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CGA Rules & Judges/Riders/General Membership Meeting

Agenda for November 20, 2010

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Fresno, CA

I. Opening & Introductory Comments – President

II. Rules & Judges Items (Voting – Rules & Judges) *ALL CGA Members are invited to participate in this portion of the meeting, however ONLY Carded CGA Judges may vote on action items at this point.*

- A. Janette Stewart – Propose removing the permanent pony status.
- B. Rebekah Crill - Propose that the following wording be added to Section 3.1a of the rule book. ...the helmet must be correctly worn at all times while mounted on the show grounds. *Nothing that affects proper fit may be worn under the helmet. This includes sweatshirt hoodies, earmuffs (which fit inside the helmet), high ponytails or buns, etc.* If a rider under 18 enters the ...
- C. Rebekah Crill – Propose that the following wording be added to Section 3.1 of the rule book...If the Western hat or any hair accessories that must be retrieved, hit the ground while the rider is on course, it will result in a one(1) second penalty.
- D. Shannon Rahn - Rule Book Section 7.1a - Strike "*The backup time may be a single hand-held stopwatch*"
- E. Shannon Rahn - Reasonable time for horses to recover for re-rides and especially 3rd options.
- F. Arlene Tsuji - Institute stand back distance for judges/arena help from the timers, minimum 20 ft
- G. Arlene Tsuji - Adequate recovery time for horses if and when there is a problem on course such as timer malfunction etc.
- H. Gerald Freeman - The rules established by CGA are intended to ensure the best possible experience for all members. Various rules address safety, fairness, procedures and proper standards of behavior. One of the reasons given for giving a rider a one (1) second penalty for dropping a Western hat is that a hat is not a mandatory piece of riding equipment and if lost, results in a delay of the show while it is retrieved. Following along these same lines, I would like to extend this rule to include other items that routinely cause the same delay. Specifically, I would like to amend the Rule Book (12/16/2009 edition) Page 12, Paragraph 2 as follows. The last sentence currently reads, "If the *Western* hat hits the ground while the rider is on course, it will result in a one (1) second penalty." I would like to add an additional sentence which reads: "*If a cell phone, iPod or other similar personal electronic device hits the ground while the rider is on course, it will result in a one (1) second penalty.*"
- I. Joanne Galbraith - Change poles back to the 1 1/2" because they don't bend.
- J. Cynthia Long – Propose a change/add-on to the current policy of the re-measurement of pony that has a permanent pony certificate as follows: *all requests for re-measurement of a permanent pony be given to the legal owner/owners of said pony 30 days in advance.* The reasoning for this request is that the pony may be in the middle of its shoeing and also I don't feel a 6 day notice is appropriate especially when it is well known the legal owners of said pony will not be in town. Also, can there be a time frame as to when all requests to re-measure a pony that has a permanent pony certificate ceases. How many years must a rider/legal owner of a pony that hold a permanent pony certificate go through this.
- K. Ellen Carr - Regarding the tie-breaking situation, when the computer is able to break a tie if one of the riders wants a run off, do they have to run off the tie? Proposal to change this.

III. New Business (Voting – All Members) *ALL CGA Members are invited to participate in this portion of the meeting, all members 12 & over may vote.*

- A. Rules & Judges items for final vote.

IV. Other Issues, Concerns & Comments (Non-voting)

- A. Rebekah Crill - Remind Senior judges that they are welcome at the State Sponsored show protest discussions (per 11.8f of the information and regulations manual) and invite them over the microphone when such a protest happens.

V. Adjournment