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Meeting Date: 7-15-25

Members Present: Paul Opdyke, Edie Gandy, Larry Underwood, Bill Willis, Bonnie Gallegos, Silvia Gomez-Silva

	Item	Owner	Notes
1.	Welcome	Paul	Paul called to order at 5:02 pm PST.
2.	Approval of Previous Minutes	Bill	The minutes were presented for the board review prior to the meeting. Becky asked if we wanted the roll call listed by name in the minutes, and Paul shared that yes, names should be listed. Edie moved to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Larry. The motion passed unanimously.
3.	Treasurer's Report	Bonnie	<p>Checking: \$15,127.57 Savings: \$138,025.70</p> <p>Becky shared the following additional expenses and income. These are included in the above balances.</p> <p>Ribbons & Trophies - Expenses JOR - awards \$143.48 for patches JOR - Awards \$576.42 (year-end awards)</p>



			<p>Incola Castings - medallions for the national show have been ordered.</p> <p>Misc Income—We received 3 checks from the IRS for the time that we couldn't hold shows due to COVID-19, so it was considered that we overpaid on our year-end taxes. Mike Powers and Chris Austin worked on this. \$1,711.34 / \$4,296.67 / \$1,872.72</p> <p>Larry moved to approve the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Edie. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Paul discussed that we may want to consider becoming a 501 (c)3 again. He will speak with Chris Austin and bring back the cost of having organizational documents drawn up.</p>
4.	Old Business		
	Website Project Update	Bill	<p>Bill shared that he met with Kyle Gordon regarding the website. Bill has been working to clean up some of the older pages that have been archived. He shared that there are a few old blog posts that he believes would be beneficial in moving into actual pages, such as one explaining the Peruvian tack. He is willing to work on getting this established. Kyle is also willing to provide Bill additional training at the standard \$80/hour rate. Kyle shared that there hasn't been anyone on the board who was genuinely interested in learning about the website. Bill shared that he is very interested and</p>



			<p>asked the board to allow him to continue with this project.</p> <p>There was a motion to allow Bill to schedule trainings by Larry and seconded by Silvia. It passed unanimously.</p>
	Directory Data	Bill	<p>Bill discussed the desired appearance of the directory with Kyle Gordon. There is a current member directory, but the format is outdated and no longer supported. Bill provided Kyle with the current membership list, and Kyle will begin building the directory for Bill to review. This should take about a week. We will need to send out a membership link survey to members to find out who wants to be listed and what services, if any, they would like to have listed. Bill will provide an update once there is more to share.</p>
	National Show Update	Bill	<p>Ribbons have been ordered.</p> <p>Bill shared that the committee chair had shared that they were instructed to design specific maneuvers for Level 1 and Level 2. When this was shared with the committee, it was not well received. This was not discussed or voted on in previous board meetings, so it should be discussed. Bill shared that from the input he has received, there is not enough time to implement this, and if it is something the board would like to see, then it needs to be approached correctly and moved out to next year.</p> <p>Paul shared that he remembered that at some point we should ask for more complex maneuvers, but that maybe we</p>

			<p>should not do that so late in the season, it should be more of a substantial change. There was no motion or voting to move forward with this. Larry shared thoughts on Level 1 & 2. He shared he would not do different maneuvers if you continue to combine the two classes. It creates a judging nightmare.</p> <p>Bonnie mentioned that the class could be separated, and the judge could pull horses out.</p> <p>It was made clear that there is no request to the national show committee to create more complex maneuvers at this time. Bill will relay this to the show committee.</p> <p>There was a discussion about committee work for the future of Level 1 & 2, possibly including the Rules Committee and the JAC. Bill offered to create a proposal for this work.</p> <p>Larry brought up the fact that these are not even in the rules.</p>
	National General Membership Meeting – Feedback	Paul	<p>Edie shared that people probably would have liked to have more interaction. For next year, we may look for something more robust. Larry agreed that there needs to be more interaction. People did like the marketing plan.</p> <p>Bill shared that the feedback he received was that we should look into having the meeting live streamed in the future. He also shared the difference between listening to and doing what someone wants. There was also discussion about</p>



			having some sort of Town Hall for members to access and have conversations with board members.
	Rule Change Requests – Bitless and Show Point Calculation	Bonnie	Bonnie asked for clarification on who posts the requests for member feedback on Facebook. She and Becky will work to get the requests posted. Paul shared that we also send them out through email. The requests will be sent out without naming the person who submitted them. We will follow the same process as in years past.
5.	New Business		
	AC Meeting Take-Aways	Edie	<p>Edie shared takeaways from the recent AC meeting. There was a conversation about what the board has and hasn't done, and there was discussion around Level 1, Level 2, and Laureado's. The AC was against leaving it the way it was last year. There was also discussion about whether or not Level 1 and 2 are two separate divisions. There was agreement that the current Levels 1 and 2 systems are not working.</p> <p>Larry asked for the original purpose of Level 1 & 2. It was the rider, not the horse, just like the Novice and Amateur divisions. It should not matter what horse they are on.</p>
	Member E-mail – Heidi Opdyke		<p>Paul recused himself from any discussion around this topic.</p> <p>Bill asked that since we did not know Heidi was going to speak, if we allow her to speak, we ask Nick and possibly</p>

			<p>Athena to come speak to the board as well. Bill, Bonnie, and Larry shared that if we are going to have a guest speaker, we need to be made aware in advance.</p> <p>Bill moved that, from now on, if we are to have a guest speaker, the board must be notified in advance and come to a consensus on this prior to inviting the guest speaker. Bonnie seconded the motion.</p> <p>Paul called the vote by roll call: Silvia – Y Bonnie – Y Larry – Y Edie – Y Bill – Y</p> <p>The motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>After this vote, Paul elected to leave the call.</p> <p>Edie suggested having an additional meeting to discuss this further.</p>
	New Level 1 & 2 committee	Bill	<p>Bill asked about a new committee the AC established at their last meeting. Bonnie shared that drafting a proposal would be okay if they wanted to. This proposal will be shared with both the JAC and the Rules committees, and then with the board.</p>
	Show fee adjustments	Bill	<p>Shows are struggling with fees, which puts them in a financial bind. Could we look at some type of sliding scale? There was discussion around this. There is already a proposed rule change to adjust</p>



			<p>show numbers/levels. The rules committee will discuss this. The board would be able to have further discussion around fees.</p> <p>Becky will prepare a proposal for the fees associated with show approvals.</p>
	Marketing Materials Redesign	Bill	Table this for the next meeting.
	Member surveys	Bill	<p>Bill suggested that we email the club presidents requesting information from them to spotlight in a new NAPHA newsletter, which Yvonne Powers has agreed to put together. This could also go to the JOR committee so we could begin to recognize our trail riders in the breed. He has already drafted emails to go out if the board approves this.</p> <p>There is a need to survey our members on several issues. 1) Member directory along with services provided and if we can post their information online; 2) Laureado's; 3) Level 1 & Level 2 input. The surveys regarding Laureado's and Level 1 & 2 would need to be accompanied by a short pro/con description along with an indicator if the person responding participated in showing.</p>
	National Social Media Company	Bill	Edie has lined up four possible companies. It was discussed that she would send the board members the links to these sites to review. Bill agreed that we would send these to the marketing



			committee, who would then decide on two that could be brought to the board.
6.	Additional Topics		Motion to go into Executive Session by Larry, seconded by Silvia. The motion passes unanimously.
7.	Adjourn		Motion to adjourn by Silvia and seconded by Bonnie. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm PST.
Submitted by Bill Willis, NAPHA Secretary			