

NAPHA MINUTES
Conference Call
October 8, 2013 - 5:00 PST

Roll Call:

Danell Adams, Chris Austin, Bonnie Gallegos, Edie Gandy, Carolyn Mittrick, Gene Pepe, Larry Redman

Guest: Fran Todd - Briefing on USEF affiliation
(Logged on @ 5:00)

USEF Presentation: (slides)

At the 2013 Las Vegas annual membership meeting, Fran Todd volunteered to be on an ad hoc committee to research NAPHA's affiliation with USEF. She presented the board with some initial research results:

USEF would assign representatives to work with our breed association to develop rules from which exhibitors would work. NAPHA would have significant control over the utilized rules.

Some Benefits: They have an ethics committee formed. Discounts on multiple companies and services. They have the potential of re-establishing our validity in the equine industry as a serious breed. Clearly, the Paso Fino's have gleaned more publicity, resulting in bigger shows, better affiliations and more expensive & better horse sales as a result of their affiliation with USEF. Fran volunteered to go through their rules to determine conflicts and what needs to be negotiated. Fran will also assist with a presentation at annual conference as needed (Fran logged off @ 5:30)

Annual Membership Meeting:

The Dallas, Fort Worth area has been highly suggested as the next, best location for our annual meeting. Members have stepped up to volunteer to assist with an International Judges clinic as well...including the use of horses to assist. A few of the Peruvian Judges have also volunteered to attend and participate. Significant board discussion ensued on developing this aspect of our general membership meeting. Suggestions were made to start a committee asap to begin working out the logistics.

Motion to hold the annual membership meeting in Dallas, by Chris Austin. 2nd by Carolyn Mittrick.

Call for Board Nominations

We are processing the information to send to members to solicit nominations for the one board position coming open to replace outgoing Larry Redman. The Board will also be appointing a position for the position being vacated by Gene Pepe.

2014 National Show Venue

Revenue is the driving force in finalizing this decision. Currently, the Memphis show coming up in October, is showing increased numbers of participants. The board is concerned over potential numbers for Tunica, but numbers signing up for the Memphis show are encouraging. The Board's decision is to keep the 2014 National Show in Tunica as planned and give our members in the East an opportunity to show at a National level.

Marketing Committee Addition

A new member to the breed has asked to participate on the Marketing Committee due to her personal experience in the field. As the board liaison for that Committee, Edie spoke to Nancy Gaelen and felt that should would be a good addition to the committee.

Motion to add Nancy Gaelen to the marketing committee by Carolyn Mittrick. 2nd by Larry Redman.

Motion to adjourn at 1915 by Gene Pepe. 2nd by Chris Austin