

CGA Board of Directors Meeting

November 22, 2009

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

**Appointed Board
Members**

		Present/Absent
Megan Abatti	2009/2010-2010-2011	Present
Lea Legnon	2009/2010-2010/2011	Present
Tiffany Bisordi	2009/2010	Present
Rick Long	2009/2010-2010/2011	Present
Barry Rahn	2009/2010-2010/2011	Present
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 Debra Jasper	Absent	27 Kelly Croffoot	Present
2 Phyllis Odom	Present	14 Margo Abatti	Present	30 Joe Brill	Absent
4 Bev Hampton	Present	15 Randy Young	Present	32 Debbie Frates	Present
5 Terres Borrosso	Absent	17 Kelly Pierce	Present	33 Robert Krogh	Present
6 Tammy Bach	Absent	18 Belinda Harms	Present	35 Cindy Hoffman	Absent
7 Timmi Lemen	Present	19 Kelly Centano	Present	40 Nathan Rowles	Absent
8 Christine Jones	Present	20 Rita Newell	Absent	45	
9 Rebekah Crill	Present	21 Doug Verseput	Absent	49 Ellen Carr	Present
10 Claudia Payne	Absent	22 Cathy Coogan	Absent	50 Bob Bucks	Present
11 Paula Coffman-Johs	Absent	23 Virginia Leighton	Present		

Meeting was called to order by President, Skip Hofman, at 9:16am

I. Opening & Introductory Comments – President, Skip Hofman & Vice President, Robert Frates.

The president, Skip Hofman, welcomed everyone to the Board of Directors meeting. Vice President, Robert Frates, read the rules of conduct. The meeting rules of conduct remind all in attendance that members have a right to speak and be respected throughout the meeting. Members should state their name to assist the Secretary with the minutes

and keep comments to three (3) minutes for each item. In addition members should speak in order and only when recognized, keeping side conversations and personal comments to themselves.

II. Appointments

a. Presidents Appointments

President, Skip Hofman, made the following appointments:

Northern Vice President: Dianna Malley

Southern Vice President: Sue Engelhardt

Central Vice President: Christopher Rowles

Appointed Directors: Lea Legnon, Barry Rahn, Bret Long, Allyson Shiffar, Tiffany Bisordi (replacing Christopher Rowles), Meghan Abatti

Parliamentarian: Stacey Rivera

Queen Liaison: Danna Herchkorn

Opened floor for discussion, no discussion

MOTION by Phyllis Odom to accept presidential appointments. Seconded by Bob Bucks.

MOTION PASSED

III. Board of Governor Report & Election

a. Board of Governor Appointment – Sherri Herchkorn

Sherri Herchkorn, on behalf of the BOG, discussed what the BOG expects from a member on the BOG. Sherri stated that discretion, confidentiality, willingness to travel, ability to receive phone calls and return emails were part of their responsibilities.

President, Skip Hofman, opened the floor for discussion and nominations.

- a. Sue Engelhardt, nominated Dianna Malley for BOG, Sue stated that Dianna Malley is an active rider along with her family, she will make excellent contributions to CGA and she forms her own opinion.
- b. Shannon Rahn nominated Any Krogh, Shannon stated that Andy is a master judge, involved in CGA at a state level, judges and works hard. Andy Krogh added that he has never missed a meeting since being involved in CGA.
- c. Tammy Bach nominated Randy Young, Tammy stated that Randy was straight forward, honest and has been involved in CGA for a long time.

Skip Hofman offered the nominees to come and discuss themselves and their qualifications.

1. Dianna Malley stated that she has been in CGA 20+ years, she has only missed one state show while pregnant, and that all her kids ride. She added that she tries to make every meeting and has some new ideas and can be an asset to the organization.
2. Andy Krogh stated that he has been around CGA for 5-7 years, he enjoys CGA, his parents, sisters, and girlfriend ride. Andy enjoys the family atmosphere and he has the time and energy to dedicate to being on the BOG and will commit to needs of BOG.
3. Randy Young stated that he is a master judge, he runs the match races at state show, he has been involved with CGA since his daughter was old enough to ride a horse, he can't recall any meetings that he has missed, he hasn't missed a state show, has worked a lot of positions within CGA, he is familiar about how it is run, he is a strong supporter of CGA a family organization and he is the president of district 15.

