

CGA Board of Directors Meeting

March 6, 2010

Radisson Hotel, Fresno, CA

CGA Officers (2009/2010-2010/2011)

		Present/Absent
President:	Skip Hofman	Present
Vice President:	Robert Frates	Present
Treasurer:	Lesa Hofman	Present
Secretary:	Spring Krogue	Present
Northern Vice President:	Dianna Malley	Present
Central Vice President:	Christopher Rowels	Present
Southern Vice President:	Sue Engelhardt	Present
Rules & Judges Chairman:	Shannon Rahn	Present

Elected Directors

		Present/Absent
Kori Taggart-Cruz	2008/2009-2009/2010	Absent
Arlene Tsuji	2008/2009-2009/2010	Absent
Marta Weststeyn	2008/2009-2009/2010	Present
Patrick Hofman	2009/2010-2010/2011	Present
Sally Rivera-Lingafeldt	2009/2010-2010/2011	Present
Joanne Galbraith	2009/2010-2010/2011	Present

Appointed Board Members

		Present/Absent
Meghan Abatti	2009/2010-2010-2011	Present
Lea Legnon	2009/2010-2010/2011	Present
Tiffany Bisordi	2009/2010	Present
Rick Long	2009/2010-2010/2011	Absent
Barry Rahn	2009/2010-2010/2011	Absent
Allyson Shiffrar	2009/2010-2010/2011	Present

Parliamentarian	Stacy Rivera	Present
Queen Liaison	Dana Herchkorn	Present

Board of Governors

	Present/Absent
Sheri Herchkorn	Present
Skip Hofman	Present
Brent Engelhardt	Present
Dianna Malley	Present
Rodger Odom	Present

District Delegates

1	Danna Herchkorn	Present	12	Dan MacDonald	Absent	27	Kelly Croffoot	Absent
2	Jennifer Frates	Present	14	Margo Abatti	Present	30	Lisa Duggan	Absent
4	Bev Hampton	Present	15	Ryhannon Young	Absent	32	Debbie Frates	Present
5	Terresa Borrosso	Absent	17	Kelly Pierce	Absent	33	Robert Krogh	Present
6	Tammy Bach	Absent	18			35	Cindy Hoffman	Present
7	Timmi Lemen	Present	19	Kelly Centano	Absent	45	Dave Hambly	Present
8	Christine Jones	Present	20	Gina LaRock	Absent	49	Ellen Carr	Present
9	Rebekah Crill	Present	21	Doug Verseput	Absent	50	Candie Tucker	Present
10	Belinda Harms	Present	22	Ruth Broadhurst	Absent			
11	Terry More	Absent	23	Susan Hammon	Present			

Meeting was called to order by President, Skip Hofman, at 9:00am

- I. **OPENING & INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:** President, Skip Hofman & Vice President, Robert Frates. The president, Skip Hofman, welcomed everyone to the Board of Directors. Vice President, Robert Frates, read the rules of conduct.
- II. **APPOINTMENTS:**
 - a. Skip Hofman, President, appointed Sally Rivera-Lingafeldt to be Northern Vice President.
Discussion: Skip stated that Sally will be replacing Dianna Malley as Dianna was elected to the BOG and can't hold two positions.

