MEETING MINUTES

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Date:	May 27, 2026
Time:	5pm
Meeting called to order by:	D Joy Gould

IN ATTENDANCE

D Joy Gould, Mike Powers, Devon Harrison, Kathleen Morrison, Joe Chandler, Bill Willis, Leigh Anderson, Jim Larue, Lori Harrison, Michelle Wilson, Joline Bell, Edie Gandy.

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Penny was thanked as our previous minute taker and announcement made that Devon Harrison will be the new minute taker.

AGENDA

Joy, brough topics for discussion:

1) Pleasure and Performance classes
2) Recommendations on how to improve regional show expenses and improve longevity.
3) Sub-committee has been working on ways to move away from Level 1 and Level 2 due to overall confusion and lack of participation in level 2 creating extra expense for clubs. Kim Cavataio submitted a proposal to the board regarding pleasure classes. Joy and Bonnie created a draft proposal for discussion once it has been finalized; she will bring it to the AC board for discussion. Some of the ideas are, Novice would advance to pleasure classes, then after 15 championships riders would move from pleasure to performance classes. At some point in time yet to be determined riders would then move from performance to open division.

Joline discussed the 2026 Cactus Classic show where they introduced pleasure classes. All levels of riders can participate in the pleasure class, to create larger classes and more participation. We need ways to encourage new riders to come to shows. Holding auctions at shows to help offset cost are helping. Lori brought up the Sunshine show and how they incorporate other breeds at their show with many open classes for all horses and riders.

Joy, next topic is concerning award expenses. A suggestion was made to do away with Champion of champion classes for amateur classes but keep for breeding classes. Joy was unsure of who brought this idea up. Concerns were raised about Laurado, discrimination of

other riders, Mike brought up that each show should decide how they would want to handle this idea. Kathleen raised a points issue, and Joline brought up NAPHA national issues and how classes were run in the past. Mike brought up single horse in champion of champion classes should not be run and a laurado class should only be run with multiple horses to get the award. Recommendation to keep dates off ribbons to reuse to keep cost down. Joline broke down pleasure class structure done at the Cactus Classic show where it was points awarded to rider and not to horse. Junior's were not allowed this year but maybe next year.

Edie stated that NAPHA will start to review and clean up bylaws and asked for suggestions. Needs volunteers for Gold Rush booth, Joy offered to volunteer as well as Mike. Still need committee members. Long time member, George Henry passed away on May 20, 2026. Bill will add this news to the newsletter. Joline added that Liz Potoff was in an assisted living facility and would provide details. Mike added that all minutes from advisory counsel meetings were posted for 2025 but none for 2026, Joy accepted responsibility and will get it done asap. Mike said someone donated a saddle for auction at nationals and money will go to scholarship fund. High school Juniors and Seniors need to go to website and download application filing date is July 1.

NEXT MEETING

To be held on June 10, 2026, at 5pm
Motion to adjourn meeting made and approved.