

CGA Bylaws/Rules and Judges/Riders/General Membership Meeting
Minutes for November 4, 2017
Doubletree Hotel Fresno, CA

- I. **Opening & Introductory Comments** – President
Timmi Lemem, President opened meeting and welcomed members. Nathan Rowles, Vice President welcomed and read rules of conduct.
- II. **Rules & Judges Meeting (voting – Rules and Judges)** **ALL CGA Members are invited to participate in this portion of the meeting, however ONLY Carded Judges may vote on action items at this point.**
 - A. Timmi Lemen –

Currently section 7.7 of the rule book states that the sand in the Figure 8 Flag event must be of 20 grit. Being the person who supplies sand for a couple of districts, I have done some research on acceptable sand for the flag event.

I spoke directly to the floor manager of the Sakrete Company on grit size of sand and possible suppliers. Currently, the 20 grit is sold in 100lb bags and is only available in very few places. Most of our members, who coincidentally are female, are unable to lift 100lbs bags, let alone carry it out to the arena. There is a 20 grit that is used for pool filters that has a high silica content and can be a brown color, also coming in 100lbs and more expensive. He also informed me that although it says a grit size, smaller particles are considered acceptable and are probable. They discontinued using grit size, and refer to sieve or mesh numbers.

Grit refers to the sieve used to separate the sand particles, and will only reduce the size of larger sand particles not all sand particles.

I asked the manager if play sand was an acceptable substitute, he assured me it was of similar gradation and was acceptable as long as it wasn't used for sandblasting. It goes through a more rigorous sieve to reduce dust for children's play boxes. Most play sand is a 20/40 gradation.

I request that play sand be an acceptable Figure 8 flag sand. It is more readily available, easy to find, comes in 50lbs and will eliminate the confusion and allow for consistency among districts.

Respectfully Timmi Lemen

SECOND by Dianna Malley, Discussion, vote taken, **MOTION PASSED**

- B. Rebekah Crill - ALLOWING ANY LENGTH SLEEVE

Rule book, Section 3.1a

Current: All contestants shall be fully attired in a dress shirt with a button or snap closure in the front from top to bottom, a collar, long or short sleeves (female contestants may wear sleeveless shirts,) long pants, belt or half belt and boots. The sleeves on long-sleeved shirts much be rolled down and fastened at the cuff.

Proposed: All contestants shall be fully attired in a dress shirt with a button or snap closure in the front from top to bottom, a collar, with any length sleeve worn as intended, (only female contestants may wear sleeveless shirts,) long pants, belt or half belt and boots.

This comes about in my quest to make judging the most objective we can. Asking the judge to determine what length sleeve is short sleeve/long sleeve/cuff/no cuff puts them into a position of being subjective.

SECOND by Rachel Crill, Discussion, vote taken, **MOTION FAILED**

- C. Rebekah Crill - REMOVING THE BUTTON DOWN SHIRT REQUIREMENT

Rule book, Section 3.1a

Current: All contestants shall be fully attired in a dress shirt with a button or snap closure in the front from top to bottom, a collar,Only the top two buttons of the shirt may be left unbuttoned as long as the buttons go to the collar line of the shirt.

Proposed: All contestants shall be fully attired in a dress shirt with a collar..... Neck opening may extend only to the collar line of the shirt.

This will allow riders to take advantage of the numerous options of shirts meant for showing on the western circuit as well as relieving judges of the responsibility of counting buttons.

SECOND by Janie Strang, Discussion, vote taken, **MOTION FAILED**

D. Rebekah Crill - REMOVING THE BELT REQUIREMENT

Rule book, Section 3.1a**Current:** All contestants shall be fully attired in a dress shirt with a button or snap closure in the front from top to bottom, a collar, long or short sleeves (female contestants may wear sleeveless shirts,) long pants, belt or half belt and boots. The sleeves on long-sleeved shirts much be rolled down and fastened at the cuff..... A tie or neckerchief is not required but their use is encouraged.

Current: (verbiage regarding sleeves depends on the passage or non-passage of the previous agenda item regarding sleeve length – present verbiage used here)

Proposed: All contestants shall be fully attired in a dress shirt with a button or snap closure in the front from top to bottom, a collar, long or short sleeves (female contestants may wear sleeveless shirts,) long pants, and boots. The sleeves on long-sleeved shirts much be rolled down and fastened at the cuff..... A tie, neckerchief and belt are not required, but their use is encouraged.

Making the belt optional will alleviate many fears of riders who regularly get hung up on the horn as well as relieve the judge from the responsibility of checking for a belt (especially during cold weather when many riders wear sweatshirts and jackets.

SECOND by Tiffany Martin, Discussion, vote taken, **MOTION FAILED**

III **Riders General Membership Meeting (Voting – All Members)** ALL CGA Members are invited to participate in this portion of the meeting, all members 12/over may vote.

II. **Old Business**

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

A. **Rules & Judges items for final vote.**

A. Discussion on item A from Rules & Judges meeting

Dale Hohlbauch made a motion to amend original motion to add “Sakrete play sand in paper bag”.

MOTION now reads: Sakrete play sand in paper bag will be an acceptable Figure 8 Flag sand. It is more readily available, easy to find, comes in 50lbs and will eliminate the confusion and allow for consistency among districts.

SECOND by Allyson Shiffrar, discussion, vote taken, **MOTION PASSED**

VI. **Other Issues, Concerns, & Comments (non-voting)**

Tiffany Martin and Amy Odom talked about fundraisers going on at convention that will raise money for state finals awards. Chris Rowles thanked everyone who stepped up to help with the northern fires.

VII. **Adjournment**

MOTION by Allyson Shiffrar **SECOND** by Andy Krogh

Respectfully submitted by:

Cherie Hohlbauch
CGA Secretary