III. REPORTS:

- a. **Vice Present Report:** Robert Frates had nothing to report.
- b. **Secretary Report:** Spring Krogue stated that the minutes were posted online and mailed to district delegates and directors.
MOTION by Sheri Herchkorn to accept secretary report. Seconded by Christopher Rowels. MOTION PASSED.
- c. **Treasurers Report:** Lesa Hofman stated that the reports were provided to all in attendance, she stated that the 2009 P&L (Profit & Loss) showed a \$1,900 loss, which was better than anticipated, they had budgeted a 15K loss, which included paying for convention 2009 and 2008. State show brought in 18K profit. All shows did really well which boosted our income. State sponsored shows cleared 21K. Lesa discussed the Budget vs. Actual Report, she noted that state came in exactly as budgeted. Jamboree was a bit higher in expenses and in income. All classics made more money than budgeted, so 2009 was a very good year. Looking at 2010 114K started in bank as of 1/1/10, as of 2/28/10 94K in bank which compared to prior year it is 5K less in cash than we had this time last year. BOG approved the 2010 budget, Lesa was very conservative on budget, anticipating an 11K loss for 2010. Questions: Phyllis Odom, clarified on the P&L from last year, in regards to "Equipment" a large portion of that was the purchase of a Cargo Trailer, it also included the credit card machine. Shannon Rahn asked about the estimated costs of the newspaper, Lesa clarified that the dollar amount is what was budgeted. Marta Weststeyn asked why the newspaper expenses vary from month to month, Phyllis said it was due to the paper size.
MOTION by Meghan Abatti to approve treasurers. Seconded by Sue Engelhardt. MOTION PASSED.
- d. **Board of Governors (BOG) Report::** Sheri Herchkorn stated that the BOG held a meeting on 1/30/10, all governors were present. During the meeting there was a hearing resulting in six months suspension and 1 year probation for a member. Main topic of the meeting was CGA's liability insurance. CGA districts are separate entities and the insurance just figured this out after 15+ years. Because each district is a separate entity she stated that CGA can't have an umbrella policy, CGA needs individual policies. Our insurance rate was \$4,592 per year and now the rate is \$23,448 and will increase. The BOG checked with multiple insurance companies and there are very few that can do these types of policies. All policies are now being enforced and all arena owners have been notified. Starting 3/1/10 there will be a \$.25 increase in all ride fees which will net us 26K, therefore the ride fee increase will cover the policy fee. The BOG will be monitoring the situation closely. BOG voted and agreed not to print the March 2010 newspaper because of the added insurance cost. Phyllis Odom presented the BOG a state office report and Lesa Hofman presented the budget, which they approved. Sheri added that Northern Classic will be in Bolado Park and they did discuss Lea's question regarding the term "volunteer". Discussed the volunteer issue.
Discussion: Phyllis Odom went into depth regarding the insurance and the fact that she mailed out a 3 page letter to all districts regarding insurance guidelines and how to update their computer to reflect the change in ride fees. Each district now has their own policy, 7 shows are allotted in the policy but there is an additional fee for each show. The big districts with large riders help offset those districts that are smaller. Important to note, rain dates must be reported to CGA office by Wednesday following the cancelled show date in order to be sure that we are credited from the insurance, info should be in writing fax/email. There is a \$20 additional arena for districts running two or more arenas. The BOG will be looking at the districts that do run a lot of shows, for example, district 7 has 25 shows scheduled, they don't run enough rides to pay the insurance for those shows, the BOG might access a fee to them in the future. 180 rides is what it takes to make the \$45 insurance fee. Marta Weststeyn asked if there will be a penalty if they don't report a rain date, she feels there should be a penalty. Phyllis stated it would be up to the BOG. The BOG hasn't accessed an additional penalty but they will charge the \$45. Currently 24 shows have been rained out since 1/1/10, Phyllis has been calling/emailing districts asking about their shows. Ellen Carr asked a question regarding districts offering set up shows on the Friday before their show. Phyllis clarified that it would be a separate show, \$45 for each day. Insurance fee is PER DAY \$45. Sally Rivera-Lingafeldt asked if they thought of creative shows that are more state sponsored that are hosted by districts, where it becomes a state sponsored show, Phyllis clarified that it won't work, State can only have 25 shows and they are used up with State, Northern, Spring and Jamboree. Marta Weststeyn asked why we are paying per ride? Phyllis stated that most riders ride more than one district and ½ the districts wouldn't be able to exist. The way it is set up, it is across the board. Sheri stated that CGA makes money 2 ways, ride fees and membership fees, those are the only two avenues where income can be increased. Marta Weststeyn asked how many current members we have now? Lesa Hofman stated that she helped Phyllis, basing it off of the number of shows and the number of rides that we have. Figured rides was the best way to charge the fee vs. billing each individual district, it gives the

