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NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: November 16, 2010

MEETING CHAIRPERSON: Joline Hahn

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon LaPierre, Athena Goumas, Rich Ovenburg, Brad Raphel and Tonya Egger

EX-OFFICIO, CLUB PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS PARTICIPATING: Jean Melton, Debbie Dutton, Dave Ryan, Liz Potof, Mike Moszer, Lynn Kinsky, Carol Borden, Larry Redman, Danell Adams and Charles Melton

Meeting convened at 8:32 p.m. EST

TOPIC 1: Minutes/Amendments from October 19, 2010 meeting approved previously via email

TOPIC 2: RAC Chairperson Report by Joline Hahn

Joline Hahn reported that Region 10 & 11 were vacant. She sent out forms for nominations, but has received only one nomination back from Region 10 and none from Region 11. Cindy Lemke has not only been handling her Region 12, but has also been covering Region 11 for some time. Gene Pepe is resigning from Region 14, but his region was proactive in sending out letters for nominations. There was some discussion about splitting up Wisconsin between Mike Moszer and Cindy Lemke. The proposed split would take away part of Wisconsin, which is in Region 12 and give it to Region 11.

Dave Ryan requested a draft of the minutes be sent to everyone that attends the meetings so that they are able to comment on the draft minutes. Joline Hahn explained that the minutes are an accumulation of dialogue and not word for word. She said that changes would only be made if an important item were left out. She asked for comments from the RAC on this issue. Jim Alexander

suggested that emails are kept current so we know who is a qualified Club President.

TOPIC 3: Financial Update by the BOD

Gene Pepe reported that the National Show made \$44,556 net income. The raffle made \$2750 and the stallion auction took in about \$5862 net. He added that we now have \$36,000 in the bank, which is more than we've ever had. NAPHA is still having challenges getting back up on some of the old checks, but is still trying to resolve this issue. Edie Gandy said that they are still resolving Quickbooks as well. Gladys Freeman thanked the BOD for all they've done. Edie Gandy said that they had paid the IRS about \$7000 for issues they were fixing and still has a few more things to take care of with them. Some of the NAPHA employees have not paid their taxes thus NAPHA may be held accountable. Carolyn Mittrick thanked Gene Pepe and his secretary for all they had done. Edie Gandy said she hoped to have complete financials for the annual meeting and to be able to hire a part time bookkeeper. She also suggested we do an additional auction with no minimum within the year for the stallions that didn't get a bid since the company that handles our auctions has already been paid for the year. After much discussion, Edie Gandy agreed to put the information together to plan our next auction.

TOPIC 4: 2011 Show Discussion

Edie Gandy said that the BOD had voted to have the 2011 National show at Glen Rose, Texas. The BOD is still waiting for the Breeder's group to decide on their show dates. She also invited anyone to submit names of possible judges. Edie Gandy added that the BOD is still debating on the best procedure for the awards. She asked for feedback from the RAC members. She said that the awards dinners do not make any money. Jim Alexander suggested doing all awards at some point during the show and offer a separate dinner if someone wants to buy a ticket to that. Carolyn Mittrick suggested a NAPHA East, West and Central Regional show creating a double pointed show. Joline Hahn said the West coast is discussing how to cut back on the number of shows they are having due to the economy and the dwindling entries. There are currently eight shows with only so many exhibitors that can attend each show. Edie Gandy said as soon as they know what the Breeder's group is going to do she will get with the club Presidents to make decisions on the National shows. Danell Adams said having a semi championship is not good because the exhibitors don't want to drive to Texas to compete at Nationals for economic reasons. Edie Gandy added if there were multiple shows, they would need to be National caliber. Danell Adams said that we need to re-think today's economic impact on the National shows and run it like a business. Joy Redman expressed concern for loss of breeders being a further negative impact on entries at future shows. Danell Adams added that the Canadian entries were down also.

