

NAPHA Advisory Council Meeting 1/24/24

The meeting was called to order by Mike Powers at 5:05 p.m. PST

Present: Mike Powers, Edie Gandy, Donny Hurwitz, Mike Moszer, Danell Adams, Joy Gould, Liz Potof, Kathleen Morrison, Penny Clayton, and Joline Bell

Absent: Leigh Anderson, Pete Arnold

This was the first meeting of the newly implemented Advisory Council which serves to replace the original Regional Areas Committee (RAC), which has been dissolved. A committee was created by NAPHA to reorganize the concept: facilitated by Mike Powers with Edie Gandy, Danell Adams, Joy Ritter, Kathleen Morrison, and Joline Bell. The BOD adopted the new strategy and NAPHA members voted for the change and the bylaws amendment.

Danell Adams was appointed to chair the committee. Penny Clayton was appointed the Secretary.

Selection of Advisory Council Members:

Three zones were created to provide those not associated with a club, with a representative that would be the contact for them in the Advisory Council. Those in a club have their club president or designee to contact. Because of membership numbers, the country was broken into these zones to keep numbers manageable for the respective reps. These areas can be modified by the board every three years if needed.

West Area Rep.;

Motion by Danell Adams to appoint Nicole Brass. Seconded by Donny Hurwitz

Central Area Rep.;

Motion by Mike Moszer to appoint Darla Austin. Seconded by Penny Clayton

East Area Rep.; TBD - Kathleen and Edie will contact several people they know to see if they would volunteer to help with the east area.

Advisory Board Responsibilities and Duties:

The purpose of the Advisory Council is to provide advice, insight, and support to the organization's Board of Directors to accomplish the goals of the organization.

The specific responsibilities of the Advisory Council include the following;

- Provide advice and counsel on issues raised by the Board of Directors or NAPHA members.
- Facilitate communication between the organization's Board of Directors, the organization's various clubs, the organization's committee, and the members of the organization including providing club information for the NAPHA Newsletter.
- Assist in the implementation of various NAPHA projects and initiatives.
- Share insights and ideas, including methods for encouraging and supporting membership growth in their respective locations.
- Offer ideas and recommendations to improve organizational efficiency and overall effectiveness.
- Assist the organization in setting priorities and establishing goals.
- Participate in annual planning activities.
- Poll their members and/or clubs or committees in response to information requested by the Board of Directors on various issues of concern to the organization.
- Provide input and suggestions on ways to improve regional and national shows and other NAPHA-sponsored activities.
- Provide recommendations for members of the various NAPHA committees.
- Assist in orchestrating open houses or other publicity/public relations events to introduce others to the Peruvian Horse.
- Recommend the potential locations and dates of the National Show for approval by the Board of Directors.
- Recommend a list of judges for the National Show from which the Board of Directors will choose the judge(s) for the National Show

Rule Change Requests by Members:

Rule change forms can be found on the NAPHA

website: https://www.napha.net/documents/forms/NAPHA_Rule_Change_Submission_Form.pdf

Members are encouraged to utilize these forms for suggestions on rule changes, amendments to current rules, and new rule suggestions. Please note the instructions at the top of this form, required for submission to make any official change. (This form is for rules only and not Bylaws or registration rules.)

Minutes to Members:

The Advisory Council Minutes should be published on the NAPHA website in the same area as the BOD minutes and available to all NAPHA Members.

Once approved, it is suggested that the minutes be emailed to all members by their area representative to promote discussion and encourage transparency between NAPHA and its members. The current feeling is, "NAPHA doesn't listen to its members". A goal of the Advisory Council is to help enhance these communications and stimulate more member

participation. Please note that this is an “advisory” role and all final decisions are made by the board of directors.

Miscellaneous items of discussion:

Our bylaws require an annual membership conference open to all NAPHA members. While we have gotten away from the in-person meetings, it was suggested that we return to that format to include a Zoom option for those unable to attend. Having a meeting at the US National Show is not reaching out to and including all members.

Members are encouraged to identify their area representative and reach out with any questions or concerns. The area representatives will also keep the committee informed of their shows, special activities, and pertinent club information which will be shared at the AC meetings and included in the minutes.

Follow-up:

Mike Powers will call Nicole Brass and Darla Austin to inform them about their appointment as the Area Representative.

Either Mike Powers or Edie Gandy will become the Liaison for the Advisory Board.

Mike Powers talked about getting the Northern California Club to include anyone in the Northern California Club who wanted to join.

Next AC Meeting Date:

The meetings will be held once a month on the 3rd Wednesday at 5 p.m. PST. This follows the BOD meetings on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held on the 21st of February at 5 p.m. PST. Donny Hurwitz volunteered his business Zoom account vs using the free conference call platform.

Motion by Joy Gould to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 pm and seconded by Donny Hurwitz.

Penny Clayton
Advisory Council Secretary