

**Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2011**

Voting RAC Members in Attendance: Joy Redman (Region 2); Charlotte Dicke Beccerra (Region 3); Jim Alexander (Region 4); Juan Bosco Sandigo (Region 6); Sharon La Pierre (Acting Secretary, Region 7); Deborah McCormick (Region 8); Cindy Lemke (Region 12); Kathleen Morrison (Region 14); Carolyn Mittrick (Region 16); Gladys Freeman (Region 17); Edie Gandy (Region 18).

Non-Voting Member in Attendance: Lynn Kinsky (JOR Chair).

Club Presidents in Attendance: Alice Wolf (Camino Real) and Liz Potoff (Copper State)

NAPHA Board of Directors in Attendance: Danell Adams (Acting Chair), Edie Gandy, and Gene Pepe.

Before the meeting was called to order by Joline Bell Hahn (RAC Chair), she had a situation where she had to leave the meeting and turned it over to Danell Adams. Danell Adams graciously agreed to run the meeting and called it to order at 6:40 PM MST. Roll Call was taken by Sharon La Pierre.

The Minutes from the May 10, 2011 Meeting had already been approved by email vote with Danell Adams as Acting Secretary. Alice Wolf had sent an email asking that the spelling of her name be corrected on those minutes. Danell said she would do that.

Addendum: The event discussed in Item #5 was cancelled because of lack of participation.

Addendum: As of the August 10, 2011 NAPHA Board Meeting in regard to Item # 7f, it was decided that since this is the first NAPHA Eastern Regional Show, entries into the Champion of Champion classes should go through the qualifying classes first.

The following were items of discussion at the meeting:

1 – There were some complaints as to the Regional Show in Tennessee in regard to the show date and the nearness of this show to other scheduled shows. Carolyn Mittrick spoke to this issue because she explained how it affected the registrations if shows are back to back. There needs to be some time between shows so people can rest and drive. It was suggested and decided that at least one month between show dates would be best or eastern shows will close if they only have 40 horses due to this problem, according to Gladys Freeman. Joy Redman stated that this was a problem 10-12 years ago and show committees got together and compared dates so people did not suffer. Danell Adams suggested that club presidents work together on a conference call. Edie Gandy explained that the Tennessee Regional show was based on the availability of the dates and was not the choice of the committee. Kathleen Morrison confirmed this

and stated that regional people will not go any other place to show, so they know how many will show up for this event; many are working people and the committee knows their target audience/exhibitors.

Many in the meeting stated that at least one month between show dates would be best in the eastern region so people can attend several shows. Danell Adams stated that this kind of awareness will be best for 2013 since most of the shows are already on the schedule. Coordination and cooperation will take some time to develop, but they will try to improve this situation for 2012.

It was discussed as to how to make the schedule better for these show dates. What would be the best solution to this problem? It was agreed that the RAC would be the choice to inform members and to present a national schedule of show dates, as per Jim Alexander. It was decided that a committee of three RAC members from the Eastern, Central, and Western parts of the country should be created to help solve this problem. Danell Adams said that she and Joline Hahn would get together and discuss how to proceed with this idea.

Goals for National Shows had been determined at the Membership Meeting in Las Vegas. A rotation system had been devised to accommodate all areas of the country. For example, Last year the 2010 Nationals were in California. This year the 2011 Nationals are in Texas (Central) with a Regional Show in the East (Tennessee). In 2012, the National Show will be in the East and again in California in 2013.

So, it was suggested that the proposed RAC Committee work with regional clubs to propose their show dates for 36 months to 5 years out.

2 – The next item of discussion had to do with the update from the NAPHA Board of Directors in regard to election dates and procedures. Edie Gandy explained in detail that a mailer would be going out to the membership which would include the following items together to keep the cost down:

- a. CLRC (Canadian Livestock Records Corporation) update;
- b. Current financials;
- c. Nomination forms and procedures for RAC-expired regions and BOD positions;
- d. Convention/Membership Meeting information;
- e. and, National Show information.

A long discussion pursued in regard to various aspects of this topic in updating the membership. It was stated by Jim Alexander that the RAC has 18 Regions, and the terms for Representatives were originally set up to be for a period of three years with 6 member-terms expiring every year, resulting in a “staggered term system.” Only 6 Representatives’ terms would then expire every year which would guarantee continuity of service on the RAC. However, the current expiration dates are out of balance, and Jim agreed to immediately put the dates

back on task for this election period. He will get his proposal to the Board of Directors so the mailer will have updated and correct information before being sent out to the membership. Also, Jim explained that a representative, according to the Bylaws, should serve for only two consecutive elected terms unless appointed.

The mailer to the membership from the NAPHA Board of Directors will be sent by September 25, 2011, giving time for nominations and elections before the end of the year. Edie Gandy stated that the timeline is based on the fact that the Board will meet on August 10, 2011 to solidify information for all items to be included in the mailer.

