

Minutes of the NAPHA RAC meeting of January 28, 2014

Roll Call by RAC Chairman:

RAC Members	Region 8 - Carlos Salinas
Region 1 - Robin James	Region 9 - Pam Castaneda
Region 2 - Rosie Heffley	Region 11 - Darla Austin
Region 3 - Joy Redman	Region 13 - ** Jackie Green
Region 4 - Jim Alexander	Region 14 - Cynthia Fraser
Region 5 - Irene Taylor	Region 16 - Jackie Green
Region 6 - Michele Wilson	Region 17 - **Carolyn Mittrick
	Region 18 - Juvy Pina
	** = Board Member

NAPHA Board:

Edie Gandy, Danell Adams, **Carolyn Mittrick, Chris Austin, Bonnie Gallegos, **Jackie Green, Pam Castaneda

Club Presidents:

Liz Potof - Copper State PPC, Nancy Gaelen – SCPPHC, Alice Wolf – Camino Real PH

Other Guests:

Arlynda Castro, Nick Breaux, Kathleen Morrison, Joline Hahn

Chairman Jim Alexander (Jim) called the meeting to order at 5:43 PM PST.

Jim began the meeting by asking Arlynda Castro, NAPHA Registrar, to introduce the new show program and explain about Org Pro. This program compiles memberships, show results, awards, and points. Arlynda has worked with the programmer on the award site, and both Jim and Bonnie Gallegos have viewed the program. Information will be passed out at the February meeting for all to see. Currently the results for the year 2013 are available to view (<http://www.napha.net/show-results-points/>). Arlynda said there are 4 options for viewing:

1. Each show by region (4 Regions Coast to Coast)
2. Show standings
3. Members
4. Horses

The switchover from 2013 to 2014, to be made on or about April 1, 2014, will upload the show results and update point standings. At that point, only 2014 show results can be viewed. This may be set up as a demo on line for interested parties to view. Danell will present this at the National meeting. The intent is to put it as a link on the website. The membership list will be in alpha format or members can go to the NAPHA website to view it. Chris commented that he will work with Arlynda and Laura, and that we should expect to see it soon. Arlynda was thanked for her hard work on this project

Cynthia Fraser reported on the survey that the Marketing Committee has been conducting. There were 110 responses, approximately 1/3 of the mailing list.

Among the responses, 70% of first time purchasers are women; 45% of first time purchasers are between the ages of 30-49; more than ½ have been in the breed 10-20 years; the horses personality was the primary reason for choosing this breed; over ½ have someone in their family to ride with, and 50% have owned Quarter Horses. Twenty-eight people indicated they would attend the National Show, representing 20 breeders with 40 horses. Cynthia said that Kerry McGinley used the electronic mailing list, Facebook and the Peruvian Horse World sites to send out the survey and reminders. Danell thanked the Marketing Committee for their work.

OLD BUSINESS

2015 National Show Venue

Pam Castaneda reported on the Wichita Falls TX Convention Center & Arena. The Ag Center would be the venue if chosen. The center would help with scheduling events and catering, and would give NAPHA a sponsorship credit of \$2,500 for using the facility.

Bonnie commented that the last 2 Burbank shows had the highest earnings and that the LA Equestrian Center was available for the next 3 years. Edie said that the decision to move the show east was made in New Orleans 2 years ago, with little representation from the California members. She conceded that it is difficult for the California people to travel too far east. Jim said that it is hard to know how to put the most money into the treasury, but that the revenue from the National Show was critical to the funding of the Annual operations of NAPHA. Danell responded that it is important to understand the support for Tunica. She is concerned that 90-100 horses and a \$30,000 show income is not enough.

Horseshow.com

Kathleen Morrison said that Horsehow.com will no longer provide an individual Website for each breed. However, each breed will have a specific page on Horseshow Website. The Board of Directors will have to determine the effect of this new development. The program can start quickly once all the questions are resolved. A list of judges and clinicians is needed.

NAPHA Historian

The Board of Directors has approved the start of this project with Margaret Turk as Historian. She has a large store of old magazines and other documents.

2014 National Show in Tunica MS

Danell noted that there is a problem in getting help in that area. Carolyn said that Manny Brito could be asked to work the East Coast and Naomi could work the Central states. She also may do the program book. Joline commented that nobody from California will be attending, and Jackie said that Tunica is “not east” in the context of the discussion about getting exhibitors from Texas and whether or not they (Texans) thought it was too far to travel.

Website and Peruvian Horse World

RAC Minutes are posted as of June 2013. The Board minutes are mostly posted, too. Laura has worked with Arlynda teaching her how to update the NAPHA website. Work continues on a national directory of barns for PHW. Chris said the goal is to work with the Advertising Committee and to advertise stallions. This needs to be started soon.

Carlos said that anyone who uses an older version of Internet Explorer needs to update their computer because the new website requires the newest version of IE. Arlynda said that Laura can't change the platform and that people may have slow server problems. She also said that some people couldn't download forms because they don't have Acrobat, which is a free program that can be downloaded. There was more discussion on the problems of opening the NAPHA website. Rosie said that her son downloaded a program for her computer that allows her to open the website. She will report back on what it is (Google Chrome).

