## MINUTES FROM REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

These draft minutes are for reference only until approved by majority vote at a duly noticed RAC meeting. NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**DATE:** March 12, 2010

**MEETING CHAIRPERSON:** Joline Bell-Hahn

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Don Brewer, Gene Pepe, Juan Bosco Sandigo, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Joline Bell-Hahn, Rich Ovenburg, Joy Redman, Charlotte Becerra, Cindy Lemke, Tonya Egger and Jim Alexander

MEMBERS ABSENT: Debbie Shaw, Athena Goumas, Veryl Robinson, Carolyn Mittrick and Brad Raphel

**EX-OFFICIO, CLUB PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS PARTICIPATING:** Carol Borden, Debbie Dutton, Carol Hayden, Lynn Kinsky, Sharon LaPierre, Charles Melton, Lucho Dapelo, Maidy Dreyfuss, Danell Adams, Jo Ward, Eleanor Palmisano, Cynthia Gasman and Liz Potof

Meeting convened at 4:10 p.m. EST

## **TOPIC 1: Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2010**

Joline Bell-Hahn asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Joy Redman made a motion to accept them. Jim Alexander seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

TOPIC 2: RAC Chairperson Report by Joline Bell-Hahn

Joline recognized all of the Club Presidents in attendance and thanked them for their support and direct connection back to our membership.

## **TOPIC 3: Club President's Reports**

The following Club Presidents reported on their upcoming shows and planned events which included play days, the Rose Parade, "Wine" trail rides and river cruises: Debbie Dutton, Charlotte Becerra, Edie Gandy, Danell Adams, Maidy Dreyfuss, Carol Hayden, Cindy Lemke, Gladys Freeman, Charles Melton, Jim Alexander, Don Brewer, Rich Ovenburg, Gene Pepe, Lucho Dapelo and Juan Sandigo

## **TOPIC 4: Nominations for NAPHA Committees**

The following committee nominations were made, however they are all pending verification that they are NAPHA members and willing to serve.

#### **Rules Committee**

Bonnie Gallegos

**Kelly Powers** 

Lynn Kinsky

Bill Willis

Margaret Turk

## **Judge's Accreditation Committee**

Hugh Richardson

Mike Powers

Lynn Kinsky

Jeff Marcum

Victoria Shelton

Cheryl Aldrich

## **Junior Scholarship Committee**

Victoria Shelton

Rita Rothenberg

Tammy Hernandez

Cynthia Gasman

Marissa Ditunno

Maidy Dreyfuss

## **Ethical Practice Review Board**

Edie Gandy said that job descriptions need to be written and legal liabilities need to be understood prior to proceeding with this committee. It was agreed that we would pass on nominations for this committee until we have completed further research.

## **Membership Committee**

It was agreed that the biggest job here would be to communicate ideas for getting back lost members. Hugh Richardson said that people want to know what's in it for them and that NAPHA should include the Studbook as part of their membership. Nominations were as follows:

Charlotte Becerra

Manny Brito

Jo Dykema

Cindy Lemke

Carol Borden

Gladys Freeman

## **Fund Raising Committee**

Joy Redman

Alberto Lumus

Carolyn Mittrick

**Bobbi Taylor** 

Gene Pepe

Joe Chandler

Louise Clark

Barbara Alexander

Bill Willis

## **By-Laws Update Committee**

Arlynda Castro

Patrick Bossetta

Dave Burdega

Carol Hayden

Mike Powers

Manny Brito

Rich Ovenburg

Jim Alexander

## **Publications Committee**

Debbie Pie

Adel McCormick

Debra McCormick

Michele Ripley

Doris Loeffler

**Tammy Rhimes** 

Joline Bell Hahn said the nominations would remain open so that anyone that wants to volunteer after our meeting may do so.

## **Education Committee**

Janice MacDonald Jo Dykma Edie Gandy

## **Webinar Committee**

Kelly Powers

Joline Bell Hahn stated that we need job descriptions for all committees.

## **TOPIC 5: 2012 National Show Recommendations**

Charlotte Becerra recommended either Texas or Las Vegas

## **TOPIC 6: 2012 National Show Recommendations for Judges**

There was much discussion regarding NAPHA's financial ability to hold a National show in the near future. We also needed to know what judges have retired, what new judges may be available, etc.

## **TOPIC 7: Goal Setting for 2011**

Gene Pepe suggested that the NAPHA office put together a list for the past three years for past members that have not renewed and try to bring them back. He would also like to find ways to raise the image of our breed.

Danell Adams suggested we help NAPHA to solve their solvency problems.

Charlotte Becerra said she has seen positive change on RAC in the past year and that we should continue to be virulent and keep members informed.

Jim Alexander said he believes revising the By-Laws may give RAC more power so our suggestions aren't ignored.

Edie Gandy said that often times RAC suggestions create a problem either legally or financially and the BOD never explains to RAC why the idea wasn't acceptable.

Joy Redman reminded everyone that the BOD needs RAC and visa versa.

Charles Melton said that all of us just need to work together with or without changing the By-Laws.

Joline Bell Hahn said that Club Presidents may make motions but not vote. They may also assign another club member to attend the RAC meetings in their absence as long as they are a NAPHA member.

## **NEXT RAC MEETING:** to be decided

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Borden NAPHA RAC Secretary

NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: February 1, 2010

MEETING CHAIRPERSON: Joline Bell-Hahn

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Don Brewer, Gene Pepe, Juan Bosco Sandigo, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Athena Goumas, Joline Bell-Hahn, Rich Ovenburg, Joy Redman, Veryl Robinson, Charlotte Becerra, Brad Raphel, Cindy Lemke, Tonya Egger, Jim Alexander and Carolyn Mittrick

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

**EX-OFFICIO, CLUB PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS PARTICIPATING:** Carol Borden, Alice Wolf, Carol Hayden, Dave Ryan, Lynn Kinsky, Joy Gould, Sharon LaPierre, Jean Melton, Charles Melton, Lucho Dapelo, Barbara Windom and Liz Potof

Meeting convened at 8:35 p.m.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 1: BOD's Report by Joline Bell Hahn**

Joline Bell Hahn said that due to the amount of business on our agenda, she was going directly to Joy Gould's report.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: President's Report by Joy Gould**

Joy Gould reported that the new finance committee is made up of three people with accounting background and they will be meeting with the BOD this weekend. They will then continue to meet monthly to review the financials. The budget is already in place to structure the debt over two years. A conservative budget projection has been developed based on past numbers.

Don Brewer wanted to know last year's National show income.

Joy Gould said she would email the information, as she didn't have the financials with her.

Don Brewer said he thinks those numbers are important in planning for the next show.

Gene Pepe wants to go back to the past accounting firm for a refund. He said they did not do a complete job and they should refund our money.

Joy Gould agreed and said the BOD had discussed this and plans to contact the accounting firm.

Gene Pepe pointed out that the finance committee should be allowed to work independently and ask for questions to be answered as needed.

Joy Gould responded that is how it is set up.

Juan Bosco Sandigo asked what the current NAPHA budget is?

Joy Gould re-explained figures from her President's update. She added that NAPHA should be able to realize a \$40,000 income toward paying back debt in the year 2010 and the remaining debt will be paid in 2011 as agreed with Linda and Bill Virgin and Donna Bearer.

Juan Bosco Sandigo asked how many NAPHA employees there were and where are their salaries stated?

Joy Gould responded that Felice Bearer and Arlynda Castro are the only staff members and that their salaries are in the budget statement.

Joline Bell Hahn asked if we had enough people to hold our Annual meeting?

Joy Gould said that another BOD member would be reporting on that after the financial questions are completed.

Rich Ovenburg asked if our conservative budget includes a \$20,000 Caribbean Cruise?

Joy Gould responded, "yes" as this will be used to sell raffle tickets.

Rich Ovenburg said that last year NAPHA had budgeted \$35,000 for horse sale auctions, which did not turn out very well. He expressed concern that the cruise raffle was risky fund raising for our planned income.

Joy Gould responded that this was the plan and she believes they can make this plan successful since it appeals to a more general audience verses the horse auction.

Rich Ovenburg pointed out that some members are not comfortable giving out there credit card for reservations for the annual meeting. He also expressed his frustration that Joy Gould did not come prepared with the financials to answer the specific questions. He added that this is the second time RAC has asked for the financial answers and she even had specific agenda questions in advance so she should have been prepared to answer these questions this time. He said we had specific questions on income and debt, but Joy Gould was unable to answer these questions.

Joy Redman added that she shared Rich Ovenburg's frustration. She said she thought the sponsors on the live feed from the last national show had paid for Mustang Enterprises, but it still shows as a debt. She also said she thinks we should close the Texas office. She said she has been studying the finances and doesn't understand the debts. She also said we need to sit down in March and go over each line item one at a time. She said she was not comfortable with making money by raffles. She suggested that everyone donate and that NAPHA should be more conservative. She would also like a full day at the annual meeting to iron everything out.

Edie Gandy described what she wrote for the finance committee includes finding what brought us to this point both through mistakes and the current economic impact and what do they recommend we do going forward. She wants them to tell us what we can realistically count on for generating income so we can begin to focus on and fix the problems.

Veryl Robinson asked how many paying members do we have currently?

Joy Gould said she would send out those numbers tomorrow.

Charlotte Becerra suggested that since there were different names on the past tax preparations that we should try to keep them the same in the future.

Brad Raphel said he didn't like addressing these types of questions on a conference call. He wants to sit down in March to answer these questions. He would also like an arbitrator to keep control of the annual meeting.

Cindy Lemke said the lack of trust among members is a problem until they regain trust and value of a being a member. She thinks the stallion auction is a help, but must we have a national show? She said preserving the breed is the most important issued right now and just to let the breeders group have their show for now.

Tonya Egger asked if the studbook is part of what's factored in to NAPHA's proposed budget?

Joy Gould responded that it is.

Jim Alexander thanked the BOD members for being on the call. He reminded everyone that the By-laws state that he President is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day affairs of NAPHA and the Executive Director. He asked if the BOD had taken control of the checkbook yet?

Joy Gould said she is linking to the daily checking activity and may be setting up another account. A new arrangement is in the process of being set up and will be approved by the President. Treasurer and rest of the BOD.

Jim Alexander said he would like to reassure the members of this and asked if the new finance committee would have the ability to print quick book reports, etc.?

Joy Gould said the finance committee would request the reports they would like to see.

Jim Alexander offered support in moving NAPHA records from the Texas office to California in order to close the Texas office. He said he could have volunteers move everything to California. He added that studbook is very important to helping Arlynda in simplifying her job.

Joy Gould responded that the staff in Texas utilizes the records on a daily basis, however, they are looking into the best place to keep these files and all options are being considered.

Jean Melton said that we all needed to encourage the members to send in their dues.

Alice Wolf answered Rich Ovenburg's previous question by explaining that \$104,000 in expenses on the balance sheet included the 2008 and 2009 facility expense for the national show, thus the total income from the show is only \$12,000.

Rich Ovenburg questioned how you could show a profit of \$12,000 when we still have liabilities from the show? He also expressed concern that the President and Treasurer were just now trying to establish a link to the checkbook. He felt they should have already done this.

Gene Pepe said that since the NAPHA accounting is done on a cash basis, the liabilities don't show up until a bill is paid or collected. He said we should be on the accrual system.

Rich Ovenburg shared the minutes of the meeting from 2006 where a motion was passed to adopt the accrual system, so we should have been on this system already.

Jim Alexander asked if NAPHA was on the accrual system for 2010?

Joy Gould responded that we were now on accrual.

Joline Bell Hahn added that perhaps we would need to file Chapter 13.

Edie Gandy said the finance committee will let us know the answers to those questions.

Joline Bell Hahn said we need to know how soon Joy Gould has the checking account and what are we doing with the annual meeting.

Edie Gandy responded that she was putting the agenda together prior to the meeting. She plans to have focus groups break into separate discussion areas to address specific topics and focus on the problems. She intends to still have educational topics available for those that are not politically involved.

Joline Bell Hahn asked if Kelly Powers would have the ability to bounce the webinar back and forth if someone wished to listen to both.

Edie Gandy said she didn't know. She added that the issue was if we could even afford to hold the meeting. Only 35 people had signed up and that number puts us at risk of loosing money on the meeting.

Joline Bell Hahn said that we needed a "free" mediator or else Edie Gandy needs to facilitate.

Maidy Dreyfuss said if the members don't know what we are going to discuss, they wouldn't be interested in coming.

Edie Gandy said that the tentative program is on the website and that we would be offering both educational and group sessions.

Jim Alexander asked who is coming to the meeting verses the needed bed count?

Edie Gandy said we must fill a certain number of guest rooms or the meeting room cost will go up.

Joy Gould said that we must have 110 Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday rooms. We currently only have 75 beds so we are short about 11 or 12 people. If we back out now, we will be held responsible.

Edie Gandy said that the webinar could generate some income, but it won't give us the needed bed nights.

Rich Ovenburg said he might have some additional ideas to add for the meeting agenda.

Edie Gandy said the agenda is still flexible.

Sharon LaPierre said we should come out of the annual meeting with a business plan of short and long-term goals.

Joline Bell Hahn reminded Edie Gandy of the committee members that are ready to help put the meeting together. She added that we need the money to produce copies that will be needed.

Edie Gandy said that we can have sponsor booths to help pay for the expenses.

Gladys Freeman asked if members could ask the BOD questions at the meeting?

Joline Bell Hahn said we could add that to the agenda.

Joy Gould said that the requests for nominations for the BOD were mailed out today.

Joline Bell Hahn said we need more members to register for the meeting.

Charlotte Becerra shared that she had gotten some people to sign up for the meeting by sending emails and encouraged other club Presidents and RAC members to do the same.

Joline Bell Hahn said that we need the agenda to give the members to peak their interest. She also asked if we should put off the National show due to finances.

Jim Alexander questioned getting a different judge.

Barbara Windom said we have a contract with the judge so that is not going to change.

Jim Alexander asked why we couldn't have two judges, one for breeding and one for performance?

Barbara Windom said that would double our expenses and we have already made a commitment.

Rich Ovenburg asked how many horses we need to break even since we need our National show to produce revenue?

Barbara Windom responded that 128 horses would be our break even number.

Jim Alexander asked how much it would cost to do the show?

Barbara Windom said it would be \$70,000 to \$75,000.

Joline Bell Hahn said that bottom-line, we are having a National show.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 3: RAC Goal Setting for 2010**

It was agreed to do this on line in the interest of time.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 4: Nominations for Chairperson and Secretary**

Joy Redman nominated Joline Bell Hahn for Chairperson and Carol Borden for Secretary. Jim Alexander seconded. Charlotte Becerra also nominated Carol Borden for Secretary and Brad Raphel seconded. Brad Raphel then moved to accept the motions by acclamation. Juan Bosco Sandigo seconded. All were in favor and motions passed.

## DISCUSSION TOPIC 5: Nomination Suggestions for NAPHA Committees

Joline Bell Hahn said that we would do this at our annual meeting. Meanwhile, she and Carol Borden would put together a list of positions that would need to be filled and email it to everyone.

Joline Bell Hahn reminded everybody that RAC has been the drive behind the movement to keep members informed. She also reminded everyone that we need to fill the two regions that are currently vacant.

Barbara Windom told everyone that she was opening a separate bank account for all of the funds for the National show including sponsorships, etc.

**NEXT RAC MEETING:** Annual Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 p.m. EST

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Borden NAPHA RAC Secretary

#### NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**DATE:** January 25, 2010

MEETING CHAIRPERSON: Joline Bell-Hahn

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Don Brewer, Gene Pepe, Gladys Freeman, Athena Goumas, Joline Bell-Hahn, Rich Ovenburg, Joy Redman, Veryl Robinson, Cindy Lemke, Tonya Egger, Jim Alexander and Carolyn Mittrick

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edie Gandy, Brad Raphel, Juan Bosco Sandigo and Charlotte Becerra

**EX-OFFICIO, CLUB PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS PARTICIPATING:** Carol Borden, Alice Wolf, Carol Hayden, Dave Ryan, Lynn Kinsky, Joy Gould, Sharon LaPierre, Cheryl Aldrich, Larry Braun, Charles Melton, Angel Rodriguez, Debbie Dutton and Liz Potof

Meeting convened at 9:04 p.m.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 1: Approval of October & December Minutes**

Joy Redman moved to approve both sets of minutes. Jim Alexander seconded her motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: President's Report by Joy Gould**

As Joy Gould had a bad case of laryngitis, Joline Bell-Hahn reported that the petition to change the By-Laws had passed.

Also, the elections were complete for the RAC regions with the exception of one run off and we still needed a representative in region 11.

Since Joy Gould was unable to speak, it was recommended that anyone with questions regarding the financial report email their questions to Joy Gould for her to answer.

Additionally, Joline expressed that we need to know if we have enough attendees to pay for the annual meeting.

Joy Gould will send an update regarding the National show, as she is unable to give a report tonight.

Joline asked that we take a poll to see who would be attending the Annual meeting. There were thirteen that committed to attending.

DISCUSSION TOPIC 3: President's Congress Report by Carol Hayden

Carol Hayden said she still needed more Club Presidents to sign up for the forum.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 4: USEF Update by Lynn Kinsky**

Due to audio problems with the webinar, Lynn Kinsky was unable to give her report, however, Joline Bell Hahn stated that Lynn Kinsky thought having the USEF Representative attend our Annual meeting this year was not good timing due to our expected focused discussions regarding our current financial difficulties.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 5: JOR Report by Lynn Kinsky**

Joline Bell Hahn reported for Lynn Kinsky that the JOR program had two new members and is working on awards at this time.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 6: P & PM Report by Jim Alexander**

Jim Alexander reported that the original 13 pages presented at our last annual meeting in 2009, is now being revised. He plans to have a draft ready for the annual meeting. He will first send the draft to Joline Bell Hahn and the rest of the committee for prior review.

DISCUSSION TOPIC 7: Nomination Suggestions for Committees by Joline Bell Hahn

Joline Bell Hahn reminded everyone that we should be thinking about nominations for the upcoming NAPHA committees, in particular, the Membership Committee.

She then went on to welcome all of the newly elected RAC members and invited them to send in ideas and suggestions from their regions.

Joline Bell Hahn said that her members are concerned about finances and can we really afford to put on an annual show or would it be better to combine the 2010 show with the 2011 show next year? She also expressed concerns about the Friday agenda for the Annual meeting as there needs to be sufficient time for the general membership to ask questions.

Rich Ovenburg requested that we have another meeting since we lost members on this webinar call. He also requested that the answers that Joy Gould promised to our questions be posted on the NAPHA website.

Joy Redman said she would also like to have another meeting to have our questions answered. She wants to develop member goals as to why a member should join NAPHA. Joy Redman also asked if the President's update was mailed out to which Joy Gould responded "no". Joy Redman said she didn't think the update was sufficient and the answers from Joy Gould are not sufficient. Joy Redman said that our biggest goal should be how to fix finances and keep the registry going.