Skip Hofman asked the three nominees to go outside while we discussed their abilities and qualifications. (Nominees left room)

Discussion:

Sue Englehardt, spoke about Dianna Malley bringing a different perspective, she is an active rider and she has kids that ride the spectrum of CGA. Sue stated that Dianna brings a different view point, she has run a district and travels to various shows. Sue added that she has worked with her a state level, competed against her and she feels Dianna brings what's best for CGA and has no personal agenda. Dave Bach spoke about Randy Young, added that match races are intense, Randy is knowledgeable, always puts his best foot forward and his daughter is an accomplished rider. Andy stated that Randy has a good grasp of things and amazing knowledge. Ellen Carr spoke about Dianna Malley, Ellen stated that Dianna will vote her conscious, will listen, will disagree, will not hold a grudge and she votes for what she truly believes is right for all riders. Bob Krogh spoke on behalf of Any Krogh, Bob stated that Andy does work with a passion, he is on the computer every ten minutes and he has a passion for CGA. He doesn't ride in CGA, however Andy does trail ride. He added that Andy feels great about the organization and would like to put his time into it, he will do it with a passion. Rebecca Crill spoke about Andy Krogh, she stated that he strikes her as the steadiest personality of the three candidates, seems to be level headed, doesn't get involved personally

which tends to be something she is looking for on BOG, someone to stay level headed. Belinda Harms spoke on behalf of Any Krogh, Belinda stated that Andy is level headed, listens to everything that needs to be done, and will bring new ideas to BOG. Skip Hofman spoke about the importance of confidentiality and the ability to answer questions via email and phone, sometimes 3-4 hours long. If someone can't get back to someone within the same day it will not work, the BOG can't wait 3-4 days and you are ineffective as a BOG. Phyllis Odom spoke about typically not nominating people, she mentioned that she is at the BOG meetings taking minutes; she feels Dianna Malley has some different things to offer to the BOG, as a rider. Not being partial to Dianna, she personally feels that what she brings could really be refreshing to the BOG.

Stacey Rivera and Lesa Hofman passed out ballots, Skip directed that only the District Delegates, BOD and BOG vote. Delegates, BOG and BOD voted by secret ballot.

Skip Hofman, President, pointed out problem with the nomination process that would have to be addressed. Dave Bach (who nominated Randy Young) is not allowed to nominate Randy Young as Dave Bach is not a member of the BOD, Tammy Bach stood and nominated Randy Young.

VOTE: President, Skip Hofman, announced that Dianna Malley was voted onto the Board of Governors.

IV. Reports

a. **Vice Presidents Reports** – Vice President, Robert Frates, no report

b. **Secretary's Report** – Spring Krogue

a. Spring Krogue received BOD minutes from July 25, 2009 that were prepared by prior secretary, Meghan Abatti, the minutes were distributed to all in attendance. Spring noted that on page 6, there was an important change to Policy Manual that was presented and passed.

MOTION by Phyllis Odom to accept minutes as presented. Seconded by Sue Engelhardt. Motion Passed, Secretary Report Accepted.

c. **Treasurer's Report** – Lesa Hofman

a. Lesa stated that as of 11/13/09 CGA has \$125,824 in the bank account. Lesa informed us that financially CGA is doing well at the moment, she presented a P & L summary to those in attendance for review. State show netted \$18,744.25 for 2009, due to a higher than expected rider count and the fact that the BOG and show management were able to cut expenses. Lesa concluded that as of today CGA has a net profit of 9,434.14 and at this time last year CGA was at a \$10,000 loss.

Discussion:

Rebecca Crill asked about the budget vs. actual for state show, she wanted to know why there was a difference. Lesa stated that they only anticipated 220 riders and they hit 300 riders also Phyllis Odom was able to cut award costs for saddles and high point. Rider count being up helped state show.