riders more of a chance to ride rather than shutting down the smaller districts, which makes it more even. Sally asked if we can look at selling merchandising and using that revenue as income? Phyllis stated that they did do that, it was on line, pictures of what was being sold, they only had 3 orders in two years. Sue Engelhardt ran a cost comparative chart, the .25 per ride, really is better financially than charging the districts individually. As far as merchandising, someone that is marketable outside CGA is needed. There is a cost to pay for the merchandise, storage, tax. She feels the .25 is the best way to compensate for insurance. Lesa clarified that we will get hurt if districts don't notify the office of show cancellations. Sue Engelhardt stated that some of the districts won't have to impose the extra fee. Patrick Hoffman, asked how the insurance will effect play days, Phyllis clarified that they are still part of the shows and need to be insured. Every CGA show is considered a public event day, every person is covered. Debbie Frates stated that if people think about the .25 it isn't that much money, and she agrees that we do need to bill districts that don't notify cancellation. Meghan Abatti asked if there was consideration looking at some districts that are small and can't pull enough rides, looking at setting a set number and charging at everyone, then charging for those that are above a certain number. Susan Hammond asked if this goes in a 3/1/10. Marta Weststeyn asked if we looked at increasing the membership fee? Phyllis clarified that the fee should be imposed on the riders vs. the members. Candy Tucker asked about the coverage of Poker Rides. Phyllis stated that they can still be held, but they are considered a public event date/show date.

- e. **Office Report:** Phyllis Odom reported that she needs district contracts for some districts. There have been 24 shows cancelled since 1/1/10, huge revenue loss, she is requesting that those cancelling shows to please reschedule. 2,506 members as of Thursday, same amount as there was at convention, we are down 133 as Feb 2009. There needs to be 180 rides minimum to make the \$45 insurance fee. The CGA District Software is going to expire between May and June 2010, districts will get a 30 day warning, districts must call and get new license key. The CA drug fee has been put on the back burner due to state budget cuts. Equine Medication Monitoring program will readdress, but they don't have a staff to man it.
- f. **MAC Report:** Shannon Rahn reported that they had a MAC meeting this morning (3/6/10), discussed three items that will be in judge's corner. Compensation of judges, question over giving them free shows/rides, they are going to leave it up to district policy as long as judges are not requesting compensation to judge a show. 3.1A of rule book, clothing should be neat and clean. They are going to leave it alone at this point, judges may suggest to a rider to please dress a little nicer, they can't enforce more on this point. 3.1b – safety on tack, lawyer advised that we can't call boots safety items, it can violate our dress code policy but not that it is unsafe, same thing goes with tack. There are three provisional master judges in place, she is glad to see CGA moving forward with people dedicating their time. There was a letter sent out to all judges asking them to contact their master judge, 64 judges did not respond. MAC will send a 2nd letter. Skip asked if those that replied were all judges? Shannon informed that some weren't judges that replied and some weren't even members. The new judge's test is ready, she hasn't heard if anyone has used it yet.
- g. **Jamboree Report:** Skip Hofman reported that there will be a show even if weather is bad, would like to see everyone there, they are ready and set to go. The dates are March 27 and 28, 2010.
Discussion: Ellen Cass asked who did the district map, Sue Engelhardt did this and emailed it to Phyllis. Allison Shiffar, stated that the stalls have to be rented from Diamond Bar Arena, she was worried about the number of stalls, Skip informed us that there are 400 stalls and wherever you park is where your stalls will be.
- h. **Northern Classic Report:** Roger Odom reported that Northern Classic is the last weekend of May at Bolado Park in Hollister, kind of a mini state show. Proceeds that district 1 would have received for hosting Northern Classic will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Program. Donations of tractor by Pringle Tractor. Water truck being donated as well. They are going to get started early working the ground. They do have a lot of additional hook ups including sewer. Multiple district effort, district 2 is helping district 1, Ellen Carr has made some calls to get help. Running 2 arenas at a time.
- i. **Spring Classic Report:** Sue Engelhardt reported that Spring Classic will be held at Camp Pendleton. The Wounded Warriors is a program started in Camp Pendleton and benefits injured or mortally wounded marines, important fund. Process of involving them at Spring classic, it will be a military themed show, military dogs will do a full demonstration on Saturday, public affairs will bring military equipment (tanks, helicopters), with Q&A and the military drill team will perform. Should be good with the weather, they have an awesome arena that can take a ton of rain. If planning on coming, you can't get in prior to Friday, drivers license and registration required.
- j. **State Show Report:** Brent Engelhardt reported that district assignments for events will be managed by Patrick Hoffman, timers are required to be provided by each district and the information will be on the website as well. They need help setting up portable corrals, Brent will coordinate. Dogs, there will be stricter enforcement, possibly imprisonment and fine. They have one person to work the ground, they are

