

**NAPHA
REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2011 5:30 PST**

COUNCIL CHAIR - Joline Bell Hahn

ROLL CALL:

Danell Adams - Jim Alexander - Liz Potof - Gladys Freeman - Edie Gandy - Rich Overburg - Jackie Green - Juan Sandigo - Cindy Lemke - Dave Ryan - Carolyn Mittrick - Charles Melton - Gene Pepe - Kathleen Morrison - Darla Austin

REGIONAL APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Joline Bell-Hahn submitted the RAC list of recommended regional replacements:

Region 2	Carole Hackett "Interim"
Region 3	Joy Redman
Region 5	Rich Ovenburg
Region 6	Michelle Wilson
Region 9	Debbie Lloyd
Region 10	Debbie Jennings
Region 15	Vicky Shelton
Region 16	Carolyn Mittrick
Region 17	Gladys Freeman "interim"

Motion by RAC Chair, Joline Bell-Hahn to approve appointments as listed. 2nd by Jim Alexander. Approved

Motion by NAPHA to accept recommendations of RAC appointments by Rich Ovenburg. 2nd by Charles Melton. (This will be officially noted in the NAPHA Board minutes during the January meeting as two NAPHA board members were not present.)

Joline will also coordinate with Arlynda Castro to be sure that the RAC lists are re-done. They should be current, with up to date contact information to send to our new RAC members so that they can establish their contact lists. Edie has recommended that the RAC list go back two years.

Jim Alexander pointed out that some of our members still do not have email addresses. He recommended that the club presidents seek to identify these individuals so that we can be assured that all members are kept appropriately informed and included on the RAC and membership contact lists.

Eddie discussed that the NAPHA eblast newsletter will be able to be downloaded so that RAC can copy and send to individuals who do not receive email. She discussed reaching out to more of our trail and pleasure people and that clubs do more to create events to include them. Jim Alexander recommended that the NAPHA website be used by clubs to post trail rides and events so that all members can view and identify activities in their area. Eddie added that club special events as well as the shows, need to be added to the NAPHA calendar.

NAPHA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

Danell Adams gave a briefing on the procedures and progress for the new NAPHA membership directory. A mailer will be forthcoming and will include a ballot for the new board position, a membership application and a directory application. Members are asked to complete the membership application to assure that all contact information is correct. Membership dues must be received by the NAPHA office by February 1, 2012 to be included in the directory. All club Presidents should also complete club approval forms in the same time frame. The publication date for the hard copy directory will be in March and all members will receive a copy. Sponsorships are \$100 and enhanced directory listings are \$50. The application has two contact numbers for Carole Hackett and Manny Brito who are coordinating the sponsorships. Charlotte Dicke-Becerra is handling the publication.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Carolyn Mittrick has coordinated the facility and reservation process for the annual meeting scheduled for February in New Orleans. Eddie Gandy has signed the contract with the hotel. Many members are car-pooling to the meeting. All of the RAC representatives are tasked with working to get notice to all of the members about the benefits of attending and participating in this meeting. Members are encouraged to contact former members as well and solicit their participation. Eddie asked the RAC to come up with some agenda items and ideas for panel discussions for the meeting.

HORSESHOW.COM

Kathleen Morrison brought up a new and unique opportunity presented by this website:

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JUDGE SELECTION FOR 2012 NATIONAL SHOW:

For the National show, the group has asked that a Judge who is not on the current RAC list, be considered for inclusion. Renzo Crolle Judged the Peruvian Nationals in 2011 and NAPHA would like to consider him for our 2012 National Show.

Jim Alexander made a motion to include Renzo Crolle on the current RAC list of Judges for the National Show. 2nd by Edie Gandy.

Roll Call Vote:

Jackie Green	Yes	Edie Gandy	Yes
Cindy Lempke	Yes	Gladys Freeman	No
Rich, Ovenburg	Yes	Carolyn Mittrick	Yes
Jim Alexander	Yes	Kathleen Morrison	Yes
Joline Bell-Hahn	Yes	Darla Austin	Yes

Motion Carried

Charles Melton suggested that in the future, the RAC make the National Judges list nine months in advance of the National Show versus establishing a two year list.

LAUREADO ISSUE:

Danell Adams explained that the Laureado issue has come up to the NAPHA Board of Directors again. This is a rather sensitive topic with passionate arguments on each side and the board would like the issue to go before the members for further discussion. Charles Melton wished to emphasize that it is not about doing away with Laureado, but rather about allowing the owner to put their Laureado horse back through the division classes. He emphasized that many young horses are forced out of divisions at too young of an age. Rich Ovenburg countered that argument with the presentation that up and coming horses should be given the opportunity to win this prestigious award.

Eddie added that the issue should go out on Survey Monkey with points and counter points for our members to review and be able to respond. There was a few minutes of significant debate on both sides of the issue, which is why the topic needs to be addressed by our members. Eddie will send the rule the way it was written by the committee to Joline, so that it can be sent to the members.

NAPHA RULES DOCUMENT:

Joline emphasized the need to get the new NAPHA rules document completed. The NAPHA board has reviewed the recommendations submitted by the rules committee and made some additional minor amendments. The document is being typed up for return to the committee. It is anticipated that the committee will be able to review in relative short order and then the new rules can be disseminated to the clubs and membership.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Jean Melton announced that the Deep South and Central States Clubs have been asked to ride in the Mississippi Governor's Inaugural Parade. This is the only equestrian group asked to do so and is quite an honor for our breed. Our special congratulations to those two clubs and all of the riders!

Danell Adams reminded all that the So Cal Peruvian Horse Club's Rose Parade "Dream Team" will be on Colorado Blvd. January 2. Their position is in the 50's, about mid-way through the parade and right behind the float with the skateboarding bull dog. They will also be performing at Equestfest on December 29 in Burbank, which will be covered live on RFD-TV. This is the third year in a row for this group and they continue to put our breed way out in front! Congratulations to the So Cal Club and this group of dedicated riders

NEXT RAC MEETING DATE:

January 17, 2012 The RAC Chair will be elected at this meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM PST / Danell Adams - Secretary