MOTION by Bob Bucks to accept the treasures report. Seconded by Joanne Galbraith. Motion Passed, Treasurers Report Accepted.

d. **Governing Board Report** – Sherri Herchkorn

a. Sherri stated that 9/20/09 was the BOG's last formal meeting, all members were in attendance along with Treasurer, Lesa Hofman, to go over the budget. Sherri stated that they discussed how well state show did, they were worried that the rider count would be down. They also discussed senior elite awards and discussed filling the open position on the BOG at the November 22, 2009 meeting. The BOG discussed promoting CGA through Equine Fair and Horse Expo at Pomona, CA in February. They discussed the newspaper, which will be discussed today as well as convention for 2010, Phyllis will make the plans for convention. The BOG reviewed and renewed the Bolado Park contract. The BOG renewed Phyllis Odom's contract, it had been a three year term, the contract can be ended at any time, it is an open ended contract therefore they changed to a one year open ended contract. The BOG discussed ROC pictures and approved the new judges test and distributed it to the MAC.

Discussion:

Ellen Carr questioned why we haven't thanked the person who rewrote the judges test, she thought we should perhaps publish a letter thanking her for her work. Shannon Rahn discussed the person, she stated that she doesn't want to be publicly recognized for her

work. The BOG will send a thank you letter. Sherri commended her again for her work, but explained she didn't want acknowledgement.

e. **State Office Report** – Phyllis Odom, General Manager

- a. Phyllis discussed membership, there are 2,506 members to date, total shows to date are 87. She asked for the districts that can and have the ability to, please book dates. Phyllis noted that nearly 1/3 of districts do not have their show dates in. Eight districts do not have their new contract and district personnel information submitted. Phyllis added that the BOD meeting will be in Fresno, March 6, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel.

Discussion:

Sue Engelhardt asked when next BOD meeting will be, Phyllis stated again that it would be on March 6, 2010. Rebecca Crill asked if of the 2,500 memberships they were individuals or family memberships. Phyllis clarified that they were total member count. Bob Bucks stated that she did the wrong statistical report for the districts; Phyllis will print the corrected report and send to each district after Thanksgiving. Sue Engelhardt asked if the report could be published to website rather than mail. Phyllis said she would have to scan and publish several pages for each district. Ellen Carr asked if there were any new districts forming. Phyllis stated that district 2 is a newly from district running in Ceres, it was previously district 26. She added that district 40 is in limbo.

V. **Committee Reports**

a. Master Judge Advisory Committee (MAC) – Shannon Rahn

- a. Shannon discussed the MAC meeting from yesterday, the new test is complete. A lot of work went in and they are very proud and she thanks BOG for sending out the tests in the new booklet form. Shannon stated the new test is much more user friendly. There is a letter going out to all CGA carded judges regarding the active/inactive status of judges. The letter will give judges 30 days to contact their Master Judge and notify them of their active/inactive status. Several new rules, Shannon will write them up in judge's corner for January, she will also send to Sally, webmaster, to place on the website. Phyllis said if she could get it by Wednesday, Phyllis can include in December paper. Sally noted that she is not webmaster, Phyllis is and she is her assistant. Parliamentarian, Stacy Rivera, will making changes and updated the rule book. BOG, pending approval, will send out new rule book around February. Questions for judge corner, please direct to Shannon. Sally will make a link on website where you can click for judges corner.

Discussion:

Virginia Leighton asked if the judges test was still open book, Shannon answered yes, all four books can be used, it is multiple choice and true/false. Tom Reynolds asked about active judges, is there a minimum number of events required to judge. Shannon stated that there wasn't at this point, this is the first step.

b. **State Show 2009** – Skip Hofman & Brent Engelhardt

- a. Brent stated that there was an 18K profit for state show 2009, he thought state show did well which in part was due to the districts, and he thanked the districts. Brent asked for delegates to start working on getting workers confirmed for state show 2010. Brent talked about the Pretty in Pink, there was \$1,000 raised via raffle for breast cancer awareness. State show planning for 2010 is underway. Rick and Cynthia Long were the concierges helping with camping and parking; he thanked them and said it worked great. 300 riders and attendance was up. Brent discussed dogs; there was a real problem with dogs running around. Expect further changes to the dog policy.

