

## CGA Board of Directors Meeting

February 23, 2008  
2<sup>nd</sup> BoD Meeting for 2007 – 2008  
Holiday Inn, Visalia, CA

### **CGA Officers (2007-2009) Present:**

Skip Hofman, President  
Roger Odom, Vice President  
Lesa Hofman, Treasurer  
Meghan Abatti, Secretary  
Belinda Harms, Central Vice President  
Andy Krogh, Southern Vice President  
Sheri Herchkorn, Rules & Judges Chairman

### **CGA Officers (2007-2009) Absent:**

Ron Butts, Past President  
Gayle Lewis, Northern Vice President

### **Elected Directors Present:**

Andy Krogh, Dianna Merrick, Michele Easel,  
Phyllis Odom, Christopher Rowles, Brent  
Engelhardt

### **Elected Directors Absent:**

Charlea Moore

### **Appointed Directors Present:**

Sue Engelhardt, Robert Frates, Dave Bach, Janet  
Young, Sally Rivera-Lingafeldt, Patrick Hoffman

### **Board of Governors Absent:**

None

### **Parliamentarian Present:**

Stacy Rivera

### **Board of Governors Present:**

Stan Janssen, Sheri Herchkorn, Kenny Aeschliman,  
B.J Hohman, Skip Hofman

### **Board of Governors Absent:**

None

### **District Delegates Present:**

#1- Dana Herchkorn	#4- Bev Hampton	#6- Tammy Bach
#8- Christine Jones	#9- Rebekah Crill	# 11 – Doug Verseput
#14- Margo Abatti	#15- Kori Cruz	# 18- Joanne Galbraith
#19- Sue Engelhardt	#21- Doug Verseput	#23- John Hammon
#26 – Darlene Sandefur	#32 – Debbie Frates	#33- Robert Krogh
#35- Susan Hammon	#40 – Christopher Rowles	#50- Bob Bucks

### **District Delegates Absent:**

#5, #7, #10, #12, #17, #20, #22, #25, #27, #28, #30, #45,  
#49

### **Guests Present:** Six (6)

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by President Skip Hofman.

**I. Opening and Introductory Comments – President Skip Hofman**

President Skip Hofman welcomed everyone to the February Board of Directors Meeting and asked Vice President Roger Odom to read aloud the CGA meeting rules of conduct. This document serves to remind all in attendance that all members have a right to speak and be respected during the meeting. Members shall state their name before speaking to facilitate the Secretary and keep comments to three minutes. Members should speak one at a time and only when recognized, eliminating all personal comments and side conversations.

**II. Agenda Items- Reports**

**Item II. A: President's Report** – Skip Hofman

President Skip Hofman had nothing special to report, but did comment that he is making an effort to visit each district and hopes to visit all districts within the show season. Skip stated the show season appears to be off to a great start.

**Item II. B: Vice President's Report** – Roger Odom

Vice President Roger Odom had nothing special to report.

**Item II. C: Secretary's Report** – Meghan Abatti

- 1. Approve Minutes:** November 18, 2007 Minutes from the 1<sup>st</sup> BoD meeting for 2007 – 2008 as presented by Secretary Meghan Abatti. The minutes included twelve (12) pages of text; Meghan briefly highlighted some of the main topics within the minutes, including: Presidential Appointments, changes to Master Judge Qualifications, discussion and tabling of the Pony Certificate, Queen and Court candidate age changes, rider qualification for State Show, passing of the Procedure and Policy Manuals.

*MOTION* by Andy Krogh to accept the minutes as presented with the noted change of the District 33 Delegate (Robert Krogh). *Seconded* by Bob Bucks.

***MOTION PASSED.***

**Item II. D: Treasurer's Report** – Lesa Hofman

- 1. Financial Report:** Treasurer Lesa Hofman began her report by reviewing the financials beginning January 2008 to February 19, 2008. Lesa explained CGA started the year with a cash balance of \$130,800.07 on January 1, 2008, CGA deposited a total of \$17,050.20 from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, total disbursements during that same time totaled \$22,831.06 for a final cash balance of \$125,019.21 as of February 19, 2008. Year on year, CGA appears to be down \$10,000 on cash balance.

