

**PERUVIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Minutes of Meeting (Conference Call)**  
September 12, 2010

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**ATTENDEES:** Ben Sawatzky, President      Jocelyn Hastie, Treasurer      Sherri Rosia, Secretary  
Mimi Busk-Downey, Director      Lyn Knell – OPHC      Chantelle Sawatzky – PHCA  
Phoebe Soles – SPHC      Carlos Escudero – PPHAO      Wanda Malsbury – PERRU

**CC:** Gus McCollister – Exec.      **ABSENT:** Don Noltner – VP & Pres PHCBC  
Secretary

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Chairperson called the meeting to order @ 6:09 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sherri/Jocelyn – to waive Roberts Rules of Order. *Carried.*

Jocelyn is working on bringing all the financials up to date. 2009 Financials can not be done until 2008 is recreated as the file was corrupt and thereby unusable. 2006 and 2007 Financials are complete. For this year, revenues are down significantly due to monies coming into CLRC (ie. Foal and all registrations down, not as much activity in transferring/importing etc.) but our expenses were reduced so cash flow is about the same.

Financials for the 2010 Canadian National Show are not complete as we are still waiting for an invoice from the Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition and also waiting on a credit for an error in the ribbons.

We need to appoint 2 auditors that are members to review the books. Jocelyn has suggested that Rick Cones be asked and someone else local for her. Chris Thurn was suggested with Lynn Moker or Bonnie Matheson as backup.

**MOTION:** Sherri/Mimi – that we ask Rick Cones and Chris Thurn to audit the financials. *Carried.*

Jocelyn says 2008 will be created by Friday and then on the weekend will meet with the auditors. Then financials will be loaded on the PHAC website on the members only section within the next four weeks.

Information posted to the website will be conducted by Bonnie Matheson with Don Noltner as backup. All info including Minutes of the BOD Meetings, AGM, show results and premium lists will be sent to Bonnie for loading from now on.

Discussion was opened for next year's show schedule. This year's schedule was a little tight for exhibitors wanted to compete in the Canadian and US Shows. Ben suggested that in keeping with our member's request of 2 years Alta and 2 years BC for the National Show, Cloverdale be selected again for the second year (2011). Lyn Knell asked if there were any advantages to having it in Cloverdale. Sherri stated that there were no advantages when compared to Armstrong as the Cloverdale facility is more expensive and with the decline in numbers of exhibitors, cost has to be a factor. Armstrong arena is available for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of September. Best available dates for the Wild West would be July 15<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> or June 8<sup>th</sup> weekends. An arena will be selected based on availability of those dates. The Vegas show has been set for June 24-26, 2011 and the NW Show for July 29-31, 2011.

**MOTION:** Mimi/Sherri – move that we co-ordinate dates of the National Show in Armstrong in September, the Wild West Classic in Alberta in July and any other Canadian Regional Show at least two weeks apart. *Carried.*

A poll from our members indicating preferences for a Judge for the 2011 National Show was Juan Manuel Risso Patron, Amador Carrera, and Andres Salinas. Once the dates for the shows are finalized, the judges will be contacted in the above order.

In Don's absence, Ben presented a proposal from Don on revising the points system. The proposal was to have a minimum number of horses and exhibitors at a single point show and a higher number of horses and exhibitors for a double point show. The National Show would be left as triple points regardless of the number of entries.

**MOTION:** Mimi/Jocelyn – move that we keep the criteria for qualifying for single, double and triple point shows the same. A discussion was then opened. Mimi asked what the purpose of the rule change would be, and

whether the unintended consequences have been considered. Ben stated that the proposal was to make sure that horses earned points in keeping with the number of horses competing. Mimi commented that the current system assigns points according to the number of horses actually competing for a given title. Jocelyn commented that if there were 15 horses in a class, she thought it was fair that a horse earn points accordingly; and that the number of horses at a show were not a factor.

Some members expressed concern over the Alberta Celebration Show held in Ponoka. The Premium List was sent to the BOD and approved for single points. A membership list was sent to the Show Chairperson. Only some members received notification of the show. A letter from the Chairperson stated that she sent e-mails but some bounced back and due to the fact that we did not publish a Paca Paca until late August (which they did advertise in for the 2009 show) they, instead, had printed copies of the Premium List on the table of the Show Office for the Wild West Classic for anyone to pick up. As we did not have any checks and balances in place for any show to do proper advertising, it was decided that we could not go back and take points away but we would ensure that it would not happen again. For any show that is approved either by e-mail or at the actual BOD's meetings, the calendar of events will display all shows and the Premium Lists for all these shows will be added for anyone to access. We will post the tentative dates and once the Board has granted approval, the Premium List will be loaded.

