

# California Gymkhana Association

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## CGA Bylaws/ Rules & Judges/Riders/General Membership Meeting Agenda for November 19, 2016 Fresno, CA

### I. Opening & Introductory Comments – President

#### BYLAWS MEETING

##### II Sally Rivera

**MOTION** :Modify CGA By-Laws, Article 5 (Ruling Body) as follows: The Board of Directors shall consist of the following: Five (5) members of the Board of Governors, the General Manager (may hold no other position), the immediate Past President, an elected President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Eight (8) elected Board Members. The President shall appoint three (3) Regional Vice Presidents (Northern, Central and Southern) and not more than eight (8) board Members. The President shall also appoint a non-voting Parliamentarian. ....

The General Manager (GM) is the daily office manager of the CGA, provides much valuable input at each BoD meeting, and currently may run for any Board position. The GM was elected Vice President at our last election, and stepped down at the first BoD meeting. This By-Laws change would give the GM a single vote on the BoD, and disallow the GM from holding any other position.

### III. 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 Tiimi Lemen - MaC clarification

In section 3.5 the rule book determines what constitutes a pony in CGA.

To qualify an animal to compete in a CGA Pony Division the animal must measure 13.2 or fifty-four (54") inches or less.

I stop here because it doesn't say state sponsored shows it states "compete in a CGA Pony Division"

This I interpreted to mean any CGA show at any district.

The section also states:

All ponies must be certified by (2) CGA Master Judges.

At some districts this rule is being ignored because one Master judge and a senior judge measures an animal so that they may ride at the particular districts pony division.

This has been allowed because the ability at times to get 2 master judges was difficult.

It however has created a problem.

Those who ride in the pony division who have taken the initiative to have their pony certified properly are being denied high points or yearend awards at those districts by animals who may or may not be ponies.

An example is district 7's geek show. The animal who won the Pony division is not certified, was declared a horse at State a few years back. I specifically asked the rider if she was going to State, her reply was she didn't want to put out the money and not pass when measured.

When I brought this up to a few MJ's one stated section 2.1

Here it states that districts can divide their division as they see fit. However, the rule book already defines what a pony is, I believe the intent was to be able to divide a pony division by age, or height, as long as it is as already established, a pony.

**MOTION** is, to amend the rule section 3.5 to read

To qualify 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 had a leveler built into the horizontal arm. An additional one-quarter (1/4") is allowed when a pony is shod. All ponies must be certified by **one (1) Master Judge and a senior judge. Any animal measuring over fifty -two (52") inches must then be re-measured by two (2) Master judges before being certified to run in a CGA pony division. Certification expires at State Show for the current season.**

The remaining portion of section 3.5 to remain the same.

I feel this amendment is a compromise to help with the ongoing struggle with pony measurements. It protects those pony riders who take the initiative to have their pony certified against those who don't who are allowed to ride in an open pony division taking year end awards and high points from the "legal" pony riders.

- B Phyllis Odom – Setup Fees. **MOTION** is: Setup fees should be no more than \$5 per event including ground fee.
- C. Rodger Odom – **MOTION** to make it illegal to ride below their current ranking at the district level. This will help to eliminate sandbagging in CGA and make it more fair for riders.
- D Allyson Shiffrar: I would like to change the wording on the rule regarding timing devices in our rule book.

Section 5. Penalties...

5.1 General Conduct of Contestant

Section B – Unsportsmanlike conduct by.....Number 3: Timing devices.

Original Verbiage...

(3) Use of a stopwatch or other timing device by the rider or by someone helping the rider to deliberately alter the outcome of a ride.

**MOTION** is: to amend Section B Number 3 to read as follows...

(3) Use of a stopwatch, music, counting, and or other timing device by the rider or by someone helping the rider to deliberately alter the outcome of a ride.

My reason behind adding music is the ability to download songs from iTunes that are of specific duration that will allow a rider to know just how long they should run the event. It was brought to my attention of a rider that was using a radio during the event to play a song. I don't feel this should just be limited to someone wearing earplugs or head phones but also the use of a radio that is playing out loud. This could be a distraction to the judge or a rider in a split arena. This will also help to clarify that a timing device is not just a mechanical timing item.

- E. Jean Gleeson

**MOTION** is to amend: Appendix C Construction of Hurry Scurry Jumps

Propose:

4 inch diameter schedule 40 white pvc pipe; length 10 feet long.

The outer end of the pole(s) will be supported by standard white plastic "Blok's".

Use of the proposed 10' long 4" diameter schedule 40 white pvc pipe is both cost effective, efficient and safe for CGA.

1) Cost: Currently a 10' 4" diameter schedule 40 white pvc pipe can be purchased at Home Depot for \$6.88 w/tax = \$7.50 x 3 = \$22.50 total

1A) No need for center support: Cost savings

1B) No need to dispose of broken center supports: Environmental benefit

1C) No longer need plumbers foam insulation or white duct tape – saves time, money & better for environment

2) Efficient:

2A) No additional time required to insulate or tape pvc pipe or order center piece

2B) Ease of use: 10' x 4" pvc pipe is light enough for one person to carry for course set up; overall there will be a reduction in equipment pieces required for course.

