

**PERUVIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Via: ZOOM  
Feb 6, 2024

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**ATTENDEES:** Rick Cones - President  
Mimi Busk Downey – VP  
Nancy Cox – Treasurer  
Jan Sjodin – Secretary  
Lynn Moker - Director  
Deb Cones – National Show Chairperson  
Sue Watson – Executive Treasurer

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Meeting called to order @ 6:13 PM PT  
Sue/Mimi waived Roberts Rules of Order

**PHAC Financials:**

Sue provided current club account balances:

Regular Account: \$17,276.86

National Show Account: \$26,700.12

CLRC Account: \$15,006.76

Total: \$58,983.74

Year end will be done end of February and Sue will be sent to Nancy for auditing.

Nancy will present the report to the board members when complete.

**2023 National Show Financials:**

Final figures show a profit of \$9566.00 from the 2023 show.

We had 42 horses which would have allowed the show to break even, but the sponsorships and auction proceeds brought in quite a bit more than expected thus the healthy profit.

Overall show seemed to be a success. Noted that show is same weekend as Iowa show which might mean we might be missing out on a few exhibitors from US. Hard to juggle dates and facilities for everyone.

If we do want to try attracting more US exhibitors we need a larger facility, but not much available.

The 2024 show will be in Armstrong again.

**\$200 USD incentive program**

This was set up by NW club and PHAC to encourage more exhibitors to attend both shows by helping with some of the costs associated with travel/border crossing expenses. There were 4 exhibitors that made use of it last year. Discussion ended with suggesting that if NW was wanting to continue with incentive, then the PHAC would follow suit.

**Request for Event funding**

Gus McCollister has requested funding to make some new printed promotional brochures/material to be used to promote PHAC and the Peruvian horse at the Calgary Stampede. Probably would be a single page flyer with the PHAC contact information and maybe a page from coloring book to pass out to kids.

Mimi volunteered to set up a template and forward to board to review.

Motion made by Mimi to allocate \$400 to be used towards new promotional material.

Seconded by Sue. Carried

#### Drug Testing/Prueba for 2024 Show

A new drug testing committee has not formed since Catherine Dawson's retirement.

We did not have testing at the 2023 show as ran into difficulties nailing down a vet to come out to do testing on Sunday afternoon, without occurring huge expenses.

Current rules do state that drug testing is mandatory. NAPHA still does do testing, but it is run by each state and random testing. They allow vet techs to do the blood draws which would reduce cost.

Consensus is that drug testing at our national show is impractical for now, but will look for options for next year. Maybe ask other breeds/clubs in the area what they are doing? And perhaps instead of having a "drug testing" committee/person that the show steward could take on that responsibility (order the drug kits and arrange the vet)

Suggestion to add a "non- drug declaration" section to the entry form stating that exhibitor has agreed that this is a drug free show.

All in agreement to eliminate the prueba for the 2024 as well.

Motion made by Lynn to not have drug testing and prueba at the 2024 PHAC National Show, but to add a "non-drug declaration" section to the entry form. Motion seconded by Sue. Carried.

#### Show Official Authority

An incident at the 2023 National show brought up question re show official authority.

The gate admission steward had a couple of instances of late exhibitors and was not sure how to handle or who had the authority making the call to either allow or not allow the horse to enter the ring.

After some discussion, it was agreed that each situation might be different. If the gate admission steward is not comfortable making the call to either allow or not allow a horse to enter then they have the authority to stop the class and ask the show manager for direction. The show manager has the final say.

The mandatory zootecnico classes seem to always cause some confusion. Suggestion was for the show secretary to remind each exhibitor individually on Saturday evening.

#### Suggestions for new versatility classes at 2024 show

Freestyle reining to music – need a time limit of 2 ½ to 3 minutes. Can be either single or multiple horses.

Country pleasure – judged on easy going manner, loose rein/relaxed horse. Stop and back.

Trail Classes – maybe a green trail as well as advanced

Mimi has judged some all gaited shows and has some ideas to potentially encourage other breeds to participate. Judging might be a bit of a challenge for our judge for regular qualifying classes.. maybe consider a just specifically for versatility?

#### BTE Award

Agreed to cap the number of times a person can win the yearly high point award to 3 wins.

Once they have won three times they will be given an "Elite Rider Status" award.

Person will still be eligible for milestone awards.

Deb will update rules posted on website and draft up communication to be sent to members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM PT