Tonya Egger agreed with Joy Redman. She said she would like to have more concrete, formulated and positive answers for her membership. She stated that she prefers having a better plan of action prior to the annual meeting and that we need questions answered now such as how are we going to do a business structure for our finances? She also announced that many members of her region would not support what the Breeder's group did by taking the John Justin arena date so close to Nationals.

Jim Alexander said he understands that we now have a financial committee that is supposed to be reviewing NAPHA's finances. He said he wanted another meeting so we can review financials. He added that the membership needs to hear from the BOD so they know what goals of the goals of the financial committee are going to be and what they are going to do and that we need another meeting so we know the overall status of NAPHA's finances.

Carolyn Mittrick said finances are a concern. She has polled her members for questions and suggestions. She is also concerned about the National show, but her primary concern is the integrity of the registry

Debbie Dutton wants a plan prior to the annual meeting as Tonya Egger suggested. Debbie Dutton also expressed her concern for the integrity of the registry.

Dave Ryan said he was concerned that plans and decisions are not being completed for the Annual meeting and also thinks that the National show in Las Vegas is a mistake since it competes with other shows.

Joline Bell Hahn told Dave Ryan that a committee was given to Joy Gould and they had already begun planning for the annual meeting.

Larry Braun said that NAPHA needs to firm up why the present members should renew and we need to work on how to get new

members as they need reasons to join and this should be a priority.

Carol Hayden said that communication needs to be improved and we need more reliance on the RAC members to disseminate the information from NAPHA. She said that members in her region don't understand why they don't have any input for dates and locations of the National show.

Sharon LaPierre confirmed that she is on the PPM committee. She asked that all the membership renew their dues and have faith. She also felt that the location of the National show needed to be addressed, as it doesn't include people from across the country.

Alice Wolf said her main concerns are the registry and the National show as it may not be financially successful.

Rich Ovenburg expressed frustration that no other BOD members could give the finance report other than the President who was unable to speak. He said he understood she was sick, but why couldn't someone else give the report? Also, said that members should join because they need to support the registry.

Jim Alexander asked Alice Wolf about her current status as a BOD member. She said she resigned, but is not actually leaving until someone else is appointed or elected. She also agreed that another BOD member could have given the financial report, but no one was asked to do it as far as she knew.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 8: New Business**

It was agreed that the members of RAC want more specific questions answered by the BOD and requests that all of the BOD members participate in the RAC meetings.

Everyone wanted an email waiver for another meeting in one week utilizing a regular conference call, as there were so many audio issues on this webinar.

In addition, the RAC want a concrete agenda so that Joy Gould would have responses to specific questions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Borden NAPHA RAC Secretary

NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: December 15, 2009

**MEETING TYPE:** General

**MEETING CHAIRPERSON:** Joline Bell-Hahn

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Don Brewer, Gene Pepe, Debbie Shaw, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Athena Goumas, Joline Bell-Hahn, Rich Ovenburg, Joy Redman, Charlotte Becerra and Kimberly Hall

MEMBERS ABSENT: Juan Bosco Sandigo, Veryl Robinson, Brad Raphel and Tonya Egger

**EX-OFFICIO, CLUB PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS PARTICIPATING:** Carol Borden, Jim Alexander, Cindy Lemke, Donna Bearer, Alice Wolf, Jean Melton, Carol Hayden, Dave Ryan, Lynn Kinsky, Joy Gould, Kathy Yaskivich, Sharon LePierre, Cheryl

Aldrich, Larry Braun, Debra McCormick, Lucho Dapelo, Barbara Windom, Charles Melton and Kelly Powers

Meeting convened at 8:35 p.m.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 1: Approval of the October 21, 2009 Minutes**

Joline Bell-Hahn called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. There were no comments, discussion or motions so the approval of minutes was moved to the January 2010 meeting.

## DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: Chairperson's Report - Joline Bell Hahn

As requested, Joline Bell-Hahn immediately turned the meeting over to Joy Gould for her presentation.

Joy Gould discussed the location of the upcoming annual meeting. This meeting usually looses about \$3000. Due to costs to NAPHA, expenses to members, Donna Bearer resigning as of February 1 leaving Joy Gould with all of the organizational functions for the meeting, she suggested postponing the meeting to a later date.

Joline Bell Hahn suggested RAC make suggestions. She also inquired as to what would happen to the \$1000 deposit currently at South Point. She added that Kelly Powers would be making a presentation that may create ways to raise more money to cover the costs of the meeting through a webinar.

Gene Pepe expressed that it was very important to have our annual meeting and inquired as to the cost to put on the annual meeting. Donna Bearer did not have the exact numbers with her, but Joy Gould said that there are usually about 50 people that attend for somewhere between \$75 and \$125 each. Joy said we would need about an additional \$3000 to break even. Gene Pepe wanted to know how many rooms that would include and how much they were.

Charlotte Becerra said her region wants to have the meeting. She had researched some costs and found that the Flamingo would be about \$6100 as compared to the \$7000 at South Point. It would also cost about \$600-\$700 to bring Arlynda out. She added that 60 members would cover the cost utilizing the webinar at \$50 per member.

Donna Bearer confirmed that South Point would move our date to later in the year without forfeiting our deposit, but we will loose our \$1000 deposit if we cancel.

Gladys Freeman asked how many days the meeting was going to be. Donna Bearer said the meeting was scheduled for Friday and Saturday. Donna also added that she would prepare a breakdown of the expenses involved and email out the costs to us.

Edie Gandy said she wants the meeting if we can cover the costs.

Rich Ovenburg said he wants the meeting as soon as possible.

Joy Redman said that according to the By-Laws we were required to hold the meeting and agreed that we should have one as soon as possible. She added that she wanted to keep the date so NAPHA doesn't loose their deposit. She said she personally knew of 20 people that were planning to attend.

Kimberly Hall agreed and offered to help however she can.

Lucho Dapelo also agreed that we need to have the meeting ASAP.

Charles Melton said that it was necessary to have the meeting ASAP. There would be more harm in delaying the meeting.

Cindy Lemke suggested if we weren't already locked into the \$1000 deposit that we could economize by using a hub airport hotel with lower rates.

Larry Braun suggested there might be a horse clubhouse where we could meet. He also suggested that we help Joy some how to put this together.

Gene Pepe commented that sometimes hotels would give some free rooms. Joy Gould reminded him that we do get a couple of free rooms, but it is the conference room that NAPHA is paying for.

Charlotte Becerra added that we must also order a certain amount from catering and most hotels required a minimum of \$10,000 for a free conference room or else they charged \$4800 a day for the conference room without any catering. She also suggested that maybe one of the clubs could help to organize the meeting.

Rich Ovenburg reminded everyone that the airfares to Las Vegas were pretty cheap.

Gene Pepe said that the club Presidents should encourage their members to attend the annual meeting.

Joy Gould expressed concern again that she felt she wouldn't have enough time to prepare for the February meeting.

Rich Ovenburg suggested that another BOD member or the RAC should take the load off of Joy Gould.

Joy Redman also volunteered to help wherever she can.

Joline Bell Hahn called for a vote between doing the annual meeting in February or March. It was somewhat evenly divided with 4 people choosing February, 3 people preferred March and 4 people said either would be fine with them. It was decided to keep the meeting in February and that everyone would do what is needed to help Joy Gould organize the meeting.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 3: GoToWebinar - Kelly Powers**

Kelly Powers explained what GoToWebinar is and how to use it for our meetings. She is able to provide the service for free for our annual meeting. NAPHA members can register to attend the annual meeting or even register for separate sessions. It provides PowerPoint, as well as many other benefits and features that she explained. Anyone can attend our annual meeting by simply turning on a computer or just calling in once they are registered. NAPHA could charge for them to register and attend to help with revenues and cut down on personal travel expenses. She can also set up a separate session for the RAC meeting.

Carol Borden said she had used this system previously and that not only were the features of the program excellent, but more importantly it would be a great tool in driving more revenue for NAPHA and including more members that would otherwise not participate.

Edie Gandy suggested that perhaps we could have sponsors to help defray the costs by having them lay out their flyers, display space for breeders, etc.

Joline Bell Hahn said she appreciated all the suggestions and feels that we can put it all together. She added that time is short and we must start with emails tomorrow to begin organizing everything.

Alice Wolf suggested that we make a formal committee to organize and run the National meeting since we already have the RAC to utilize.

Joy Redman agreed and asked for an agenda to help outline the work that needed to be done.

Joline Bell Hahn said that we would need an agenda list and breakdowns from Donna and volunteered to assemble the team to help. She said that RAC would pull together including the BOD.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 4: BOD's Acceptance of Petition**

Joline Bell Hahn reported that the petition was mailed out yesterday.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 5: P & M Report by Jim Alexander**

Due to the accident from which Jim Alexander is recovering, his report has been moved to the January meeting. Carol Hayden will meet with him this week to help put together the report.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 6: President's Congress Report by Carol Hayden**

Carol Hayden reported that she has put together a closed group. So far she has six members. She has been modifying and explaining the program and will net work further as they grow.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 7: USEF Update by Lynn Kinsky**

Lynn Kinsky reported that the USEF representative plans to attend our annual meeting at her own expense. Lynn Kinsky also reminded us that the USEF would require three consecutive years of financial reports.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 8: JOR Report by Lynn Kinsky**

The www.joyofriding.org is updated as they receive word that various levels have been accomplished.

#### DISCUSSION TOPIC 9: NAPHA'S Treasurer Report - Donna Bearer

Donna Bearer said she is waiting for the January BOD meeting and it will be presented at the annual meeting.

Rich Ovenburg asked who was putting the financial report together? Donna Bearer said the accountant would be.

Gladys Freeman wanted to know why she never sees a line item report. Donna Bearer said we always do a line item report.

Joy Redman said we are dead broke and never seem to make a profit. We need to know where we stand and how are we going to pay Arlynda and keep our registry? How are we going to regroup? We need to know where we are going financially. Said she wants to know facts. It seems we have never been ahead.

Donna Bearer said the reason for her resignation is because NAPHA has not been able to pay her and cannot afford her. She said the National show has always made money. She also said that NAPHA's lack of money is due to legal fees.

Gene Pepe asked if our deficits are due to attorney fees, do you have checks showing where NAPHA has paid attorney fees? Donna Bearer responded yes and that she would provide them. They were due to the lawsuits.

Gene Pepe also went on to say that Donna Bearer stated that NAPHA had paid him \$8000 which NAPHA had not done. He said he never received a penny. Donna Bearer explained that Gene Pepe had not paid for his stalls and entry fees for two years and was therefore paid back in a trade. Gene insisted that he had paid for stalls 100%, but had not paid for his entry fees.

Joline Bell Hahn stopped the discussion by asking for a line item to be produced by Donna Bearer and Joy Gould for everyone to see showing exactly how the debt was satisfied.

Debbie Shaw said that this dispute is between Gene Pepe and NAPHA.

Joline Bell Hahn interjected that it was still a part of our financial and we do need to know where the money came and went

to.

Debbie Shaw added that until we get the report we don't know what the facts are.

Gladys Freeman asked why we couldn't have Quick Books with line item reports for NAPHA each month, the shows, etc.?

Donna Bearer responded that they do pull reports from Quick Books and post line item reports on the Internet.

Joy Gould interjected that there is a difference of opinion of a line item report. She asked that everyone send to her what they expect to see.

Sharon LaPierre suggested that members might want a layperson's accounting, as financial reports can be hard to understand.

Joy Gould reminded everyone that accountants, auditors and the IRS have checked our financials and found everything to be proper and in place.

Gene Pepe said the \$22,000 should have been found on the report. He asked if we were working on an accrual basis?

Donna Bearer responded that we operated on a cash basis.

Gene Pepe said that on a cash basis that the \$22,000 should have shown up somewhere. The accountant should have asked about unpaid bills.

Jim Alexander said since we operate using QuickBooks, there are different stylings of accounts and it is all in that set of books, but it does not recognize accounts payable.

Joline Bell Hahn added, we need to know where we are.

Sharon LaPierre said there are two forms of reporting and if we are using the accrual form, that's why it's not showing up. Since we are using a cash basis, we need to be using the accrual form or else the accruals will not show up in a cash basis accounting.

Gene Pepe asked how we could be doing both cash and accrual according to the information given to us at last year's meeting? We were shown accrued salaries, but not what was owed on the arena.

Donna Bearer said that in the beginning people had loaned NAPHA money, salaries were owed, etc. and those were set up in accrual form. She said that Don Taylor had asked that these be set up to be shown this way.

Gene Pepe asked if the accountants asked for the outstanding payables?

Donna responded that she didn't remember but verified that every penny was spent on NAPHA business.

Gene Pepe asked how can they certify the audit if they don't get the accounts payable?

Joy Gould said that she wasn't there during the audit and cannot contribute to answering that guestion.

Rich Ovenburg added that the treasurer at that time was Don Taylor and he was not there at the time of the audit either.

Joy Gould said that Don Taylor was asked to participate.

Rich Ovenburg said Don Taylor told him that he was not involved, felt the numbers were wrong and resigned because he could not be liable for those numbers.

Joline Bell Hahn clarified that members want to know what exactly is owed.

Edie Gandy said that we don't have a finance committee/audit committee.

Donna Bearer said she has requested such a committee multiple times.

Joline Bell Hahn said that RAC couldn't tell the BOD what to do, so the committee needs to be started by the BOD.

Donna Bearer said that the BOD has already approved to form an audit committee made up of people that have no vested interest.

Joline Bell Hahn added that they need to start ASAP.

Charlotte Becerra added that the by-laws do not include how to form a new committee. It is RAC's job to nominate, not create committees.

Joline Bell Hahn said that RAC would make nominations to the BOD for this committee.

Rich Ovenburg said that several years of these financial issues are due to the BOD and therefore it should not be up to the BOD to oversee this committee.

Carol Hayden added that NAPHA needs to simplify Quick Books by entering the information correctly.

Athena Goumas said that we don't need to pass the buck. Let's just get to a resolution.

Charlotte Becerra said we need to know what's going on so we can fix it and grow NAPHA. Line items need to be done properly so they are easy to read.

Gene Pepe suggested that the BOD hold an emergency meeting to straighten this out.

Rich Ovenburg and Joy Redman agreed. Joy Redman further stated that we need to encourage people to pay their dues, but we need the facts.

Joline Bell Hahn said that we as RAC need to set goals to get membership back, but we must know where we stand financially.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 10: Regional Nominations**

Joline Bell Hahn discussed the Regions that had multiple nominations and would require ballots. She reminded everyone that the biography pages needed to be sent to Donna prior to December 18 to go with the ballot mail outs.

DISCUSSION TOPIC 11: Nomination Suggestions for NAPHA Committees

Joline Bell Hahn requested that the BOD tell RAC what committees we need to nominate for.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, January 25, 2010

Gene Pepe said he wanted a committee to replace Donna Bearer.

Joy Gould said this would be handled at the BOD meeting in January. She added that they might not replace her due to finances. Furthermore, a lot of people have volunteered and committees can also help.

Charles Melton asked when the petition count would be done?

Donna Bearer said that they had to be postmarked by January 14 and she likes to give an additional 4 or 5 days for the mail to finish coming in. With that being said, the final count should take place on January 18 and the RAC nomination ballots will be counted on the 22 of January.

Once again Joline requested of the BOD as to what committees we need to address with nominations in our next meeting and get inactive committees active again.

Charlotte Becerra also added that RAC needs to know what new committees there are, job descriptions for these committees and an outline of their goals. She also agreed to write a description for the membership committee.

Edie Gandy said that she has copies of the committee descriptions from the Paso Fino club for the Membership and Finance committees that we could borrow.

Joline Bell Hahn thanked Kelly Powers for her presentation and we will plan to do the GoToWebinar for the January RAC conference call. She said she looked forward to help from Edie Gandy and Charles Melton for putting the committee descriptions together. She again offered in behalf of RAC to help Donna Bearer and Joy Gould.

Gene Pepe said that someone said NAPHA can't put on the National show and asked if the Breeder's group could put on and control part of Nationals. He said the Breeder's group needs to talk with the BOD.

Joy Gould said they had already been in contact.

Gene Pepe said they had not because he is on the Breeder's group and it had not happened to his knowledge.

Joline Bell Hahn said that Larry Redman had already reported to the Los Amigos members that the Breeder's group has been in contact with the BOD.

Joy Gould said she received a proposal from Terry Ellis. The BOD held two emergency meetings to deal with it. It is her understanding that the Breeder's group had already decided to do their show in September. The BOD is now considering holding the national show in Las Vegas and has enough sponsors. The BOD is just waiting to secure the dates.

Charles Melton highly suggested a face-to-face meeting with the breeders to try to work something out and felt that Gene Pepe was indicating that it could still be done. Charles Melton further added that he felt NAPHA didn't have the money and all we do is repay old debt.

Joline Bell Hahn said that it might interfere with some Regional shows in that Nevada area.

Charlotte Becerra said her Region is torn about having a Las Vegas location, but wants what is best for NAPHA.

Joy Redman said we need to work with the breeder group and try to compromise or else everybody loses. We need a better understanding of the economics.

Donna Bearer said the last letter from Terry Ellis said that the Breeder's Group had already confirmed the show date, judge, etc. for mid September.

Charles Melton said that he was unaware of any more letters from Terry Ellis stating that they were going to have the show. He said the NAPHA BOD and Breeder's group need to meet and compromise in an effort to have just one show.

Joline Bell Hahn said that Gene Pepe needed to take this information back to the Breeder's group so they can all try to work together with the NAPHA BOD to save the National show this year. She said it was strongly suggested at the Los Amigos meeting that if we can't afford to do the show in 2010 then we should carry the points over and have a really big show in 2011.

Donna Bearer said the only thing putting the National show in jeopardy is if any of NAPHA's three sources of income are down this year. This would include membership, registration and the National show. If the Gold Sponsorships come in as they usually do, we can pay off the 2009 debt and there shouldn't be a problem. If any of those three incomes are down, then we would not be able to pay off the facility.

Joline Bell Hahn reminded us that this was not RAC business and needed to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

#### NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

# MINUTES REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 21, 2009
MEETING TYPE: General
MEETING CHAIRPERSON: Joline Bell-Hahn

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Don Brewer, Gene Pepe, Juan Bosco Sandigo, Gladys Freeman, Athena Goumas, Joline Bell-Hahn, Rich Ovenburg, Joy Redman, Veryl Robinson, Charlotte Becerra, Brad Rafael and Tonya Egger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Debbie Shaw, Edie Gandy, Pam Bailey and Kimberly Hall

**EX-OFFICIO, CLUB PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS PARTICIPATING:** Carol Borden, Jim Alexander, Cindy Lemke, Donna Bearer, Alice Wolf, Liz Potof, Jean Melton, Carol Hayden, Dave Ryan, Lynn Kinsky, Joy Gould, Kathy Yaskivich and Linda Virgin

Meeting convened at 8:33 p.m.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 1: Approval of the September 1, 2009 Minutes**

Joline Bell-Hahn called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Juan Bosco Sandigo moved to approve. Joy Redman seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: Report from the RAC Chairperson**

Joline Bell-Hahn let everyone know that Charles Melton had been elected to the BOD

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 3: Joy of Riding Report by Lynn Kinsky**

Lynn Kinsky said that things had been slow, however, Don Brewer had just joined and another member had earned his 500 hours.

