

NAPHA Board of Directors Agenda

Conference Call

January 9, 2018, 6:30 pm CDT

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm CDT by Chris Austin with Tina Mewhinney as secretary.

Attendees

In attendance were Chris Austin, Tina Mewhinney, Kathleen Morrison, Ernesto Sandigo, Mark Renn, Pam Casteneda. David Averette was absent. Carolyn Mittrick joined for a few minutes of the call. Bonnie Gallegos joined the meeting for a discussion of the amateur rule.

A quorum of board members was present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ernesto Sandigo and seconded by Kathleen Morrison. The minutes for December were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

David Averette was not able to provide a report but we will have a year end financial report in the next 4 weeks.

Old Business

1. Rule Changes for 2018
 - a) Amateur Rule Language

Bonnie Gallegos presented the language for the amateur rule based on the USEF rule. The proposed new rule states:

*Anyone competing in a class or Division declared for "Amateurs" only must have a signed NAPHA Amateur Declaration on file with the NAPHA. Amateurs must file annually. Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur if after their 18th birthday they have not engaged in any of the activities identified in PART X Glossary of Terms, Section 10 Professional. Every person who has reached his/her 18th birthday and competes in classes for amateurs under NAPHA rules must be listed on the NAPHA website as an Amateur or have signed a NAPHA Amateur Declaration and filed it with the show secretary, prior to the start of the show that morning of the class entered. Amateur status will be issued only on receipt of the application properly signed and is revocable at any time for cause. Any person who has not reached his/her 18th birthday is an amateur and does not require amateur status. **See PART X GLOSSARY OF TERMS Sec. 2. for the complete definition of Amateur and Professional, in the NAPHA Show Rules.***

1. **Remuneration.** *Remuneration is defined as compensation or payment in any form such as cash, goods, sponsorships, discounts or services; reimbursement of any expenses; trade or in-kind exchange of goods or services such as board or training.*
2. **Permitted activities by an Amateur.** *An Amateur is permitted to do the following:*
 - a) *Accept reimbursement for actual expenses associated with conducting classroom seminars for a not-for-profit organization, therapeutic riding programs, or programs for charitable organizations approved in advance by NAPHA.*
 - b) *Act as a camp counselor when not hired in the exclusive capacity as a riding instructor; give instruction or training to handicapped riders for therapeutic purposes.*
 - c) *Appear in advertisements and/or articles related to acknowledgement of one's own personal or business sponsorship of a competition and/or awards earned by one's owned horses. (example: An amateur may appear on a non-owned horse but must not receive remuneration.)*
 - d) *Accept prize money as the owner of a horse in any class other than equitation or showmanship classes.*
 - e) *Accept a non-monetary token gift of appreciation valued less than \$300 annually.*
 - f) *Serve as an intern for college credit or course requirements at an accredited institution provided one has never held professional status with NAPHA or any other equestrian National Federation. In addition, one may accept reimbursement for expenses without profit, as prescribed by the educational institution's program, for the internship.*
 - g) *Write books or articles related to horses.*
 - h) *Accept remuneration for providing service in one's capacity as a: competition manager, competition secretary, judge, steward, announcer, TV commentator, veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, breeder, or boarder, or horse transporter*
 - i) *Accept reimbursement for any bona fide expenses directly related to the horse (i.e. farrier/vet bills, entries). Travel, hotel, equipment, and room and board are not considered bona fide expenses.*

A motion to approve the language as proposed by Bonnie Gallegos was made by Tina Mewhinney and Kathleen Morrison seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- b) **NAPHA Award System:** The changes to the NAPHA show points system as proposed by the rules committee is:

The Medallon de Oro will be presented for four thousand two hundred (4200) points in 2018; 5000 points in the year 2019; and 5500 points in the year 2020; accumulated by a single horse in NAPHA approved shows. There is no time limit for the accumulation of these points. A single horse may accumulate 4200 points by the end of 2018, while competing in more than one Division, and points won in more than one Division can be combined in order to qualify for the Medallon de Oro award. All qualifying classes in all championship Divisions count toward this award, i.e. Performance and Breeding Divisions.

