

NAPHA MINUTES
Conference Call
May 4, 2011 - 1700 PST

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Minutes for April Conference Call:

Approved and posted

American Competitive Trail Horse Association Sponsorship

From California, Jody Childs qualified to compete in the ACTHA: America's Favorite Trail Horse Competition in Texas. The board agreed to help sponsor Jody's participation. Also, a special congratulations to Bobbi Taylor for her acceptance into the same competition. The finals of this competition will be aired in the fall. The board will keep members informed of the progress of these two riders as the competition progresses.

Motion to sponsor Jody Childs in the ACTHA National Favorite Trail Horse Competition for \$250.00 by Larry Redman. 2nd by Barbara Windom

Trophies for Nationals:

Linda Strong is working on designing some unique trophies while also trying to keep the costs down. A sample of the finished product will be posted shortly to show our members the quality of these awards. All of the trophies are in resin, but look like bronze. Linda has done the beautiful artwork on the design which will be very unique. These trophies will also be awarded to our year-end winners for 2009 and 2010 in addition to the 2011 National winners.

National Show

- 1) Terri Ellis has suggested that the Breeders Group sponsor light snacks for the Saturday evening events. The decision to proceed is still pending approval by the breeders. The board is a bit concerned about providing free alcohol. Therefore, it may be suggested that exhibitors be given the option of purchasing alcoholic beverages. It was decided that having the special event on Saturday night would replace an off site dinner on Friday night.
- 2) The board agreed to utilize the Courtyard Marriot as the show hotel.

- 3) Don Stine was recommended to be the show photographer.
Carolyn Mittrick was recommended to be the show announcer.
The recommendations will be passed to our show manager, Alberto Lummis

Motion to join with breeders group to have a social event on Saturday evening at the arena and eliminate an off site banquet, by Larry Redman. 2nd by Barbara Windom

Gait Races at Nationals

The board has been discussing the idea of including gait races at nationals during the Saturday evening events to help create some new show activities. Concerns were expressed about safety and how to conduct these races in a fun and safe manner. The board is very open to suggestions for classes that may be more appealing to our audience. A champagne calcutta was another added option. Other breeds are adding special events to their shows including shooting and polo events.

Motion by Gene Pepe to have gait races at nationals. 2nd by Larry Redman

Roll Call Vote:

Barbara - no

Rich - no

Gene - Yes

Larry - yes

Danell - yes

Charles - yes

Edie will check with Paso Fino Association to see how they organize and run their gait races

CLRC

The board has asked CLRC for a time line for budgetary purposes. We intend to give HSB substantial notice, but need a fair estimate of time. The CLRC programmer asked for some time to thoroughly review the transition process. The board will keep the membership informed as to our progress. It is anticipated that once the transition is initiated, we will continue to run concurrently with HSB for a period of time to insure no problems.

Treasurers Report

Gene received a letter from Fort Worth asking for the identification of our event coordinator. Alberto Lummis will be given contact information for the JJ coordinator, Kevin Kent. Edie signed and returned the contract to JJ and asked that it be sent to Gene for the pay out schedule. The contract notes that one of

the parking lots will be closed for construction. Unfortunately, the event site is continuing to charge daily parking fees.

Show Steward

The Judges Accreditation Committee proposed that judges do not have to become student steward to become show stewards, but do have to pass an open book test with a passing score of 80%.

Motion that Judges have to take the Show Steward open book test and pass (80%), but do not have to student steward, by Rich Ovenburg. 2nd by Danell Adams

Memberships

We continue to slowly increase our membership numbers. The board recognizes that we could do better about our renewal notifications. Large mailings have been a problem due to financial constraints. However, the board believes that a mailing in the fall to current and former members may help.

Marketing Committee

The board discussed creating a marketing committee around some members who have come forward to offer their marketing services. The board would like to create a PDF tri-fold pamphlet on our website for access by our members to print as needed. These would be readily available to our members and clubs across the nation who need material to hand out at special events.

Motion to create a marketing committee by Danell Adams. 2nd by Larry Redman

Update on Shows

The number of exhibitors at Glen Rose was up slightly up from last year. However, Tunica numbers were down, very likely due to the storm situation. At the time of this meeting, the number of exhibitors signing up for Tunica were lower then they have been in 30-40 years. The board will be monitoring the progress of shows this year and the numbers of exhibitors. It was suggested that show schedules and premiums be sent out to more people.

Finance committee

The committee is working on coming up with monthly financials so that the board can better monitor our progress and make appropriate financial projections

Motion for a membership report to be reviewed by the board on monthly basis, by Charles Melton. 2nd Larry Redman

Motion to adjourn at 1900 by Danell Adams. 2nd by Rich Ovenburg