#### DISCUSSION TOPIC 4: Proposal to change BOD to 5 elected and 2 appointed by Joline Bell Hahn

Joline stated that she was hoping that NAPHA could save time and legal fees by having the BOD consider the change that was originally proposed at the annual meeting. Joy Gould said that a meeting is set for prior to Thanksgiving and she agreed that they would put the original proposal on their agenda for discussion again.

## DISCUSSION TOPIC 5: Questions Regarding the January election by Joline Bell Hahn

Joline Bell Hahn questioned the dates and people listed for their terms about to expire. Donna Bearer said that she put down the wrong dates and there is no election coming up. Lucho Dapelo's term expires later in 2010 and Barbara Windom's expires in September 2010.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM 6: President's Congress by Joline Bell Hahn**

Joline Bell Hahn said that Carol Hayden had volunteered to head up the committee to research the President's Congress and help the various clubs work together to share ideas that work and pass on helpful information.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM 7: USEF by Lynn Kinsky**

Lynn Kinsky said that the USEF is a great organization to have recognize our breed. She suggested that Lori, the representative from USEF, come to a RAC and/or general meeting to explain and answer questions about their organization. Rich Ovenburg expressed concern about added cost to our shows. Lynn Kinsky said it depended on our directors if they want to absorb the cost in the \$500 being charged for show applications. USEF does charge \$175 and for an additional \$15 per horse, they provide a vet for drug testing only. The club would still need an additional vet if they want one for other show issues. In addition, if it is a Regional show, the club is required to follow USEF rules and it is an additional \$55 per year for anyone who wants to show, as they must be USEF members.

Charlotte Becerra said she and her husband are members because of the discounts and liability insurance available to USEF members. She also described a triple show where two of the shows were USEF approved and the third one was not. She added that there are nice awards given for "horse of the year" and it is recognized in their ads. She suggested we create a task force to research this idea further.

Gene Pepe added that the USEF would put us in front of a whole new crowd that would learn about our horses.

Rich Ovenburg agrees with Charlotte Becerra and Gene Pepe regarding the benefits and advantages, but doesn't like adding another layer of cost and bureaucracy.

Lynn Kinsky said USEF is a fairly involved process and it will take about two years to get approved should we decide to do it.

Charlotte Becerra said again that the shows could be USEF or NAPHA approved.

Carol Hayden said that her Paso Fino group attracted more members by involving USEF.

Donna Bearer reminded everyone that if you do an all breed show the cost is only \$250, not \$500. Carol Hayden said she thought that it would be a worthwhile layer to add for promoting our breed.

Joline Bell Hahn added that Paso Finos used to have fewer horses in this country than the Peruvians and now look how they've increased in numbers today. We need to do something to push our breed forward. She also added that she would like the BOD to consider joining USEF for getting the ball rolling for next year.

Donna Bearer asked that all questions be sent to Lynn Kinsky to compile. She also said that Lori from USEF is willing to come at her own expense to answer questions and explain their program.

Gene Pepe re-clarified that you don't have to hold a USEF show if you don't want to.

Brad Rafael requested that Charlotte Becerra research the benefits of USEF. Lynn Kinsky directed him to the www.USEF.org website where all of the benefits are listed.

Gene Pepe suggested that we should have the USEF spokesperson come to our meeting.

Charlotte Becerra again suggested the task force.

Joy Gould suggested once again that one person be the clearinghouse where all questions are sent so they can be sent to USEF for the answers. Lynn Kinsky agreed to receive and summarize the questions to USEF.

Jean Melton asked about a date for the annual meeting and Gladys Freeman wanted to know where it was to be held. Donna Bearer didn't have the date but said it was in February and would again be held in Las Vegas. Joy Gould said the date would be February 18 -21.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM 8: Back to President's Congress**

Carol Hayden said that parts of the original proposal were not in accordance with some of our by-laws. She wants to get the club Presidents organized to discuss ideas.

Joline Bell Hahn reminded everyone that this is really not part of RAC, but would like Carol Hayden to take the bull by the horns and run with it. We don't need to vote on it.

Joy Gould added that it offers a support mechanism for the club Presidents and leaves it up to them to decide what they want to do with it.

NEXT RAC MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. EST

Respectfully Submitted-Carol Borden NAPHA RAC Secretary

#### NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**DATE:** September 1, 2009 **MEETING TYPE:** General

MEETING CHAIRPERSON: Joline Bell-Hahn

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Joline Bell-Hahn, Don Brewer, Gene Pepe, Juan Bosco Sandigo, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Athena Goumas, Pam Bailey, Joy Redman, Veryl Robinson, Charlotte Becerra, Tonya Egger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Debbie Shaw, Rich Ovenburg, Kimberly Hall, and Brad Raphel

**EX-OFFICIO, CLUB PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS PARTICIPATING:** Carol Borden, Alice Wolf, Lynn Kinsky, Sharon La Pierre, Dave Ryan, Liz Potof, Jim Alexander, Donna Bearer, Joy Gould, Cathy Yaskivich, Barbara Windom, Jean Melton, Larry Braun and Maidy Dreyfuss

Meeting convened at 8:40 p.m.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 1: Approval of the June 9, 2009 Minutes**

Joline Bell-Hahn called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Pam Bailey moved to approve. Joy Redman seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: Report from the RAC Chairperson**

Joline Bell-Hahn welcomed everyone to the conference call. She explained the qualifications for a Club President to attend the calls so we would avoid any confusion in the future. She asked that everyone keep their comments short due to time constraints.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 3: Committee Reports**

#### PPM – Jim Alexander

Jim Alexander reported that the work on the PPM had come to a halt. He would like some direction and requested that Joline Bell-Hahn send out a memo to RAC for committee members to volunteer. He would like clarification as to how everyone would like to proceed with the PPM and a time frame. Joline Bell-Hahn requested a written summary of where he is at with it and to plan to have something ready to report in November.

## JOR - Lynn Kinsky

Lynn Kinsky reported that it had been fairly slow. They had only signed one new member recently and felt that renewals had dropped off since NAPHA was no longer sending out the newsletter. She reported that Alice Wolf had earned her certification with 500 hours. Lynn also encouraged RAC's to inform their members that they can also earn points for performing in parades, demonstrations, etc. Joline Bell-Hahn suggested that the RAC's push this program in their newsletters in their Regions. She also said that the RAC's should include the link to JOR in their newsletters.

## **RAC and Club President's Reports:**

All of the RAC members and club Presidents present each gave an update of events in their regions including shows (past and future), trail rides, seminars, Equine Expos, drill team performances, play days, all breed shows, etc. Joy Redman offered shelter to those evacuating from the California fires. Sharon LaPierre suggested that the club Presidents create a "President's Congress" to work together in sharing ideas of running a show, improving memberships, etc. This would be a great forum for them to bounce ideas off of each other and gain support.

#### NAPHA President's Report - Joy Gould

Joy Gould reported that the membership survey is up on the website. Also, the ballets will be mailed out in September for the upcoming election. She reported that the National show is shaping up very nicely.

#### NAPHA Update - Donna Bearer

Donna Bearer clarified the appointments and elections from the beginning of NAPHA and how they are staggered so everyone would understand. She reported that as of close of pre-entries for the National show, we had 184 entries so far and about 40 more expected. There has been a great response to the Champion of Champion class and we are looking forward to an exciting show.

Gene Pepe asked why ballets are just now being mailed since Julia Meek's term expired September 1. He felt that anything put to a vote on the BOD before the position was filled could possibly slight the outcome. Donna said there would not be any BOD meetings until after the election.

Joline Bell-Hahn suggested trying to combine mailings if two different elections were being held within a short period of time in order to save on expenses.

Jim Alexander also reminded us that we would have several RAC terms expiring the beginning of the year and we needed to address the voting on this soon.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 4: Regional Newsletters - Charlotte Becerra**

Charlotte Becerra reported that she would have the newsletter template completed by the end of the week. This will be available for all of the RAC's to use and modify as needed for their regions. Once it is ready, she will post it on the Yahoo forum with complete instructions.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 5: USEF -Lynn Kinsky**

In the interest of time, Lynn Kinsky offered to send out an email to everyone with all of the information.

#### DISCUSSION TOPIC 6: Promotional Ideas for NAPHA and our Horses – Joline Bell-Hahn

In the interest of time, this item will be held over for the next conference call.

In closing, Joline Bell-Hahn asked once again that all of the RAC's get newsletters out to the members in their regions. She also polled the RAC's to determine the best evening for conference calls and it was decided to keep them on Tuesday evenings.

NEXT RAC MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. EST

Respectfully Submitted-Carol Borden NAPHA RAC Secretary

### NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: June 9, 2009
MEETING TYPE: General
MEETING CHAIRPERSON: D. Joy Gould

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Don Brewer, Gene Pepe, Debbie Shaw, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Athena Goumas, Joline Bell-Hahn, Pam Bailey, Joy Redman, Veryl Robinson, Charlotte Dicke Becerra, Kimberly Hall, Brad Raphel and Tonya Egger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Juan Bosco Sandigo and Rich Ovenburg

**EX-OFFICIO, CLUB PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS PARTICIPATING:** Carol Borden, Dave Ryan, Sharon LaPierre, Lynn Kinsky, Jean Melton, Jim Alexander, Debbie Dutton, Cindy Lemke, Donna Bearer, Barbara Windom, Linda Virgin, Alice Wolf, Joy Gould and Julia Meek

Meeting convened at 8:40 p.m.

Joy Gould explained that it was not her intension to Chair our meetings thus she would be keeping the agenda on this conference call brief. The agenda is as follows:

- 1) Review the RAC items that the BOD had worked on
- 2) Discussion of procedures for re-electing a new Chairperson
- 3) Nominations for the Ethical Review Board
- 4) RAC Goal Setting

If time allowed, she would open the floor for discussion.

#### **Discussion Topic 1: BOD Approved Items**

Joy Gould explained that the BOD had written descriptions of the various committees, structured fund raising committee policies and developed procedures for amending the By-Laws. This can all be read in detail on the NAPHA website.

The BOD also approved the name change from Governing Council to Regional Advisory Council. They approved allowing any owner/member in good standing to run for elections. The BOD approved Jim Alexander's suggestion regarding the wording in the By-Laws to "NAPHA shall be governed by the BOD".

## **Discussion Topic 2: Election of RAC Chairperson**

Joy Gould asked how the RAC would like to handle their election, either elect someone now and they would remain in office until our next annual meeting or everyone can submit nominations. The decision was unanimous to elect a new Chairperson this evening. The nominations were as followed:

Debbie Shaw nominated Kimberly Hall, however Kimberly declined due to time constraints. Gladys Freeman nominated Joline Bell-Hahn. Brad Raphel seconded the nomination. Passed unanimously.

## **Discussion Topic 3: Ethical Review BOD Nominations**

Gladys Freeman nominated Lynn Kinsky Joline Bell-Hahn nominated Larry Redman Kim Hall nominated Mike Keim and Michael Carson Joy Redman nominated Charlotte Becerra Charlotte Becerra nominated Joy Redman

#### **Discussion Topic 4: Summary of RAC Goals**

Joy Gould suggested we discuss how we want to create our goals. Joy Redman asked if we could discuss general sentiment first if we expect members to work for NAPHA. There was very lengthy discussion and input as to the various challenges NAPHA, our BOD, RAC and our membership have faced over the past three years including communication problems, transparency, member surveys, BOD meetings, financial reports and the negativity that appears in open forum. Several constructive ideas grew from this dialogue ranging from a second meeting with a professional facilitator (which Julia Meek offered to host in her region) to keeping all public forums positive. The final conclusion - we need to move forward in promoting our horse and protecting our registry.

Joy Gould thanked everyone for caring enough to be on the call sharing their thoughts, feelings and concerns. In an effort to facilitate healing, she apologized for the past issues and is revising her Presidents Update of March 2, 2009. Overall, it was a great exchange between the RAC, BOD, Club Presidents, and others in attendance.

Joline thanked everyone and felt this was a good meeting. Moving forward, she would like us to figure out ways to promote our horses regionally. In addition, she would like RAC's that miss the meetings in the future to let us know why they are not able to attend. She would also like everyone to decide how often they feel we should meet and the most convenient time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27.

Respectfully Submitted-Carol Borden NAPHA RAC Secretary

#### NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**DATE:** March 31, 2009 **MEETING TYPE: Phone Conference** 

**MEETING CHAIRPERSON:** Michele Ripley

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Michele Ripley, Don Brewer, Gene Pepe, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Joline Bell-Hahn, Joy Redman, Veryl Robinson, Charlotte Dicke Becerra, Kimberly Hall and Tonya Egger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Phillips, Debbie Shaw, Juan Bosco Sandigo, Athena Goumas, Pam Bailey, Rich Ovenburg and Brad Raphel

EX-OFFICIO AND CLUB PRESIDENTS PARTICIPATING: Carol Borden, Dave Ryan, Sharon LaPierre, Lynn Kinsky, Jean Melton, Jim Alexander, Cheryl Aldrich and Cindy Lemke

Meeting convened at 8:40

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 1: Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Joline Bell-Hahn moved to:

Accept the minutes of the meeting from February 27, 2009.

Joy Redman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: 2011/2012 National Show Judge Recommendation

There was much discussion and confusion as to what year for which we were to be selecting. It was thought that the year 2010 had already been selected. Carol Borden suggested that RAC nominate for all three years rather than postponing the nominations. The nominations were as followed:

Richard Apsley (nominated by Jean Melton)

Kim Monte (nominated by Joy Redman)

Andres Del Solar (nominated by Cheryl Aldrich)

Bonnie Gallegos (nominated by Lynn Kinsky)

Sr. Peter Koechlin Von Stein (nominated by Don Brewer)

Sr. Samuel Gleiser Azcarate (nominated by Don Brewer)

Sr. Javier La Rosa Musante (nominated by Edie Gandy)

Jeff Marcum (nominated by Veryl Robinson)

Dante Mazzi (nominated by Kim Hall)

Dale Roberson (nominated by Joline Bell-Hahn)

Sr. Antonio Hudtwalcker Pinilla (Joline Bell-Hahn)

Andres Salinas (nominated by Jim Alexander)

Sr. Juan Manuel Rizo Patron Barua (nominated by Michele Ripley)

It was mutually agreed that the names nominated above could be used for any of the three years (2010, 2011 or 2012).

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 3: Nominations for the Rules Committee**

The following nominations were made as follows:

Eleanor Palmisano (nominated by Joline Bell-Hahn)

Kelly Powers (nominated by Charlotte Dicke-Becerra)

Tonva Egger moved that:

The Rules Committee be allowed to choose their own Chairperson.

Joy Redman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 4: 2009 and Beyond Strategic Plan for RAC**

#### E-newsletter

Michele Ripley suggested doing a newsletter. It was mentioned that several RAC members already do their own successful newsletter. Edie Gandy suggested sharing generic articles to put in the individual newsletters. Michele Ripley volunteered to compose a newsletter for everyone to use if they wanted to. Jim Alexander suggested also having it available on the NAPHA website for centralization in addition to the RAC members emailing it to their constituents.

Joline Bell-Hahn moved to do the newsletter. Tonya Egger seconded the motion. However, after further discussion, Joline Bell-Hahn withdrew her motion so there could be further discussion on the Yahoo website first.

#### JOR.

Lynn Kinsky updated everyone as to their new link. She said they are also trying to do weekly updates to announce point standings and awards. Michele Ripley said since JOR is now a committee under RAC, that we should discuss doing fund raising to help them cover costs for awards, etc.

#### Peruvianhorseworld.com

Michele Ripley said that she already has web pages set up and logos for each individual region and club if they wish to utilize it. She encouraged everyone to join this website for their RAC regions, as well as the club Presidents.

#### DISCUSSION TOPIC 5: Discussion & Possible Action of the location for the 2010 Annual Meeting

Cindy Lemke suggested that the 2010 Annual meeting be held in Ft. Worth in an effort to keep NAPHA overhead costs down. Jim Alexander suggested rotating the location to accommodate various regions. For example, it could be on the East coast one year, the west coast the following year and then centrally located the third year. It would then continue to rotate.

#### DISCUSSION TOPIC 6: Discussion & Possible Action on the President's Update Volume 2 #2

Michele abstained from discussion on this subject and had Charlotte Dicke Becerra speak instead. Charlotte Dicke Becerra went on to explain that she felt many people had been offended by the comments made regarding the Annual RAC meeting. In response, she had composed a letter for everyone to sign asking that the comments be edited from the website. Gene Pepe elaborated that he felt the Annual RAC meeting had been very positive and that everyone has a right to voice their opinions.

He also expressed that he was upset that the BOD chose to hold Champion classes prior to the National show. He disagreed with their decision and said that the BOD should have consulted the breeders prior to making this decision.

In the interest of time, Michele Ripley suggested that we have a roll call to determine who wants to sign Charlotte Dicke Becerra's letter. There was a roll call vote of the RAC members and Club Presidents. Those in attendance agreed to sign the letter. Carol Borden declined.

Gene Pepe further moved to:

#### Remove D. Joy Gould's letter immediately.

Joy Redman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next RAC meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2009

**Announcements:** Jim Alexander said that the PPM is moving forward and he will have more information sent out prior to the next RAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. EST

Respectfully Submitted-Carol Borden NAPHA RAC Secretary

NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Las Vegas, Nevada
DATE: February 27, 2009
MEETING TYPE: Annual Meeting
MEETING CHAIRPERSON: Michele Ripley

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Don Brewer, Gene Pepe, Juan Bosco Sandigo, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Joline Bell-Hahn, Pam Bailey, Joy Redman, Charlotte Dicke Becerra, Kimberly Hall, Brad Raphel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Phillips, Debbie Shaw, Athena Goumas, Rich Ovenburg, Veryl Robinson, and Tonya Egger

**EX-OFFICIO, CLUB PRESIDENTS PARTICIPATING AND GENERAL MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Jo Ward, Terry Jarchow, Ed Houston, Michael Pitcher, Jim Alexander, Julia Meek, Cindy Lemke, Don Bailey, Kim Bailey, Charles Melton, Nola Giddings, Diana Hall, Merlene Sutalo, Barbara Alexander, Debbie Dutton, Lynn Kinsky, Margaret Turk, Joy Gould, Barbara Windham, Alice Wolf, Carolyn Mittrick, Linda Virgin, Donna Bearer, Vickie Shelton, Carol Borden, Mimi Busk-Downey, Larry Redman, Frank Sutalo and Dale Downey.

Meeting convened in open session at 8:15.

D. Joy Gould welcomed everyone in attendance. Michele opened with a team exercise.

Michele Ripley officially called meeting to order at 9:30.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 1: Approval of Minutes**

Pam Bailey moved to accept the minutes of the meeting from January 12, 2009. Joline Bell-Hahn seconded. Motion passed.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: RAC Chairman Report by Michele Ripley**

In the interest time and the fact that Michele's computer had crashed the night before the meeting, she gave a brief report and welcomed everyone for coming.