Lesla highlighted on the 'budget to actual' sheet that as of December 31, 2007 CGA is over budget by roughly \$4,000 for the year. Lesa attributed this to purchases throughout the year that have added to CGA's assets sheet.

Lesla also presented the 2008 CGA Operating Budget that was developed by working closely with the Board of Governors. The new budget is projecting a \$9,000 loss, a figure larger than CGA would like to see, but a loss attributed to the increase in award costs and the loss of revenue generated from Jamboree and Northern Classic.

*MOTION* by Phyllis Odom to approve the 2008 Operating Budget as presented by Lesla Hofman. *Seconded* by Belinda Harms. *MOTION PASSED*.

Treasurer Lesla Hofman stated she had nothing further to report.

*MOTION* by Bob Bucks to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. *Seconded* by Phyllis Odom. *MOTION PASSED*.

**Item II. E: Governing Board Report** – Stan Janssen, Chairman of the BoG

Stan Janssen began by stating that he hoped everyone had received a copy of the report from the January Board of Governors Meeting held in Santa Maria. Stan then elaborated on the main topics of discussion at that meeting, including:

- 1. CGA Budget and Financials:** Stan explained that the BoG spoke in great depth about the CGA financials and the Operating Budget that had just been approved. As Lesla pointed out, CGA is anticipating a loss in the 2008 budget which will ultimately cut into CGA's reserves. The main source of the loss is expected to come from the increase in award costs for the current season. Stan said the BoG is currently working on a recommendation for award costs in the coming show season (2008-2009) that should be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting. The BoG will most likely recommend an increase in the 'ride fee' to the districts with the goal of the awards programs paying for themselves.
- 2. Bolado Park:** CGA has been working with Bolado Park to upgrade its' electrical system with the funds secured from the county and the state (approximately \$300,000). The park secured these funds with the help of CGA agreeing/contracting to hold State Show at the grounds for the next five (5) years. To date, the PA system has been substantially updated and will require CGA to do a lot less to prepare for State Show, however there are still far reaching areas of the park that do not have sound. CGA is still hoping to see Bolado Park add more electrical hook-ups for camping and will make another visit to the park prior to State Show. Christopher Rowles volunteered his knowledge of the park and PA system to help CGA work towards the optimal electrical set-up.
- 3. Secondary Medical Insurance:** Sheri Herchkorn wanted to remind everyone that CGA has not carried secondary medical insurance since 2004. CGA does have arena liability insurance. This information has been corrected on the Judge's test and in the Information Manual. The most recent version of the Information Manual is dated February 20, 2008 and has gone to print with these corrections.

**Item II. F: State Office Report** – Phyllis Odom, General Manager

State Office Manager, Phyllis Odom first apologized to those members waiting for corrected awards jackets and to those waiting for Judges jackets. Phyllis stated all indications have been

that the Judges jackets should be embroidered and shipped shortly. Phyllis also said CGA is on the hunt for a new embroiderer.

To date, CGA paid membership numbers total 2,722 members, up 286 since Convention. CGA is currently down approximately twenty (20) shows due to rain dates. Phyllis said she is looking for district packets and district contracts to be turned into the State Office. Technically a district is not sanctioned without their contract on file and can/will be suspended if their contracts are not turned in within 30 days.

Phyllis reported the overall awards program participation is up this year, especially in the ROC and Senior Elite Programs.

### **Item II. G: Presidential Re-Appointment** – Skip Hofman

President Skip Hofman explained one Director had stepped down, requiring him to fill the vacancy. Skip Hofman appointed Kori Cruz to the Director vacancy and asked for Board approval through vote.

The Board of Directors and District Delegates *Approved* the Presidential appointment.

With Board approval in hand, Skip proceeded to swear Kori Cruz into office.

## **III. Agenda Items - Committee Reports**

### **Item III. A: Master Judge Advisory Committee (MAC)** – Sheri Herchkorn

Sheri Herchkorn stated the Judges Test is nearing completion and the MAC is hoping to have it ready for use by next month (March '08). B.J. Hohman expressed her excitement about the new test, explaining the new test is very arena oriented and easy to look up answers in the rule book.

Sheri also discussed the importance of the booth functioning properly at district shows. The booth is one of the most important parts of running any show and show management needs to be absolutely certain the booth is being run properly. Sheri said this would be an area of focus for the MAC in the coming season because it seems to have surfaced as a problem. It seems people working the booth are being distracted in some instances resulting in errors in time recording.

