioned a club that has made a quilt that they are offering for auction.

Recommendations for Judges for 2012 and 2013 National Shows

One of the tasks for the RAC is to make recommendations for Judges to be used for our National Shows. It was decided to make a two year list of recommendations. Jim Alexander suggested that the show management teams be cognizant of creating a good balance of Judges for both performance and breeding/luxury, even if it takes two Judges to accomplish this task. There was added discussion that consideration should be given to combining the more experienced judges with the newer judges to help broaden the level of experience, particularly in the performance classes.

The RAC recommendations for Judges for 2012 and 2013:

Enrique Rizo Patron
Antonio Hudtwalcker
Kim Montee
Annette Kart
Pepe Risso
Edwardo Risso
Rolando Garcia
Juan Manual Rizo Patron
Anibal Vasquez
Luis Vasquez
Nicholas Breaux
Marco Dapelo
Lucho Dapelo
Lionel Peralta
Chris Austin
Javier La Rosa
Nazario Villafuerte

2012 National Show

Kathleen Morrison gave a briefing on the progress of the East Coast National show in 2012. Currently, the tentative date and location is early October (due to weather conditions) in Franklin, Tennessee. Much discussion followed regarding whether there are enough horses in the area to fund a National Show. Kathleen has polled a significant number of people and feels there will be a better turn out than usual for that

area. Members are already working on the project and are focused on creating a successful show.

While it is believed that the two best locations for a National Show are currently California and Texas, the RAC and NAPHA board are committed to making a strong effort to rotate the show in three year cycles: east, central and west. The economy is and will continue to have an adverse impact on the ability of our members to travel distances to our shows. It is hoped that by creating events across the nation, more people will have the opportunity to show at a National level without incurring the expense of long distance travel.

The RAC and NAPHA board are working to try and create special events so that when one area of the country has the National Show, the other two locations have a special event for members to participate in when the National Show is too far away.

The NAPHA East Coast Regional Show is scheduled for late September this year and is also being held in Franklin with Judge Javier La Rosa. Vicki Sheldon and her team are currently working on this endeavor.

The discussion about the shows also brought up the issue of using caution with dates and locations so that there is no conflict with other shows. The NAPHA rules do cover this subject: *Show Zones: No more than one show will be approved on the same date within the same zone. The exceptions to this are California where no two shows within 300 miles of each other in the same zone will be approved for the same date(s) or when two or more shows in the same zone agree to having the same date. No U.S. show, regardless of zone will be approved for the dates of the NAPHA U.S National Show. An established approved show putting on a show on its "regular" date will receive precedence in date approval in the event of a conflict.*

Rules Draft

Joline asked RAC members to solicit amendments for rules. They need to be sent to her as soon as possible as the rough draft is due to the board from the rules committee on June 1. The target date for the final draft is September 1. It has been several years since the rules document has been revised to accommodate many changes.

Charles Melton added that the goal in our rules is to maintain the integrity and standard of our breed. He added that the emphasis of our horse is the gait and feels that current breed standards must change to address this issue. His concern is, if we allow the legs to become weak by the manner in which our rules currently allow, we can have an adverse impact on the progression of our breed. He clearly articulated that the rules need to be amended in a manner that will improve the longevity of the horse.

Goals for RAC

Joline asked for Input from RAC members for some new goals. The Board suggested that a format be developed by RAC members to organize and present new goals.

Goal: Communications To and From Members:

The RAC has been and continues to be integral with distributing information to all of our members across the nation. Each RAC representative should continue to communicate as much information as possible to their areas. In the reverse, they should also solicit ideas, issues and concerns from their membership to return to the RAC and the board for review. There should be no “filters” in this process. Whatever the members present should be taken to the RAC in it’s original format and presented to the board and other RAC members.

Goal: Creating Alternative Ideas:

We are very clear on how the economy is affecting our membership and the goals of our leaders to promote our breed and to show progress in that pursuit. We need to continue to solicit new ideas. This should not necessarily be centered around shows, but rather events that include all of our members.

Goal: “Town Hall” meetings:

A goal of creating more educational opportunities for our members, was presented. Edie Gandy presented the “town hall” meeting format. This could be accomplished at all of our shows across the nation with minimum effort.

Our Judges and show staff bring a significant amount of experience to each show. One evening, perhaps before the show starts, an informal meeting is conducted with the Judges, staff and NAPHA board representatives to discuss issues relevant to the breed. These open discussions could be in an educational format (agenda) with discussions surrounding such things as standards of breeding and conformation.

Annette Kart suggested that members be open to discussing our horses with people watching our shows. New viewers do not often understand our horses and show protocol and we can take the show opportunity to educate new people.

Goal: Joy of Riding / Recreational Riders

The RAC has been asked to put together an idea(s) that can be used nationally for our Recreational Riders in the ongoing effort to acknowledge the 80% of our peruvian owners who do not show. A California team is currently working on a two day event that will be held at the ranch of Larry and Joy Redman in the Santa Inez Valley in August. Charlotte Bercerra gave a briefing on the event. Saturday will be for Peruvians and will include a variety of fun and participatory events followed by a BBQ. Sunday will likely be a poker rider which will be hosted by NAPHA but open to all breeds. There are 8000 horses in the valley so, we are anticipating a fun weekend. Some of our riders hope to take that opportunity to put new people on Peruvians.

Cindy Lemke and Danell Adams again brought up the American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) and how the eastern and western clubs are participating in these rides. RAC members should continue to emphasize this organization to their members as these are fun trail rides and huge social events. Clubs can become more involved with ACTHA by sponsoring their own rides. This would be an extremely beneficial way of promoting our breed and further demonstrating their versatility on the trail events.

CLRC Transition Progress:

The contracts have been signed and our first installment paid. We are currently trying to get AA and part blood horses loaded into Horse Stud Book so that the information can be directly uploaded to CLRC. Arlynda is our liaison with the CLRC programmers who have already reviewed the HSB format and see no problem in making the transition. It will take a few months still as we intend to run the two programs concurrently to be sure everything functions correctly. CLRC programmers will have to build some functionality into their software, but they do not anticipate any problems.

Televised Competition Includes Two Peruvians:

Danell Adams gave a briefing on the progress of Jody Childs and Bobbi Taylor who were recently in Texas with the ACTHA group. Both women were among 1000 riders who auditioned across the country. Only 100 were selected to go to Texas for the filming of "America's Favorite Trail Horse." There will be ten episodes filmed and televised in the fall and viewers will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite trail horse after seeing their performance over a variety of trail obstacles. This was quite an accomplishment by two of our Peruvians and we are anxious to see the shows and submit our votes. The winner of each episode will win five thousand dollars. The overall top three horses will win \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000.

Meeting adjourned at 1925

Danell Adams
Secretary
NAPHA