Phoebe Soles said that would be very hard to plan to advertise a show for double points and not knowing if you would actually receive them until the show was underway. If that was to occur, we would be damaging our chances of drawing people for the following year if the same criteria was to apply. She stated that there are more expenses associated with a double point show and if we did not know which one we would qualify for until after, you would risk your ability to cover all the costs. Consideration would have to be taken for even having another show. Lyn Knell said she hopes that Ontario would sometime be able to host another show but if the restriction of the numbers of horses were to come into play, they would not be able to attract exhibitors from the US to make it worthwhile. Carlos Escudero stated that without a doubt, you would be harming the Regional Shows ability to host a show and Ontario would not be able to put on a show. Jocelyn said that the Gaited shows are a place to maybe attract people into our breed. She stated that we show very well against the other gaited horses and if we put a minimum number of horses assigned to the single and double points shows, it would hurt the shows and our ability to attract potential new members. She also said if we instituted the number of horses for each show, we would be discouraging any other clubs from asking us to partake in jointly hosting events to help cut costs. Sherri stated that as an organizer of many previous shows, she agrees with Phoebe's comments. It would indeed hurt the committee's effectiveness in planning for a show. It would be hard to decide to take the risk of hosting a double point show, given the fact that all numbers have been down in the last couple of years. A double point show definitely has a much bigger draw but may hurt that show from planning for the next year, if they were one horse short for double points. People may not make the effort to attend a single point show or maybe even a double if a minimum number is assigned. Also, on the points that are awarded to the horses; we can not guarantee at any show, that a specific number of horses will enter any class. The current point system in place is very fair as it works on a sliding scale - more horses competing in a class means more points; one horse competing in a class, less points. Mimi agreed that assigning a minimum number of horses and exhibitors for single and double points would hurt us more than help us draw for our events. Based on the above comments, the motion was *Carried*.

Some members have asked if the Northwest Show could receive double point status with the PHAC. According to our bylaws, if the Northwest Club would become affiliated, just like all the Regional and Provincial Clubs in Canada, then they would qualify for double points. Mimi commented that it would be very hard to line up the classes for approvals through the PHAC and NAPHA.

Discussion was opened to address some members concerns about our Conflict of Interest rule. They would like to see our rules align with the NAPHA rule. The appearance of a conflict of interest is damaging to the breed's image and to the exhibitors and they also felt that this could affect the selection of Judges or limit who could show under judges who have attended a recent seminar, etc. Ben commented that when considering the Conflict of Interest rule, the Judge's are professional and govern themselves accordingly.

**MOTION:** Mimi/Jocelyn – the Board will move this to the Rules Committee for review with a view toward aligning more with NAPHA and protecting the judges from the appearance of a conflict of interest. *Carried*.

One of the members had asked if the first place ribbons that are won in junior classes of 12 years and under could be "not counted" for the "Novice five first place ribbons". The suggestion was that junior classes that are 13 years and older would be continued to be counted. The reason was based on some times we only have one younger junior and our rules state that first place ribbon must be handed out. Discussion was that the Juniors have their own division to compete in and if they do not win five first place ribbons, they would be able to compete in the Novice division. The Novices only have their own division to qualify in before stepping up the all of the regular classes. Consensus of the Board was that the Rules for the younger juniors will not be relaxed at this time.

Some members have asked that the Prueba be eliminated like they have done in the US. Discussion was that we all felt that having the Prueba rule brings more competition to our regular classes and it serves a purpose in checking the strength of the horse. Consensus was the Prueba would continue to apply to Canadian shows.

**MOTION:** Mimi/Jocelyn – approve Minutes if July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. *Carried.*

Gus McCollister is cleaning up years and years of data for the PHAC. The minutes will be retained for the history of the PHAC and 7 year's worth of financials will be kept.

Date for next meeting will be November 9th, 2010.

Sherri moved meeting be adjourned at 8:40 pm.

**ACTION ITEMS COMING OUT OF THIS MEETING**

Jocelyn	Finish financials.
Jocelyn	Contact member to audit books.