

NAPHA board AGENDA

Conference Call

January 6, 2016 5:00pm PST

Attending: Danell Adams, Chris Austin, David Averette, Pam Castaneda, Bonnie Gallegos, Carolyn Mittrick, Kathleen Morrison, Ernesto Sandigo

Our meeting started with a big THANK YOU to our outgoing board members, Danell Adams and Bonnie Gallegos. Their hard work and dedication to our horses and organization are immeasurable. We also welcomed our new board members, David Averette, Kathleen Morrison, and Ernesto Sandigo.

Discussion regarding funding for Longevity advertisement in Horse and Rider: The target market for this magazine is good for our goal of reaching out to US veterinarians regarding our longevity project. We had previously made a motion to disperse the funds as this group directs, so this is consistent with that motion and we will proceed.

Approval of previous minutes: Carolyn Mittrick made a motion to accept our December minutes. Chris Austin seconded. No opposed.

Selection of new officers: We nominated and voted for board of director officers with results as follows:

President - Chris Austin; First Vice President - Carolyn Mittrick ; Second Vice President - Kathleen Morrison; Treasurer – David Averette; Secretary – Jackie Green, Directors – Pam Castaneda and Ernesto Sandigo

Finance report: We reviewed finance and accounting resources, methods and reporting for new board members.

2016 Nationals and Judge selection: We discussed the 3-judge MOS system from the 2015 show and recapped the comments for new board members, including comments that exhibitors appreciated the “objectivity” this system can provide and concerns regarding the lack of performance focus in judging. We also discussed the issue of current limitations of number of judges available.

Judging options are complicated by Peru’s rules regarding how their judges can participate in a multiple judge system. Danell Adams is still working on communicating with the Peruvian judge’s association, and they have said they are reviewing the possibility of changes, but the decision for 2016 must be made now.

After thoroughly discussing the pros and cons, we discussed and voted regarding the 3-judge system versus 2-judge system for the 2016 national show. There was a majority vote for the 2-judge system in order to accommodate the best possible judges for breeding and performance, and to overcome the small pool that we currently have available with the uncertainty of the rules from Peru. We will continue to examine how we can make our judging systems work better and for 2016 we will proceed with a 2-judge breeding and performance method.

2016 Conference:

We have been unable to secure a cost-effective hotel, etc. for a conference in Florida. Last meeting it was decided that we would instead hold the conference in Texas (near Fort Worth).

We need to secure the hotel with enough time for a cut-off date (is it one month?) so we don't get charged. There is a show in CA on March 19. We should have better response if we hold the conference the weekend after, but it's Easter– so we will investigate having the show on March 11/12. All in favor, none opposed.

We reviewed the typical conference schedule – Friday meeting, Saturday clinic. Mary Kay and Horacio Santos have agreed to host the clinic day on Saturday. This worked out really well in 2014 and we will repeat this schedule.

Pam Castaneda will work with hotels and get contracts organized and sent to Mary Emmons for checks and Chris Austin for signing. The hotel plans will include lunch catered in for a working lunch.

We will have banquet on Friday night – so we can ask for discount rates for our rooms if we cater both events through the hotel.

Jackie Green will check into insurance for the clinic.

We will investigate the previous price structure and hotel charges and set prices for conference, banquet, clinic.

We need to select a moderator and clinicians. Can discuss with e-mails.

Selection of honorees for the conference banquet:

We discussed having 3 candidates to honor. They will be announced shortly.

Rule change regarding membership date cut-off for voting rights: Jackie needs to edit the rules document and will submit to board for approval of wording.

Membership card – do we have sponsor? We discussed sponsor for the front of the card and possibility of a corporate discount sponsor for the back of the card. Pam Castaneda will start by checking with a couple of vendors. Chris made a motion that: provided we sell the front of the card for at least \$500, we will spend \$500 to be able to print on the back of the membership card in order to allow a corporate sponsor discount. All in favor, no objections.

Executive session: 7:47pm – 8:21pst

New Business: Jim Alexander will step down as RAC chair. We need suggestions for who could step up to take over this role.

Possible on-line store for NAPHA goods: Pam spoke with our previous promotional materials supplier, Tioga Territories, but they say they can't do another breed association. Pam found another resource for NAPHA goods for things like jackets, sweatshirts, caps, etc. that sounds very promising. We need to figure out how to put samples/pictures of what goods are available on our website with a link to the vendors website. We will investigate this further – it would be good to have this resource worked out.

Motion to adjourn: Carolyn Mittrick made a motion to adjourn at 8:34pst – David Averette seconded.

