

NAPHA MINUTES
Conference Call
June 5, 2012- 1700 PST

Roll Call:

Danell Adams, Edie Gandy, Charles Melton, Carolyn Mittrick, Gene Pepe, Larry Redman, Barbara Windom

Meeting called to order by Edie Gandy at 1735.

Status of IRS Audit:

The board was briefed on the IRS tax hearing held in Dallas, Texas on June 5. NAPHA was represented by Attorney, Patrick Bassetta, who appeared in person and Chris Austin via conference call. Both were cross examined about the status of NAPHA's financials. It appears that NAPHA may get a relief from the total amount originally noted. This IRS issue has been a two year pursuit by the current board. The issue has been primarily over the status of two previous employees of NAPHA and the appropriate employee taxes not being claimed. The outcome of the hearing is still is pending. We are anticipating a possible reduction in the penalty with a request that the owed fees be made in payments over a period of time. We should receive a counter offer from the IRS in 30-45 days.

Pending Expenses:

The board is identifying vendor expenses in advance of the National Show and is beginning to make payments ahead of schedule. This includes the facility, awards, staff and travel arrangements for officials.

A balance is also coming due to the CLRC which does not include the cost of developing a new show program. The board is working with the CLRC to develop a program similar to HSB and hopefully, more user friendly for our members.

New Business:

Joy of Riding Program

An issue came up this year involving the high point parade group applicants. It was determined that both applicant teams may have had members that were not NAPHA members. This requirement is stated on the JOR application. It was decided that both groups would receive a special promotion award versus the

high point award under the current criteria. The board acknowledged that the requirement for all club team members, to be NAPHA members, is not in the best interest of these teams. The issue will be addressed with the JOR committee.

The board also discussed the need for more recognition opportunities for our members who do not participate in shows. Members are encouraged to contact their RAC or a board member with any ideas they may have on the subject.

Motion to present two special promotional awards to acknowledge both parade groups, by Larry Redman. Second by Gene Pepe. Motion passed

Status of Shows

A few shows are having some difficulty meeting the exhibitor numbers needed to break even or show a small profit. This is an added burden for both the clubs and the breed. A lack of attendance at these shows as well as last minute cancellations and loss of sponsorships, could have a potential adverse impact on the ability to maintain shows. Clubs may have to join together in the effort and/or the number of shows may be reduced. Clubs that have to cancel shows in the final weeks, lose a great deal of money in non-refundable arrangements.

National Show for 2014

The RAC will be asked for recommendations for locations as well as a list for potential Judges. We need to book a venue as soon as possible as well. The RAC Chair will be noticed to advise the regional representatives to solicit member recommendations, both for venues and Judges.

The discussion about Judge selection included the need to have all judges be well versed in both the breeding and performance divisions. It is not financially feasible to hire a Judge for each division, nor does the board wish to create a perception of only breeding Judges or Performance Judges.

The National Show staff is working on a good show for Fort Worth to include planning some entertainment and festivities. It was suggested that personal invitations be sent to individuals/groups who are known for their performances and would be willing to exhibit on Saturday evening. The board agreed to this process and Carolyn Mittrick volunteered to make the appropriate contacts.

The board discussed some new ideas for awards. Several new ideas are being researched. The board recognizes the need to enhance the quality of our awards, however in 2011 three years worth of awards were presented the numbers did have an impact on the amount that could be spent on awards.

Motion to adjourn at 1930 by Gene Pepe. Second by Larry Redman.