Reports from the Policy and Procedure Sub-Committee and the JOR Committee to be addressed later in the meeting.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 3: Rescind Motion From 12-12-07**

Joline Bell-Hahn objected to the original motion because the Chairperson is still a RAC member. Therefore she moved to: **Rescind the motion of 12-12-07 regarding the role of Chairperson.** 

Joy Redman Seconded. Motion Passed.

#### Joline Bell-Hahn further moved:

That the Chairperson of RAC chooses his/her own preferred method of leadership within the guidelines of Robert's Rules of Order. That method will be made known to the members of the RAC in the initial stages of office. The types of leadership will be spelled out in the Policy and Procedures Manual.

Joy Redman seconded. Motion passed.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 4: Clarification request of BOD meetings**

Michele Ripley explained the Executive session rules vs. the Public session. She also explained that there had been much confusion among the general members as to the procedure to correctly present an agenda item to the BOD. Furthermore, Brad Raphel felt that members didn't know where to find the minutes of the BOD meetings and wanted everything faxed or mailed to the general membership. Donna Bearer explained that there was a mass mailing via email by Joy Gould after each meeting, as well as it being posted on the website. Joy Redman suggested that as RAC members, the reps should pass on any pertinent information to their Regional members through whatever form is needed such as email, fax or phone, etc. After further discussion, Gladys Freeman moved that:

The BOD issue a clarification on who can and cannot attend the BOD meetings. She further moved that the BOD provide a copy of the August 22, 2008 meeting notice/agenda with their clarification.

Joline Bell-Hahn seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Gene Pepe then moved that:

Whether the BOD is going to call an Executive or Public Session that they need to post the meeting in advance and state the private agenda.

Juan Bosco Sandigo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 5: Policy & Procedures Manuel by Jim Alexander**

Jim Alexander explained in detail the creation of the PPM and how it will be made available and updated as a living document. Linda Virgin asked if we could make corrections and comments on possible inaccuracies as we went along since no one had seen the draft yet. Carol Borden suggested that the PPM document be shortened by referring people to where the information could be found rather than having all of it rewritten in the PPM. She also suggested that we amend the By-Laws to correct the confusion of the word "and". Joy Gould said this issue is going to be on the BOD agenda for the next meeting. Jim Alexander went on to explain the remainder of the topics included in the PPM. There were various suggestions such as how to deal with vacant RAC positions or a RAC Rep that becomes inactive and misses consecutive meetings. Pam Bailey suggested that the first page be positive and inviting for potential RAC Reps considering the position with bullet points as to where specific topics could be referenced.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 6: Joy of Riding by Lynn Kinsky**

Lynn Kinsky detailed the regional divisions and new members to the JOR program. She said that a lot of people have earned awards and she further recognized the top earner.

Jim Alexander asked Donna Bearer to share further ideas on how we can put a more positive image on communications and member issues. The suggestion was made to send out the Regional membership list and non-renewal list to the club presidents in addition to the RAC Reps. Donna Bearer asked that the RAC Reps communicate to their constituents the various things that NAPHA is doing especially if it helps to make money for NAPHA.

Michele thanked everyone for the donated gifts that were brought to our meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 7: Review of National Show Changes**

Alice Wolf explained how the Regional Champion class the first day of Nationals (Thursday) would be conducted. The winners of each division would be declared the Regional Champion to enter the Champion of Champion class. All others will have a second opportunity by starting over and entering the qualifying classes and working their way up. The winners of this new class would be declared the US National Regional Champion of Champion. Much discussion both pro and con ensued. The final word was that the BOD has already unanimously made the decision to go forward with this class for 2009. They encouraged everyone to have a thorough understanding of the changes and present them in an unbiased manner if they receive questions from their Regional members.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 8: Fees & Requirements of US vs. Peruvian Judges**

Mimi Busk-Downey gave background of the judge's accreditation program and explained the updating of files, evaluations and carding. She also discussed training in the form of seminars and upcoming webinars. Michele Ripley said she had received input from the NAPHA carded judges that the Peruvian judges should be required to take the same evaluations and pay the same fees as the NAPHA carded judges. They also suggested that RAC set limits on how often a judge can judge at Nationals. Since RAC is responsible only for suggesting judges, then we can be sure not to include anyone that has recently judged at Nationals.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 9: 2012 National Show Judge Recommendations**

This discussion was tabled due to the question of the year. It was thought that the year should have read 2011.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 10: Nomination for Members and Chairman of the Rules Committee**

Tabled

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 11: Reaching Members and Potential Members** – How to Utilize Your NAPHA list

Tabled

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 12: Side Saddle as Approved Tack**

Charlotte Dicke Becerra discussed a possible change in the show rules regarding tack and attire. After some discussion, Charlotte moved that:

The BOD allow for Sidesaddle as approved tack in all bit classes and that the BOD recommend the Rules committee make the following Changes to the rules below:

(Red text is for new text and text with a strike-though is to be deleted.)

#### **PART II APPOINTMENTS AND ATTIRE**

Sec. 1. General Peruvian, English, Western, Plantation Spanish-Lite, Sidesaddle, Peruvian Trail or Australian gear is permissible in any class except as noted elsewhere or specified as an exception in the prize list.

## (c) Ladies Side-Saddle Class.

Saddle: Peruvian: a sidesaddle with suitable safety-release side-saddle stirrup or a stirrup leather with a safety release; and a crupper but no guarnicion. Slipper stirrups will be acceptable if the foot fits into it onlyto the beginning of the arch and the rider is wearing a soft (ballet-type) shoe. No breast collar or covering over the horse's hindquarters allowed. A "carona" may be allowed. Western/English: saddles must be turned out in accordance with the rules and regulations of the International Side-Saddle Organization. Saddle blankets or pads appropriate to the saddle may be used. Right or left side-saddles permitted. If the romal is used as a quirt, it should be held in the free hand. No quirt or whip is allowed.

Sec. 3. Appointments (Western)

Western Type saddle (with horn) or Spanish-Lite, Sidesaddle built on a western tree or Peruvian Trail with Western type stirrups. Sidesaddles may be permitted but must be specified as allowed in the prize list.

## Sec. 4. Appointments (English)

- (a) No English type saddle may be used with any bozal. (b) Under saddle and the bit: English or dressage type saddle (not forward/jumping/hunt.) Girth either leather, web or string. Show type English bridle with either curb, snaffle (only ring type snaffle), single curb and snaffle, weymouth, or pelham bit. English tack is prohibited in bozal classes and with horses shown in any class in a bozal.
- (c) Side-saddle: saddles must be turned out in accordance with the rules and regulations of the International Side-Saddle

Organization. Right or left side-saddles permitted. Saddles must be built on an English tree and use English bridles. Canes are permitted.

## Sec. 8. Attire

- (b) Under Saddle/Bit. In classes under saddle and in the bit where type of gear is optional, attire shall be limited to white long sleeved shirt, white pants (worn outside boots - not tucked into them) or White safety Apron when riding aside, white kerchief (or tie or ascot with dress coats), neutral colored boots (colors of white to black and beige to dark brown) with a heel no taller than 2", brown or black belt, a Peruvian type hat (i.e. plantation style hat, planter's hat or wide brimmed Peruvian style hat) and a poncho (which must be white, beige, brown, tan or gray or a solid color (gaudy colors or prints not allowed). Alternating, broad stripes must be of neutral colors - i.e. white, beige, brown, black, gray, etc. Ponchos may be no larger than to adequately fit the height and arm span of the wearer. A dress coat (same colors as ponchos) may be substituted for the poncho unless otherwise specified in the prize list. Dress Coats may be mandatory for all or part of the Breeding, Gelding &/or Performance Division at the discretion of Show Management and must be so indicated in the Prize List. For ladies, a white mid-calf to ankle length split riding skirt, White safety side-saddle apron that covers the right leg and to the ankle of the left leg, white blouse and short brimmed hat and boots (high enough to prevent bare leg showing when mounted) may be substituted for the white pants, shirt, poncho/jacket and hat. Spurs are optional in all classes except Reining where they are mandatory and in Bareback classes where they are prohibited. Ponchos are prohibited in Equitation and Bareback classes: entrants may wear jackets. Thin riding gloves of a neutral color (white through gray and black, and beige through brown) are optional. Bareback pads without stirrups are allowed in any class which allows bareback.
- (f) English. Attire should match saddle type. Flat, Saddle-Seat: Informal English riding suit (solid colors such as black, blue, grey, burgundy, green, brown or beige; or herringbone, pin stripes and other

combinations of colors appearing to be solid (contrasting jackets permitted, gaudy colors should be avoided) and derby or soft hat. Top hats prohibited except in specific classes as noted in the Premium List. It is recommended that gloves be worn. Jodhpur boots. English spurs optional. **Basic English**, *Dressage*: A short riding coat of conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie, breeches or jodhpurs, boots or jodhpur boots, a hunt cap or riding hat with a hard shell, derby or top hat - or - a dark tailcoat with top hat, or a dark jacket with bowler hat, and white or light colored breeches, hunting stock, gloves, and black riding boots. **Sidesaddle**: Same as basic English attire with the addition of matching safety apron.

(g) Western. Western hat, long sleeved shirt, consisting of a collar with buttons or snaps, a necktie, kerchief or bolo tie, trousers or pants (a one-piece equitation suit is acceptable provided it consists of a collar, cuffs and buttons or snaps.) A zipper is permissible under buttons or snaps in either shirt or shirt post of suit. Buttons or snaps must be visible on shirt post. A belt under loops and boots must be included. Riding gloves, chaps, shotgun chaps or chinks, spurs, jackets and/or vests are optional. A side-saddle rider must wear an apron of closed or button type with belt under loops. It is suggested that an apron with waist band cut the same as chaps and double thickness be used in classes where chaps are required. A side-saddle rider must wear an apron and jacket that is of a western theme.

Motion seconded by Pam Bailey. Motion Passed.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC 13: How to Improve Your Event, Show or Club** 

Tabled

**DISCUSSION TOPIC 14: Inaccuracies in the Horsestudbook.com** 

Tabled

**DISCUSSION TOPIC 15: Show Terminology** – Use of "Champion of Champions" at local/regional shows

Tabled

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 16: Region and Club Review**

Michele Ripley reported that the members of Region 12 want to change the leadership prior to May of 2009 by removing the appointed BOD members presently seated. Gene Pepe volunteered his secretary at no charge to help in the NAPHA office. Multiple people had lengthy discussions on the current state of the finances, being a more transparent and member friendly BOD/club. Joline Bell-Hahn moved:

To amend the current motion which was already sent to the BOD (that requested the current 4 appointed/3 elected members be changed to 3 appointed/4 elected) to instead read 5 elected and 2 appointed.

Charlotte Becerra seconded. Motion Passed.

There was much discussion regarding the time line of making such a change. Don Brewer suggested waiting on establishing a time line until after we get a membership vote back on the above motion. Charles Melton volunteered to pay 50 cents per member to mail out the ballots if the BOD approves the motion. Pam Bailey moved that:

The RAC requests that the BOD get the By-Law amendment vote mailed to the general membership not later than 90 days from March 1, 2009.

Juan Sandigo seconded. Motion Passed.

Gene Pepe volunteered to handle the mailing of the By-law amendment to the membership.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 17: Strategic Plan for RAC**

The E-news letter and the Peruvianhorseworld.com were briefly discussed as possible venues for further communication to our members.

**NEXT RAC MEETING:** To be announced

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: None** 

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted-Carol Borden NAPHA RAC Secretary

#### NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: January 12, 2009
MEETING TYPE: Conference Call
MEETING CHAIRPERSON: Michele Ripley

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Don Brewer, Jim Alexander, Gene Pepe, Debbie Shaw, Juan Bosco Sandigo, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Athena Goumas, Joline Bell-Hahn, Pam Bailey, Joy Redman, Michele Ripley, Veryl Robinson, Lynn Kinsky, Charlotte Dicke and Tanya Egger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Phillips, David McVey, Rich Ovenburg, Kimberly Hall and Brad Raphel

**EX-OFFICIO AND CLUB PRESIDENTS PARTICIPATING:** Carol Borden, Alice Wolf, Jean Melton, Dave Ryan, Carol Hayden, Cindy Lemke and Cheryl Aldrich

Meeting convened in open session at 8:35

### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 1: Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes had been sent out with the meeting agenda for one final review. Joline Bell-Hahn made a motion to accept the minutes and Edie Gandy seconded the motion. There was no discussion or objection. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: Report by the Interim RAC Chairperson**

Michele Ripley gave a report on the new election results that had just been received late in the afternoon. She explained that utilizing Adjourn Sine Die, the RAC members whose terms were expiring as of today's election results would be allowed to vote on old business and the newly elected RAC members would assume their roles with the new business.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 3: NAPHA Governance Committee Report**

Carol Borden said there was nothing new to report at this time.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 4: RAC Policies & Procedures Sub-Committee Report**

Jim Alexander explained that the information had been sent to sub-committee members. He reviewed the progress of the PPM and it's contents. He added that it is quite extensive and in print form. It was addressed that a new Chairperson will need to be appointed since Jim Alexander's term has expired with RAC. Gene Pepe moved that:

Members of the general membership in good standing with NAPHA may hold committee and/or Chair positions of a RAC Sub-committee.

Edie Gandy seconded the motion. There was some discussion and then the motion passed unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 5: Joy of Riding Report**

Alice Wolf explained that Lynn Kinsky would be the Chairperson for this program with Lionel Griffith handling the web site. Michele Ripley volunteered to coordinate the North Area but more people will be needed for the other areas. The committee is currently calculating sheets for the 2008 awards.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 6: Correspondence**

Michele Ripley said she had received an email and phone call regarding the changes of the Champion of Champion status at

Regional and local shows. Joline Bell-Hahn suggested this be put on our agenda for the Annual meeting. Alice Wolf gave thorough explanations of the changes in classes for the 2009 Nationals. The Regional Champion of Champion will compete on Wednesday prior to Nationals and only the winning Champion of Champion will be allowed to go to the Champion of Champion class at Nationals allowing for all other Regional Champion of Champions to compete in the regular classes at Nationals.

#### DISCUSSION TOPIC 7: Request for Clarification of By-Laws Articles 17.2 & 17.5

Pam Bailey's Discussion: In order to give sound advice, Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Members need a clear understanding of members' rights and the way they can exercise those rights. For the purpose of this discussion, I am specifically requesting written clarification of the exact procedures that need to be followed by a member who wishes to exercise his/her rights under Articles 17.2 and 17.5. I feel that in order to fill the duties of my position, I need access to and an explanation of the relevance of all reference materials for proper interpretation of By-Laws. Optimal outcome of the broader discussion would be a written job description and/or instruction manual to supplement By-Laws for RAC members. An interim solution could be regular training sessions for RAC members covering different topics at each session. At a minimum, all RAC members should be supplied with or provided access to parts of California law that have governing implications over NAPHA.

## Pam Bailey moved that:

The BOD provide a written procedural clarification to Articles 17.2 & 17.5 of the NAPHA By-Laws for the purpose of providing sound advice regarding the proper initiation and execution of member proposed amendments, including but not limited to:

- 1. Exact procedure, cost and timeline for obtaining a current membership list
  - 2. Record date that will be used for determining members' signatures that will count towards 25% petition quota.
  - 3. Part of California code that is relevant to this article (with copies of the code supplied)
  - 4. Any other relevant information that would assist a member in exercising his/her right to initiate and vote on a By-Law change.

Gladys Freeman seconded the motion. Joline Bell-Hahn said it is very important to establish membership dates. Pam Bailey reminded everyone that a date of record needs to be established. The motion passed unanimously.

Michele Ripley thanked all of the RAC members whose term has expired for all their hard work during their term. Roll call was taken for the newly elected members.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC 8:** Count of those attending the Annual Meeting for quorum purposes Twelve RAC members responded that they would be attending with three no's and three unknown.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC 9: Joy of Riding Map** 

Proposed areas:

JOR West - Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

JOR South - Regions 7, 8, 9, & 16

JOR North - Regions 10, 11, 12 & 13

JOR East - Regions 14, 15, 17 & 18

Lynn Kinsky explained the importance of re-vitalizing the program through RAC members being in better contact with their area members. Jim Alexander suggested some possible modifications to the map. Lynn Kinsky said that Michele Ripley was going to coordinate the North area and needed to fill the other three areas. Charlotte Dicke agreed to coordinate the West, Veryl Robinson will coordinate the East and it was agreed that Brad Raphel would be contacted to see if he would coordinate the South area.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 10: JOR Meeting at the Annual Meeting**

Michele Ripley said she would like to have a JOR meeting while in Las Vegas, however the clinic schedule was brought up. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the proposed clinics/seminars that NAPHA was planning to hold on Friday and Saturday of the Annual Meeting weekend. Gene Pepe moved that:

RAC and General meetings held in Las Vegas are for business only and clinics are in the evening only.

Pam Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gene Pepe also moved that:

Member comments/discussion be included in the General meeting for the general membership after lunch.

Joline Bell-Hahn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Pam Bailey moved that:

NAPHA needs to give notice to the General Membership as soon as possible regarding detailed information and fees for the clinics and meeting.

Tonya Egger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 11: RAC Chairperson Position – Nominations/Election**

Michele Ripley explained that we could take nominations tonight for both the RAC Chairperson's position and the Secretary's position and then vote on them either tonight or at the Annual meeting. She then called for nominations for the RAC Chairperson. Joline Bell-Hahn moved to nominate Michele Ripley. Juan Bosco Sandigo seconded. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 12: RAC Secretary Position – Nominations/Election**

The RAC was informed that Carol Borden was officially a member of the RAC as the President of the International Peruvian Horse Club. Gladys Freeman moved to nominate Carol Borden for Secretary. Joy Redman seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 13: Stallion report/Registration Issues**

Rich Ovenburg was not available to address this issue.

## DISCUSSION TOPIC 14: Clarification of BOD meeting attendance/request for copy of meeting notice and agenda from the 8-22-08 BOD meeting

Joy Redman suggested that due to the nature of this topic that we move this item to our Annual meeting agenda. Gladys Freeman agreed. Joline Bell-Hahn said she would like to know what the California law states regarding this issue. Michele Ripley will send out a web link to everyone so they can access the California laws prior to our Annual meeting.

NEXT RAC MEETING: February 27 & 28, South Point Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: None** 

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. EST

Respectfully Submitted-Carol Borden NAPHA RAC Secretary

NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: December 8, 2008
MEETING TYPE: Conference Call
MEETING CHAIRPERSON: Bill Chase

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Jim Alexander, Debbie Shaw, Bill Chase, Cheryl Aldrich, Oliver Williams, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Joline Bell-Hahn, Pam Bailey, Lynn Kinsky, David McVey, Joy Redman, Michele Ripley, Veryl Robinson, Alice Wolf and Don Brewer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Phillips, Vincent Melapioni, Mary Donald, Athena Goumas, Tina Woodworth and Rich Ovenburg

**EX-OFFICIO AND CLUB PRESIDENTS PARTICIPATING:** Carol Borden, Jean Melton, Dave Ryan, Carol Hayden and Linda Strong

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 1: Review Agenda and Order of Business**

Bill Chase called the meeting to order at 8:36 p.m. EST. He reviewed the agenda for the call and explained the suggested order of business.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: Approval of the Minutes**

Carol Borden explained that the minutes had been sent to everyone and she had not received back any suggested corrections or modifications. She asked if someone would like to move to accept and approve the minutes as written. Joline Bell-Hahn made the motion to approve the minutes and Lynn Kinsky seconded the motion. There was no discussion or objection. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 3: Report of RAC Chairman**

Bill Chase reviewed the information sent out by Joy Gould and the BOD. He commended them for the excellent job they had done in getting their responses to us so rapidly on so many topics.