Discussion:

Roger Odom stated that Bolado Park received a grant from state of CA and they are making improvements. Phyllis Odom stated that the hook ups along the fence will have sewer, power and water. Christopher Rowles asked if they are going to work with us and take in our needs. Skip Hofman stated that they met with the Bolado Park management and showed them where we would like power and water and they are taking our needs it into consideration.

Five minute break - President, Skip Hofman called meeting back to order at 10:33am

VI. **Old Business (Voting)**

- a. Stacy Rivera discussed an issue regarding policy revisions that the committee did back in August 2009, items were unclear, terms used differently throughout and wording that needed clarification. It has been brought up that there are areas that they would not have necessarily clarified the way that they did. Sentences added that delegates are not a member of the ruling body, they spelled it out...however, the ruling body is listed as the one who changes the policy manual, they added a sentence that delegates can vote on general items. Bylaws state that delegate is not a member of board of directions but should have one vote equal for that meeting only. Interpretation varies, some felt that each delegate has an individual vote, others feel that they are an active board member for the meeting, if they are acting as a director (temporarily) they would fall under the ruling body otherwise they would only vote on general voting issues. Stacy stated that only the board would be allowed to vote on policy manual changes, if delegates are an acting director for the meeting, then they would get a vote on everything that comes up. Policy manual needs clarification, she would like have a sentence added that shows exactly who gets to vote on what.

Discussion:

Phyllis Odom clarified that bylaws are the number one document; policy manual should specifically state that a delegate has an equal vote only on membership items, when it states an equal vote then they should vote on everything that the board votes on. The delegates are the voice for the members and the organization as a whole. Members agreed. Lesa Hofman stated that they were looking at it as the district delegate will change from meeting to meeting, they can vote on something one way and then another delegate for the district can come in and change the policy manual that was already changed previously. The Policy Manual was done by BOD and the district delegates are there at the meeting for their district. Meghan Abatti helped with the committee that worked on this, she said their intent was never to contradict the bylaws, along with what Lesa said, the district delegate wasn't in there, she wanted to clarify what comes next, when do they have a vote. District delegate's change all the time, yes they represent the general membership, but they felt people who are elected and appointed to the board are there to make those changes; she wanted the delegates to be up to speed. Andy Krogh understands the district delegates changing, but if the delegate goes back to their district and the new person is elected, they should be able to have their voice heard. Dianna Malley, agrees, the intention is that the delegate should be representing their district, they should send a knowledgeable, well informed person who votes on their districts behalf. Sue Engelhardt agrees. Phyllis Odom, read a different interpretation, the delegates are not part of the BOD.

Stacy Rivera clarified that we are not discussing what should be, but what it already is, what it is read to be. Andy Krogh asked, under the policy manual it states who can vote and how many members it takes. Could a policy manual change go to the general membership meeting? Stacy River said no, that was an error. Phyllis Odom stated that delegate gets an equal vote but they are not a member of the BOD. The BOD controls the policy. Megan Abatti stated that the BOD owns the policy and it states the delegates are not a part the ruling body.

Sue Engelhardt feels it needs to be updated, they are asking delegates to be here and they should have a vote.

Sally Rivera-Lingafeldt, the fourth person on committee, stated that they were in all different directions, agreeing that the statement saying they are not part of BOD took precedence. Phyllis Odom stated she is not against delegates, she feels the change needs to be made in the bylaws for clarification, and document cannot be changed until next year at convention. Sue Engelhardt asked why they were able to vote on BOG nomination; Stacy Rivera clarified and stated it was in the bylaws. Bev Hampton asked, if we are not changing anything, what is the actual application, have they been voting on policy, group answered no. Dianna Malley stated that perhaps they are offering an out, if we interpret that the delegates should vote on everything, then it is what we interpret. Phyllis Odom stated that they get an equal vote, but are not a member of the BOD. Stacy Rivera stated that as parliamentarian, she is a member of the BOD and has no vote. "The delegate is not a member of the board of directors but should have one vote equal to the BOD." Sherri Herchkorn agrees and it needs to be on the next agenda to amend the bylaws, she is in agreement that it is ambiguous, but her feeling is that they have a vote in meeting on everything. Phyllis Odom's interpretation would be that delegates would not be part of a special BOD meeting if held.