Sheri then turned the floor over to Stan Janssen to re-present the pony certificate recommendation to the Board.

- 1. Pony Certificates/Permanent Pony Certificate:** Stan Janssen prefaced his presentation by stating he believed his re-presentation of the issue would have a lot more clarity and create less confusion. Stan made it very clear this only affects those riders who want to compete under the pony matrix for year end awards and at State sponsored shows. If a rider chooses not to have their 'pony' measured they can simply rider under the horse matrix and receive a horse award at the end of the show season. Stan also explained that district pony criteria may not conflict with CGA rules, but local district judges are allowed to measure ponies for district purposes only. The MAC is still suggesting that all pony measurements shall be done only by a Master Judge and any

pony that is not on the permanent pony list shall be measured each year. Stan read aloud the following suggested wording change (the exact same wording changes presented at the last BoD Meeting with the exception of one date change) in the Rule Book under Item 3.5 Pony Size (Bolded text is new, strikethrough text would be deleted):

Item 3.5: Pony Size

To qualify ~~for pony division a pony~~ **an animal to compete in a CGA Pony Division the animal** must measure **13.2 hands or** fifty-four (54") inches or less without shoes using a **CGA provided** rigid measuring stick that has a leveler built into the horizontal arm. An additional one-quarter (1/4") inch is allowed when a pony is shod. ~~Ponies are normally measured each year at the CGA State Championship Show to qualify as a pony for the following show season. All ponies must be certified by a CGA Master Judge annually and Any pony not measured at State Show can be measured and certified by any two CGA Judges. However, if that pony is determined to be within one (1) inch of the maximum size, the pony must be measured and certified by a CGA Master Judge. All Pony certificates expire at the end of State Show for the current season. Those animals that measure greater than 12.2 must be measured by two (2) Master Judges or one (1) Master Judge and the local Sr. Judge except for Permanent Pony Certificates. All CGA Districts must honor that certificate and accept the animal as a pony for the entire show season if they are using the CGA definition of a pony. Any pony which has been measured as a pony for four (4) consecutive years, or a pony which has reached the age of 7 years old and has been measured as a pony for two (2) consecutive years shall be issued a "Permanent Pony Certificate" by the CGA State Office, which exempts the pony from ever having to be measured again. All annual certificates must be submitted to the CGA Office by the certifying Master Judge. A copy should be given to the member for their records. Certificates are supplied to the Master Judges by the CGA Office.~~

The final decision to certify an animal as a CGA Pony lies with the Master Judge measuring the animal. The Master Judge Advisory Committee reserves the right to revoke any pony status if a majority of them feels that circumstances have changed since the certification was granted.

A CGA Permanent Pony status may be granted if the animal meets any one (1) of the following requirements;

1. The animal has Permanent status as of 2/23/08
2. A pony is measured less than 12.2 hands, the Master Judge is certain the animal will not grow and the Master Judge is willing to certify the animal as a Permanent Pony.
3. Any pony is measured greater than 12.2 hands but less than 13.2 hands consecutively for 3 years and the Master Judge is certain the animal will not grow and is willing to certify the animal as a Permanent Pony. These measurements must be taken by at least two different Master Judges or the same Master Judge and the local Sr. Judge.

and;

Proper documentation is provided to the CGA State Office. The required documentation includes notification by the certifying Master Judge to the State Office, and photos of the legs, face and any other significant markings

These authorizing documents and photos will serve as evidence of a CGA Permanent Pony when posted on the CGA website. CGA Permanent Pony certification is assigned to a specific animal and may be used by any member when competing. The certification remains with the animal regardless of ownership changes and does not require renewal.

Throughout the reading, Stan clarified and highlighted the important aspects of the changes, noting specifically: a) all ponies must be measured by a Master Judge annually; b) ponies measuring greater than 12.2 hands must be measured by two (2) Master Judges

or one (1) Master Judge and the local Sr. Judge; c) the MAC reserves the right to revoke any pony status if the majority agree; d) ponies can receive permanent status by meeting any one of the three criteria and e) pictures should be taken of the pony and filed so permanent pony status can be carried with the animal irregardless of owner.