Joy Redman suggested that the RAC reps let their constituents know that the NAPHA web site is being kept up to date more regularly now and they should encourage people to review it more often for current changes and information.

Gladys Freeman suggested that the RAC reps also tell their constituents about the upcoming ballots that NAPHA will be sending out regarding the By-Law changes that are being discussed.

There was some discussion regarding the length of time a person needed to be in good standing before being eligible to run for the BOD.

## DISCUSSION TOPIC 4: Report of the RAC Liaison to the NAPHA RAC Governance Committee.

Carol Borden said that with all the emails that went around this afternoon with the results from the BOD meeting, that everyone was already aware of the work done by the Governance Committee. She did explain that even though RAC and the Governance Committee came up with a difference of opinion in their final summary and submission to the BOD, that it was very productive nonetheless. The BOD realized the importance of the points clarified by both committees, thus deciding to put it to a vote of the general membership.

## DISCUSSION TOPIC 5: Recommendations to the BOD for changes to NAPHA By-Laws concerning notice for RAC meetings and conference calls.

Jim Alexander moved to have RAC Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt substitute language for Article 12.7 of the NAPHA By-Laws. Edie Gandy seconded. Michele Ripley suggested that we change the wording to include "regular meetings". Jim Alexander agreed to modify the wording of his motion to say:

Special and Regular Meetings of Governing Council. A Special or Regular Meeting of the Governing Council may be called at any time by the Chairperson or Co-Chairperson of the Governing Council of NAPHA or by a majority of the voting Members of the Governing Council. Notice of such Special or Regular Meeting shall be given to all Council Members in writing either by email or by U.S. Postal Service, emailed or postmarked at least (14) days before the announced date, unless written waiver is granted by all voting Council Members.

Motion passed unanimously.

## DISCUSSION TOPIC 6: Recommendation to the BOD on JOR Enrollment for Minor Children

Lynn Kinsky explained the need for the change in fees for JOR minor children. She made a motion to do so. Jim Alexander seconded. After much discussion, regarding clarifying the wording regarding the age, Jim Alexander suggested amending the motion and Joline Bell-Hahn seconded. Lynn agreed to amend her motion to read:

That the RAC recommend to the BOD that minor children (17 years of age or less) of adult JOR enrollees get a gratis JOR enrollment and be eligible for hourly rewards like any other enrollee. For purposes of the JOR Program, the minor child would be exempt from NAPHA Junior membership fees.

Although there were several no votes and one abstention, the motion as amended passed.

## DISCUSSION TOPIC 7: Request to the BOD for committee task descriptions and fund information

There was much discussion as Lynn Kinsky explained the need for clarification and direction with this committee and program. It was understood that this would not be retroactive. Lynn Kinsky made a motion with a second from Michele Ripley, which was amended to read as follows:

I move that the RAC recommend to the BOD that any committee instituted by the BOD receive a task description and task direction from the BOD. Any committee raising their own funds, which are held by NAPHA, would receive a quarterly accounting of those funds from NAPHA.

The motion as amended passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 8: Request to the BOD for clarifications for the JOR Program**

Alice Wolf explained in detail what the BOD had decided in their recent meeting. It was suggested that the US be divided into four regions with a designated RAC member in each of the four regions to stay in contact with the JOR members to assist them in gathering their paperwork and answering questions. It was also suggested that one of the four RAC members would be designated as the overall coordinator. It was later agreed to allow the overall coordinator to be any NAPHA Member in order to allow Lynn Kinsky to continue in her role with the JOR. Jim Alexander will work with Lynn Kinsky to appropriately decide how the four regions should be formulated. It was decided to continue further discussion at our next meeting.

Due to time constraints, Bill Chase asked that we take the following topics out of order:

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 11: Nominations for Interim Chairperson for RAC**

Jim Alexander nominated Michele Ripley. Seconded by Pam Bailey. Michele accepted the nomination. The vote was unanimous as there were no other nominations.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 10: Report of RAC Policies & Procedures Subcommittee**

Jim Alexander explained that he has already done a great deal of work on the Policies and Procedures manual as was evident by the emails he sent for everyone's review today. He also suggested adding a section 9 to the Policies and Procedures manual that he is developing. This would address choosing a liaison annually to serve between RAC and the Governance Committee.

#### DISCUSSION TOPIC 9: Request to BOD for clarification of By-Laws Articles 17.2 and 17.5

Due to being out of time, Pam Bailey suggested that we defer to the next meeting.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC12: Next RAC Meeting**

Bill Chase suggested that Michele Ripley decide when she would like to have the next meeting. She said she would like email input as to the next meeting date and suggested that perhaps we plan it for late January. It was also noted that we take the BOD meeting dates into consideration going forward as requested by the BOD.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. EST

Respectfully Submitted-Carol Borden NAPHA RAC Secretary

### NAPHA RAC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: 10-20-2008
MEETING TYPE: Conference Call
MEETING CHAIRPERSON: Bill Chase

**VOTING MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Bill Chase, Jim Alexander, Debbie Shaw, Cheryl Aldrich, Oliver Williams, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Athena Goumas, Joline Bell-Hahn, Pam Bailey, Lynn Kinsky, David McVey, Rich Ovenburg, Joy Redman, Veryl Robinson, Barbara Windom and Alice Wolf

VOTING MEMBERS ABSCENT: Cindy Phillips, Vincent Melapioni, Mary Donald, Tina Woodworth and Michele Ripley

EX-OFFICIO AND CLUB PRESIDENTS PARTICIPATING: Carol Borden, Carol Hayden, Jim Johnson and Jean Melton

**TOPIC #1:** Bill Chase called the meeting to order at 8:33 p.m. EST and reviewed the agenda and order of business. Bill Chase noted that neither Joy Gould, RAC Co-Chairperson, nor Donna Bearer could attend the meeting. However, Donna Bearer sent a brief email to Chairman Chase prior to the meeting containing reports on items 10 and 11 on the agenda.

#### TOPIC #2: Approval of Minutes of the August 18, 2008 Conference Call

Carol Borden asked for a motion to accept and approve the minutes. Joline Bell-Hahn moved to accept and approve. Debbie Shaw seconded the motion. There were no corrections, discussions or objections. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **TOPIC #3:** Report of the RAC Chairman and Co-Chairperson

Bill Chase gave the RAC Chairman's report reminding everyone that all RAC members present on the Conference Call could participate fully in the discussions, however, only Elected Members could make motions and vote.

Chairman Chase also reminder the RAC Members of the adopted process for handling "controversial" issues. He stated that he was going to start with a more informal process of the Chair recognizing each speaker before they spoke and only go to the more formal "role call" process if the informal process did not work.

#### **TOPIC #4: Finalize Nominations to the BOD for Committee Members**

Carol Borden presented the list of nominations that had been received. There were still a few names that had not responded to confirm their acceptance of the nomination. Carol will follow up this week to gain commitments prior to sending the list to the BOD.

## TOPIC #5: RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOD FOR CHANGES TO NAPHA BY-LAWS REGARDING ELECTION OF "ELECTED" BOD MEMBERS

Joline Bell-Hahn moved that the RAC recommend that the BOD adopt the necessary changes to the NAPHA By-Laws to change the number of Elected Board Members from three (3) to four (4) Board Members and simultaneously change the number of Appointed Board Members from four (4) to three (3) Board Members. She further moved that the RAC Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the necessary changes to the NAPHA By-Laws to provide that the "elected" members of the BOD shall come from nominations by the RAC from any current Owner Member of NAPHA who has been in good standing at least two (2) years. Oliver Williams seconded the motion.

Bill Chase explained that this motion involved two procedural issues, which were raised by a RAC Member prior to the meeting and needed to be dealt with before discussing and voting on the motion. First, the motion actually contained two separate issues that were related to the same subject. Debbie Shaw moved to change the motion into two separate motions. Alice Wolf seconded this motion. After some discussion, the motion did not carry.

Next, Bill said it had been suggested to postpone the vote on this motion until the next meeting so there could be further discussion. Cheryl Aldrich moved to postpone the motion. Debbie Shaw seconded. After some discussion the motion did not carry.

After further discussion on the original motion, it was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

TOPIC #6: Recommendations to the BOD for changes to NAPHA By-Laws Concerning Notice for RAC Meetings and Conference Calls

Jim Alexander moved that RAC Recommend that the BOD adopt the following substitute language for Article 12.7 of the NAPHA By-Laws:

**Special Meetings of Governing Council.** A Special Meeting of the Governing Council may be called at any time by the Chairperson or Co-Chairperson of the Governing Council of NAPHA or by a majority of the voting Members of the Governing Council. Notice of such Special Meeting shall be given to all Council Members in writing either by email, (receipt of which is acknowledged by recipient) or by U.S. Postal Service, emailed or postmarked at least (14) days before the announced date, unless written waiver is granted by all voting Council Members.

Gladys Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **TOPIC #7: Nominations for Interim Chairperson for RAC**

Bill Chase reminded everyone that nominations needed to be made and accepted prior to the end of his term. If no one were elected to fill the interim position, the Co-Chairperson - Joy Gould, would fill it. There was much discussion and numerous nominations, but all nominees declined.

#### **TOPIC #10: Report on RAC Elections**

In Donna Bearer's absence, Bill Chase read her email message explaining that the nomination forms for regional elections would be mailed out on October 21, 2008 and that the election process would be completed by the end of the year.

#### **TOPIC #8: Report on the RAC Policies & Procedures Sub-Committee**

Jim Alexander reported that he would be sending out the first draft via email to the Yahoo group so everyone can review what the sub-committee has been working on.

#### **TOPIC #9: RAC Peruvian Research & Development Sub-Committee**

Carol Hayden requested volunteers for her committee. There was some discussion, but no volunteers.

#### TOPIC #11: Report on the 2008 NAPHA National Show

Bill Chase read Donna Bearer's email on the National show. We had 222 horses entered and we had great attendance both for the Monte Carlo night and the Saturday night performances.

NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2008 at 8:30 p.m. EST

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Borden NAPHA RAC Secretary

## NAPHA GC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**DATE:** 8-18-2008

**MEETING TYPE:** Conference Call

**MEETING CHAIRPERSON: Bill Chase** 

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Jim Alexander, Cindy Phillips, Debbie Shaw, Oliver Williams, Edie Gandy, Joline Bell-Hahn, Pam Bailey, Lynn Kinsky, David McVey, Rich Ovenburg, Joy Redman, Michele Ripley, Veryl Robinson, Barbara Windom, Alice Wolf and Tina Woodworth

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vincent Melapioni, Cheryl Aldrich, Mary Donald, Gladys Freeman and Athena Goumas

**EX-OFFICIO AND CLUB PRESIDENTS PARTICIPATING:** Carol Borden, Debbie Dutton, Dave Ryan, Angel Rodriguez, Carol Hayden and Jean Melton

Bill Chase called the meeting to order at 8:36 p.m. EST and reviewed the agenda with emphasis on the importance of completing four specific items in time to present for the BOD meeting on August 22, 2008. He apologized in advance if we were unable to get to the entire agenda, as he wanted to respect the amount of time we were on the call.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC 1:** Bill Chase asked for a motion to approve the minutes of our last meeting, but before doing so pointed out the typographical error regarding the nomination of judges for "2008" which had been corrected to read "2009-2010". Joline Bell-Hahn moved to accept the minutes with the correction. Oliver seconded. There was no discussion or objection. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 2: GC Chairman's Report**

Bill Chase advised us that he is in his third year as a GC Representative and would not seek re-election at the end of his term in December, thus, we will need to elect an interim Chairperson before the end of his term.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 3: Modifications of the Regions**

Bill introduced this topic explaining that Michele Ripley had identified the need and timing to review the regional structure and had produced the first map prior to the GC Annual Meeting on 21 Mar08. Jim Alexander led the discussion and was appointed the Chairman of the GC Redistricting Subcommittee at the GC Annual Meeting. Jim completed the work on the regional restructuring after receiving feed back from various members throughout the country. He explained the reasoning for the changes due to geographic challenges in many areas. Debbie Shaw asked about dividing the regions based on members in that region rather than the districts. Jim explained that he had considered this issue, however, due to roads, mountains and bodies of water, etc. he came to this final conclusion logistically. Joline Bell-Hahn added to the discussion of logistics. Jim moved to adopt the map as designed to present the BOD. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, and the vote was recorded for the benefit of the Board.

## **DISCUSSION TOPIC 4: Election of GC Members in Modified Regions**

Jim Alexander explained in detail the regions that would have their elections and current GC Reps affected by the modified regions. Regions 19 – 24 would no longer exist as his plan integrated all the areas into eighteen separate regions. Jim noted that he had organized the elections so that 6 regional members would be elected every year. Jim moved to adopt and recommend to the BOD the regional modification and implementation of the election process. Debbie Shaw seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 5: Name Change for the GC**

Bill Chase referred to the discussion among the GC members on the Yahoo web site that wished to change the GC name to something more appropriate and less confusing. Jim Alexander moved to change the name to "Regional Advisory Council" and the members to be referred to as "Regional Advisors". Alice Wolf seconded. Michele Ripley preferred dropping the word regional and simply calling it "Advisory Council". Joy suggested "General Advisory Council". After some discussion, Bill suggested that Michele make a substitute motion, which was made and seconded by Pam, but eventually withdrawn. Jim's original motion passed unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 7: Status of the Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee**

Jim Alexander, Chairman of the P&P sub committee asked Carol Borden to explain the role of the Policies and Procedures committee verses the role of the Governance Committee. She explained that in the past work had been done on various topics by various committees only to find that the work had been duplicated thus their time spent was non-productive and often a source of frustration. Because of Carol's work with the Governance Committee as well as the GC, she is able to intervene when issues arise that are about to be duplicated. She offers direction to the Governance Committee as to what needs to be given to the GC for their input verses what the Governance Committee recommends directly to the BOD. Any constructive discussion, ideas or information that comes from the Governance Committee is shared with the GC. Jim will be calling the Policy and Procedures sub committee together very soon, to start their work.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 8: Nominations for NAPHA Committees**

The following nominations were made for the following committees:

Membership- none

Registration- Debbie Shaw

Rules- Mimi Busk-Downey and Terry Jarchow Joy of Riding- Alice Wolf and Michele Ripley

Judges Accreditation- Kim Monte and Marco Dapelo

Junior Scholarship- Kelly Powers Ethical Procedures- Veryl Robinson

Of the names above, Kelly Powers, Kim Monte, Marco Dapelo, Mimi Busk-Downey and Terry Jarchow had not been contacted in advance for their acceptance of a nomination. Bill asked that this be done ASAP and get back to him with their acceptance so he can present the names to the BOD before their meeting on 8-22-08.

There was not enough time to get to items 9, 10 and 11, which were last minute add on's to the agenda. Bill Chase said he would have those on the agenda for our next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next two conference call meeting dates were determined to be:

October 20, 2008 December 8, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Borden NAPHA GC Secretary

#### **North American Peruvian Horse Association**

Annual Governing Council Meeting- March 12, 2008 South Point Event Center- Las Vegas, Nevada

Linda Virgin, NAPHA President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She welcomed all members to the annual Governing Council meeting. This is the fourth Annual Membership Meeting and the Third since the merger of the two Peruvian organizations. She announced that a special program had been adopted by the NAPHA Board which would begin April 1, 2008 and end November 1, 2008. Under this program, for a period of six months, there would be a moratorium on late fees and penalties for all new completed registrations. Exact information will be presented at Saturday's General Membership meeting. It is hoped that this will encourage people to get their animals registered. However, all work must be completed by the November 1 date. Linda then introduced and turned the meeting over to Governing Council Chairman, Bill Chase.

Bill announced that the discussion of Yahoo! Group Discussions will be moved up on proposed agenda..

Joline Bell Hahn moved to approved the revised minutes of 12 December 2007. The motion was seconded by Alice Wolf and passed unanimously.

Voting GM's in attendance were: Bill Chase, Jim Alexander, Pam Bailey, Cheryl Aldrich, Edie Gandy, Joline Bell Hahn, Lynn Kinsky, David McVey, Julia Meek, Rich Ovenburg, Joy Redman, Oliver Williams, Barbara Windom and Alice Wolf. A quorum was certified.

Non-Voting Members in attendance were Debbie Dutton, and Liz Potof.

Ex-Officio members in attendance were: Lucho Dapelo, D. Joy Gould, Julia Meek, Don Taylor, Linda Virgin, and Alice Wolf.

Donna Bearer, Executive Director of NAPHA attended along with members: Margaret Turk, Shawn Perry, Andrea Holm, Nola

Giddings, Kim Hall, Jeanelle Dapelo, Steve Todd, Kathy Pitcher and Jo Ward.

In absence of Board appointed Secretary for the GC, Carol Borden, Margaret Turk, was appointed as Acting Secretary.

A special presentation on the improvement of On Line discussions using Yahoo! "Group Discussions" was presented by Cheryl Aldrich, Alice Wolf, and Lynn Kinsky. Among the

advantages of this program are : greater security, good archiving, the ability to obtain a daily digest and search capabilities. Lynn Kinsky will act as the moderator for the Board Group.

Joy Redman wants to see greater communication among GC's and this would help facilitate the exchange of ideas. Discussion followed. Rich Ovenburg moved to use NAHPAGC Yahoo! Group Discussion in place of GC Broadcast E-Mail. The motion was seconded by Lynn Kinsky and carried unanimously.

Chairman Chase said that Yahoo Group would be a regional tool that all the GC's must sign up for. Those needing more help or explanation should contact the presenters after the meeting.

Members in attendance were introduced.

Under NAPHA By-Laws, Governing Council area representation is to be reviewed every three years. The three year term is now up and possible modification of the current system is due .

Members should send their proposals to the Board of Directors. Jim Alexander volunteered to work on possible redistricting plans.

The creation of and the adoption of a GC Policy and Procedures Subcommittee was introduced by Chairman Chase. After discussion, Joline Hahn moved the creation of the new standing Policy and Procedure committee to be chaired by Jim Alexander. Joy Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Edie Gandy volunteered to help with the committee. Those wishing to work on this committee should contact Bill Chase or Jim Alexander.

After lunch recess, meeting was reconvened by Chairman Chase at 1:30 p.m.

Edie Gandy discussed the Web In Ar computer program that allows topics like shown in Power Point to be accessed on the web. Topics for these short seminars could be used for continuing education, breed development or instruction for proper completion of breed paper work (registration, transfers, etc.). Anyone with possible topics are asked to submit them to Edie.

Edie and Don Taylor have been working on a NAPHA Member survey. All GC members are encouraged to submit their ideas to them via Yahoo Discussion Group.

