

**California Gymkhana Association**  
**Bylaws/Rules and Judges/Riders and General Membership Meetings**

**November 6, 2021**

**Visalia, California**

Meeting Opened @ 9:10 am by President Nathan Rowles who welcomed and thanked members present for attending. Nathan reviewed that the past 2 years with the pandemic has been hard on CGA. Having to cancel both State Show and Convention/awards banquet for 2020 and 2021 were very difficult decisions. He will work hard to keep the Directors informed in the future.

Rules of Conduct was read by Lance Barmettler as VP Dale Hohlbauch was not present.

**Bylaws Meeting**

New Business:

1. Motion by Sheri Herchkorn to add to Article 5 to the end of last paragraph "A district delegate can only represent one district and only has a single vote". Article 6 add to the end of the last paragraph "A member can have only 1 vote regardless of positions held. Example: a Board of Director who is also a district delegate only has a single vote". Motion seconded by Marc Hughes. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

**Rules and Judges Meeting:**

No items submitted for voting or discussion.

**Riders/General Membership meeting:**

Motion by Sonja Peery: Persons who are interested in trying out a CGA show or are visiting friends/family wanting to ride in a CGA show could pay a \$10.00 day fee per visiting rider. If the rider decides to join CGA within 30 calendar days of the 1<sup>st</sup> initial ride the \$10.00 will go towards their single/family membership fee. Seconded by Chris Rowles.

There was much discussion on this. Danna Herchkorn Cote acting GM, will contact the CGA insurance to inquire and investigate into the possibility of allowing this. Danna will also need to figure out how to put this in the computer and keep track.

Motion retracted by Sonja and second retracted by Chris. Item will be discussed at the next Board of Directors meeting with all the information collected.

**Other Issues, Concerns and Comments:**

Janie Strang discussed that during fires and other emergency first responders do not have the equipment to help with removing/catching horses. "Operation Charlie" has been established starting in Santa Cruz County to supply halters and lead ropes to first responders such as the Sheriffs Department. And they are hoping other areas will get involved.

Sara Ogren is requesting when updating times on CGA web page that the date of the update be posted as well.

Loreli Lehman feels CGA needs to be more open to change and not have the policy "as it always has been".

Respectfully submitted by

Sheri Herchkorn

Acting Secretary

**California Gymkhana Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

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- 1. Opening and Introductory comments** President Nathan Rowles opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Rules of Conduct were read by Lance Barmettler for the absent VP Dale Hohlbauch.

- 2. Election, appointments of BOG and BOD.**

Nominations for Board of Governor were Dianna Malley and Lorelei Lehman. Sheri Herchkorn had withdrawn from the vote. Both candidates spoke on their own behalf as well as other directors. Voting took place and Nathan announced Dianna Malley is to remain on the BOG.

Nathan then reviewed the election results for the 4 elected Director positions. The new Directors are: Lance Barmettler, Morgan Easel, Fayra Stass and Dawn Mileham. The elected treasure is Marnie Nessen who ran unopposed.

Nathans proposed appointments were as follows: Since no one ran for Vice President or Secretary, Nathan appointed Andy Krogh as Vice President and Sheri Herchkorn as Secretary.

Since Sheri was a director, Brittany Burns was appointed to replace her position for the remaining 1 year.

Lance Barmettler was appointed Northern VP, Central VP Margo Abatti and Southern VP Lorelei Lehman.

Marc Hughes was appointed to fill Lance Barmettlers director position.

Parliamentarian Leia Larson.

Appointed Directors: Wes Handy, Chris Rowles, Jim Nessen, Kyra Allemand and Vicky St. Martin.

All appointments were approved by vote and directors sworn in and installed.

- 3. Reports**

Secretary and Treasurer report : Danna Herckorn Cote reviewed the previous meeting minutes from the May 1, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. The following statement was incorrect "Danna will be paid \$3500 salary through December for back pay to Martch 1, 2021. Then will continue to pay her \$3000 thereafter until the position goes to bid." It should have read Danna we be paid \$3750 through December for back pay to March 1, 2021 . Then will continue to pay her \$3000 thereafter until position goes to bid."

Profit and Loss and Income/Expense reports reviewed. Bank balance as of November 5, 2021 is \$143,003.70. Motion to accept both reports by Chris Rowles and seconded by Marc Hughes. Passed.

Board of Governors report: Timmi Lemen, Chair. Discussed that State Office can “fast track” add on shows with insurance. Needs 7 days but this is not always guaranteed. There was an issue where D22 ran a set up show on a Friday that should have been a Saturday.

Jamboree was run on dates that were available. The CGA information & regulation book states that Jamboree will be run in the month of October. Not a specific weekend.