**MOTION** by Phyllis Odom to approve the above Pony Measurement Proposal as presented by Stan Janssen. **Seconded** by Sue Engelhardt. **Discussion Followed.**

Dianna Merrick spoke in favor of the proposal, stating the pony measurement issue is an issue that needs to be addressed and the proposed changes would hopefully eliminate any lingering issues. Dianna felt that perhaps under the new guidelines, all ponies should be re-measured, even those who are currently on the permanent pony list. Meghan Abatti questioned how this affects ponies at the district level if no Master Judge is present. Stan responded that districts can certainly qualify an animal as a pony, but the animal must have proper certification to qualify to compete at State sanctioned shows and for year end awards under the pony matrix. One member questioned if the Master Judges would be traveling more in an effort to measure ponies. Sheri Herchkorn felt it was ultimately the responsibility of the rider and Master Judges would more than likely be willing to come to a district if specifically requested. Bob Perry believed those ponies on the permanent pony list should not be re-measured because there is already a clause to address any pony in question and the MAC reserves the right to revoke the certification.

**Call for the question** by Sue Engelhardt and **Seconded** by Christopher Rowles. **Passed.**

The above **MOTION PASSED.**

### **Item III. B: Jamboree 2008**

In light of the fact that no Jamboree 2008 would be held, there was nothing to report.

### **Item III. C: State Show 2008**

Brent Engelhardt, Skip Hofman and Phyllis Odom highlighted the following items regarding State Show 2008:

- Bolado Park is requiring that all dogs on the grounds have proof of a rabies vaccination. Management is currently working on the best way of verifying this information, most likely at check in where dogs will be issued some kind of tag.
- Only golf carts will be allowed on the grounds this year, absolutely no offroad vehicles will be allowed (i.e. Gators, Mules, Warriors, ect).
- Barrels will be run in the open arena on Monday, this will make for a very long day so all riders should be prepared.
- Districts should sign up to work an event with Patrick Hoffman.
- This year there will be a FC Pony class.
- Fees for the show are going up across the board: events, camping, stalls.
- Awards will be given out every day at a designated booth. The Queen and Court will be available for pictures at posted times.
- High Point awards will be given out on Friday at the Pavilion.
- Speed Barrels Novice Match Race has been added for Wednesday.

- Cornball Follies will be held this year, but CGA is asking that participants prepare quality acts. There is a chance that Cornball Follies will be eliminated in the future if the quality of performances doesn't improve.

Darlene Sandefur asked if districts should expect to be responsible for their event during Match Races as well. Janet Young responded that districts will need to provide two (2) judges for the gates, two (2) judges for the arena and two (2) workers for each arena. However, districts do not have to set up the events. Bob Bucks question whether districts should plan on bringing their own timers or if CGA had purchased timers. Stan Janssen responded that districts will need to bring their own timing equipment because CGA has not purchased timers due to their high cost. Sally Rivera-Lingafeldt is working on the Teen Activities again this year. Sally said she is working on new and improved activities and is looking for donations that will be used for purchasing prizes.

Meghan Abatti also wanted to highlight that riders must qualify to ride at State Show this year with the passing of the motion at the November 2007 BoD Meeting. Riders must rate FC to qualify to ride at State Show. Once a rider is qualified, they can ride any horse at State Show, irregardless of the horse they 'qualified' with. A brief discussion followed about whether the intent and passing of the motion was that just a 'rider' must qualify FC, or if a 'horse and rider combination' must qualify FC. Meghan Abatti believed it was just the 'rider' themselves with no particular horse combination. Phyllis Odom explained the software system can not track a FC rating for just the 'rider' without there being a 'horse and rider combination.' Because Meghan had a different understanding of the motion's intent, the November minutes reflected her understanding as the Secretary. Sally Rivera-Lingafeldt believed that the November Minutes should be amended to reflect the true intent of the motion. Parliamentarian Stacey Rivera explained the true intent of the motion must come from its originator, Sheri Herchkorn. How the minutes read may be debatable, but what matters is if the majority feel they voted based upon the correct or incorrect intent of the motion. Sheri Herchkorn stated her intent was for a 'horse and rider combination' to qualify for State Show, but she understood how Meghan could have thought the motion was oriented towards 'rider' qualification.