Currently, NAPHA is on a year by year basis with the John Justin Arena. However, the Arena has made it known they prefer a five year contract to guarantee the current show dates. After discussion and verification by Donna Baer that it was acceptable to sublease our dates to other organizations if desired, Julie Meek moved that a five year contract be signed with John Justin. Oliver Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried 11 to 2 with Joy Redman and Joline Hahn opposed.

Judges for the 2009 Nationals were then nominated for submission to the NAPHA Board of Directors. Those nominated were:

Richard Apsley Cricket Donahoe Javier La Rosa Roque Bienevides Samuel Glaser Jeff Marcum Bonnie Gallegos Andres Del Solar Rick Mero Kim Montee Mariano Caberra Keith Dane Marco Dapelo Manuel Mazzi Pepi Risso Jr. Cheryl Aldrich Roberto Canahuati

Joline Hahn moved the next Governing Council Meeting again take place in Las Vegas.

Joy Redman seconded. Motion passed unanimously. It was felt February through March would be best time for most members.

Bill Chase was unanimously re-elected Chairman of GM. Carol Borden was also unanimously re-elected Secretary for the GM's for the up coming year.

Discussion held about policy of replacing GC members when they become elevated to the Board of Directors or must be replaced for other reason. It was decided this should be a matter for the the Policy and the Governance Committee.

The meeting concluded with all NAPHA members present introducing themselves and highlights of their region's activities. (Please refer to NAPHA calendar for show dates).

Rich Ovenburg-

Regional show will be in Washington

Members concerns include: lower fees, bigger awards, better tracking of show points, and more funds for Joy of Riding.

Joline Hahn-

currently has 44 members in her NAPHA area.

The Club would like a breed banner to put up at shows.

Club has started a buckle series and will be putting on various shows including dressage and alternative classes.

The feasibility of changing the current NAPHA policy of using a staggered membership year back to a set membership year should be studied. This would make tracking easier and less expensive.

Request that membership by states be put back in the directory.

Jim Alexander-

keeping web site current and up to date

newsletter needs more information

new horse show grounds in Carson City Nevada are ready and available.

Feed back should be provided to those participating in Joy of Riding program.

Dave McVey- general apathy in his area. They currently have 34 people in his region

Liz Potoff- Arizona-Copper States President

renewed interest-Currently, they have 34 members

Carousel All Breed show has been showing interest in getting Peruvians back participating.

Nola Giddengs interest area in trail rides and clinics.

Becky Chase doing the club newsletter.

Lynn Kinsky-Region

Currently they have two clubs.

Joy of Riding has been joined with the NAPHA web site

Debbie Dutton- Pres SCPPHC-Currently they put on 3 shows a year.

They sponsor various trail ride along with Los Amigos Play day Yearly high point awards

Barbara Windom- New Mexico trail rides-Gold Rush every year.

Pam Bailey-

Deep South next weekend. Would like to see a press kit developed that could be given out at breed demos.

Julia Meek- Central States - The oldest club in existence-currently has 65-70 members -The show this year will be the 3rd weekend in May. This will be their 40th annual show.

Don Taylor- Said they always gave a membership with purchase of horse to new Peruvian owners. It was hoped to get them interested and encourage them to be active with NAPHA.

Edie Gandy-

June show postponed. There will be an all breed horse show and a Great American horse gait race.

Kathy Pitcher - breeder, Burns, WY

Her mother recently passed and she will be carrying on the family Peruvian tradition.

Bill Chase- Arizona

Retired in 1998. Currently has 19 horses.

Region participates in 3 day horse festival with 5000 people attending. However, insurance very expensive and suggestions to get cost of insurance down would be welcome.

They have a Meet and Greet. The club has 16 new members making a total of 41 members.

Oliver Williams-

Another club is being formed by Adele, Debra and Tom McCormick. The club will stress the use of dressage techniques to demonstrate the versatility of the horse. The turnout for the first two meetings has been promising. They are looking forward to

great things in the future.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Bill Chase at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Turk, Acting Secretary

#### NAPHA GOVERNING COUNCIL MINUTES

12-12-07

Governing Council Teleconference Call

**MEETING CHAIRPERSON**: Bill Chase

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Jim Alexander, Manny Brito, Cheryl Aldrich, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Athena Goumas, Joline Bell-Hahn, Carol Hayden, Lynn Kinsky, David McVey, Joy Redman, Michelle Ripley, Linda Stern, Alice Wolf and Tina Woodworth

MEMBERS ABSCENT: Gail Benson, Patrick Bossetta, Mary Donald, Roberta Ellis, Rich Ovenburg and Barbara Windom

EX-OFFICIO AND CLUB PRESIDENTS PARTICIPATING: Carol Borden, Carlos Malpartida and Dave Ryan

Bill Chase called the meeting to order at 8:42 p.m. and thanked everyone for his appointment.

# **DISCUSSION TOPIC 1**: Approval of Minutes from 7-9-07

Joline Bell-Hahn asked that her quote be deleted and made a motion to accept the minutes. Lynn Kinsky seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 2:** Report of the GC Chairman

Bill discussed his meeting with the BOD and his suggestion of a "Special Rule of Order". The BOD explained that they prefer that the GC adopt Policies and Procedures instead.

Bill also explained the correct procedures that are now in place as to the election and timing of newly elected GC's taking their seat and the previous GC's exiting. He also discussed the best procedure going forward for the election of the Chairperson and Secretary. They should be elected at the annual meeting and take office immediately. He is waiting for the BOD to give the GC further direction, but these have not yet been received.

# **DISCUSSION TOPIC 3:** Membership Committee Report

Carol Borden, Chairperson for the Membership Committee, reported that we had successfully completed the 2007 membership drive with the prizes being awarded. Carol also asked for the GC to send her their nominations for committee members for the 2008 Membership Committee so they may be submitted to the BOD for appointment.

### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 4**: Proposed Motion of Issue #1

Carol Hayden reviewed Issue #1 and explained the Chairman's role depending on the outcome of the decision to be impartial or informal.

Carol Hayden moved that the NAPHA GC would adopt the "Impartial Chairman" as the role of the GC Chairman, and the "Formal Meeting Process" for conducting the GC meetings. Under this role, the Chairman normally refrains: from making or seconding motions, entering into discussions or voting except to break a tie. When the chairman would need to engage in any of these activities, he would do so following the standard RONR rules that regulate these needs. This "Impartial Chairman" role will facilitate the GC body in adopting formal practices to conduct their face-to-face meetings and teleconferences.

Joline Bell-Hahn seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 5**: Discussion Leader's Topic 2 Update

Joline Bell-Hahn reviewed the feedback she had received on Topic 2.

# **DISCUSSION TOPIC 6:** Proposed Motion of Issue #3

Carol Borden reviewed the proposed guidelines for conducting teleconference meetings.

Carol Hayden moved to adopt guidelines 1 through 9. Joline Bell-Hahn seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 7**: Name for a NAPHA Committee to Improve our Breed

Carol Hayden thanked the people that worked on her committee. She explained the history of the origination of the committee, stating that they had researched and collected the appropriate information to create "The Peruvian Breed Research and Development Committee".

Carol Hayden moved that the Peruvian Breed Research and Development Sub-Committee be formed and so named. Linda Stern seconded.

Much discussion ensued with many more suggestions and comments as to the importance of such a committee and a more specific name.

Carol Hayden amended her original motion in the form of a substitute to her first motion to: a standing GC sub-committee will be formed, for the purpose of researching our breeds current or future needs to draw together already existing programs and efforts in a collaborative manner.

Joline Bell-Hahn seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Carol Hayden asked for nominations to get started on the committee. Bill will organize a discussion group after the first of the year to allow for the further discussion and structure of this committee.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPIC 8: 2007 National Show Report**

Bill discussed Linda Virgin's report concluding that the statistics indicate that the show should be kept in Texas, but urged everyone to study the information contained in the report.

# **DISCUSSION TOPIC 9:** Items for Future Discussion

The following topics were requested to be placed on the agenda for our next meeting: Manny Brito wants to define the GC's roles on member petitions, Gladys Freeman wants a treasury report, Carol Hayden wants to start on the Policies and Procedures, Jim Alexander wants to attack membership issues (i.e.: registration procedures, office response, etc.), Tina Woodworth had concerns regarding awards that were not recognized.

**NEXT MEETING:** To be announced

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Borden NAPHA GC Secretary

NAPHA GOVERNING COUNCIL MINUTES
July 9, 2007
Don Taylor, Chairman of the GC
Linda Stern, Secretary of GC

### Voting Members Present:

- Regional Representatives: Jolene Bell Hahn, Joy Redman, Lynn Kinsky, Don Taylor, Bill Chase, Barbara Windom, Carol Hayden, Roberta Ellis, Patrick Bossetta, Michelle Ripley, Linda Stern, Gladys Freeman, Edie Gandy, Athena Goumas, Manny Brito.
- BOD / Regional Representatives: Julia Meek, Lucho Dapelo, and Alice Wolf.

Non-Voting members Present:

• BOD present: Linda Virgin

- Club Presidents present: Jean Melton, Dave Ryan, Carlos Malpartida, and Jim Alexander.
- Guests: Laurie Harrison, Carol Borden, and Executive Director Donna Bearer.

GC members absent: David Mcvey, Rich Ovenburg, Tina Woodworth, Mary Donald, and Gail Benson.

1. Minutes approval for 4/26 GC Meeting:

Carol Hayden's motion for the following corrections-

- · Under setting Breed standards; Remove "waiting for Lucho to give them the written standards from Peru,"
- Under Truck Raffle Tickets; "Donations for Dodge Truck Promotion go to NAPHA Foundation and are 100% tax deductible."
- Under "Status of report on the Misdiagnosis of DSLD and injury in the Peruvian Horse" include after last paragraph; "Carol then moved that the GC should be resolved to look into all sides of the issue, to see how the problem should be addressed. After discussion that the motion was unnecessary because the GC would have that concern, Carol withdrew the motion

# Bill Chase moved for approval

- Manny seconded acceptance of corrected minutes.
- · Roll call vote; passed unanimously.

# 2. Linda Stern GC Secretary suggestions:

#### Motion 1 from Linda Stern:

- Linda moved to hire a court reporter or transcriptionist, at her expense, who would provide an exact, unedited transcript of future proceedings. Transcriptionist will also provide a 3 page summary to be posted on the web site.
- Seconded by Michelle Ripley and Thank- you to Linda.

#### Discussion:

- Carol Hayden; Will we be approving the 3 pages as our minutes?
- Bill Chase; The three pages would be helpful to the secretary, but doesn't want summary posted.
- Carlos Malpartida; We should vote on the three page summary.
- Jim Alexander; Will Linda give a recording to the transcriptionist or is he in on the phone call?
- Linda Stern: She would snail mail a copy of the transcription to each GC.
- · Carol Hayden; Would prefer an electronic copy.
- Michelle Ripley; The electronic copy should be a PDF file so no one can change it.
- Bill; The secretary could use the summary as a starting point and ending point for the minutes.

# Linda Stern amended her motion:

• Linda moved to hire a court reporter or transcriptionist, at her expense, who would provide an exact, unedited transcript of future proceedings. Said transcripts will be provided to all GC via PDF. Transcriptionist will also provide a 3 page summary to all GC, to be reviewed by Linda Stern, corrections, if necessary, made and then submitted to all members of GC for approval

Roll call vote; Motion passed unanimously.

# Motion 2 from Linda:

- Linda moved that the GC create a "Sergeant of Arms" position for the GC, whose duties will be to keep our proceedings within our by-laws and within Roberts Rules.
- Michelle seconded.

#### Discussion:

- Proper name in Robert's Rules would be Parliamentarian.
- · Need's a Specialist.
- Bill Chase; Excellent idea.
- Don Taylor: Someone who knows Robert's Rules.
- Carlos Malpartida; This could should be a Bylaws Committee Responsibility, to give input on bylaws and get familiar with Robert's Rules.

- Manny Brito; Michelle Ripley has more experience than anyone else.
- Michelle Ripley; No one ever knows everything, but it was her job for a long time.
- Jim Alexander; This person should have good working knowledge of bylaws and Robert's Rules.
- Gladys Freeman; Have two, bylaws and Robert's Rules.
- · Donna Bearer; Michelle is good at both.

Linda amended her motion to read; The GC create a position of Parliamentarian, whose duties will be to keep our proceedings within our by-laws and within Roberts Rules.

Roll call vote; Motion passed unanimously

Michelle Ripley was appointed as Parliamentarian.

3. Membership Committee presentation by Carol Borden, Chairperson

See attachment A; Carol Borden's original report at the bottom of the minutes.

After her report, Don asked what she wanted the GC to do. Carol replied:

- She wanted the GC to get involved in the process, call people, spread the word about the program, contests, prizes, etc. She stated that we need a 500 dollar donation to cover the airfare for the grand prize, a weekend at the Cataloochee ranch.
- She reminded us that Carolyn sent all of us a list of current and non-renewed members in our regions. She suggested the non-reneweds might be a good place to start.
- Because of the contests involved she reminded us to have any new members to note on their ap who was responsible for bringing them into the fold.

#### Discussion:

- Jim Alexander suggested farming all-breed shows for new members.
- Carol Hayden; Suggested the Membership Committee should create a sales script to help out the GC.
- · Don Taylor; Script is a good idea.
- Donna Bearer; New members are any Peruvian Horse owners who are not current members of NAPHA.

Don thanked Carol and her committee for all their hard work. Carol Borden departed.

4. BOD nominations for Sept. 07 Opening

This is the position that Lucho currently occupies. His was an interim position, appointed by the BOD in accordance with the bylaws. For the permanent position, nominations from the GC should be sent to Donna by Aug. 9th. This is different from a previous GC election procedure motion.

#### Motion:

- Carol Hayden moved that the nomination criteria that was established at the 02-07-07 meeting was for that meeting only.
- Bill Chase seconded, passed unanimously.

Donna Bearer stated that all currently serving GC's are eligible for nomination. She requested that we check with our intended nominee first to make sure of a willingness to run. Ballots will be sent out to all current NAPHA members within 5 days after nominations are closed. The ballots will be mailed to the POBox of the notary who will be charged with counting and validating the ballots.

5. 2007 priorities for the GC

Don explained that these are issues we need to address in our future work. Discussion:

- Edie Gandy; We needed to write a policies and procedures manual.
- Carlos Malpartida; The by-law committee needs to be reinstated.

- Jolene Bell-Hahn; Asked about city for the annual meeting
- Don Taylor; This was established at the 2007 annual meting, is Las Vegas, hotel the same one as for the Las Vegas Show, South Pointe at Vegas.
- Donna Bearer; This is something the office handles, making these arrangements.
- Jim Alexander; Raising money has to be a top priority.
- Donna Bearer; We're currently in the black, but the raffle tickets must be sold.
- Linda Stern; Asked where we stand with other organizations in terms of our fee schedule.
- Donna Bearer; Overall we're in the middle, but for associations our size we're low.
- Carol Hayden; There should be an effort to educate the GC's re: the by-laws. Some time spent on teaching will make less time spent on confusion.
- Carlos Malpartida; We should be working on that now, before something in error gets established, and so that new people coming in don't have to face discrepancies in the by-laws.

# 6. BOD response to GC proposals

Don received a letter from the BOD, which stated the following re:

#### Dear Don:

Following is the information we discussed at the last board meeting. Please feel free to pass this along in its entirety to the Governing Council.

GOVERNING COUNCIL ELECTIONS – in keeping with the recommendations of the Governing Council, the Board approved the following procedure for handling the Governing Council Elections:

The process of the elections will begin three months prior to the General Membership Meeting as follows:

- 1. Three Months Prior: Call for nominations to run for open GC seats. Allow 30 days to receive nominations.
- 2. Two Months Prior: Mail out Ballots to respective regions. Allow 30-35 days for ballots to be returned.
- 3. Count ballots at the end of the Governing Council Meeting at the Annual Membership meeting.

This procedure will accomplish several important things for the GC.

- 1. I will allow the representatives that have worked on the council all year to attend the meeting as the representative and see through the things on which they have worked
- 2. Associating the timing of the election with the Annual Meeting, will always make the timing on procedures the same, as dates for the annual meeting sometimes change due to hotel availability.
- 3. It will provide a clear list of who must be present to make a quorum for the GC meeting.
- 4. Votes will be counted by two members of staff and two members of the GC, to eliminate any doubt about the legitimacy of the ballot counting.
- 5. It will encourage both present members and nominated members to attend the Annual Meeting.

#### **ELECTION OF GC CHAIR AND SECRETARY**

After ballots have been counted and newly elected GC representatives are seated, the GC reps will nominate candidates for the position of GC Chairman. A member must be present to be nominated. Votes will be handled by silent ballot and counted immediately by two members of staff and two members of the GC.

The same procedure will then be followed for the election of secretary.

By-Laws Committee. "After careful consideration the board agreed that this year we should make very few changes (and definitely not change the by-laws) so that all our systems could work and members could get settled with the work of NAPHA. At this time the board will not consider by-laws changes".

Also In keeping with the by-laws as they exist, there are only two groups that can recommend by-laws changes and they are a percentage of the members together or the Board itself. At this time there is not a need for a by-laws committee to be enacted by the Board. We would like GC rather to consider utilizing their time in developing their practices and procedures manual for their

#### own operations.

The NAPHA staff is currently writing Practices and Procedures for office operations. The Board feels that the staff should write the P&P that deals with the day-to-day operations of the association, as they are the people who have to deal with various situations that arise and need to formulate practices and procedures to deal with them.

#### Discussion:

- Don Taylor; The Bylaw committee in their recommendation allowed for the BOD to change the election dates. For GC elections, the process begins three months before the election takes place.
- Carol Hayden; She appreciates the BOD's efforts in changing the election procedure, but it's not in the spirit of what the By-Laws Committee had worked out. That it would take up too much valuable meeting face time with a shift in GC members.
- · Other Discussion points;
- o The BOD thought this would create a larger attendance for the annual meeting and this would be something prospective GC members should want to do.
- o The floating dates of the Annual meeting would cause conflict with the bylaws stated three-year terms, by creating uneven terms.
- o It would cause an extra financial hardship on GC who attended the meeting and did not win their elections.
- Joy Redman; It would put those folks in an embarrassing position.

#### Motion:

- Manny made a motion that Jan.1st be the date when new GCs are seated.
- · Bill Chase seconded.
- Roll Call Vote, some members had left the meeting but we still had quorum; Passed unanimously.

Don reminded us that only 2 groups are authorized to make by-laws changes; either the BOD, or at the recommendation of 25% of the membership.

#### Discussion:

- Jolene Bell-Hahn; The by-laws committee felt that the BOD had slapped them in the face with their response to a request for changes.
- Donna Bearer; Said the BOD had too much on their plate to consider by-laws changes in 2007, but that the committee could continue its work and submit its ideas in 2008.
- Carol Hayden and Don Taylor; That was not what the written communication we'd just received from the BOD indicated.
- · Other Discussion Points;
- o The bylaws prevented us from doing that. The GC are deadlocked without some necessary bylaw changes or having a standing Bylaws Committee.
- o Even though the BOD wasn't going to entertain any bylaw changes, a standing bylaw committee should be formed and could start work, in advance of their considering suggestions.
- o Perhaps the BOD did need to make a bylaw change to straighten this out.

