

MINUTES OF RAC CONFERENCE CALL on April 13, 2016

Meeting called to order

RAC members present on the call: Robin James-Region 1, Rosie Hefley-Region 2, Jim Alexander-Region 4, Irene Taylor-Region 5, Lawrence Underwood-Region 7, Darla Austin-Region 10, Jim La Rue-Region 11, Carolyn Mittrick-Region 12 & Bd Member, Cynthia Frasier-Region 14 & Atlantic Club Pres, Juvy Pina-Region 15

Board Members present: Chris Austin, Pres of Bd

1. Update on 2016 National Show. Chris Austin gave an update on 2016 National Show. He stated that the Show had been moved back one week to October 14, 15 and 16, 2016. He had been approached by Scott Hayes of SH Productions, who offered a \$10,000 sponsorship for our show and promised to pay all change fees incurred by the show and its staff as a result of the change. The staff and judges had no problem with the change. And Chris checked with some of the big ranches, including those from Canada, and was advised that the new dates actually work out better.

2. Update on the 2017 National Show. Chris also gave an update on the 2017 National Show. It will be held at the John Justin Arena in Fort Worth, Texas. The current tentative date is the 2nd weekend in September. However, the arena may have some later dates available in October, but they have to wait until June 1, when the organizations that have first choice have to get their contracts in. There is a possibility that we could get the first weekend in October. The arena was not able to cut the cost for us. So we are going to have to adjust the budget to take into account the costs of the show.

3. Joy Redman's resignation. Larry advised that Joy Redman had submitted her resignation. She had tried for months to get a volunteer replacement, but was not able to do so. Rosie Hefley, Region 2 representative, volunteered to cover Region 3 temporarily until a replacement for Joy could be found.

Jim Alexander suggested that a motion be taken to the Board to combine Regions 2 and 3. It was mentioned that this would mean having an even number of regions. Then, Jim suggested that Rosie represent Region 3 for six months. With show season starting, it will give RAC members a

chance to contact other members and see if we can get another person to volunteer to represent Region 3. Rosie said she will get Joy's Region 3 mailing list.

4. 2017 Annual Meeting Location. Larry advised that Gene Pepe had offered his ranch in Ocala, Florida for our next annual meeting. The only problem is that Gene has put his ranch up for sale. If it is sold, we would need a back-up location in the same area. Cynthia Frasier said that she could ask Wilde Moran if we could use his Rancho de Aquia San Miguel, which is just outside Washington, D.C. He has a banquet-sized meeting area and is 20 minutes from Dulles International Airport.

Juvy said he had been to that ranch. It is very appropriate, has a good-sized discussion location and a good outdoor arena. It was brought up that the ranch does not have an indoor arena, and weather is a concern. Rosie mentioned that Joy Gould offered her ranch in California.

Jim Alexander asked if anyone considered the central U.S. Ernesto Sandigo said that Vegas has always been a good location to fly into, and the hotels are reasonable.

Someone mentioned that David Averette has a place in Ocala, Florida, close to Gene Pepe's place. Chris said he will reach out to David and ask him if he has a place we can use as a back-up if Gene sells his place.

Chris then asked about having the meeting in February, since March is during the foaling season. He will also ask David and Gene about hotel possibilities in Ocala. They use to hold the meetings in February. We can try for the third weekend in February, which is the President's weekend.

It was decided that Gene Pepe's place is the primary choice and David's place is secondary. Chris will talk to David.

5. Judge Recommendations for 2017 National Show. Jim Alexander said that they need a list of qualified judges from Arlynda. She can give it to the RAC and the RAC can give the list to the members to get their choices.

Larry asked that each RAC member try to get recommendations from their members. Chris stated that we are looking for judges with a good mixture of breeding and performance qualifications. May to June would be a good time frame to get the recommendations back to the RAC. Jim Alexander mentioned that there was strong support for the two-judge system. He also said people liked the three-judge system, but you need

three strong judges, and that is why we are going for the two-judge system.

6. New Member Initiatives. Larry stated that Arlynda has been sending him the names and addresses of new Peruvian owners and horses that are registered. For new members, the first year's membership is free. Larry will forward names to the RAC representatives. He asked that when we receive these names to please contact them right away and introduce them to the local club president.

April 15 is the deadline for submitting recipes for the NAPHA Cookbook. If we meet the deadline, we get \$.70 off each book printed. He asked for more recipes from Central and South America.

The book will have some photos between the recipes. The Board decided not to go the sponsorship route to cover the cost of publishing.

Larry announced that the new show rules are out, and reminded everyone to print out a copy and study them for the 2016 show season.

7. Region and Club Reports.

Region 1 – Robin James stated that the Southern California Club and the Rio Grande Club are sponsoring the Gold Rush Show in Las Vegas, set for June 24 – 26 at SouthPoint Center.

Region 2 – Rosie Hefley reported that the Fiesta Charity Show is set for April 29 – May 1 at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank.

Region 4 – Jim Alexander stated that they attended a show in the wine country.

Region 5 – Irene Taylor stated that a club clinic was set for May 28-29 in Mt. Vernon, Washington. Raul and Lauren Risso and Gil Loyd are the clinicians. They also have the Northwest Regional Show returning to Monroe, Washington on July 29-31.

Region 6 – There is a one-day gaited breed show scheduled in New Mexico.

Region 7 – Larry Underwood said that they have a combined show on June 14-16 with the local saddlebred club. They will offer a free stall to anyone bringing more than four horses, or if the exhibitor travels more than 500 miles.

Region 10 – Darla Austin stated that the Northern Lights Club will be demonstrating the breed at the Northern Horse Expo. Then, on August 13 and 14, 2016, they have a show at Cedar Rapids. Danell Adams will be their judge.

Region 11 – Jim LaRue stated that he is still making efforts to recruit new members. He wanted to emphasize the importance of the seller completing the transfer for the new owner. The new owners are not necessarily completing the transfer with NAPHA.

Region 14 – Cynthia Frasier said that their Mid-Atlantic Show will be held June 10 -12, 2016, with Chris Austin as the judge. They will have a new junior class, and they are having a Peruvian caterer and Peruvian entertainment.

Region 15 – Juvy Pena said that they are reviving the World Show. It will be held in Miami, on October 29 and 30, 2016, with Sr. Anibel Vasquez judging. They are expecting a couple of thousand people to attend.

8. Other Business.

Jim Alexander asked about the date of the next meeting. Larry said he was thinking of the middle of July. It was stated that the Northeast Peruvian Show was the last weekend in July, and people will be getting ready for the shows that weekend.

The meeting was adjourned.