**MOTION** by Sally Rivera-Lingafeldt to amend the November Minutes to reflect the intent of Item V.D: Rider Qualification for State Show. **Seconded** by Dianna Merrick.

**Discussion Followed.**

Stan Janssen asked how many people present felt they had voted incorrectly after listening to the explanation of the true intent of Sheri's motion. Only Meghan Abatti and one other member felt they had misunderstood the intent of the motion, however that would not have changed how either voted. With this in mind the Parliamentarian and the Board felt there was no need to go back and amend the minutes, but that Sheri Herchkorn should write a small article for the newspaper to clarify what it means for a rider to qualify to ride at State Show.

**MOTION Withdrawn** by Sally-Rivera Lingafeldt and **Seconded** by Dianna Merrick.

The President called for a fifteen (15) minute break at 10:36 am. The meeting was called back to order at 10:53am.

#### IV. Agenda Items – Old Business

##### **Item IV. A: Hurry Scurry Pole Dimensions** – Lea deMontigny

This item was tabled at the November General Meeting with the exact dimensions of the Hurry Scurry poles to be presented and voted upon by the Board with the intention of the poles fitting securely into the center supports. Sally Rivera-Lingafeldt stated that Lea deMontigny had asked her to withdraw the motion due to her absence.

With the item withdrawn, a new 30 day notice/proposal must be provided for the item to make it back on the agenda and available for vote.

##### **Item IV. B: Awards Program Fees and Ride Fees** – Stan Janssen

Stan Janssen stated that a formal recommendation from the Board of Governors would be presented at the State Show Board of Directors Meeting.

#### V. Agenda Items – New Business

##### **Item V. A: Approval to Remove Software ‘License Key’** – Phyllis Odom

Phyllis Odom explained the license key is essentially an expiration date written into the CGA software to prevent people from taking the program and using it elsewhere. This license key expires annually (following State Show) and requires all districts to renew their license to continue using the software in the upcoming season. Phyllis believes CGA no longer needs this feature in the program because it creates several problems amongst districts every year.

*MOTION* by Phyllis Odom to remove the license key from the software so it no longer expires. *Seconded* by Michele Easel. *Discussion Followed.*

Roger Odom pointed out that a cost would certainly be associated with this change. Phyllis Odom stated the change would have a very minimal cost of roughly \$100.00. Bob Perry questioned if there were any legal matters to consider with changing the software. Roger Odom responded that CGA owns the rights to the software so there would be no issues in making the change. One member asked why the license key creates so many headaches each year. Phyllis Odom explained the State Office has to mail the new license key to each district and then the district has a certain amount of time to make the updates. If the district misses their window of opportunity they have to call the office to get a new key and the key changes daily.

*Call for the question* by Sue Engelhardt and *Seconded* by Dianna Merrick. *Passed.*

The above *MOTION PASSED.*

##### **Item V. B: Flag Specifications (Figure 8 Flags)** – Dianna Merrick

Dianna Merrick discussed the idea of making the fabric size of the flags smaller to prevent excess fabric from lying in the sand. Dianna felt that reducing the flag size would reduce the number of riders that stab the fabric and get a ‘No Time’ because the flag does not stay in the

bucket. Dianna explained that the flag could be changed into a pendant shape that still has the same width from the stake itself, but would reduce the excess fabric.

***MOTION*** by Dianna Merrick to change the fabric on the flags into a pendant.  
***Seconded*** by Bob Bucks. ***Discussion Followed.***

Stan Janssen believed this was a motion that could not be voted on by the Board of Directors because it was proposing a rule change. Rather the item needed to first pass through the Rules and Judges Sub Committee Meeting and then the general membership. Stan encouraged open discussion regarding the issue and felt the motion would have a tough time making it out of the Sub Committee Meeting. Dianna Merrick requested the item be placed on the Rules and Judges Meeting agenda. Several members spoke against the idea of altering the flags, arguing that there was no need to decrease the skill level of the event and history has proven that riders can be very successful with the event 'as is.'