looking for an additional person to work grounds, contact Brent or Skip. Skip stated that the events will be the same as last year and we are doing a Tough Enough To Wear Pink on Monday with donations.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Clarification of Volunteer:** On behalf of the BOG, Sherri discussed the word volunteer; she read the definition of the word volunteer from Webster's dictionary. Phyllis thanked all the volunteers that are here and noted that only ½ of the districts are represented.
- b. **Older Hall of Fame Riders:** Joanne Galbraith discussed older hall of fame riders.
MOTION by Joanne Galbraith to Allow 55 and over Hall of Fame riders and trainers the ability to ride in a division lower than AA at State sanctioned shows. Seconded by Dianna Malley
Discussion: Stacy Rivera clarified that any changes to the rule book must be brought to the rules and judges committee. Andy Krogh clarified that it is not a rule, it is a state sanctioned show policy. It is a policy for state sponsored shows. Shannon Rahn stated that it is a state sanctioned rule policy and some districts adopt that as their policy. Meghan Abatti stated that if it is a rule for state sanctioned shows it must be listed elsewhere. Stacy Rivera clarified that in the past, we vote on a lot of things that don't require votes. The only things that are in the policy manual require a vote. Ellen Carr supports allowing hall of fame riders/trainers to ride in a lower division at state sponsored shows. Sue Engelhardt asked her to define her thinking on this. Joanne said she likes the age of 55 because there are quite a few people coming up in age that would like to ride slower horses, Sally Rivera Lingafeldt mentioned the age 60. Stacy Rivera made a clarification, we need to go back and find the meeting where this was passed and see where this was intended to be placed. She feels it was intended for state sanctioned shows, policies for those shows are made to the BOG. We can make recommendations to the BOG, but ultimately at this time it is their decision. We do have an option to add it to a manual, at the moment there is nothing regarding this in a manual. Roger Odom stated that in Feb 2006 we defined the word "trainer", nothing was changed it was intended to be a policy made by BOG. Meghan Abatti added that if it is a rule that we are making people follow at state shows, it should be somewhere, it affects the membership and the BOD should have some input, she feels it does need to be somewhere in a manual. Rebecca Crill stated she would like to make a suggestion that we place it into the information manual. Phyllis Odom looked on page 25 in the information manual and she read the policy. Allison Shiffrar needs clarification. Sue Engelhardt stated that if you are on a Hall of Fame horse you can't ride in FC. Dianna Malley stated that each year your horse/rating starts over. Skip Hofman was under the impression that once a horse makes hall of fame that the horse remains hall of fame rated. Phyllis Odom noted that the problem is that if you are a Hall of Fame rider you are not a FC rider. Lea Legnon, clarified that she, as a hall of fame rider, can ride a hall of fame horse in a lower division, correct. Ellen Carr thinks that everyone lost the point, there is a rating system, if she makes A then she wants to be able to ride A, she isn't talking about a horse rider hall of fame combination. This will affect very few people, it will affect older hall of fame riders who are on an older horse or due to injuries they want to trot through the courses but they still want to participate. She added that the matrix protects us from people sandbagging, let our matrix stand and work, if you want to ride as an A, then let them ride A and it should not include horse/rider combination. Rebecca Crill stated that we ride with a matrix for a reason, we are all within the same time division. Phyllis wants us to understand that the rating is a rider/horse combination, if a HOF rider gets on another horse they are back down to a FC rating until they are rated. Shannon Rahn stated that the point is we did have past hall of fame riders/trainers that were sandbagging and taking the prizes. Sue Engelhardt added that anyone can be realistic and can sandbag in any division, we need to look out for our older/tender riders/members. Dianna Malley thinks that it is revenue for state. At state show we are protected with their age group. Phyllis Odom's main concern is do we have to put an age? Stacy Rivera clarified that if we simply wanted to remove the policy, then it is a recommendation to the BOG. If you vote against the motion it doesn't go in the policy manual. Allison Shiffrar, feels this should be as a horse/rider combination. Sue Engelhardt stated that horses get older and riders get older. Margo Abatti added that there is a small group that are 55 or older that have hall of fame, and there are some trainers and it is a small group. Call for question, Marta Weststeyn, Christopher Rowels seconded. **Amendment by Joanne Galbraith: Change "at or above A division". MOTION PASSED.**
Discussion: Sue Engelhardt asked if the 2010 state show manual was put together, no it wasn't. Phyllis Odom wants to clarify that this is just 55 and over.
MOTION by Meghan Abatti to add this to the information manual. Seconded by Joanne Galbraith.
FINAL MOTION by Joanne Galbraith to input in the information manual to allow 55 and over hall of fame riders and trainers the ability to ride in the A division or higher state sanctioned shows. Seconded by Dianna Malley. Vote on full motion: hand count. For: 17 Against: 14. MOTION PASSED.
- c. **Policy Manual Clarification:** Stacy Rivera.