#### Motion:

Carol Hayden moved: Governing Council requests the BOD to allow a standing bylaws committee, with instruction that they would not be entertaining any bylaw changes until 2008.

- Donna Bearer; said she would relay our thoughts to the BOD.
- Don Taylor; This was the exact same proposal the BOD had just turned down.
- Carol Hayden: Understood that, but this was a motion to ask the BOD to please reconsider their decision. And suggested a formal motion so that we would have official record of our discussion and could receive an official response from the BOD.
- · Other Discussion Points;
- o This was a motion that the BOD just turned down, it was mentioned since BOD were sitting in on the meeting and perhaps understood what our intent was they would reconsider, that was the purpose of this motion, asking them to reconsider.
- o A committee that wouldn't be listened to until 2008 wouldn't make efforts to start working until 2008.
- o 2008 was not far off and a committee could get prepared to help speed things up for NAPHA.

o A standing bylaws committee could take the rest of the GC out of a process the BOD feels requires GC input.

• Lucho Dapelo; Perhaps the BOD could reconsider this.

Bill Chase suggested an alternate solution should be attached to the motion and suggested the motion be amended to;

• Governing Council requests the BOD to allow a standing bylaws committee, with instruction that they would not be entertaining any bylaw changes until 2008. Or amend the language to bylaw point 17 that would include Governing Council to "propose" bylaw amendments.

#### Discussion:

- Changing the language in other places to make it an easier amendment.
- That would cause more difficulties.
- Break Carol Hayden's motion and Bill Chases's amendment into two different motions.

Carol Hayden offered, rather than accepting Bill's suggestion as an amendment, she would change the motion to;

• Governing Council requests the BOD to allow a standing bylaws committee, with instruction that they would not be entertaining any bylaw changes until 2008. With a policy and procedure manual instruction that would allow the committee to include GC discussion before any change is recommended to the BOD.

#### Further Discussion:

- It was established that the meeting had lost quorum.
- Donna Bearer said again she would relay our thoughts to the BOD.
- It was mentioned that perhaps the BOD would just reconsider our request without the formal motion.

Linda Stern moved the meeting be adjourned.

It was seconded by ???, Passed Unanimously

Meeting was adjourned.

# NAPHA GOVERNING COUNCIL MINUTES April 26, 2007 Phone Conference

Chairperson: Don Taylor Secretary: Linda Stern

Roll Call

Members Participating: Jolene Bell Hahn, Joy Redman, Lyn Kinsky, David McVey, Rich Ovenburg, Tina Woodworth Don Taylor, Barbara Windom, Carol Hayden, Julia Meek, Alice Wolf, Michelle Ripley, Linda Stern, Edie Gandy, Manny Brito, Roberta Ellis.

Members Absent: Gladys Freeman, Gail Benson. Mary Donald, Bill Chase, Lucho Dapelo, Patrick Bossetta, and Athena Goumas .

Club presidents present: Jim Alexander, Jean Melton, Carlos Malpartida, Dave Ryan, and Jess Lietzke representing Rita Mondus.

Others present: Linda Virgin, GC co-chair and president of NAPHA BOD, Donna Bearer, NAPHA executive director, and Laurie Harrison, guest of Carlos Malpartida.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING ON 3-30-07

Jolene Bell Hahn moved the minutes be accepted, Edie Gandy seconded, the motion carried.

ESTABLISH TIMING FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL AND POSTING OF MINUTES

Don announced that the goal for posting the minutes was 2 weeks after the meeting. Don said they would be sent to all the gcs within one week after the meeting. Within one additional week gcs should submit any corrections and the minutes would then be re-sent to all gcs for electronic approval. Jolene moved that the gcs approve the minutes( or not) within 2 weeks. Tina seconded. Vote was all in favor except for Manny. As soon as minutes are accepted they will be sent to Donna for posting on the NAPHA website.

RHONDA LAWRENCE: REGION 24 RESIGNATION

Don requested that the board replace Rhonda with a NAPHA member from within that region who will serve until Rhonda's term would have ended( 3 years). Rhonda resigned because she doesn't have the time available to be a GC member.

#### TRUCK RAFFLE TICKETS

We discussed most successful ways to sell raffle tickets. Joy Redman said she had had most of her success at shows, but that so far this year is tougher than last year. Roberta Ellis said direct phone contact had been most successful for her, especially with friends whose charities she has supported.

It was suggested that talking about the great odds for winning is helpful, and would be particularly appropriate at the Vegas show.

It was suggested that a picture of the truck, and a description of the specs would be useful. Donna said she would get that ASAP.

Donations for the Dodge truck promotions go to the NAPHA Foundation and are 100% tax deductable.

The fact that the winner may be able to trade it back to the dealer for cash could also be a selling point.

Joy suggested getting the announcer at shows to pump up the raffle and tell folks where they can get tickets.

Don asked the folks who had not given pledges at the annual meeting to do so. Edie and Roberta each pledged to sell 10 tickets, Rick, Jean, Dave, Jim and Jeff each pledged to sell 5.

GOAL SETTING TO INCLUDE REGIONAL NAPHA MEMBERS We then discussed how to include the regional members in NAPHA'S goal setting process. Ideas included post paid self addressed post cards, being visible at outside venues such as local area all breed trail rides and gaited horse shows, using regional clubs for dialogue by phone, talking to members at shows, and asking members for help with specific tasks. We set a goal of getting together by phone with all of our regional members within the next 30 days. We are to summarize the info we receive and send it on to Don. Since NAPHA has also sent us lists of the recent former members, it was decided that we should use similar approaches with them and have membership applications at the ready.

#### SWOT ANALYSIS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

We next discussed the results of the SWOT exercise we did at the national meeting. A common theme was that there is a lack of communication between the GCs. There were many good ideas presented. Two seemed to have general agreement. First, that the NAPHA News should have a page dedicated to regional news, and second, that we should have our own GC newsletter. Jolene volunteered to take charge of that. She will have a newsletter ready by May 25th. GC's are encouraged to have regional news into her by May 18th. The things of interest might be club news, regional trail rides and/or fun days, shows, exhibitions, etc. NAPHA HALL OF FAME AND RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SHOW WINNERS

The subject of a NAPHA Hall Of Fame was discussed briefly. The gcs felt NAPHA is too new at this time to take on this subject. It was tabled pending further study.

#### SETTING BREED STANDARDS

Carol Hayden wanted us to know that she and others are busy studying this issue, and that at the moment they are working with Lionel Griffith, and collecting some history of what other Peruvian registries do about setting standards. before going forward. STATUS OF REPORT ON THE MISDIAGNOSIS OF DSLD AND INJURY IN THE PERUVIAN HORSE.

Rich, co-chairperson of the sub committee on The Misdiagnosis of DSLD and injuries in Peruvian horses, was scheduled to present the report to the GC at the national meeting. Due to inclement weather, he missed the GC meeting on 3-30-07. At the request from a member of the BOD, he presented the report on Sunday,4-1-07, to the general membership meeting at the national meeting. Thus, the GC had no opportunity to review or comment on the report prior to it being presented to the BOD and the general public. Rich's report generated a lot of discussion. Carol Hayden was concerned that as a member of the committee, she had not been consulted on the report, and had not seen the final report until after it had been presented to the general meeting. At the national meeting, Bill Chase expressed a similar concern. Carol was also concerned that the protocol for committee work established at the 11-30-06 GC conference call had not been followed. Carol Hayden moved that the BOD NOT take any Official action on the recommendations in the report. Lynn K seconded. The motion passed 10-3, with Joy Redman, Roberta Ellis and Rich Ovenburg being the dissenting votes.. Carol then moved that the committee has completed its work and should be disbanded. Rich seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Don asked Linda Virgin, BOD president for direction from the board on this topic going forward. Dave Ryan expressed concerns about the content of the report. He believes the content is slanted in one direction, without sufficient regard for other opinions. He stated that for as many injured horses that are misdiagnosed with DSLD, a likely equal number with DSLD had been misdiagnoses with injuries. Rich stated that his primary purpose had been to open up the lines of communication on this issue, and to stress the need for nationwide educational forums. Carol then moved that the GC should be resolved to look into all sides of the issue, to see how the problem should be addressed. After discussion that the motion was unnecessary because the GC would have that concern. Carol withdrew the

**NEXT MEETING** 

The next teleconference is May 22nd, at 7pm Central Time.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Michelle asked that the website be updated to show current GC members. Donna said it would be done the next day. Jean Melton wanted to ask that the horse be promoted to the general public. She asked about advertising on RFDTV as the Paso Finos do. She reported that the "voice of the Paso Finos" told her that every time the tape runs they get 900 hits. Edie stated that RFDTV, at the behest of the Federal Government has changed their advertising price structure so the Paso Finos will no longer be able to use that venue. Don added that promoting the breed is the first goal of the NAPHA Foundation and that it has budgeted \$100,000 to run ads in a number of general interest equine publications in the coming year.

Dave asked that the hits on the web pages be sent to the regional reps. Donna replied that that had been non-productive in the past, but that she would think about re-visiting that.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Linda Stern, Secretary

# MINUTES OF THE NAPHA GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING Hyatt Regency DFW, March 30, 2007

- 1) The meeting was convened at 8:40 AM by GC Chair, Don Taylor
- 2) Roll call, members absent: Rich Ovenberg, Mary Donald, Gail Benson, Carol Hayden, Roberta Ellis, Athena Goumas, and Ronda Lawrence, Edie Gandy.

Club Presidents attending: Debbie Dutton, Terry Jarchow.

Guests: Gene Pepe, Steve Todd, Lionel Griffith, and Jo Ward.

- 3) BOD President, Linda Virgin, welcomed GC members and guests to the meeting.
- 4) Don Taylor welcomed new members to the GC present at the meeting:
  - a) Joline Bell Hahn Region 1
  - b) Michele Ripley Region 18
  - c) Alice Wolf Region 15
  - d) Rhonda Lawrence (absent) Region 24
  - e) Edie Gandy Region 21
- 5) Motion to approve minutes of the GC meeting of February 7, 2007 (Conference call)
  - a) Moved: Alice Wolf
  - b) Seconded: Julia Meek
  - c) Motion carried
- 6) The GC then divided into 4 working groups for a Strength/Weakness/Goal Setting exercise. (See Attachment 1)
- 7) Donna Bearer:
  - a) Announced that Dodge Trucks has become a corporate sponsor and will donate a 2007 PU truck for the fundraising raffle this year.
  - b) Raffle ticket price is again \$100/each. A total of only 500 tickets will be sold.
  - c) Tickets for the raffle were distributed to the GCs and other members present. See any of the following fine people to purchase your raffle tickets.

Don't be slow, they are going fast: Joy Redman, Larry Redman, Joline Bell Hahn, David McVey, Tina Woodworth, Bill Chase, Barbara Windom,

Julia Meeks, Lucho Dapelo, Alice Wolf, Patrick Bossetta, Michele Ripley, Linda Stern, Gladys Freeman,

Manny Brito, Debbie Dutton, Terry Jarchow, Steve Todd, Jo Ward, Cheryl Aldrich, Jorge Galante, LindaVirgin, Don Taylor.

- d) Truck raffle tickets may also be purchased from the NAPHA office.
- e) Make checks payable to NAPHA Foundation, do not send cash.
- f) Lucho Dapelo made a suggestion that adding other prizes (e.g. 2<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> prize) might make the raffle more attractive to

some people.

He suggested tack for the other prize awards.

# 8) Subcommittee Reports:

a) After last years meeting, GC members were asked to survey the members in their regions and report back with the top two issues of concern.

Subcommittees to study these issues were formed on the basis of the responses to this member survey.

- b) Status of the Ultimate Versatility Horse Award:
  - i) The award criteria were recommended to the BOD by the GC
  - ii) Some concerns the BOD had regarding whether it will "dilute out" other awards and whether returning Ch of Ch will be eligible to compete without

forfeiting their Ch of Ch status. The BOD referred this proposed award to the Rules committee for further consideration.

c) Provide Reasons/Benefits why PH Owners should join NAPHA and Register their horses and Provide more benefits for Part-Blood PH owners:

Committee Chair, Linda Stern (report sent to GC members)

- i) Recommendation on Part-Blood Registry: Janetta Michaels has volunteered to work on this.
- ii) Recommendation of temporary amnesty in fees for registrations:
  - (1) Donna Bearer discussed NAPHA costs associated with complicated cases that must be exhaustively researched
  - (2) Some registries charge \$50-65/hour for such research
  - (3) Motion by Bill Chase not to approve the amnesty, Second by Barbara Windom, Motion passed (Amnesty was not approved)
- iii) Recommendation re: postcard reminder for late NAPHA member renewals; this is already in place.
- d) GC By-Laws Subcommittee Report: Committee Chair, Manny Brito (report sent to GC members)
  - i) By-Laws Subcommittee members elected to focus on Item #2 because this item had stimulated the most discussion and debate among GC members:

When do newly elected GC members take their seats and what are the procedures for electing a Chair of the GC?

- i) More defined election rules were outlined in the Subcommittee report.
- iii) Motion to forward these rules to the BOD to be included in a new Policy and Procedures manual rather than as a By-Law change made by Bill Chase, Jr.

Second by Lynn Kinsky. No discussion, Motion passed. Recommended to the BOD for adoption.

- iv) Additional discussion surrounded whether a BOD member should be allowed to serve on the GC.
  - (1) Motion by Gladys Freeman that this issue should be referred to the By-Laws subcommittee for a possible By-Law revision. Second by Lucho Dapelo.
  - (2) Discussion:
    - (a) BOD members are Ex-officio members of the GC presently under the current By-Laws so are already members
    - (b) Lack of volunteers to run for GC would leave a vacuum in some areas if the BOD/GC members resigned from active GC participation in their regions.
    - (c) Continuity on the BOD is very important.
  - (3) After discussion, the motion was withdrawn by Gladys and Lucho.
  - (4) Many times a BOD member remains on the GC so they can run for election/reelection. The GC recommends that once on the BOD, the BOD
  - member may decide to remain on the GC but continuing GC membership should not be required for election/reelection. This would require a By-Law change.
- v) Motion that the By-Laws Subcommittee be made a standing committee of NAPHA, reporting directly to the BOD, and charged with the development
  - of a Policy and Procedures manual and By-Law revisions: Made by Bill Chase, Jr., Seconded by Lynn Kinsky. No discussion, Motion passed.

- e) Report of the Sub-Committee on NAPHA membership requirements for Officers and Directors of Recognized Clubs: Bill Chase, Jr, Chair (report sent to GC)
  - The recommendation that a Club President be required to be an Owner/Member in order to have official NAPHA Club recognition was initially thought to

require a By-Law change. Upon further investigation a By-Law change would not be required.

- ii) Recommendation that other club officers and members be encouraged, but not required, to be a NAPHA member.
- iii) Rules already require 10 NAPHA members for club recognition
- iv) Both are non-issues at this time and covered by current rules and do not require a By-Law change.
- v) Smaller or start-up clubs that may not yet have enough NAPHA members are already covered under a different recognition status by NAPHA.

These clubs can be recognized but their club President cannot be a GC member.

- f) Subcommittee on PH as Trail/Trial/Eventing Horses: Tina Woodworth, Chair (report sent to GC members) The committee suggests that regions put on clinics and host competitive trail rides and training for trail and trail safety. Also suggested reduced fees for NAPHA members who participate. Publicity and results should be posted on the NAPHA website.
- 9) Qualifications of a GC Representative: Recommendations
  - a) Own at least one NAPHA registered horse and be a NAPHA member: This is already the only requirement
  - b) Lucho Dapelo: Be a NAPHA member for at least 5 years.
  - c) Discussion:
    - i) Bill Chase: Diversity of experience (new vs older members) is good
    - ii) Michele Ripley: Allow others with diverse life experience (business, etc) participate even if new members
    - iii) Joy Redman: We want to encourage everyone to participate
    - iv) Jorge Gallante: By-Laws were designed to encourage any and all who want to participate. Remain flexible.
  - d) Conclusion: Do not change current requirements.
- 10) DSLD Misdiagnosis Report:
  - a) Deferred because Rich Ovenberg is still in transit to the meeting.
  - b) Bill Chase, Jr said he is a Subcommittee member but had not yet seen the report
- 11) Responsibilities of a GC Representative:
  - a) Covered by the By-Laws (section 14.3)
  - b) Free conference call services: http://www.freeconferencecall.com
- 12) Role of Regional Club Presidents in the GC:
  - a) Usually 6-7 Club Presidents are present on most conference calls
  - b) Can speak but have no vote
  - c) Can make motions, nominations, be on committees
  - d) Club Presidents can designate an alternative to attend call/meeting in their absence
- 13) Report on the Junior Program: Joy Redman presented in the absence of Athena Goumas (report sent to GC)
  - a) Need to make Juniors feel important and part of the "family"
  - b) Need horses for Juniors to ride at Nationals solicit good horses from breeder/owners
  - c) Junior Hall of Fame, pictures from past, present, future (leadline juniors) display at Nationals
  - d) Gladys Freeman: 16 Junior riders participated at Deep South/Magnolia last week
  - e) Barbara Windom: Clinics will be held at the Las Vegas Triple show
  - f) Lucho Dapelo: Presented clinic at Paradise ranch in Canada, 16 excellent Juniors attended.
  - g) Junior Scholarship Program
    - i) Information mailed 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March
    - ii) No applications in 2006
  - h) Add Junior information to the Newsletter to make them feel valued and important
  - i) Paso Finos offer outreach to schools, competition for which students apply we should adopt a similar program.