**Item V. C: Queen and Court Application and Expectations** – Danna Herchkorn

Danna Herchkorn explained the new expectations she was about to present were based upon research from the applications and expectations of other horse groups (i.e. rodeo). Danna said that if passed, the Queen and Court, along with each girl's parents, would need to sign a contract outlining the exact expectations of the girls in the coming show season. Danna highlighted the following qualifications/expectations from her proposal: candidates must be a member in good standing for at least two years, candidates could not be married or divorced or become married during their commitment, candidates could not become pregnant during their commitment, the girls must attend either Spring or Northern Classic, State Show and Convention and be helpful at these events, girls should maintain good personal hygiene, dress appropriately, have no inappropriate tattoos or piercings and wear natural looking make-up. The proposed contract included an agreement that if the expectations were not properly met any girl would be asked to resign her title and immediately give her buckle, sash and crown (if applicable) back. If they did not return these items they would no longer be a member in good standing. Danna also believed it would be nice for CGA to pay for the girl's annual membership and provide them with dinner at Convention.

***MOTION*** by Danna Herchkorn to accept the new qualifications, rules and regulations and expectations, as well as have CGA pay for the Court's yearly membership and dinner at Convention. ***Seconded*** by Phyllis Odom. ***Discussion Followed.***

Phyllis Odom highlighted that approving the motion would mean CGA paying for family memberships in most instances. To clarify the potential monetary figures Danna clarified that only five (5) princesses and one (1) queen would be selected for the court. Stacey Rivera was hesitant to vote on the motion without seeing a written proposal and was concerned that some of the expectations were too subjective. Dianna Merrick also felt some of the expectations were too subjective and should be left up to parental discretion. However Dianna agreed that the Queen and Court should be held more accountable at State functions. Sue Engelhardt felt the new qualifications and expectations would potentially be opening CGA up for a legal suit (discrimination). Debbie Frates explained that her daughter was a rodeo queen and had signed a contract that stated in the event she was to become pregnant she would hand over her crown to the next appropriate girl, Debbie felt perhaps this was more appropriate wording for the contract. Debbie did speak against the subjectivity of some of the expectations, stating that 'appropriate'

in any manner, whether behavior, tattoos or piercings should be left to the parents. Meghan Abatti recognized the intent of Danna's motion and work (to make the Court as presentable as possible) but agreed that several items were too subjective and left to only one person's opinion – the Queen Liaison. Meghan suggested perhaps Danna be more specific and objective with the expectations and contract. Phyllis Odom believed that changing the age back to younger candidates would help eliminate several of the concerns from the prior year. Stan Janssen asked that Danna pull some of those items the room felt were too controversial and perhaps rework the proposal to bring back to the next Board of Directors meeting. Phyllis Odom highlighted that if Danna were to represent her proposal at the next Board meeting the new qualifications and expectations would not take affect until the next show season. Sheri Herchkorn felt the proposal was not too far off the beaten path because most of the items came from other organizations (and big money organizations). Sheri believed asking for a paid membership and dinner at Convention was not too much to ask considering how much the girls do throughout the year. Sally Rivera-Lingafeldt suggested the BoD approve the intent for there to be a signed contract and guidelines, but let the final wording go to the April Board of Governors meeting for final vote/approval.

***Call for the question*** by Bob Perry and ***Seconded*** by Andy Korgh. ***Passed.***

The above ***MOTION FAILS.***

***MOTION*** by Sally Rivera-Lingafeldt to approve the intent of what Danna Herchkorn has done with the final package approval going to the BoG in April. ***Seconded*** by Christopher Rowles. ***Discussion Followed.***

Sue Engelhardt questioned what would happen if the BoG did not approve the 'final package,' the answer was the old process would remain. Lesa Hofman felt CGA should retain the existing guidelines and let Danna work with the girls individually. Lesa did feel that CGA paying for the girl's meal at Convention and even State Show was not asking too much for what the girls contribute throughout the year. Several members spoke in favor of the Queen Liaison just working with the girls individually to ensure appropriateness until a new proposal could be presented.

***Call for the question*** by Sue Engelhardt and ***Seconded*** by Dave Bach. ***Passed.***

The above ***MOTION FAILS.***

Sheri Herchkorn asked show CGA felt about the non-compliance from the girls with the current qualifications and expectations. Skip Hofman believed that a proactive Queen Liaison would help solve the non-compliance issues. Danna Herchkorn asked who she should go to if she has an issue with any member of the Court. Stan Janssen stated either he or Skip Hofman would be available to help.