POLL. President, Skip Hofman, polled the board members and delegates. Results in poll indicated that a majority of people feel that the delegates will be allowed to vote.
AGENDA ITEM for NEXT MEETING

b. **Jamboree 2010 & Future Dates** – Dianna Malley

a. Dianna discussed jamboree, and her idea is that everyone goes to Jamboree, Northern Classic, State and then done, no big shows. She wanted to spread out the year a bit with the state shows, hoping that there would be a state sponsored show in the fall. Few people leave state and go to first show and sign up for yearend awards, moving Jamboree to the fall would start generating money early on in the calendar year.

Discussion:

Phyllis Odom stated that CGA generates ½ of the income between state show and convention, people sign up for their awards early. Issue for her is that the years it is in the north we will be taking revenue from the districts who will not be able to run on the weekend of Jamboree. Sue Engelhardt would like to see Jamboree in October and in 2010/2011 she will put forth her district to host Jamboree. Phyllis is concerned with the districts losing revenue in the fall from districts. Kori Taggart-Cruz, stated that there are 5 weekends in October 2010. Shannon Rahn added that a lot of northern districts can't run in March, but can in October, an October date would allow for Northern districts to host. Ellen Carr stated that she is from the north, their district would be willing to move their big shows and allow for Jamboree in the fall. Kelly Centano stated that she liked moving it to the end of October. Rebecca Crill asked about statistics of how many districts run in the north in October. Phyllis responded that a lot of northern districts have Halloween shows. Joanna Galbraith noted that they have 2 big arenas in Bakersfield. Sherri Herchkorn clarified that there is a 200 mile radius for shows. Megan Abatti stated that there will be a bigger jamboree if you do it in the fall because horses are going to be in shape and ready to compete, she feels we should give it a try and districts will accommodate. Margo Abatti stated that they had a labor day a show and they had a huge turn out because horses are in shape. Sue Engelhardt stated the reality is that it will be in the south the first year this is implemented. Dianna Malley wanted to reiterate that in March there are very few northern districts that can host jamboree. Allyson Shiffar stated that having it in October it would be financially easier. Andy Krogh stated that their arena isn't available in October. Timmi Lemen stated that facility availability has nothing to do with changing the show date, it isn't an issue.

Randy Young, called for the question, 2nd by Megan Abatti. MOTION PASSED

Discussion:

Phyllis Odom brought up that there will be 2 jamborees for 2009/2010. March of 2010 will be in the North and October 2010 will be in the South. Dianna Malley stated that the South cannot run on the 1st weekend of October. Sue Engelhardt would like 2010 October Jamboree to be in the 5th weekend.

MOTION by Dianna Malley, Host Jamboree the last weekend in October in the South and the first weekend in October when it is in the north. Seconded by Sue Engelhardt. MOTION PASSED

c. **Board Term Limits** – Marta Weststeyn

a. Marta Weststeyn discussed the idea to limit the number of consecutive terms a member can hold an elected or appointed position on the Board of Directors and/or Board of Governors.

Discussion:

Ellen Carr asked when this will be instituted. Marta Weststeyn stated that it should start at this election. Skip Hofman stated that technically he could have another two year term after his current term. Barry Rahn clarified joining midterm. Skip Hofman added a scenario on the BOG regarding the vacancy of Michelle's position and stated that this would make it harder for appointments. Lesa Hofman asked what if there was a lack of qualified candidates, then what. Meghan Abatti feels that if they implement this will it really encourage the rotation of people. Rebecca Crill wanted to poll people at table to see who would be out. Phyllis Odom is concerned that there are positions in which people have to have certain qualifications, what would happen then? Debbie Frates stated that presently anyone can run for office. Virginia Leighton mentioned that on a local way of doing things, they allow officers to stay for

two years; if they want to run then the membership would vote 2/3 to see if they can run for the position again. Arlene Tsuji stated that she feels getting the people who are truly interested is what is best for CGA. Sherri Herchkorn added that she understands the intent, she has been in one position for a long time, she feels if people do not want someone in then they need to vote them out. She added that the vote is the vote, that it is the membership saying who they want to run our organization.

Christopher Rowels, called for question, Joanne Galbraith seconded, passed.