MOTION by Stacy Rivera: New policies may be added and existing policies may be amended or deleted by a 2/3rd vote of the elected and appointed Board of Directors and district delegates present. Seconded by Shannon Rahn.

Discussion: Christopher Rowels called for vote, call for vote passed. **MOTION PASSED Unanimously.**

- d. **MOTION by Stacy Rivera: District Delegates are not a member of the Ruling Body. However, they may vote on general membership and Policy Manual issues at the Board of Directors meetings. Seconded by Shannon Rahn.**

Discussion: Meghan Abatti stated that if district delegates are not a part of the ruling body then the statement is false. Stacy read the bylaws, it states the delegate is not a member of the board of directors but should have one vote equal of a BOD for that meeting only. In essence, they get a vote as an active member but they are a not member. Meghan Abatti asked what is the difference between a BOD and a district delegate? Stacy clarified that a BOD is a permanent position for their term where as the delegate is a rotating position. Lesa Hofman stated that she understands that they are trying to make the policy manual in concordance of the bylaws. **MOTION PASSED. REVOTED, must be by 2/3rd vote to add or change policy. Stacy clarified that we did have 2/3 no one said NO, all voted Yes, MOTION PASSED.**

- e. **MOTION by Stacy Rivera, The Delegate is not a member of the Board of Directors, but shall have one vote equal to a board member on all voting issues for that meeting only. Seconded by Shannon Rahn.**

Discussion: Amendment: general membership and policy manual (seconded: Shannon Rahn).

Sue E added that if the delegates are willing to come to the meeting, then it should have been as before. Lesa added that the delegate would then be the same as a BOD, have the same power. She doesn't have a problem with the district delegate representing the district management. Rebecca Crill stated that we do not get updates from the BOG and they don't get to vote on things from the BOG. Meghan Abatti, agrees with what Lesa said, she doesn't want to take away anything from the delegate, they are here to represent their membership. Stacy clarified that we are discussing the amendment "general membership and policy manual". Ellen Carr stated that she perceives her being a delegate as being a support for her BOD, she feels she is another representation, she considers them as an asset to the BOD, she feels they don't need to be divided and she is a total supporter of the BOD. Patrick Hofman stated that all members of CGA are welcome and put their input in. Vote for Amendment: Passed. Full motion read: **The Delegate is not a member of the Board of Directors, but shall have one vote equal to a board member on all general membership and policy manual voting issues for that meeting only.**

Discussion: Vote, must be 100%. **MOTION FAILED.** Phyllis Odom feels that the general membership should be allowed to vote on by laws changes. **MOTION by Lesa Hofman, Section 2.1. strike policy manual and only have general membership. Seconded: Patrick Hofman.**

Discussion: Rebecca Crill doesn't have anyone from her district on the BOD, if you take away her vote on policy then her riders don't have a say. Margo Abatti thinks we are a little confused about the whole thing. Stacy clarified, this issue has been voted on, it could potentially be amended this way, it was not, the thought was with so many people feeling strongly in the opposite way, perhaps there was room for an amendment, this gives it an opportunity. We want everyone to know what is going on and to participate and give their say to change things. Ellen Carr asked if in the future will she not be allowed to vote on policy manual. Stacy stated that delegates would be able to vote on information manual and all the misc. things that we vote on that we don't necessarily have to vote on. Sally wants to further clarify, the difference is either delegates will vote on information manual and general membership issues or information manual, general membership issues, and policy. Delegates should not have been able to vote on policy. Margo Abatti asked for an example of a policy manual change. Stacy clarified as to why the reason this was on the agenda. Phyllis clarified that the policy manual has only been in effect for a few years, when we shortened the bylaws we took everything that we wanted to be able to change at these meetings and put it in the policy manual. Phyllis Odom stated the bylaws say the delegates have one equal vote which should be changed in the bylaws not the information manual. Meghan Abatti remembers the bylaws were left very plain and simple for a reason, that way the procedures and policy manuals would clarify. Belinda Harms asked if the vote we just did passed then why now we are trying to take an erase it? **Lesa's motion would have to be postponed to next meeting.** Roger Odom stated our bylaws state that the BOD owns the policy manual, not the BOD and the delegates. Meghan Abatti suggests that we need to decide on the bylaws before we can decide on the policy, we need to determine what the correct interpretation of the bylaws is.