- j) Kelly Powers and Athena Goumas have offered a Just for Juniors clinic, maybe do one at the National Show on a free evening
- 14) Promoting the Peruvian Horse Joy Redman
  - a) Be positive, not negative
  - b) There is no "finish", you just have to start
  - c) Need writers for Peruvian horse articles, information volunteer area on website?
  - d) Outreach: The Peruvian Horse Pledge: Be Open, Be Friendly, Be Helpful
  - e) Need to do NAPHA sponsored advertising in top horse publications.
- 15) Performance Judge for 2007 NAPHA National Show: TBD at BOD meeting
- 16) BOD Replacement: Alice Wolf Congratulations. Alice is replacing Joy Gould who is assuming an At-Large BOD position.
- 17) JAC Report Jo Ward, Administrator
  - a) Dante Mazzi has resigned from the JAC for personal reasons
  - b) Should all JAC members be judges or should other owner/members participate?
  - c) Rules: Committee has only been functioning 6 months
    - i) Student judges:
      - (1) Cannot use a double show to count as "2" shows student judged
      - (2) Must select one judge as primary to oversee learning but will still learn from both
  - d) There are a number of Judge candidates/applicants that have stalled in their recognition process (19 people), need to contact these candidates to see whether they plan to continue (to work towards approval and obtain a timeline to do this)
    - or should be removed from the process.
  - e) Need system to pass information along to show committees regarding the performance of judges
  - f) Is there a liability to NAPHA for sharing this information?
    - i) Need to have judge's release form that would allow limited access to club President or Show Chairs only
    - ii) Show Stewards report/Show Management report should provide information
  - g) Report on IJA Clinic (Independent Judges Association)
    - i) Four day seminar including:
      - (1) DQP for soundness, etc.
      - (2) PH Conformation PH supplied by Joy Gould, Bonnie Gallegos
      - (3) Show with other Gaited Breeds, Apprentice and experienced judging pairs
      - (4) Fox Trotter Demo
    - ii) Written take-home test required specific rule book citations
    - iii) Attending from PH community: Jo Ward, Judges: Mary Donald, Ed Houston, Mimi Busk-Downey, Annette Kart, Dale Roberson, Vicki Shelton.
  - h) How do we certify continuing education to recertify judges? NAPHA has a mandate for recertification but it has not been strictly enforced.
- 18) Report on Meeting with Regional Members: Michele Ripley (report sent to GC members)
  - a) Invitation sent to all owners (not just NAPHA members) in the region
  - b) Excellent response with 42 attending the meeting
  - c) Showed other informational materials distributed at the meeting: Brochure, member application form, general horse health information, breed-specific information, club, and activity information.
  - d) Joy Redman: Commented that some people just need basic horse care information
- 19) Nominations for Judges for the 2008 NAPHA National Show:
  - a) Breeding Division:
    - i) Samuel Gleiser
    - ii) Ed Houston

- iii) Bellisario de las Casas
- iv) Felipe Thorndyke
- v) Marco Dapelo
- vi) Jeff Marcum
- vii) Enrique Riso Patron
- viii) Juan Manuel Riso Patron
- ix) Pepe Risso, Jr.
- b) Performance Division:
  - i) Bonnie Gallegos
  - ii) Doug LaSota
  - iii) Cricket Donoho
  - iv) Mary Donald
  - v) Mimi Busk-Downey
  - vi) Rick Mero
  - vii) Charlie Brooks
  - viii) Jeff Marcum
  - ix) Annette Kart
  - x) Shawna Valenzuela
- 20) Meeting for GC/Members meeting for 2008
  - a) Governing council recommended that the 2008 GC/Annual NAPHA Members meeting be as follows:
    - i) Location: Las Vegas
    - ii) Dates: First week in April is preferred to get better hotel/travel rates (low season)
- 21) Election of GC Chairperson and GC Secretary for 2007:
  - a) Linda Virgin BOD President and GC Co-Chair accepted nominations as follows:
    - i) Don Taylor nominated by Bill Chase.
    - ii) Bill Chase nominated by Don Taylor
    - iii) Secret ballot election was held and Don Taylor was re-elected.
    - iv) Linda Stern was nominated and selected as GC Secretary by acclamation.
- 22) The next GC meeting will be a conference call scheduled for April 26, 2007. Time TBA. GC members will be notified of time by e-mail.
- 23) All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectfully submitted: Alice M. Wolf

Governing Council Meeting Minutes February 7, 2007 Conference Call

Chairperson: Don Taylor

**Members Participating:** D. Joy Gould, Joy Redman, Lynn Kinsky, David McVey, Tina Woodworth, Don Taylor, Bill Chase, Gail Benson, Carol Hayden, Lyndon Wright, Patrick Bossetta, Jesse Leitzke, Linda Stern, Gladys Freeman, Carol Borden, Manny Brito, and Linda Harrison

Members Absent: Rich Ovenburg, Mary Donald, Barbara Windom, Julia Meek, Lucho Dapelo, Roberta Ellis, and Athena Goumas

**Club Presidents Participating:** Dave Ryan, Jean Melton, Jolene Bell, Carlos Malpartida, Rita Mondus, Jim Alexander, and Cheryl Aldrich

Other Participants: Donna Bearer, Edie Gandy

**Discussion Topic:** Don called for a review of the minutes of the meeting from 12-21-2006. There was no discussion. Lynn Kinsky moved to accept the minutes. Manny seconded the motion. Approved – All in favor.

**Discussion Topic:** Don explained that all future conference calls will be done via FreeConferenceCall.com. The service of putting the conference call together is free. The only expense involved will be the individual long distance carriers of the members that call in. Don also suggested that the sub-committees use this service.

# **Discussion Topic:** Criteria for selecting the BOD candidates

There was a great deal of discussion and explanations regarding the By-Laws, eligibility, notification, etc. Manny Brito and Carlos Malpartida wanted the process stopped so an attorney could settle these issues before we moved forward.

Don Taylor and Donna Bearer stated that according to the By-Laws, the BOD could have selected anyone from the Governing Council; however, they had requested nominations be submitted from the Governing Council for consideration.

Lyndon Wright urged everyone to move forward with making decisions so the BOD seat could be filled expediently.

Carol Hayden made a motion to table nominations and appoint a By-Law committee for review. Carol Hayden decided to amend her motion to table nominations and form a By-Law committee to develop policy and get legal review with BOD approval to allow Governing Council to make nominations. Manny Brito seconded the motion. The motion was defeated 15 against and 2 in favor.

Patrick Bossetta was called on for a professional opinion, as he is a practicing attorney. He said that the BOD had the right to appoint according to the By-Laws, but that the By-Laws may need to be clarified going forward.

Jean Melton said that the BOD gave the Governing Council the opportunity to recommend names and the newly elected members that don't assume their seat until March, should not expect to be considered as a candidate at this time.

Don moved to disregard the idea of providing candidates for the current BOD opening, thus follow the By-Laws and let the BOD make their own choice. Joy Redman seconded the motion, but after further explanation, withdrew her second. Lynn Kinsky then seconded. After further discussion, Don withdrew his motion when advised that according to Robert's Rules of Order a Chairman cannot make motions. We then discussed the possibility of presenting the entire Governing Council to the BOD as candidates.

It was then decided that the Governing Council would present the entire Governing Council to the BOD as candidates. After several revisions, Carol Hayden then moved that the Governing Council will go thru the nomination process and put the names before the BOD to select for replacement of the open seat on the BOD. Joy Redman seconded the motion. Motion approved – all in favor.

Bill Chase moved to consider currently seated and newly elected Governing Council members as nominees and let the BOD determine who is eligible and qualified. Joy Redman seconded. Motion approved – all in favor.

Lyndon Wright moved to accept the suggested agenda criteria for selecting BOD candidates with amending F to 5 candidates instead of 3. E is to be changed to Don Taylor as the designated representative and the clause "and we would encourage members voting if possible." will be eliminated. Tina Woodworth seconded the motion. Motion approved - All in favor.

Criteria approved as follows:

- A. Accept eligible nominees from Governing Council and Club Presidents.
- B. Second the Nominations
- C. Ask nominee if they will accept the nomination.
- D. Ask nominee to give a short presentation on why they would be a good BOD member (After all nominations are received).
- E. Each elected GC Representative will select their top 5 candidates and email their choices to Don Taylor within 24 hours
- F. The three nominees receiving the most votes will be forwarded to the BOD President.
- G. We expect the BOD to select the new board member from the nominees provided by the GC in accordance with the By-Laws.

### **Discussion Topic:** Nominations for Board of Director Position

Don had accepted several nominations from GC representatives who were unable to participate in this conference call.

Donna Bearer, executive director or NAPHA informed Don that proxy nominations would not be acceptable and thus they were not presented.

Don explained that the BOD position would cost an average of \$1000 to \$1200 per quarter to travel at your own expense to attend the BOD meetings, as well as numerous conference calls and a great demand on one's time.

Nominations were as follows: Carol Borden, Linda Stern, Patrick Bossetta (declined), Manny Brito (declined after meeting had concluded), Alice Wolfe, Edie Gandy (declined), Jesse Lietzke, and Carol Hayden

Lyndon Wright moved to send all six candidates to the BOD. Joy Redman seconded the motion. Motion passed – all in favor.

Carol Hayden moved to skip D and E on the selection criteria for these nominations. We had a consensus to accept the changes without a motion.

Discussion Topic: Recommendation of Performance judges for the 2007 Nationals

The following judges were recommended: Jeff Marcum, Cheryl Aldrich (declined), Kim Monte, Cricket Donoho, Doug LaSota, Charlie Brooks, Ed Houston, Allen Schoen, Bonnie Gallegos, and Rick Mero

Linda Stern moved to close the nominations. Joy Redman seconded. Motion passed – all in favor.

**Discussion Topic:** The next conference call will be on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. central time at which time we will have the presentation of sub-committee reports.

# **Discussion Topic:** By-Laws Sub Committee

Manny Brito moved to set up a By-Laws Sub Committee reporting to the Governing Council. This committee will make recommendations to the full Governing council. Approved recommendations will be sent to the board for consideration. Gladys Freeman seconded the motion. Motion passed – all in favor.

Bill Chase suggested that people contact Don if they want to be on the committee. Those who volunteered during the call were Manny Brito, Carol Hayden and Carlos Malpartida.

**Next Meeting:** Conference call Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Central time.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Borden NAPHA Governing Council Secretary/Co-Chairperson

# GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 21, 2006 Conference call Chairperson: Don Taylor

**Members Participating**: Joy Gould, Joy Redman, Lynn Kinsky, David McVey, Rich Ovenburg, Tina Woodworth, Don Taylor, Bill Chase, Barbara Windom, Carol Hayden, Julia Meek, Lyndon Wright, Patrick Bossetta, Jesse Leitzke, Linda Stern, Gladys Freeman, Carol Borden, Athena Goumas, Manny Brito and Linda Harrison

Members Absent: Mary Donald, Gail Benson, Lucho Dapelo and Roberta Ellis

Club Presidents Participating: Billy Covington, Dave Ryan, Jean Melton, Cheryl Aldrich, Alice Wolf and Jim Alexander

Other Participants: Donna Bearer, Michelle Ripley, Edie Gandy and Lori Harrison

# Discussion Topic: Approval of minutes from last meeting

No discussion. Don called for a motion to accept. Linda Stern moved to accept the minutes. Lynn Kinsky and Julia Meek seconded. All approved.

### Discussion Topic: Don's Invited Participation in the 12-20-2006 Conference Call with the BOD

Don reported that the BOD voted to post their minutes on the NAPHA website within ten working days of their meetings. The GC minutes will also be posted within the same time frame.

Interaction between the GC and the BOD was discussed at great length regarding the discussions, communications and recommendations of the GC to the BOD. This served to better clarify our working relationship moving forward.

The four items sent back to the BOD for their reconsideration were reconciled as follows:

- 1.) The Amateur Performance Division will be retained at Nationals. NAPHA will be adding Amateur Owner classes and will be awarding the High Point Novice from all Regional shows for the year.
- 2.) The Championship qualifications at Nationals will be one Champion of Champion win at one Regional show (riders will still be able to qualify by winning first or second in qualifying classes as in the past).
- 3.) The National show committee will decide on the content of the evening performance based on time availability.
- 4.) Based on the poll regarding the judging system, it was decided that there would be one judge for the breeding division and one judge for the performance division beginning with the 2007 Nationals. The poll results were the same for single votes or votes weighted by number of horses brought to the 2005 and 2006 Nationals.
- 5.) The BOD is sending back to the rules committee for further evaluation the Laureado and Gait Class changes they were considering. The BOD decided that more research and investigation was required before any decisions could be made.

There were many questions that followed regarding the rules committee which were answered by Rich Ovenburg, Chairman of the Rules Committee. He is trying to have his recommendations ready to present by the end of January.

Don commended the BOD for inviting him to participate in the 12-20-2006 BOD meeting. After much beneficial discussion the BOD and GC will be working much closer in the future.

# Discussion Topic: Donna's report on registrations

Donna Bearer gave a report on the status of registrations.

- 1.) NAPHA has handled 1764 registrations and transfers in 2006. Of that number there were 39 problems where fines or penalties were imposed for a total of \$1,070. That means that only 2% of the transactions handled had a problem and that 1,725 people got it right.
- 2.) NAPHA staff has processed 2,342 AAOBPPH registration certificates and have had problems that have not been resolved with 24 of them. In other words, there have been problems with 1% of the registrations.

#### Discussion Topic: Announcement of new GC members

Joline Bell Hahn (Region 1), Alice Wolf (Region 15), Michelle Ripley (Region 18), Edie Gandy (Region 21), Rhonda Lawrence (Region 24)

Congratulations to these newly elected members. They will be assuming their new roles as of the March meeting in Ft. Worth.

# Discussion Topic: Lucho's report on Peru's Judging Fees

This will be held over until the next meeting.

# Discussion Topic: Sub-Committee report on the Ultimate Versatility Horse Award

Gladys reviewed the committee recommendations. Tina Woodworth moved to accept this committee's recommendations. Carol Hayden seconded. With 13 in favor, 7 against, the motion passed.

There was much discussion regarding what horses would qualify to compete. Tina Woodworth moved to change the name to the Ultimate Versatility Horse Award. Julia Meek seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Don will submit this committee's recommendation to the BOD.

# Discussion Topic: Sub-Committee report on the Benefits/Reasons why Peruvian Horse Owners should join NAPHA and register their horses.

Carol Borden gave the report on this sub-committee. Linda Stern added wanting sponsorship from NAPHA in respect to brochures, advertising on the website, etc. Julia Meek offered her assistance with forms and organizational needs for Regional events. There was much discussion regarding dealing with liability issues. Don Taylor, Joy Gould and Julia Meek suggested that the committee make their recommendations more specific before submitting it to the BOD. It was agreed that the committee would table it for this meeting so they could refine their suggestions and re-submit it on our January conference call.

# **Discussion Topic: Registration Committee Report**

Barbara Windom explained that all of the instructions needed for registration are available on the NAPHA website or questions can also be answered by calling the office. The forms must also be requested through the office. This year there have been 286 foals registered under a year of age, 50 over a year, 550 owner transfers and 41 owner transfers over 60 days. The only problems incurred have been repeated problems of people not properly completing and/or signing all of the necessary forms. There are still 66 outstanding DNA kits that have never been received back for proper registration completion. Of all of the registrations processed, only 20-24 are currently outstanding that they have not been able to resolve.

**Next Meeting**: The next conference call will be on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 5:00 Pacific time, 6:00 Mountain time, 7:00 Central time and 8:00 Eastern time.

Respectfully Submitted by, Carol Borden NAPHA Secretary/Co-Chairperson

# GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 30, 2006 Conference Call Chairperson – Don Taylor

**Participating Members:** Joy Gould, Joy Redman, Lynn Kinsky, Rich Ovenburg, Tina Woodworth, Don Taylor, Bill Chase, Barbara Windom, Gail Benson, Carol Hayden, Julia Meek, Lucho Dapelo, Lyndon Wright, Roberta Ellis, Jesse Leitzke, Linda Stern, Gladys Freeman, Carol Borden, Athena Goumas, Manny Brito, Patrick Bossetta and Linda Harrison.

Members Absent: Governing Council - David McVey and Mary Donald

Club Presidents Participating: Dave Ryan, Jean Melton, Jolene Bell, Carlos Malpartida and Cheryl Aldrich.

# **Discussion Topic: GOVERNING COUNCIL DUTIES**

Don re-explained the role of the Governing Council to everyone. The Governing Council is to address the concerns of the people in the prospective Regions, discuss these issues and recommend solutions to the Board of Directors. The job of making the final decision is ultimately up to the Board of Directors. We can request re-consideration, but otherwise, the decisions of the Board are final. (Refer to section 5.6 & 5.7 of NAPHA by-laws)

#### **Discussion Topic: ANNUAL MEETING**

Don reminded everyone of the meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at DFW airport, which is March 30 through April 1, 2007.

#### **Discussion Topic: NAPHA APPROVED JUDGES**

Don told us that all approved judges (including Central and South America) will eventually be posted on the website. It is taking a very long time to get the responses from other countries so it may be about six months before it is accomplished.

A question was then raised regarding the Peruvian Association requiring a \$200 fee so that they could contact the judge you wished to invite to your show. In return, they send a very nice plaque for the Champion Breeding Stallion. There was a mix of members that had experienced this and others who had not; therefore, Don requested that Lucho Dapelo look into the matter for us and find out what the proper procedure is to be going forward for the individual clubs.

### **Discussion Topic: NAPHA COMMITTEES**

Don reviewed the NAPHA committees that had been set up to address various issues that the Governing Council had recommended be considered. Don will send to each committee chairperson the issues raised by governing council representatives.

### Discussion Topic: GC SUB-COMMITTEES TO EVALUATE ISSUES

Don then proceeded to request the establishment of subcommittees with at least three GC members on each committee. These committees are assigned to review the following topics and make recommendations back to the Governing Council. The committees were set up as follows:

- 1.) Ultimate Horse Award Linda Stern, Gladys Freeman, Tina Woodworth
- 2.) NAPHA Hall of Fame/Recognizing Nationals Show Winners Joy Redman, Carol Hayden, Roberta Ellis

- 3.) Misdiagnosis of Peruvian horse injuries as DSLD Carol Borden, Rich Ovenburg, Carol Hayden, Tina Woodworth, Bill Chase.
- Need more emphasis on Peruvians as Pleasure/Trail/Eventing horses Linda Stern, Julia Meek, Lynn Kinsky, and Tina Woodworth.
- 5.) Establish guidelines for Regional club members not being NAPHA members Carol Hayden, Carol Borden, Lynn Kinsky, Carlos Malpartida, Jean Melton and Bill Chase.
- 6.) Provide reasons/benefits why Peruvian horse owners should join NAPHA and register their horses/Provide more for part blood owners- Linda Stern, Julia Meek, Carol Borden, and Gladys Freeman.
- 7.) Provide ways to promote the junior program Athena Goumas, Joy Redman and Don Taylor
- 8.) How can we positively market our breed Don Taylor, Joy Redman, Jessie Lietzke and Gail Benson.
- 9.) Improve the quality of our breed by setting standards and oversight of the standards established- there was much discussion on the wording of this sub-committee. It was decided to table this issue at this time. Carol Hayden will resubmit at a later date.

NOTE: Each sub-committee will elect a chairperson who will present to the full Governing Council the committees recommendations in the following manner:

- 1.) Issue being evaluated
- 2.) History of the issue
- 3.) Facts considered/evaluated
- 4.) Recommendations
- 5.) Benefits of Recommendations
- 6.) Downside of Recommendations

#### Discussion Topic: RECENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECISIONS

Since there was still much discussion regarding the change in the following four topics, Don suggested that we email our votes on these subjects to him by tomorrow. In addition, we would email our members in each Region for their feedback as well. The four topics are regarding the BOD's ruling and discussion on the following: Qualifying for the Championship classes at Nationals, How the Amateur Performance Division should be classified, Canceling of the Saturday night performance at Nationals and the ballet card that was recently mailed out regarding the judging system at Nationals. Don will formulate motions based upon input received. Once voted upon the results will be presented to the Board of Directors.

There were no motions made on any of the topics discussed during our conference call.

Next Meeting: The next conference call is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Central.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Borden NAPHA Governing Council Secretary/Co-Chairperson

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Annual Meeting June 9, 2006 Las Vegas, NV