MOTION by Marta Weststeyn. A continuous term limit put on the Board of Director, Nominated and Appointed Officers and Board of Governor Positions.

Limits: **2 years term Elected or Appointed Board of Directors – 2 continuous terms (4 years max) then the option to move to another position or wait one year to re-run for a Board of Director position**
 2 Year Term Elected Official – 2 continuous terms (4 years max) then the option to move to another position or wait one year to re-run for the current position
 4 Year Term Board of Governor Position – 1 term (4 years max) then the option to move to another position or wait one year to re-run for the current position.

SPECIFIC POSITIONS THAT WOULD NOT HAVE TERM LIMITS

Treasurer – This position is more of a CGA funds watchdog, does not have actual money access, and needs to have full understanding of how money is spent and proper accounting. Their financial opinions matter to the functioning of CGA and in the event we have a person in this position who proves to be willing and capable to continue on, we feel it is important we keep them in the position for CGA's benefit. The Board of Directors should be comfortable with this person enough to look to them for financial advice on new ventures or money issues and use their opinion or advice when making financial decisions for CGA.

Committee Appointments – The term limits policy will not effect appointment the MAC, BOG or BOD make as a group, ie, Committee Chairs.

LACK OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES OPTION

In the event an election is held where there are not enough qualified and willing candidates, the Board of Directors can vote to extend the terms for the positions which cannot be filled by an election. Motion seconded by Sue Engelhardt. MOTION FAILED.

15 Minute Break, Skip Hofman, President, called the meeting back to order.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Newspaper – Skip Hofman (Proposal to reinstate the \$50/month district newspaper fee)

Discussion:

Andy Krogh asked if the \$50 fee will pay for the newspaper. Lesa Hofman stated that we will be nearly equal if not in the hole by \$60. Allison Shiffar asked if districts could vote to decide if they want the newspaper or not. Sue Engelhardt stated that districts are paying for the newspaper, is CGA willing to cut district cost to \$25? Sherri Herchkorn stated that the reason they put it back to the districts was to avoid tacking on the fees to something else, ride fees, membership fees, etc. Rebecca Crill stated that \$600 a year is ¼ of their profit, she would like to see CGA pick up some of that cost. Dianna Malley is against a fee increase to anyone other than the districts and would like to see the newspaper reinstated. Stacy Rivera questioned about how the paper would be distributed? Phyllis clarified that one would go to each membership and 10 to each district. Phyllis can't print less than 4,000 copies. Dana Herchkorn stated that her district would offer to sponsor a smaller district. Morgan Easel stated that her district sends a mass email/newsletter. Dave Bach stated that his district would like to see the paper return. Belinda Harms stated that district 10 is small; they are unable to afford the fee. Lea Legnon stated all information is available at the website though some people don't have email/internet access. Perhaps bigger district can step up and sponsor other districts. Meghan Abatti added that it is financially reasonable; she mentioned perhaps clubs could raise their grounds fee up \$1 or other fundraisers.

Phyllis Odom stated that she is not opposed to CGA paying ½ but will have to figure out how to cover the 9K. She feels the paper is a big part of the integrity of CGA; it is an example of what this club is about. Allison Shiffar stated she comes from a small district with a small membership base. The people who don't have internet access are the ones that want the newspaper. She would like to see the member's option to pay for the newspaper if the individuals want it. Matt Mazza stated that we could save on cost if we eliminate the 10 that go to district and perhaps give the people the option to opt out of receiving the newspaper via mail. Sue Engelhardt stated that there is over a 22K CGA profit and she wants to know if the money can come from there. Marta Weststeyn said that the members should pay for it. Dianna Malley stated that it isn't an option for members to opt out of receiving the paper. Bob Bucks asked if we could go to a different format of newspaper. Shannon Rahn called for Question, Joanne Galbraith seconded.

- i. CGA will start mailing the newspaper in February. Districts will begin paying in February 2010.

