

NAPHA MINUTES
CONFERENCE CALL
April 13, 2011 - 5:30 pm PST

Roll Call:

Danell Adams, Edie Gandy, Charles Melton, Larry Redman, Gene Pepe, Rich Ovenberg, Barbara Windom

Minutes:

Previously approved and posted.

Treasury Report:

NAPHAs finances are steadily improving! Payments have been doubled to expedite the reduction in our debt. Our two largest bills, to John Justin Arena, and the Hey & Hey Law Firm should be paid off in five months. To date, just over \$100,000.00 of debt has been paid down. The closure of the Texas office, reducing employee and operating expenses has helped tremendously. We are still working with the IRS in an effort to negotiate and settle, however the final potential cost is still an unknown.

Memberships:

The Board discussed some processes that would better serve properly notifying our members about the status of their membership. In the transition from expiration dates being spread through-out the year to having them all due in January, there are still many outstanding membership dues. The board recognizes that there needs to be some improvement in better noticing our members. Therefore, it was agreed to work on a membership package to be mailed to all current and former members, perhaps through 2009. Included in this mailer, should be a thorough update about what is happening in our breed across the country and the status of our tri-state event idea each year.

1. We need to design and disseminate new pamphlets available to our members and to be used as hand-outs at special events. Some ideas and designs are currently being discussed. It would be nice to have a design in a PDF file that can be sent via email and then printed by the recipients as necessary.
2. It was suggested that the RAC also create a "phone-tree" list to assist in personally contacting our members.

Website:

Lionel Griffith has done a tremendous job of reorganizing and reshaping our website. He has volunteered all of his time to make this site informative and more user friendly. We also have another member who has come forward and offered her assistance in doing website work as needed. The board will first discuss this option with Lionel to create a collaborative effort.

Canadian Livestock Registry Transition:

The contract and first of two payments has been made and the board is moving forward with the transition process. The CLRC programmer will work in conjunction with the HSB programmer to determine the type and length of procedure for beginning the data transfer. The board is attempting to determine a time line so that we can keep our members properly informed.

Registration Committee Recommendations:

The Registration Committee submitted a series of questions regarding the CLRC transfer, the logistics and some further recommendations. The board discussed and answered all of the questions and will respond to the committee in writing within the week.

Committees:

Board is concerned about how some committee projects are progressing. The board has suggested that each committee provide a quarterly progress report. This does not have to be a formal document, but just some communications as to what kind of ideas are on the table and being developed. The Board also wants to be sure that our members' ideas and suggestions get forwarded to the proper committee and that they also receive a progress report on their submissions.

Rules Committee:

The Rules Committee submitted a working draft of their progress to date. They will be submitting a rough draft to the board by June 1. The rough draft will be circulated appropriately for input with a final draft due by September 1. This will give the board time to review in detail and prepare the document for dissemination. While the rules do not take effect until January 1st of the New Year, the Board would like to have the documented completed and disseminated in November so that show organizers have time to make the necessary corrections for their premiums. **If any members have any ideas or suggestions for new or altered rules, please submit them in writing to a board member or your RAC as soon as possible..**

Judges Accreditation Committee:

There has been some significant discussion about where the responsibility lies in being sure that show horses are entered into the proper classes. Some felt that the Show Stewards should have more responsibility in checking entries. However, it was the board's position that our current rules outline the correct and most efficient check list procedure. First and foremost, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be sure their horse(s) is entered correctly. Second, the show secretary receives all of the entries and should double check. Thereafter, the Show Stewards should be cognizant of entries, but not be not be tasked with having to check each one.

1. New Steward's Test:

A new and shortened version of the Steward's Test was submitted to the JAC for review. The board has requested that the committee review the new test and if

all agree that a new version is necessary, it should be prepared and submitted to the board for final approval.

Joy of Riding

The current fee schedule requires that members participating in the JOR program, have to pay an additional \$25 on top of their membership fee. The board has elected to drop this added fee. The board recognizes that show exhibitors pay additional fees to show and as new events are developed for our JOR members, they may also incur minimal event costs to help offset management and awards costs. While this change will take place immediately, there will be no refunds for fees already paid.

Motion to eliminate the twenty five dollar JOR fee and include it in the seventy dollar NAPHA membership fee, by Rich Ovenburg. 2nd by Gene Pepe

California Special Event:

The RAC in conjunction with the JOR., is in the process of developing a two day event. Preliminary plans are to have a special Saturday Peruvian event at Rancho Chahuchu (Larry and Joy Redman). A second event idea is being developed for Sunday in the same area and will be an all breed event. Both event days are being designed around our pleasure/trail riders. The preliminary date for this event is the end of August. The committee is working on a name for this first annual event and hopes to make it something that is both unique and fun.

East Coast Event:

The East Coast Championship Show is moving forward as well. It is scheduled to be held in Franklin, Tennessee the end of September. The show management team submitted Javier La Rosa for consideration to Judge the event. He is on the current RAC Judges list.

Motion to accept Javier LaRosa for the East Coast Regional Championship show, by Larry Redman. 2nd by Danell Adams

National Show:

The National Show is in the organizational and planning stages and a deposit has been made with the John Justin Arena. Part of this show will include catching up with awards that were not issued for 2009 and 2010. Due to the efforts of Arlynda Castro and Kelly Powers, the points are almost completely corrected for those two years and the board will be able to present the awards.

Linda Storm has designed and presented some award ideas to the board. Her artistic abilities are quite evident in the products she has presented and the board has elected to hire Linda to make these awards.

Motion to hire Linda Storm to make the awards and to present her with a \$500 deposit, by Danell Adams. Second by Larry Redman.

RAC Recommendations:

Regarding Committees:

The RAC Chair submitted a recommendation that the NAPHA committees be spread out amount the RAC. While the board would appreciate the help any of the RAC members would like to offer on any given committee, the board prefers to directly administer the committees at this time. While NAPHA is going through this recovery and reorganization process, it is believed that the committees can be more effective having direct access to the board without any additional layers of communication. It creates more work for the board, however the results are more effective. This idea may be reconsidered in the future.

Regarding a New Committee:

At the annual meeting, it was decided to add "*Recreational Riders*" to the JOR program. The RAC recommended that another committee be organized and titled accordingly. However, the board feels that the JOR/Recreational Rider committee should be one. It may be appropriate to add one or two more members, but adding another committee may serve to duplicate work and create confusion, particularly to new members.

Criteria for Committee Participation:

It was suggested that members participating on committees be required to own a Peruvian Horse. The board does not feel that this is an appropriate prerequisite given the years of participation and experience many of our non-horse owners bring to NAPHA.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm PST by Larry Redman. 2nd by Rich Ovenburg

Danell Adams
Secretary - NAPHA