

NAPHA MINUTES
Conference Call
November 5, 2014 - 5:00 pm PST

Board of Directors:

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

Guest: Gene Pepe

Call to Order: 5:10 pst

Gene Pepe joined the call on behalf of himself and other members who have suggested a review of the current judging system for the U.S. National Show. It had been brought to the attention of board members, that a 3 separate judge system has been discussed by several of our members with the suggestion to the board that the 2015 show try this system.

Gene Pepe logged off of the call at 5:50

After his presentation, the board continued an in depth discussion about this system. To further research the concept and how such a system would work, the topic was continued until a special conference call in the coming days. We would like to see the available options for implementing this system, that will be both efficient and timely. An initial discussion involved using an American Judge, a Peruvian judge and a Central American judge. The list of judges recommended by our membership via our RAC representatives was presented for our selection process.

October Minutes:

A motion was made by Chris Austin, to accept the minutes. 2nd by Carolyn Mittrick. Approved unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE 2014 NATIONAL SHOW:

The 2014 U.S. National Show was a wonderful success. The Board is so appreciative of the united efforts of so many volunteers who worked hard to create a competitive and fun show. A special "thank you" to all of our sponsors who stepped up to support the program and the classes.

A detailed financial report is not yet completed due to some outstanding invoices. Some members at the show also expressed some concerns over the longer days. NAPHA presented 41 year end awards over the course of the weekend. In that endeavor, it was important to recognize all of our winners with a presentation in the arena and stand for photographs. However, this process also added time to the show and while the awards

were spread out over the weekend, we may need to make some minor adjustments in the class schedule to assist in keeping a better time schedule.

PREPARATION BEGINS FOR THE 2015 U.S. NATIONAL SHOW

The Board is expecting the Wichita Falls facility to forward a final contract in the coming weeks. The various facility costs within the contract seem to be very attractive in addition to the facility opting to credit NAPHA an additional \$2500 in adjustments.

The show staff should be selected in January or February with some emphasis on identifying volunteers in the area to help with initial set up and organization.

BOARD ELECTIONS:

Four of our nominated members have agreed to run for the board position being vacated by Edie Gandy. They have all submitted their campaign letters and the official ballots will go out shortly, with a due date of midnight, December 11. A law firm has been hired to accept and count the ballots. We hope to have results of the elections by the 20th of December.

NEWSLETTER:

The fall newsletter is due to be mailed in December. The marketing committee has been instrumental in organizing this publication and gathering articles and photographs. This mailing will also include NAPHA's year end reports, such as stallion reports and the amateur declaration form, in addition to membership renewal applications. Members are reminded that they may also renew their membership online. An eblast will precede the mailing to let members know that the year end reports will not be a separate mailing this year.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PERUVIAN HORSE CLUB OF CANADA: (PHAC)

The PHAC has a written rule regarding their acknowledgment of NAPHA National horses in their champion and champion of champion classes. The Board has agreed to draft the same reciprocal agreement to allow PHAC horses the same opportunity at the NAPHA U.S. National show. The agreement will be printed in future national show premiums as well as in NAPHAs official rule book.

NAPHA AS A NON-PROFIT

The board discussed creating a new 501(c)3 foundation in addition to our current organization.

FROZEN EMBRYOS:

A member has brought the question forward about the utilization of frozen embryos. The issue has been forwarded to the registration committee for review and a recommendation to the Board.

RULES ON THE GAIT CLASS:

It was recently discovered that rules for judging the gait class were actually in two separate locations in the rule book. Because of this division, there was some confusion as to how the class should be properly judged. The rule is in the breeding section, but another, more detailed description of gait is in section addressing the breed standard and qualifying gait. It was decided, with input from the rules committee, that the two should be merged as one to better explain how the class is judged and make the process more clear to our exhibiting members.

NOVICE CLASS:

In an effort to encourage more member owners to show at the U.S. National show, the board has elected to consider a novice decision. The board is currently reviewing some administrative options in drafting this decision to give our novice owner/members time and opportunity to show at the national level. This section has been considered for addition to give novices in areas of the country with fewer shows, a longer period of time to gain experience and to create more consistency in NAPHA approved shows for our new/novice exhibitors.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAPERWORK FOR SHOWS:

There has been some complaint from clubs over the amount of paperwork required for shows, in particular post-show reports. The board is reviewing some criteria that could potentially be eliminated, ie: the judges report. In this case, if judges have any questions or concerns, they could be directed to the Show Steward who can outline the issues in one report.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

There has been some repeated discussion from our members regarding the production of better membership cards. Some technical options have been reviewed, however the board chose to table the discussion until the financial report from the U.S. National show is completed. In the event we can move forward with the idea, the board has discussed various ideas on how to sell sponsorships for the card in an effort to help offset costs and eventually pay for the machine within 36 months of purchase.

ANUARIO

The board would like to publish a membership directory/anuario for all of our members. The project is being referred to the marketing committee to further discuss content, sponsorship packages to include Peruvian Horse World sales packages. The

publication would be a table top edition, highlighting special articles, national show results, our junior riders, JOR and other special activities being enjoyed by our members and their horses.

2015 CALIFORNIA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE:

Plans for the annual membership conference in the beautiful wine country of Temecula, California, are under way. The conference meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites on Friday, March 27 followed by a Saturday clinic at the nearby ranch of Frank and Merlene Sutalo. An awards dinner and social event will also be held Friday evening. Further details will be outlined in the upcoming newsletter. This is the first time the conference has been held in California since 1999.

JUDGES UNPLUGGED:

The Judges Accreditation Committee (JAC) will soon be announcing the next “judges unplugged” conference call and topics. Participation on these calls is free to our members and the calls have been highly applauded by those who have joined in. Please watch for the next date and topics.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

The board has often been advised by members to consider raising our membership dues. It has been several years since any changes were made. This should be a topic of discussion at the annual meeting to determine if/when it would be appropriate to make any adjustments. The board is sensitive about the different participation interests of peruvian owners and discussions have included some “tiered” concepts to try and meet the various needs of our members who participate in different disciplines with our breed.

**Motion to adjourn, by Bonnie Gallegos. 2nd by Pam Castaneda.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pst.**