Request for Potential Judges for 2015 and 2016

Arlynda will send out a list, which will be distributed, to the RAC before the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections or Appointments

Jim congratulated Pam and Jackie who are now members of the Board of Directors. We were fortunate to retain the RAC Reps for Regions 4, 5, 10, 11, 13, with only one open position Region 15 – Kentucky, Tennessee, and N. Carolina. The feasibility of reducing the RAC Regions from 18 to 16 at a later date by consolidating or realigning Regions was mentioned by Jim.

Membership Committee

Cynthia reported that there was no business conducted by the Membership Committee. At this time there is no Chairman. Cynthia will poll members to see if anyone wants to assume the Chair position. There will be more discussion of this matter in Fort Worth at the Annual RAC meeting.

Rules Committee

Bonnie said that the change form is up on the website under Forms. Any inquiry needs to be submitted by October 1 for any potential changes in the upcoming year.

Treasury

Chris reported that NAPHA is in good financial shape at this time. He will submit a financial report at the Annual Meeting.

Reports from Club Presidents

Liz Potof reported for the Copper State Peruvian Paso Club and on the Carousel Charity Horse Show that will have a Peruvian division this year. The show is March 12-14 with

Lionel Peralta as judge. The class list has been corrected on the NAPHA website. Michele said that sponsor forms will be out soon and she thanked Arlynda and Rosie for their help in getting our division together.

Alice Wolf reported for Camino Real and said that they were changing the dates for their show to the spring. They will have a trail ride in the fall, with 15 miles of trails and all kinds of terrain.

Nancy Gaelen was not available to report for the Southern California Club so Robin spoke on her behalf. They have started up their parade group and will be working towards a Rose Parade goal. They tentatively have a wine ride scheduled in the Temecula area and will hold their fall show at the LA Equestrian Center.

Cynthia Fraser reported for the Mid Atlantic Club. She said that their show in Virginia would feature an ACTHA Obstacle Challenge Trail Class.

Kathleen Morrison said that the NE Club would host a show with the Paso Finos, using a sounding board to show the gait differences. Show will be held in West Springfield, MA at the Eastern States Exposition Complex.

Irene Taylor reported that the NW Show would move from Washington State to McMinnville OR, to be held on August 15 – 17, 2014. Clinics are also planned during the show period.

Rosie Heffley said the Fiesta of the Spanish Horse will be held May 2, 3, 4 at the LAEC. The class list is up on the website and also on the NAPHA website. The So Cal parade group will be featured on Saturday night.

Report on Shoes / No Shoes

Pam said that this question has expanded from juniors to include novices and trail riders. Comments were as follows:

Region 1 – Robin said responses were split down the middle.

Region 2 – Rosie said that the rocky area necessitated shoes or boots and that it was hard to take shoes off and put them back on.

Region 3 - Joy said 100% of the respondents were against shoes, noting there should not be anything artificial. She questioned who would monitor shows, it would alter the gait, and that once you let it happen you can't close the door.

Region 4 – Jim said that people in his region are purists – no shoes. Trail horses are often shod because of the rocky terrain.

Region 5 – Irene said they already allow shoes for novices in their show at the regional level but does not believe it should be at the national level.

Region 6 – Michele said that shoes are needed for trail in Arizona. In the small shows many horses ridden by juniors are cross-entered into gait or breeding classes so shoes would not be allowed. She felt that this issue should remain as is for now.

Regions 8 - Carlos said his area is 50-50. He would rather see a shod horse than one broken down.

Region 9 - Pam was off the line.

Region 11 - Chris said that even though there was some support, people were very concerned about “opening the door”.

Region 13 - Jackie had 4 answers – 3 NO and 1 for non-qualifying only.

Region 14 - Cynthia said she had 13 responses, 11 against and 2 new owners for. She commented that the Peruvian is known as a Natural Horse. Boots are better than shoes.

Region 16 - Carolyn said that she personally thought there were both good and bad reasons. There would have to be stringent rules and the lightest of aluminum shoes. She thought it would be tragic for a child to be denied the opportunity to go into a class due to shoes.

Region 18 - Juvy Pina said that people who want to get into the breed don't necessarily have the best horses, and being new to the breed, would be in non-qualifying classes.

Danell commented that we would need to determine who would monitor, what type of shoe. Thousands of people know we have a “Natural Horse”. This topic will be finally addressed at the National conference.

Bonnie commented that it is not easy to check on the aluminum shoes, that they cause a chemical change to the hoof and damage to the feet. She said that there might be a change of gait, and the majority of horses would be affected with their timing off.

Annual RAC Meeting – February 28, 2014

The meeting will begin on Friday at 8am with lunch at noon. The General Meeting will be in the afternoon. The Friday night dinner will honor Jorge Galante, Vicki Shelton and the Brian and Terry Jarchow.

Jim thanked all those who attended this meeting.

With no more business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM PST.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Wilson

Approved as written and revised,
Jim Alexander
RAC Chairman