#### **Item V. D: State Sub Committee Meetings** – Phyllis Odom

Phyllis Odom and Stan Janssen discussed the idea of having one (1) General Meeting and to drop the Sub Committee Meetings (By-Laws, Rules and Judges, Riders Meetings). The reasoning behind this was so all members would know exactly where to present their ideas and they would not get confused or lost in the Sub Committee Meetings, and all members would know what was

on the General Meeting agenda already because items now have to be submitted 30 days prior to the meeting to make it as a voting item. If CGA were to have only one General Meeting and no Sub Committee Meetings the meeting would likely last longer, but the items would not need to be re-discussed and explained in two different meetings.

Andy Krogh asked how this would affect any potential rule changes, would the general membership be able to present and pass a rule without the Judges weighing in and passing a proposal out of a Sub Committee Meeting. Meghan Abatti felt that combining the Riders Meeting and the By-Laws Meeting was fine, but felt the Rules and Judges Meeting served an important purpose. Meghan argued that the Rules and Judges Meeting is important because only Judges can vote items out of the committee meeting they feel are appropriate rule changes and perhaps rule changes shouldn't be left to the General Membership's sole discretion. Bob Perry felt the meetings could be run as one continuous meeting and organized into three (3) separate sections (By-Laws, Rules and Judges, Riders Meetings). After listening to the concerns of those who spoke, Stan Janssen made the following motion:

**MOTION** by Stan Janssen to combine the Sub Committee Meetings into one (1) meeting with the Rules and Judges Meeting being first and only Judges vote; and then continue into the General Meeting. **Seconded** by Belinda Harms.

**Discussion Followed.**

Stan Janssen clarified that all items from the Rules and Judges Meeting would carry straight to the general membership for final vote and would be run as one continuous meeting. Some members were concerned that if the items were first voted on by the Judges and then passed to the general membership in one group, members would miss the discussion from the Rules and Judges Meeting. Most felt the members would be present at the meeting because they would know the agenda items in advance and if the items were of importance they would be present to voice their opinion during the discussion. A brief discussion continued regarding the appropriateness of combining the Sub Committee Meetings in the proposed structure. Stan Janssen asked that the Board at least give the proposed meeting structure a try to see how it would work.

**Call for the question** by Stan Janssen and **Seconded** by Robert Frates. **Passed.**

The above **MOTION PASSED.**

Phyllis Odom asked for the Board of Governor's permission to invite the entire meeting room to the lunch. Phyllis explained that CGA pays for the Board and Delegate lunches but very few people had called to say they would be attending the meeting and to plan on them for lunch. Because of this, Phyllis planned on sixty (60) lunches and there were certainly not sixty (60) people present. Stan Janssen and Skip Hofman both approved.

## **VI. Agenda Items – District Reports**

The following district representatives gave brief reports regarding their district happenings: 1, 4, 6, 8, 14, 18, 19, 26, 32, 33, and 40. Districts reported about their schedules following the winter,

rider attendance and show series. All districts seemed to be doing well and were looking forward to their upcoming schedules.

## **VII. Agenda Items – Other Issues, Comments & Concerns**

- 1. Hurry Scurry:** Dave Bach asked that with the Hurry Scurry item withdrawn from the agenda should the jumps remain as prescribed in the Rule Book? Sheri Herchkorn answered ‘yes,’ the jumps should be constructed as prescribed in the Rule Book.
- 2. Equine Affaire:** Robert Krogh asked how the Board and CGA felt about having a booth at the Equine Affaire event down South. Phyllis Odom asked that Sue Engelhardt write a proposal for the BoG to look at the cost and opportunity for CGA. Sue Engelhardt said she knew off hand the cost was \$400.00 for a booth and the event would provide a great opportunity for CGA to showcase itself. Patrick Hoffmann pointed out that both Paso Robles and Sacramento have similar events where CGA could showcase itself.

## **VIII. Agenda Items – Next Meeting Date**

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held at State Show/Bolado Park on July 26, 2008 following the completion of Set-Ups.

## **IX. Agenda Items – Adjournment**

*MOTION* to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Perry and *Seconded* by Joanne Galbraith. *MOTION CARRIES.*

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Abatti  
CGA Secretary