

President's Update

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Donna Bearer to Leave NAPHA

On December 3, 2009, Donna Bearer tendered her resignation which will take effect on February 1, 2010. Donna is donating her time for the months of December and January, assisting the Board to make a smooth transition as we move forward.

Since 2006, Donna has given us an enormous amount of her time, money and energy. She deserves our thanks and appreciation. Her vision for NAPHA and what she implemented on our behalf were things that would take us into the 21st century and provide us with instant access to information and services. These are her accomplishments:

Horse Stub Book on Line – a true work in progress, always being improved, HSB, provides our membership with instant and current information on our horses, membership, shows and points. When the PPHRNA became NAPHA, the archaic software crashed and our data was unrecoverable. There was no money in NAPHA's budget for the exorbitant cost of recovering the data and setting it up in a workable program. Donna worked with the developer's of HSB to recover our membership and registration data. There is nothing like studbook and it has grown beyond its developer's vision of what this online data source could do. This cutting edge technology has become the core of NAPHA's registrations, show, annual awards and membership database.

Website - A terrific website that is current in content and keeps members informed of shows and events. One

can find on-line access to every form a member needs to transact business with NAPHA. The On-Line Membership Directory makes it easy for everyone to locate and contact members. Up-to-date information on NAPHA officials, judges, stewards, and club presidents is all there.

Stallion Auction – NAPHA does not have the capability or ownership of software to bring about services such as the stallion auction. This on-line format is and has been a tremendous contribution to our association.

Webcast of the National Show – What a great idea! Donna designed and paid for the 2008 webcast from her own pocket. People from all over the world have seen our National show two years in a row. People were exposed to our horse in a way that never before had been possible.

Many times during her service as NAPHA's Executive Director Donna has loaned the organization money to meet its operating expenses and has been a consistent financial contributor as well.

Donna has automated much of NAPHA's operations to make it easier for the organization to function with fewer employees. While we will miss her, we feel that she has left us where the membership and registration of our horses will be manageable and efficient with a minimum number of employees.

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We thank you, Donna for your vision and leadership during the formative years of NAPHA and your tireless efforts, support and promotion of the Peruvian Horse.

NEXT STEPS

The Board of Directors will be meeting during the weekend of January 9 and 10, 2010. This will be a planning session for the transition, budget for 2010, and planning the National Show.

MEMBERSHIP

This is the time of year when the majority of our members join the organization. For some the question becomes: Why should I be a member? Our answer is simple. Our horses are certainly a treasure for us as owners. We owe it to ourselves and the next generation of horse owners that they have a registry that maintains the integrity of the purity of the horse through registration and that the horse retain its value.

Your membership is for the horse which surpasses each individual's needs.

UPCOMING VOTES

On Monday, December 14, 2009 a packet was sent to everyone who was a member as of December 1, regarding a proposed bylaw change. Keep an eye out for this mailing and participate in this important decision-making.

Regions 1, 7 and 18 will have an election for a new Regional Advisory Council Member, so be sure to watch for this ballot, and vote for the person you want to represent you on the RAC.

END OF YEAR REMINDERS:

I want to remind you that it is that time of year that Stallion Reports need to be filled out and sent in. It is also time to renew your annual membership. Be sure to file the following additional reports:

- Shipped Semen Forms: fresh & frozen
- Embryo Forms

You can find all of these forms on our web site at <http://www.napha.net/forms.htm>.

Clubs need to file their Annual Reporting Forms and Show Information Forms. And Show Secretaries need to send in their Show Approval Forms.