2C) Durable: 10' x 4" pvc pipe is very durable and will last many years even when stored outside. (\*My personal ones are 20 years old and have been outside the entire time)

2D) The 10' x 4" schedule 40 pvc pipe is heavy enough not to blow over in windy conditions, unlike the current two sections of 5' x 1 1/2" schedule 40 pvc pipe. This attribute will save time for the arena crew.

2E) Easy to use and time for course set up is reduced with use of the 10' x 4" schedule 40 pvc pipe as there is no need for center piece or 2 pieces of pipe per jump – less issue with alignment.

3) Safety for Rider and Horse

3A) With the 10' x 4" size of schedule 40 pvc pipe the "jump" does not implode or collapse into multiple pieces when hit by the horse or windy conditions, which has scared both new riders and green horses and can lead to balking by the horse/pony, which could result in unplanned dismount or injury.

3B) The 10' x 4" schedule 40 pvc pipe "jump" is tough enough to be struck by a horse/pony hoof and typically not break. The jump will still fall over as needed for safety due to the use of the outer "Blok's".

Note of interest: Hunter Jumpers/Eventers, etc. do not use multiple pieces for jump bars. (Wood poles are commonly used with jump standards).

- F. Stacey Kresha  
 The CGA rule book, Section 8.1.d currently states:  
 The timing poles shall be 30' in width for all events unless otherwise specified in the event diagrams.  
**MOTION** is to add the following wording to that section:  
 The timing poles will be placed a minimum of 15' off the fence, rail or delineators.

My reasoning:

I understand that is a legal course as long as the turning object is 15' off the fence, etc. However, I feel that at times we sacrifice safety and fairness for time management when we set the event courses in the arena. Some riders circle to the right and some circle to the left. The riders are not able to make a warm-up circle when the course is set too close to the fence, rail, or delineators. Some riders make bigger pockets during the event to one side or the other. It is not always "fair" to the riders when the course is too close to the fence. It also affects the shut down area when the timing poles are too close to the fence.

- G. Jeffry Larson  
**MOTION** is: Propose to rework Sr. Elite to make it more friendly to the current membership of over 45 age group. With an average of 12 participants per year, this very low considering for example at Frenzy 2016 there were 33 riders signed up in AA and A all of which were over the age of 45.

Since over 45 is now a significant percentage at any CGA show and represents a very stable and consistent base of CGA, currently there is no incentive to keep or grow this important segment.

- H. Jeffry Larson  
**MOTION** is: Propose to update the existing rider time matrix similar to the example below but will be based on analysis of existing data from a review of all relevant data of 2015 and 2016 shows from the CGA db. Data will be reviewed and formulated into a set of guidelines or proposals, which will be reviewed and voted by the CGA riders.

HORSE	AAA	AAA	AA	AA New
	Top	Bottom		
BAR	18.71	20.539	20.540	20.040
BR	14.01	15.539	15.540	15.040
F8F	11.63	15.419	15.420	14.520
F8S	11.11	12.229	12.230	11.730
HS	9.8	11.429	11.430	10.930
KH	7.51	8.969	8.970	8.470
P1	10.99	13.289	13.290	12.790
P2	22.26	25.559	25.560	25.060
QR	19.73	21.929	21.930	21.430
SBL	7.36	8.519	8.520	8.720
SBR	9.88	10.979	10.980	10.680
SSR	9.47	10.219	10.220	10.370
BT	15.161	17.274	17.275	16.675

## Riders/General Membership Meeting

### IV. Old Business (Voting - All Members)

- A Sally Rivera  
**MOTION** is to: Modify Information Manual, Section 7.3.3 to read: .... They will receive a special Senior Elite buckle and an engraved trophy plate at the CGA Annual Convention Awards banquet. They may bring a framed picture to be displayed at the Awards Banquet. The picture shall be administered by the rider, and shall not exceed 21" x 25" including frame. ....  
Motion was made, then rescinded when Rodger said BOG had agreed to a 21" x 25" picture size for display at Convention. However, by rescinding the motion, the verbiage was no longer clarified for the membership in the Information Manual. Therefore, the motion is back before the membership.
- B Sally Rivera  
**MOTION** is to: . Modify Information Manual, Section 6.3.3 to read: .... They will receive a special Hall of Fame buckle, an engraved trophy plate and \$75 towards a framed picture to be displayed at the CGA Annual Convention Awards Banquet. The picture shall be administered by the rider, and shall not exceed 21" x 25" including frame. ....  
Motion was made, then rescinded when Rodger said BOG had agreed to a 21" x 25" picture size for display at Convention. However, by rescinding the motion, the verbiage was no longer clarified for the membership in the Information Manual. Therefore, the motion is back before the membership.

### V. 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.**
- a Discussion on item A from Rules & Judges meeting
  - b Discussion on item B from Rules & Judges meeting
  - c Discussion on item C from Rules & Judges meeting
  - d Discussion on item D from Rules & Judges meeting
  - e Discussion on item E from Rules & Judges meeting
  - f Discussion on item F from Rules & Judges meeting
  - g Discussion on item G from Rules & Judges meeting
  - h Discussion on item H from Rules & Judges meeting

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

### VII. Adjournment