- f. **Newspaper:** Phyllis Odom.

Discussion as to why there wasn't any clarification as to why there wasn't any description on the item. Stacy Rivera stated that the intent is that there was 30 days notice, but there wasn't a description, therefore items such as this should be removed, but the newspaper is not a voting item, the BOG and State Office has control of the newspaper as a state function. There is nothing that says how much we

should charge or if it should be printed, they have chosen to take a vote, but they are not required....it is up to the daily operation of CGA which falls under State Office and BOG. Phyllis Odom stated that CGA doesn't have anywhere in writing that an explanation has to be given on the agenda. *Meghan would like clarification on items not having a description, Stacy will handle.* Ellen Carr stated that her district wants the paper but will be totally in agreement if it needs to be suspended due to insurance rates. Shannon Rahn feels that the BOG and state office should make the decision. Meghan Abatti stated that the newspaper is really of no vote, it doesn't matter what we vote for, there is really no official "if we vote it, it has to happen", it is still the BOG/State Office's decision. Sue Engelhardt asked if the intent to take away the \$50 fee and paper? Phyllis responded, yes take away the fee and the paper for the time being, no newspaper, no \$50 fee. Belinda Harms agrees with Phyllis taking away the newspaper fee. Marta Weststeyn asked do we need to make a motion to remove the \$50 fee? Stacy Rivera commented that as she understands it, this was not a voting issue, it should have never been perceived as a vote, should have been a poll, it was more to see what everyone's opinion. Bev Hampton asked if you want to poll/vote it needs to be more clear on the agenda so that her district can have an opinion, she supports not printing the paper and removing the \$50 fee. Sheri Herchkorn feels that in all fairness they said no March 2010 paper because they didn't want to start with the printer and pay for it, the BOG is going to refrain from printing the newspaper, the district delegates need to go back to their district and tell them why there won't be a newspaper and see where we stand financially by August 2010 after paying six months of insurance fees. Ellen Carr asked that we add this to the agenda at state, discussion/poll newspaper item. Skip agrees to make the newspaper decision and hold off until state show.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Dress Attire at Convention:** Skip Hofman stated in the past a few people have shown up to convention in t-shirts and sweatshirts, he doesn't feel it is appropriate for our state awards ceremony. **MOTION by Skip Hofman, Impose a minimum requirement to accept award at convention is CGA show dress attire. Seconded by Dianna Malley. Discussion:** There was no description on agenda, people are arguing over whether there is a enough information on agenda as to what Skip is discussing/proposing. Andy Krogh stated that after reading the agenda he was able to interpret the clothing agenda item. Joanne Galbraith stated it would be a suggestion that we dress formal and that we as members dress up because this is the only night that everyone gets to dress up, she thinks we need to make a suggestion that this is a dressy affair. Robert Frates stated that rider attire can be jeans with holes in their pants. Cindy Hofman disagrees with the policy, she doesn't own a pair of dress pants, but riding attire is acceptable. Sue Engelhardt stated that dressing nice is expected, if you didn't want to, you didn't show up for dinner. As far as asking for a dress code, it is acceptable. Ellen Carr totally supports a minimum of legal riding attire. Meghan Abatti thinks that we can kindly suggest in verbiage in our newspaper, but does it need to be a rule? Roger Odom stated there are a few people that push the envelope that want to be identified as being against the grain. Bev Hampton agrees and would like to see encouragement of people dressing up and also would like clarification as to what point of the evening this is going to be applied to. **Amendment by Sue Engelhardt: To addend the CGA awards dinner and ceremony there is a minimum dress requirement of CGA show attire. Seconded by Skip Hofman.**

Discussion: Debbie Frates understands where Sue is coming from, does clothing now have to be tucked in with belt. Dianna Malley totally agrees with Debbie, she is saying at a minimum a belt and boots are required, but she feels we need to say another form of dress, otherwise everyone will start coming in their show clothes. We need to have dress attire or show attire. **Amendment by Dianna Malley: To addend the CGA awards dinner and ceremony there is a dress requirement of CGA show attire, dress attire or better. Seconded by Sue Engelhardt.**