The Medallon de Bronce will be presented for three thousand, seven hundred and fifty (3750) points in 2018 and 4500 points in 2019 accumulated by a single horse in NAPHA approved shows. There is no time limit for the accumulation of these points.

The Medallon de Diamante will be presented for three thousand, seven hundred and fifty (3750) points in 2018 and 4500 points in 2019; accumulated by a single horse in NAPHA approved shows in the Breeding Division. There is no time limit for the accumulation of these points. Qualifying classes in Breeding Championship Division count toward this award. Classes counted are Halter (2&3 yrs), Bozal (3&4yrs), Breeding/Luxury, Gait, Zootecnico, and Luxury Gelding Stakes.

A motion was made by Mark Renn to adopt the new point system. Ernesto Sandigo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. 2018 National Show

a. Dates - The board discussed two dates for the National show- Oct 12-14 or Oct 19-21. Tina Mewhinney made a motion to have the show on Oct 12-14. Kathleen Morrison seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Committee Selection - Mary Kay Santos has been recommended as the show manager. Kathleen Morrison made a motion to appoint Mary Kay Santos as chair of the show committee. Mark Renn seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mary Kay Santos will propose a team to the board with which she would like to work.

3. New embryo rule update -The committee needs to edit the rule further. Kathleen Morrison and Ernesto Sandigo will return the rule to the registration committee for further editing.

4. Pleasure Horse Certification - Tina Mewhinney

Tina Mewhinney is waiting for a response from the Paso Fino committee on training judges and approval of a Colorado Springs event.

5. National Meeting- Tina Mewhinney

a) Hotel - block reservations were made at the Holiday Inn Express- the same hotel as in 2016.

b) Catering- Tina is working on BBQ and/or Mexican food for dinner and sandwiches and salads for lunch.

c) Clinic - Tina has reached out to the Paso Fino organizers of the Trail Horse Test to see if one would present a demonstration of the testing requirements for our members on Saturday morning at Rancho Santos.

6. Club Donation - Pam Castenada believes the \$11,000 potential donation could be set up as a stallion fund. Stallions can be enrolled in the incentive. The stallion entry free is added to the pot. Any foal born of the enrolled stallion is eligible. The foal must register every year for a fee. The highest placing foal of that stallion wins. This includes trail as well as show horses. Pam will see if Bill Clattenburg and the lady who knows about futurity on the next call.

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7. 2018 Budget - tabled until next month

8. NAPHA Storage Shed Clean Up - tabled until next month

New Business

1. Member's registration request - It is not clear if there is DNA on the sires. If there is no DNA on the stallion then the offspring cannot be registered. If there is DNA from both sires then they can proceed to register the foals.
2. Membership directory - Tabled until next month. Membership directory could be mailed to our members.
3. Rocky Mountain registration process - tabled until next month.
4. New Marketing Brochure - Kelly Ponciano would do one for \$250. Ernesto Sandigo made a suggestion to have Kelly make the new brochure with pictures of US horses only and final payment would be made on receipt of the product. Mark Renn made the suggestion a motion and Ernesto Sandigo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Election of Officers
 - a. Ernesto Sandigo nominated David Averette as Treasurer. Kathleen Morrison seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.
 - b. Tina Mewhinney nominated Chris Austin for president and Ernesto Sandigo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Chris Austin nominated Tina Mewhinney as secretary. Ernesto Sandigo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Tina Mewhinney nominated Kathleen Morrison as first vice president. Ernesto Sandigo seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Kathleen Morrison made a motion to nominate Ernesto Sandigo as second vice president. Tina Mewhinney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Executive session 10:15 pm - 10:17

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Tina Mewhinney and seconded by Kathleen Morrison. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 pm CDT by Chris Austin.

Christina Mewhinney
NAPHA Secretary