It was discussed that perhaps this information could be sent out by email blast. However, it was determined that some members do not get email, which is why the website needs to be updated. Charlotte Beccerra explained that some servers, like AOL, have issues with spam so about 30 emails come back from an email blast. She said that over 84% of NAPHA members have email addresses, but a postal mailing would be good to reach all members.

3 – The National Show was discussed next. The website needs to be updated and will be changed soon. The Board has spoken with Alberto Lummis, Show Manager, and everything is on task. There are good sponsorships coming in for classes and other items.

4 - Carolyn Mittrick was asked to explore possibilities for the Membership Meeting in 2012. She has been talking with various people about holding it in New Orleans and possibly Biloxi, Mississippi because of the lower cost. She found New Orleans to be prohibitive, but has more quotes coming in. Air flights and accessibility must be considered. Many places in New Orleans were booked already. The group will need a resort/casino atmosphere with affordable prices for room rates, meeting rooms, and equipment costs. Gene Pepe asked that she check into New Orleans again for better rates. It was stated that Mardi Gras had to be avoided, February 21, 2012, so anything before that date or after would be best. Also, anything after the third week of March would interfere with show season. Carolyn will continue her search.

5 – The next item discussed was the August 20 and 21, 2011 fun days on Joy and Larry Redman's ranch in Lompoc, CA. They have over 500 acres, and events have been planned to raise money for NAPHA and the JOR. Joy Redman will map out the events to be held and send out an email blast to the membership. While it is expected that mostly California people will participate, an effort will be made to include everyone. Joy described it as a "fun, two-days full of light weight adventures." There will be educational things going on, a raffle for a saddle, and trail rides to name a few.

6 – Kathleen Morrison gave an update on the Policy Manual for the RAC. She and Jim Alexander have been working on a clear and concise mission statement to the policy manual which would observe a mutual respect between the NAPHA Board and the RAC. The basic concept is that the RAC was created by NAPHA and representatives need to know their responsibilities, the bylaws, and the relationship to NAPHA. This allows them to communicate information for NAPHA to their regional memberships.

This concept will help the RAC and NAPHA Board to relate to each other more effectively because a summary of RAC obligations will preface the manual. Danell Adams expressed her desire to see the RAC more involved with the Board so that less filtration existed. This would help to delineate appropriate placement as to where and who to go to for correct information from a member. Members need to know who is involved in the process.

An example was brought up for discussion which involved the offering of stud service as a fundraiser. Horses were offered by NAPHA and members purchased breeding. Many people signed up to sell breeding, but it became a problem. There were no criterion set for the purchases and members did not know where to go when they had a problem. One horse was elderly and yet sold for breeding, but the purchaser did not get the breeding as paid. It was suggested that the money be returned. A disclaimer and more structure for something like this could be sent through the RAC to guide participants in the process.

7 – The last item for discussion was a round table where RAC members could bring up any issue for quick discussion. The following is a brief rendition:

a. Carolyn Mittrick wanted to know how many NAPHA members there were now. Danell Adams said there were currently 433 members;

b. Gladys Freeman stated that horses are needed for the Regional Show in Tennessee, and that we need to get people there. She felt that there were not enough horses in the East to accommodate a National Show and possibly this show. The Eastern shows have to draw from Texas, but the dates are important so there is no overlapping with other scheduled shows;

c. Edie Gandy stated that the membership needs to reach out to Part Bred Horses. NAPHA needs to target this membership and build up interest in this area so as to offer these members alternatives;

d. Danell Adams wanted to see more awareness and participation in competitive rides, the American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) in particular. Also, items are needed for auction at the Nationals. A quilt was donated for auction by the Northern Lights Club, and Danell wanted more special items like this;

e. Gene Pepe gave a clarification in regard to Part Bred Horses and why he wanted to promote them. He stated that classes will be offered in Tennessee and at the Nationals for Part Bred Horses, but they will not be competing or intermingled with full bred Peruvians. Most of the Part Bred classes will be

performance, and he thought it was a good idea for revenue reasons. The NAPHA website gives instruction for Part Bred Horse registration;

f. Edie Gandy talked about Champion of Champion horses that qualified from other regional and National shows being allowed to go into Champion of Championship classes for the Tennessee Regional Show. Because this is the first regional show in the East, there will only be one horse in the perspective division classes. Therefore, it was agreed that this year's Champion, as well as other Champion of Champions should be allowed to participate. Gene Pepe had commented earlier that he thought that was a good idea.

g. Alice Wolf asked that NAPHA work with local shows so show dates do not overlap and harm horse entries. She came in late to the conference meeting, so she was advised that this issue was addressed earlier (See Section 1 of these Minutes).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 MST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon La Pierre
Acting Secretary