MOTION by Skip Hofman: Reinstate the printing and distribution of the newspaper and charge a \$50/month district newspaper fee. 2nd by Joanne Galbraith. MOTION PASSED

MOTION by Phyllis Odom. The monies due and the paper is to start printing and begin being mailed starting March 2010. 2nd by Dianna Malley. MOTION PASSED

- b. Eligibility to run for CGA Offices or Board of Directors - Phyllis Odom (No member shall be qualified to run for the Board of Governors, Board of Directors, Officers or be in a President's appointed position if they have had disciplinary action taken against them by any one of the three committees, Board of Governors, Board of Directors or Master Judges Committee, in the five years previous to the election date of any given year.) Phyllis Odom discussed that there was concern from members regarding this year's nominees.

Motion by Phyllis Odom: No member shall be qualified to run for the Board of Governors, Board of Directors, Officers or be in a President's appointed position if they have had disciplinary action resulting in suspension by any one of the three committees, Board of Governors, Board of Directors or Master Judges Committee or have resigned without legitimate excuse, in the five years previous to the election date of any given year.) Seconded by Joanne Galbraith.

Discussion:

Andy Krogh thinks two years would be sufficient, Barry Rahn does as well.

Amendment to Motion by Barry Rahn, change the five years to two years. Seconded by Randy Young.

Discussion:

Lea Legnon stated that she understands the two year term but feels that if they go only two years then that isn't someone that you want as a reflection of CGA. Dave Bach agrees with two year terms. Brent Engelhardt feels five years should be a minimum. Sherri Herchkorn stated that the BOG does get a lot of minor complaints on people; she does not think two years is enough when there is a formal suspension. Sue Engelhardt stated that it is rare when someone gets suspended. Morgan Easel agrees that five years should be minimum and feels that the people have no reason running for office if they were suspended. Andy Krogh stated that you could be suspended for a bounced check. Phyllis Odom clarified, it is not the case, one can only be suspended by the three committees. Dianna Malley called for question, seconded by Rick Long. **Barry Rahn's amendment to the motion FAILED.** FIVE Years back open for discussion.

Discussion:

Rebecca Crill, called for Question, Rick Long seconded – Passed

Motion by Phyllis Odom: No member shall be qualified to run for the Board of Governors, Board of Directors, Officers or be in a President's appointed position if they have had disciplinary action resulting in suspension by any one of the three committees, Board of Governors, Board of Directors or Master Judges Committee or have resigned without legitimate excuse, in the five years previous to the election date of any given year.) Seconded by Joanne Galbraith. MOTION PASSED

- c. Require Use of an Agenda Request Form – Sally Rivera Lingafeldt (Agenda items for all meetings must be submitted using an agenda request form. The form would help clarify agenda items and could potentially be posted on the website for voters to view before meetings.)

Discussion:

Andy Krogh feels the form is only for discussion, and should have an email option. Rebecca Crill asked if we could submit the answers to the questions without the form. Meghan Abatti likes the idea to give people guidelines for agenda item discussion, though is concerned that it might be hard for people to place their items on the agenda because they might not want to fill out the form. She would like this to be a guide rather than a requirement.

MOTION by Sally Rivera Lingafeldt. Utilize the agenda request form for agenda items for all meetings as a guideline. Sue Engelhardt seconded. MOTION PASSED

- d. BOG Replacement Verbiage (Policy Manual Section 2.4.8) – Andy Krogh & Shannon Rahn (Change the verbiage in Section 2.4.8 to remove any ambiguity in the timing of BOG replacements, particularly when there is a resignation. The sentence in question reads, “Any Board member or District Delegate at the first board meeting may nominate and vote on replacement members for those governors who have expired or resigned”) Shannon Rahn presented the above verbiage.

MOTION by Shannon Rahn: Any Board Member or District Delegate at the next board meeting immediately following the vacancy may nominate and vote on replacement members for those governors who have expired or resigned. MOTION PASSED

- e. Need for BOD Compensation –Meghan Abatti, on behalf of Lea deMontigny, Meghan stated that Lea deMontigny’s intent was to question the compensation of each Board Members CGA membership fee.

Discussion:

Sue Engelhardt does not agree. Roger Odom stated that we are not a struggling organization and there is no need to cut cost. Meghan Abatti stated that people agree to serve on the board as a volunteer. Rebecca Crill asked a question about profit on P&L, as a district delegate, she comes to every meeting and feels she should be compensated. Marta Weststeyn stated that the compensation is not costing CGA anything. Stacy Rivera personally feels weird that her membership is paid for. Phyllis Odom asked if this would apply to the president’s lifetime membership. Stacy read section 1.4 for clarification. Sue Engelhardt called for vote, seconded by Marta Weststeyn.