Discussion: Brent Engelhardt stated that everyone has a choice to come to convention. Skip Hofman agrees, he doesn't get to see the people until they are receiving their award. Robert Krogh asked that the BOD at the table please refrain from side talk, he would like it to be the same for everyone, we have gone through two motions without a turn. He should have been recognized before 14 other people who weren't raising their hand. He agrees that riders should be required to dress in minimum attire. Dave Hambly stated he is not much for being told what to do and believes in appropriate dress attire, it is up to their district representatives to go to their districts and tell them what kind of dress attire is expected of them. Ellen Carr stated she would like the original motion of accepting awards. Sally Rivera Lingafeldt feels that she doesn't like being told what to wear, she can appreciate the theory, but she would like to see it more as a recommendation while accepting your award, she isn't looking for a mandate.

Lunch Break

Dianna Malley asked if she should make an amendment to not allow t-shirts, sweats and athletic shoes. Skip agrees, the people that are not dressing appropriately should be made aware. **Amendment by Dianna Malley: dress requirement, no t-shirts, sweats and athletic shoes. Seconded by Skip Hofman. Vote, MOTION FAILED.**

Back to Sue's Amendment

Discussion on Sue's Amendment: Ellen Carr asked if teenage children would be able to wear vans?

Vote on Sue's Amendment: MOTION FAILED.

Back to Skips Motion: **Impose a minimum requirement to accept award at convention is CGA show dress attire.** Skip is **Amending Motion: No, t-shirts, sweatshirt, pajamas or tennis shoes.**

Seconded by: Dianna Malley

FINAL MOTION by Skip Hofman, No t-shirts, sweatshirts, pajamas or tennis shoes will be allowed at convention when accepting an award at the ceremony. Vote: MOTION PASSED.

b. **Compensation for State Sponsored Shows**

Discussion: Andy Krogh proposes that we change the district payout for hosting State sanctioned shows (Jamboree and the Classics) from a percentage of net profit to a fixed fee per ride. Similar to what the districts pay to State, just reversed. Thereby creating an increased desire for districts to host state sponsored shows. Phyllis Odom is worried that if CGA doesn't make a profit then they would still be paying out a fee to the districts. If there is a small show and 3K is given out in awards then CGA would lose more money by paying the districts more \$, she suggests raising the district percentage of profit. Skip Hofman stated that the state shows are "donated" time to help CGA as a whole to keep CGA stable. Bev Hampton stated that perhaps an 80/20 split would be more fair. Ellen Carr feels that there is a sense of obligation to support the state sponsored shows. Lea Legnon stated the state shows were created to benefit the riders, riders need to get rides and especially the fact that we have lost so many shows this year. Andy Krogh added that if we didn't have the classics on memorial day weekend, every district in the state would hold some kind of two day show, at least 80% of the districts, his district would have a \$2,800 profit. Sue Engelhardt stated that the classics were set up as a money maker for CGA and there are a lot of expenses that districts can't afford to pay. Dianna Malley said she likes the state sponsored shows, the year that we didn't have one, riders and families missed it. It adds a great commodity to go to these state shows and camp and enjoy. Yes, it is a lot of work, and districts should pull together. Lesa Hofman stated that the year we didn't have a Northern, there wasn't a district that ran. Christopher Rowels added that we are all volunteers. Phyllis Odom stated that the BOG discussed the classics' because we didn't have the people that wanted to host it, an arena must have camping, stalls and a lot of other requirements, the BOG put it back out to the riders, and yes, if we did have multiple districts running shows we would have an income, the riders need to participate and work the shows if they in fact want the shows. Roger Odom asked if making twice the amount they made last year would it make a difference? Andy Krogh stated that yes, it would make a difference. Sheri Herchkorn stated she doesn't disagree with Andy, if CGA doubles the expense of the shows then the money has to be made up to CGA from some place. Phyllis added that CGA depends on a certain amount of profit from all of the shows combined and they put that into their budget. Sue Engelhardt stated she would put on Spring classic regardless, she takes it pretty seriously and takes it to a high level, giving the district more profit is a great idea, but doesn't feel it will fly, she feels the prices of Spring Classic and Convention is priced too low. Skip Hofman stated that if they didn't make as much money as they did at state 2009 show, CGA would be in the red. Dianna Malley disagrees on the fees, although they are low, that is why we get a lot of turnout, people can still go to shows with their families. Ellen Carr added that when CGA quit working with people who ride more than one horse it reduced rider participation and perhaps CGA could add a flat ground fee. Meghan Abatti stated she has never been part of a district of hosting a state sponsored show, she feels that perhaps the BOG should consider the balance between the district hosting the show and the state paying the show, she agrees that the classic show can be taken up \$20. Sue Engelhardt stated that they had 60 riders pay the \$20 late fee and didn't blink twice. Sherri Herchkorn added that there are members that will complain if they raise the fee by \$20.

