

**Regional Advisory Council
Minutes - Conference Call
January 17, 2012
1730**

Roll Call:

Danell Adams, Debbie Lloyd, Michele Wilson, Carolyn Mittrick, Kathleen Morrison, Joy Redman, Joline Bell-Hahn, Kerry McGinley, Jim Alexander, Edie Gandy, Larry Brahn, Darla Austin, Debra McCormick, Gladys Freeman, Liz Potof, Oliver Williams, Cindy Lemke, Carole Hackett

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joline Bell-Hahn at 1737.

December 13, 2011 minutes previously approved and posted to NAPHA website

Welcome New RAC members:

Joline welcomed each of the new RAC members to the group and explained the conference call procedure. Members are reminded to check with their cell phone provider to determine what, if any costs they may incur by participating on the conference call.

It was noted that Gladys Freeman is in an interim status due to her previous service terms. Carole Hackett is also interim for her region.

New Judge:

Renzo Crolle was added to RAC Judges list during the last RAC call.

Position of RAC Chair:

Joline pointed out that it was time to elect a new RAC chair. This will be decided at the Annual Conference. In order to include as many RAC representatives as possible, it was suggested that representatives be allowed to call in to the conference at a designated time to participate in the process.

Motion by Jim Alexander to set, through Joline Bell-Hahn, a business agenda for the annual conference and a time be set on that day for RAC members to call in and participate in the nomination and election of RAC chair. 2nd by Carolyn Mittrick.

Membership Directory:

Manny Brito, Michele Wilson and Cindy Lemke have been coordinating the process for getting up-to-date membership information for insertion into the new membership directory. Joline asked that each RAC Representative keep her

up-to-date with their region's membership contact information. Our RAC representatives are the best source for obtaining and maintaining accurate membership information. Jim Alexander suggested a telephone campaign for the directory, prior to the end of this month. Michele Wilson is calling members from the former AA and PP Associations who were previous NAPHA members. Joy Redman was asked to look into the Golden Gate Club in Tehachapi, California to determine their status.

Annual NAPHA National Conference:

Joline asked for any additional suggested topics for the New Orleans meeting and to also solicit ideas from our membership. She also asked all of the club president's to encourage participation in the NAPHA directory as well as helping to sponsor the Annual Convention.

Joy Redman confirmed that the Laureado issue would be discussed at the conference. The Board is leaving this topic up to the membership to decide as the issue clearly has a significant list of both pros and cons. Edie Gandy has suggested that the issue go out to all of our members via a survey process.

Eleanor Palmisano will try to attend the conference to give a presentation from the rules committee. The Board and the rules committee have completed a rough draft version of some amendments to the document. The goal is to have the document completed and presented at the Conference and then sent out to our members and clubs. The rules document is always evolving and consequently, members are continuously invited to submit new ideas and suggested amendments.

Local Promotions:

The RAC has been pulling together brochure information and is working in conjunction with Lionel Griffith to create a link for our memberships on the NAPHA website. There are a variety of "how to" topics on the inclusion list which may be beneficial to our members as well as people visiting our site. As this link grows, members are invited to contribute to the information data base which has the potential of becoming a very good source for training and education. Joline will be sending out a "rough draft" version for the RAC representatives to review.

Potential New Clubs:

Danell Adams noted that there may be some attempts to start up new clubs. Currently, NAPHA requires that each club have ten NAPHA members who are qualified to vote (this excludes Junior Memberships and Aficionados). She suggested that the RAC assist in posting instructions on how to start a new club and what is required. She also suggested that the minimum "10 voting

members" requirement be revisited and to consider a sliding scale based on the number of individuals in the club. Most clubs start out relatively small and meeting the ten member requirement may exclude them from being approved. Joline said that the RAC could come up with some criteria for this issue to present to the Board.