Motion by Meghan Abatti: Remove the compensation of free membership to the BoD. Seconded by Tammy Bach. MOTION FAILED

- f. District Reports:

- a. Christine Jones, District 8 – They are using a covered arena in January, Firecracker Frenzy is July 2,3,4, 2010 with custom awards and they run every 3rd weekend of the month with 2 day shows.
- b. Danna Herchkorn, District 1 – She stated they have fast ground, amazing arena, Roger and Skip do an awesome job. Aloha show will be moved to 2nd weekend of September. All shows are always the 2nd weekend of the month.
- c. Timmi Lemen, District 7 – She is happy to report, they have a small active board of 6 and have increased membership along with yearend awards.
- d. Ellen Carr, District 49 – She would like to thank the board with their support during their arena loss.
- e. Margo Abatti, District 14 - Margo stated they ended their show season in November. They are located in the central coast and have a fast arena. They will start in March. They have a good time and good group of riders.
- f. Debbie Frates, District 32, They have had a great year, they have had a lot of fun and would like to see more riders at future shows.
- g. Phyllis Odom, District 2 – This is a new district, good turnout at first show, great arena, the are building back an older district.
- h. Kelly Crofoot, District 27 – First show of year best turn out ever. They run in an indoor in lone, CA. They are a winter club with nine shows this year. In January they are having a three show buckle series.
- i. Allison Shiffrar, District 40 – Having some financial issues and arena issues. Board members are working to find a new arena, hoping to get some riders input at their awards ceremony.
- j. Kelly Centano, District 19 – They do series shows; have had huge success with their awards. They have had new riders and their shows keep getting better. They will put in a bid for Spring Classic.

- k. Bob Bucks, District 50 – Moved to Bobby Jones arena in Cottonwood with great ground.
- l. Virginia Leighton, District 23 – This is their 18th year with CGA. They had 55 riders at their first two shows so far. They have buckle series, April-June.
- m. Belinda Harms, District 10 – They will start up in January.
- n. Bob Krogh, District 33 – They hosted a 3 day show at LA county fair and had a grandstand full of people that were clapping and applauding, everyone had great fun and they have been asked back. Other shows are great with 85 riders and they rode to dark one night. Their cub holds raffles; they take an hour for socializing. Club is doing well and hopes to continue so.

b. Other Issues, Concerns and Comments

- a. Shannon Rahn – how does the membership ensure that once items are passed at meetings they make it to the proper document for update? Shannon explained that the parliamentarian will ensure they go to the state office for updates.
- b. Shannon Rahn – Districts were responsible to require members to show their membership card or they have to pay for a membership again. District 7 has been implementing this and is getting some backlash. If districts are to enforce this the members have to be aware.

Discussion:

Sue Engelhardt stated that their district requires it. Debbie Frates stated that she had someone upset that she questioned why she didn't download the membership list. Phyllis Odom stated that secretaries can download a current membership list; she said you don't have to see their card. Michelle Easel stated that she downloads the current membership list and would like the option to print that list. Shannon Rahn asked, is it the members responsibility or the responsibility of the district to prove their membership? Allison Shiffrar asked who is at liable if the district allows and expired member to ride and the rider gets hurt. Phyllis Odom stated it is an insurance issue, if you allow someone to ride at the arena that isn't a member then the district is liable. Kelly Centano feels the district should have the download and the members should have their card as well, they should match and double check to be sure the member isn't suspended. Dianna Malley agrees with Phyllis, but if it is causing an issue then we should require the districts to print the current membership. Andy Krogh stated that his district is strict with this rule. Andy would like the software changed so that each district can print the report. Michelle Easel said the show secretary will have to take the extra steps to verify the riders. Meghan Abatti added that it should be a joint effort.

- c. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items
 - a. March 6, 2010 at Radisson in Fresno

MOTION by Christopher Rowels to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Dianna Malley. Meeting Adjourned at 1:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Spring Krogue
CGA Secretary