

**California Gymkhana Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 15, 2023**  
**Visalia, CA**

1. The meeting was opened at 9 am by President Nathan Rowles. Nathan welcomed and thanked all members present for attending.
2. Rules of Conduct for the meeting were ready by Central VP Margo Abatti.
3. Nathan welcomed new Board of Directors, Allyson Shiffrar, Matt Fredricks, Charla Cranor and Andrea Garcia.

**Reports:**

1. President's Report: None
2. Vice President's Report: Andy Krogh was not present
3. Secretary's report: Sheri reminded all directors/district delegates to please sign in on the attendance sign in sheets at the back table. Motion to accept the BOD meeting minutes from State Show July 16, 2022 by Timmi Lemen and seconded by Dianna Malley. Minutes approved.
4. Treasurer's report by Danna Cote: Reviewed Profit and Loss statement. Bank balance as of 1-12-23 is \$111,794.00. Motion to accept the treasures report by Margo Abatti and seconded by Nathan Rowles.
5. Board of Governors report by Timmi Lemmen, BOG Chair: The BoG continues to do Zoom meetings. They have had some complaints that were handled at State Show and after. They are trying to get CGA back on the "regular timeline" for State Show and Convention. So there will be a convention in November 2023. They appreciated and reviewed the suggestions that came in regarding State Show. There was a Northern bid that came in and was accepted, but then the arena owners had double booked the weekend and Northern had to be cancelled. No other bids were submitted. The BoG would like to hear from members and get feed back as to why no one wants to bid to hold these shows. They are all fundraisers for CGA and greatly needed. Dianna Malley then reviewed the BoG is seriously discussing having outside security for State Show this year. This is due to the fact that State Show management is often asked to get involved with personal issues. Not rider or show related issues. They are going to be asking that all personal issues at State Show that require intervention, people need to call law enforcement.
6. State Office report by Marnie Nessen: Marnie reviewed that at present there are 665 Individual memberships and 210 Family memberships. Year end award sign ups are 105 Level 1, 23 Level 2, 40 Top Ratings, 17 ROC, 7 Senior Elite and 1 Family team. Marnie and Leia Larson are starting the process of updating both the Rule Book and the Information Manual. Both booklets will be reprinted after the updating. Target for completion at this time is March/April. State Office is getting close to being able to do the Membership renewal reminder letters. Reminder that no membership cards will be sent anymore. The current Membership list is available for viewing on the web site. Marine asked for clarification on how Lead Line riders should be imputed in the computer at the district level. This is not in writing anywhere and has caused some issues. Reviewed that all lead lines since they can ride any number of mounts during the show season

should be imputed as the rider and horse should also have the same name. ie: Suzy Smith's mount should be imputed as Suzy Smith. Marnie also asked that the show secretaries make sure that all entry forms and membership forms be completely filled out. That prior to mailing in show packets all forms are complete. Also there are still many people riding who are not members. This has been happening quite a bit. The current membership list is now online and every rider needs to be checked. If a rider says they already did this and they are not on the posted list, they must pay again, no exceptions. If State Office gets a double payment the rider will get a refund.

7. Master Judges Advisory Committee report by Sheri Herchkorn (current Chair Janet Young was absent). Sheri reviewed that the MAC had a meeting yesterday after the other meetings. Only 5 members were present. They further discussed the issue of shirts with non-functional buttons/snaps on the front. Along with the question of shirts with a zipper up the back. The MAC members present had agreed to allow these shirts as long as they still had the required button/snaps from top to bottom, had a collar and could be tucked in. But that the rest of the MAC needed to be polled before a final decision was made. MAC has received questions regarding what constitutes "breaking the barrier" in regards to splitting an arena. The MAC will be working on their interpretation of that rule and the wording. The State Office is working on getting a "Judges Corner" on the state website.
8. State Show Committee report: Timmi Lemen reviewed that State show 2023 is scheduled for July 14-22. They received many suggestions in regards to State show that they are reviewing. But more help is definitely needed. There were a few districts that did not have any members attending state show or send anyone to help. Discussion on implementing a mandatory sign in sheet for workers. Members offered to be available as riders check in at State Show to sign people up to work. BOG to also work on districts who are not following the contracts they sign that they MUST work an event at State Show. There is now a fine (\$350) associated with failure to support State Show that is listed on the new District Contracts.

### **New Business (voting)**

1. Submitted by Amy Odom-Tollison To remove the State Show rule allowing only a 1 division bump up. Much discussion (see #2 and discussion)
2. Submitted by Amy Odom-Tollison to remove the State Show rule that a rider must ride in the division that they are rated in. Following some discussion this was amended by Amy to allow a 1 division bump down. Following much discussion, this was finally decided to go to the BOG/State Show management for review. Members present were advised that historically State Show rules are not voted on by the membership. But that the BOG wants members to bring their ideas, thoughts and concerns to them.
3. Motion by Sheri Herchkorn that "The BOD come up with a policy and the BOG the procedure for the hiring process of the CGA General Manager". Seconded by Marc Hughes. Following discussion Marnie Nessen offered to put together a draft that will come back to the BOD. Motion Passed.

**Other Issues, Comments and concerns (non-voting):**

1. CGA software. Marnie Nessen reviewed that the present CGA software is a concern. Jim has worked on a few issues. Members need to understand that sometime in the near future we will need new software. It will be expensive, but we need to be thinking about what we are going to do. Members present felt we need to be proactive and look into what we can do. Marc Hughes offered to work on a draft for a RFP so that we can look for a possible person to write us a new program.
2. Amy Odom-Tollison reviewed the money raised with the football pool made \$1000 for CGA. The silent auction last night raised \$1275 and the dessert table raised \$500. This is all for State Show awards.

Motion to adjourn at 11:03 by Timmi Lemen and seconded by Marc Hughes. Next CGA BoD meeting will be at State Show in June.

Respectfully submitted by Sheri Herchkorn, CGA Secretary

## Attendance

President Nathan Rowles	Present
Past President Timmi Lemen	Present
Vice President Andy Krogh	Absent
Secretary Sheri Herchkorn	Present
Treasurer Danna Cote	Present
Northern VP Lance Barmettler	Absent
Central VP Margo Abatti	Present
Southern VP Lorelei Lehman	Absent
MAC Chair Janet Young	Absent
Parliamentarian Leia Larson	Present

## Elected Directors

Morgan Easel	Present
Fayra Stass	Present
Dawn Mileham	Present
Marc Hughes	Present
Andrea Garcia	Present
Matt Fredriks	Present
Charla Cranor	Present
Allyson Shiffrar	Present

## Appointed Directors

Chris Rowles	Absent
Jim Nessen	Present
Kyra Allemand	Absent
Wes Handy	Absent

## Board of Governors

Nathan Rowles	Present
Timmi Lemen	Present
Lea Legnon	Present
Dianna Malley	Present
Bob Cranor	Present

## District Delegates

D1 Jessica Pacheco	Present
D3 Heather Malfatti	Present
D4 Erika Howard	Present
D10 Bob Krogh	Absent
D14 Vicky St. Martin	Present
D17 Marleah Gonzales	Present
D18 Sonja Peery	Present
D20 Morgan Easel	Present
D22 Brittany Burns	Present
D27 Dez Fredriks	Present
D32 Debbie Frates	Present
D33 Shannon Cannon	Present
D35 Kris Coffman	Absent
D40 Kayla Cardoza	Present
D45 Gena Burgess	Absent
D49 Bev Hampton	Absent
D50 Candi Tucker	Present