State show is moving forward. Planning saddles to HP in 13 divisions with HP awards going to third place and they are hoping for more. AAA+ pony division will back.

Looking for silent auction donations for State Show. Fund raising for awards are needed.

The Governors will be meeting with Bolado Park to address the ground. They are hoping to improve it by allowing CGA to actually work the ground for the show.

Water tucks and tractors are needed.

Looking for someone to run the snack bar.

The schedule is not finalized. Proposed dates are July 15-24, 2022.

The General Manager position will be open to bids. The notice and RFP will go on the web page.

Bids will go to the BoG chair. Bids will close December 15, 2021. The RFP is to be online by November 15, 2021 and be open for 30 days. BoG recommendation for the GM position will be announced at the January 22, 2022 awards banquet. There were questions and discussion on directors needing to come, discussed having a brief BoD meeting prior to the banquet.

State Office report: Danna Herchkorn Cote. Awards sign ups at present there are 70 Level 1, 14 Level 2, 18 Top Ratings, 20 ROC, 8 Senior elite and 1 Family team.

Jamboree that was cohosted by D3 and D1 and had 100 riders. The show made a profit of \$5,145. D4 raffle/silent auction collected \$1,935 towards State Show saddles.

#### **Committee reports**

Master Judge Advisory Committee report: Janet Young, MAC Chair reviewed that the MAC has not had an in person meeting. But will be meeting today after the BOD meeting. No issues or rulings to report.

State Show Committee report: was in the BoG report.

#### **4. New Business – Voting**

Motion by Lea Legnon to amend Section 2.3(f) Election Procedure in the Procedure manual the following “The officers/directors elect will be sworn in and installed at the BoD meeting held at the annual CGA award Convention”. Seconded by Marc Hughes. Approved

#### **5. Other Issues, Concerns, Comments (Non-Voting)**

Sonja Peery discussed having Active Duty Members to not have to meet the requirements(rides) to compete in the CGA State Finals. Discussion followed, many members in favor. This item to go to the BoG/State Show management for further discussion.

Danna Herchkorn Cote recommended that at State Show that no medallions be awarded for times below your class. This causes Highpoint totals to not reflect what times were and were not run in the division a rider was signed up in. This causes State Show highpoint to have to be calculated by hand, allowing for human errors to be made and taking hours to total up. This item to go to the BoG/State Show management for further review.

Amy Odom Tollison would like to see the lower divisions that have to bump due to ratings to go to State Show be able to bump down. Its often scary for the kids, new riders and their horses with all the arena's going and the noise.

D33 would like to take the soft ware concerns to local colleges for possible improvements.

Morgan Easel would like to see CGA Districts do clinics to show what CGA is all about.

6. Motion to adjourn by Chris Rowles, seconded by?

Respectfully submitted by,

Sheri Herchkorn, CGA Secretary

**CGA Officers**

		<b>Present/Absent</b>
President	Nathan Rowles	Present
Past President	Timmi Lemen	Present
Vice President	Andy Krogh	Absent
Treasurer	Marnie Nessen	Present
Secretary	Sheri Herchkorn	Present
Northern VP	Lance Barmettler	Present
Central VP	Margo Abatti	Present
Southern VP	Loreli Lehmen	Present
Rules & judges Chair	Janet Young	Present
Parliamentarian	Leia Larson	Present

**Board of Governors**

Timmi Lemen (chair)	Present
Lea Legnon	Present
Nathan Rowles	Present
Dianna Malley	Present
Bob Cranor	Present

**Elected Directors**

Morgan Easel	Present
Fayra Stass	Present
Dawn Mileham	Present
Charla Cranor	Present
Mariah Coles	Present
Allyson Shiffar	Present

**Appointed Directors**

Marc Hughes	Present
Wes Handy	Present
Chris Rowles	Present
Jim Nessen	Present
Kyra Allemand	Present
Vicki St. Martin	Present
Brittany Burns	

**District Delegates**

1 Joni Caldwell	Present
3 Joleen Barmettler	Present
4 Sara Ogren	Present
6 Morgan Jimenez	Present
9 Janie Strang	Present
10 Jeri Thompson	Present
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14 Vicky St. Martin	Present
17 Michele Easel	Present
18 Sonja Peery	Present
20 Morgan Easel	Present
22 Brittany Burns	Present
23 David Leighton	Present
27 Laura Allemand	Present
32 Susan Tobin	Present
33 Shannon Cannon	Present
35 Chris Crane	Present
40 Kayla Cardoza	Present
45 Amy Odom Tollison	Present
49 Jennifer Frates	Present
50 Candi Tucker	Present