VI. DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 49: Ellen Carr – everything is going well

District 4: Bev Hampton – nothing go on, looking into doing arena improvements, tried to work around other shows with their schedule

District 7: Timmi Lemen – have 13 board members, looking forward to successful year, starting on 3/20/10, set on the 3rd weekend of every month, runs three day shows.

District 14: Margo Abatti – no shows since November, weather is getting nice, hope to have a show in May.

District 45: Dave Hambly – tomorrow first show of the year, sand arena that drains fast, runs last Sunday of every month, try to keep costs down and grow district

District 1: Dana Herchkorn – amazing arena at the Odom's, currently under water, had to move their shamrock show to June, saddles for Aloha show

District 50: Candy Tucker – have a new president, Lori, have moved to Bobbi Jones arena in Cottonwood, have had some visitors from other districts. They are having 2 two day shows one in May and one in September
District 8: Christine Jones – Firecracker Frenzy is still on in July with saddles. They run the 3rd weekend of the month.
District 40: Christopher Rowels – they are closing their district, couldn't get arena.
District 32: Debbie Frates – haven't had a show since December, next show is April 25th.
District 2: Jennifer Frates – next show is March 21 and Jamboree at the end of the month, have not been rained out yet. District is getting stronger, averaging between 5-10 new memberships.
District 33: Robert Krogh - shows got rained out, they are running next weekend. March there will be a two day show, Spring Classic – they are excited and proud to help host it.
District 10: Belinda Harms – good ground, just starting out and doing well, with good ground.

VII. OTHER ISSUES CONCERNS AND COMMENTS:

- a. Sue Engelhardt put together a map of all the CGA shows.
- b. Sue Engelhardt reported that Sean Sandoval started a pad and leg boot business and will give CGA districts a great deal, a \$300 paid for \$150.
- c. Sue Engelhardt reported about the LA county Fair, V spurs put on a fun show last year, they would like a local district to do it again this year over the Labor Day Weekend in September. Allison Shiffrar has one concern, the wall at the shut down, Sue stated that they are going to put up the breaker on both sides. Bev Hampton, questioned about time only runs? This is not a State Sponsored show, they can't run set ups and can't accept time only's, per LA County rules. Phyllis wants her to explain the pony division, per Sue Engelhardt, ponies have changed drastically. Sheri pointed out that it isn't a rule, but in our information manual it states that districts are not required to offer all five types of rides, but they must offer regular, time only and set ups. Andy Krogh's recommendation is to place regular/time only on entry form. Dianna Malley asked what is the LA county opposed to time only? Per Sue Engelhardt they are donating buckles and money and the arena. It is a committee of people and they fully understand how CGA works, they want the event to be elevated and they want every rider that goes into the arena to compete for an award, not time only. Margo Abbott asked what would be wrong with making an exception for this particular show? Meghan Abatti stated that she feels it is worth asking for an exception to the time only rule. ***Polled the BOD asking if anyone is opposed to waiving the time only fee for the LA county fair. Poll passed, BOG will discuss and give Sue an answer in five days.***
- d. Equine Affair: Successful and new riders showed up to surrounding areas and supported CGA. They had a lot of people interested.
- e. Dianna Malley discussed Northern Classic, she would like to see a good support, please rally districts and riders to support.
- f. Sherri Herchkorn stated that a few years ago we started giving the delegates free lunch, our lunch today was \$16.95 plus gratuity, we were supposed to have 60 people for lunch. Asked for suggestions to get additional people to attend and RSVP. Bev Hampton suggested starting the meeting one hour later, it would save people money for the hotel.

MOTION to adjourn by Christopher Rowels. Seconded by Joanne Galbraith, meeting adjourned 2:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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