TOPIC 5: Rules Committee Update

Danell Adams said that there was no update available on the amateur and professional status from the Rules Committee as they hadn't had time to have a meeting yet. Charles Melton said they have not responded in a very long time. Danell Adams said she is working with the rules committee to get it straightened out and hopes to have accomplishments after the first of the year. Charlotte Becera said that in the past the BOD didn't act on suggestions from the rules committee, which made it seem like they weren't making progress. There was much discussion on this matter. Danell Adams said she has asked for the past motions that had already been approved, to be put into effect as soon as possible.

TOPIC 6: ACTHA Rides Update

Danell Adams reported that the ACTHA does all the work and advertising, etc., for the trail rides. She added that she hoped clubs would choose to host these rides in cooperation with ACTHA to involve more trail riders of all breeds.

TOPIC 7: Annual Membership Meeting

Eddie Gandy said that the annual membership meeting would be held on February 25, 26 and 27th at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. They have negotiated a much better rate for the meeting and rooms this time so it should be less expensive for the members. Gladys Freeman asked why we have to spend money on a meeting when we can't afford it right now. She further suggested that we go somewhere ordinary so it would be cheaper and spend our money smarter. Jim Alexander asked if we should encourage members to support the idea of other National shows. Eddie Gandy replied that there needs to be sponsors to cover expenses. She is waiting for a response from the Breeder's group prior to decisions on National shows. Charlotte Becera asked why NAPHA is waiting on a one year old show to set our show dates? Eddie Gandy responded that the breeders would attend the Breeder's show instead of Nationals if the dates were too close together. Also, NAPHA doesn't want to alienate the breeders. Gene Pepe added that the Breeder's group wants to work with NAPHA. Much discussion took place regarding multiple Nationals shows. Eddie Gandy said that sponsors would be critical to having a cost effective show. Charles Melton said that considering the cost of the annual membership meeting, he doesn't think we need to pay to bring Arlynda Castro out to explain Studbook. Eddie Gandy said she has asked the people that do the Studbook program to lower our costs, but so far we've been told "no". Eddie Gandy also asked if the members wanted to do seminars again.

Joline Hahn stated that a mailing to the membership needed to be done. Eddie Gandy responded that they are preparing a 16 page booklet that will be going out soon with all the current updates and information regarding the National show results, upcoming annual meeting, etc.

TOPIC 8: Judges for 2011

Edie Gandy said the BOD is open for suggestions from anyone for the 2011 National show judge. Danell Adams also asked for a list of possible show locations from the RAC for future reference.

ROUND TABLE

Jim Alexander said his area held a gaited show with Peruvians, Tennessee Walkers, Paso Finos, etc. It was well attended with about 78 entries. He suggested that all clubs consider doing all breed gaited shows as they made \$4000 on this show.

Juan Bosco Sandigo would like groups at the Annual meeting to introduce themselves and spend time exchanging ideas.

Joline Hahn agreed that general membership meetings with interaction and round tables are a very good idea.

Veryl Robinson (audio problems, could not be heard)

Cindy Lemke agrees with Gladys Freeman about keeping costs down on the annual meeting. She added that we might even get more members if it is less expensive.

Dave Ryan said his club is very interested in doing East and West National shows.

Liz Potof expressed her frustration in planning the Carousel show, as there is no central contact person at NAPHA to get guidance in putting on their show. Charlotte Becera suggested utilizing the NAPHA website. Liz Potof said she also needed to get show approval. Edie Gandy said she would follow up with Arlynda to send her an itemized list that would help her complete the application process.

Mike Moszer needs help to put on a show if they do a Regional show in his area. He would like to host it up there.

Larry Redman suggested doing a training seminar to make money for NAPHA.

Charles Melton said he likes the idea of doing awards at the shows. He thinks we should have more fun. He suggested we can have a get together without awards such as a night to socialize and meet new people.

Jean Melton agreed with Charles Melton commenting that they had recently done a trail ride and it was all fun.

Next Meeting to be announced (probably in January)

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m. EST

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Borden
NAPHA RAC Secretary