Committees:

It is incumbent upon the RAC representatives to determine the needs of NAPHA members in their particular regions and to forward all ideas, suggestions and concerns to the Board of Directors. Working on the NAPHA committees is instrumental in identifying and presenting ideas and projects that will further the promotion of our breed. Nominations for the committees will be accepted at the National Conference. Please submit names to your RAC representative.

Part Bloods:

It was again suggested that owners of our part bloods be encouraged to join NAPHA. There are over 1000 of these horses currently registered. Our local shows may also be well served by adding classes for these horses to encourage more participation. A list of owners should be separated out from the over-all membership for identification and easier access for communications.

Round Table:

Participating RAC members are always asked to give a brief presentation about activities in their area. Members wishing to have their activities included here, should advise their RAC representatives.

Edie Gandy - The Florida State Fair is coming up in February. They are encouraging our breed to participate due to the high volume of visitors always in attendance.

Gladys Freeman - A group of our Peruvians will be participating in the Mississippi Gubernatorial parade.

Carolyn Mittrick - Preparations are under way for their Deep South show in March in Jackson, Mississippi. Carolyn is also working hard to determine up to date contact information for her region and is sending out a personal letter to be sure all are appropriately included.

Kathleen Morrison - Although the East is having a mild winter, their first show will not be until mid-June in Virginia. Her members have also asked the NAPHA rearrange the scheduling of classes at Nationals so that performance classes are more evenly dispersed. Too many performance classes were bunched on Sunday last year.

Cindy Lemke - Their Expo show is April 19 in Madison, Wisconsin and our Peruvians will be putting on a demonstration for attendees. They have also been invited to enter a horse in the Friday evening special program to further showcase our breed.

Darla Austin - The Northern Lights Peruvian Horse Club will be enjoying their winter party at the end of January. They are also preparing for the Minnesota Horse Expo and our Peruvians will be a significant presence.

Debbie Lloyd - Their first show will be in May in Glen Rose. The Oklahoma show will be the first weekend in June. She added that the open gaited shows are starting to draw more participation by our Peruvian owners.

Kerry McGinley - The Rocky Mountain Horse Expo is in March. Our Peruvians will be performing both Friday and Saturday.

Michele Wilson - A local organization called Bridleandbit.com has been including information about the Peruvian horse quite often in their monthly publication. One of their club members has helped the Copper State Club to develop a website and all are encouraged to visit.

Jim Alexander - Their club is organizing the Northern Nevada gaited horse show slated for September in Carson City. Last year, they had approximately 60 horses from various breeds participate in this show.

Larry Braun - President of the Wine Country Peruvians. They are conducting a seminar in March which will be announced on their site. They are also putting about 15 horses in the Petaluma parade in April. The Expo will be in their area in June and they will have a contingent of members participating.

Danell Adams - The Southern California Peruvian Paso Horse Club has presented a "hosting program" for members across the Nation who would like to ride in the Rose Parade. She will be the Marshal for the 2013 team. People may submit a two year resume of their horse's parade experience and then possibly be invited as a guest to a ranch in California to be able to participate in the parade, if the team is again accepted. (Application is due in May.)

They have two double shows scheduled for May and September. They are currently preparing for the February Expo in Pomona and three clubs have joined up for the festivities: SCPPHC - Central Coast Peruvian Horse Club and the Los Amigos Peruvian Paso Horse club. Riders will be participating in demo rides on Friday and Saturday.

Joline Bell-Hahn - The LosAmigos club is partnering up with two other California clubs to put on the Expo booth and Demo. These clubs are also discussing a

concept to split an award cost for a "Triple Crown" class at all of the club shows, with the winner being presented an award at the So Cal year-end awards banquet. The Los Amigos Club also sponsored a page in the NAPHA directory as well as a sponsorship at the Annual Convention. Joline added that California is able to have more shows and events primarily due to our good, year round weather.

Motion to adjourn the RAC meeting at 1900, by Joline Bell-Hahn. Second by Jim Alexander.

Danell Adams
Secretary