

# California Gymkhana Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2024 Bolado Park CA

- Opening and Introductory Comments: President Nathan Rowles opened the meeting at 5:03 pm, thanked all for being in attendance.
- Rules of Conduct for the meeting were read by Vice President, Andy Krogh.

## Reports:

- **Presidents report- Nathan Rowles** none
- **Vice Presidents report- Andy Krogh** none
- **Secretary's Report- Brittney Fontyn**

Reminded all directors and delegates to sign in. Stated that the meeting minutes from the November 19th meeting had been posted online since the end of november. Asked for motion to accept minutes. Matt Fredricks Made Motion, Dianna Malley Second.
- **Treasurer's report- Dawn was absent due to recovering from surgery. Report was made by Marnie Nessen**

Marnie turned direction to the printout of the accounts report made available to all in attendance. Marnie highlighted the net income this year has been \$33,307.47 which is up 22.9% from last year. That the current bank balance was \$151,000 and that most of all expenses related to the state show had already been paid for so she expected this state show to be very profitable. If there were any questions for her she was happy to answer them but that the report was very brief due to Dawn being absent and Marnie having printed the report and made it available to all in attendance.

Dianna Malley made motion to accept treasurer report and Matt Fredricks seconded
- **Board of governors report- Chair Timmi Lemen**

Most meetings from the last several months were regarding the planning of the state show. Also last couple meetings had been regarding a formal complaint that had not yet been resolved and when the results of that were known they would report on it.

Highlighted that the BOG had tried a lot of new things for this year's state show and would welcome feedback regarding the changes. She stated that the CGA budget for 2024 will be discussed at the November 2024 meeting. The Manual currently states that the budget should be presented to the board of directors at the "first meeting of the year". The first meeting used to be held in February but is now not until the state show when we are mostly through the year already. The Bog will be adding to the agenda for the November meeting to start presenting the budget for the year in the first quarter but present via email to the board so we aren't waiting until July when the fiscal year is already half over. BoG is working on a contract for state show. They only took a 1 year

contract due to the quality of the ground. They have been communicating with Bolado about making the ground better and they welcome the feedback from the riders. All of the Board of Governors meetings minutes are emailed out to the board of directors. It's the Directors job to share with their riders.

- **General managers report- Marnie Nessen**

Marnie let us know there was a communication between the state office and the master judges committee with a rider that is hearing impaired for the approval to wear a earpiece between the rider and its parents and coach, due to missing hearing their name to ride and not being able to hear direction. The MAC did approve this request. However, they did make it clear that this provision would ONLY be allowed if they agreed to not use it as a timing device in any way. Marnie said she would love feedback on the online signups and payments for state show this year. She loved it and would like to continue it. She Clarified what a CGA family membership is. It is for immediate family only, up to 7 people. Children over the age of 18 need to be on their own membership and children can't share with grandparents, they would need separate memberships. This is important due to liability. Legally grandparents can not sign the release of liability for the child unless they are the legal guardian. Asked for all to take back to all districts to please be aware of who is signing for minors and try to make sure that the minors are being signed for by a parent/legal guardian.

Lea De montigny: asked if the state paper would be reinstated? Marnie replied that any and all districts are welcome to send in a report every month and that would be included in the monthly newsletter and no one does. Marnie stated she is happy to include it in the newsletter if anyone will report it. Marnie reported that there is a calendar that we can subscribe to and all CGA events can be imported to your phone. All events would be in your phone and it is updated live so if something is canceled or rescheduled it will automatically update in your calendar.

## **Committee Report**

- **Master judges advisory committee- Janet Young**

Confirmed that one rider at state show had made a petition to wear an earpiece while riding. This rider has a hearing disability, the earpiece would be for the purpose of the coach and parents to be able to talk to them while riding. This was approved by the MAC and for judges to be aware of this rider that they are exempt from the normal rule of no earpieces while riding.

Marnie asked the MAC a question regarding LL and No times. She has seen in many districts when kids are at a point that they think they are ready to ride off lead but not sure, they are riding all day off lead in lead line division and taking the no time. What are the MACs thoughts, would this fall under unsportsmanlike conduct due to knowing the

rule and knowingly continuing to break it? Janets response was that Mac would like to discuss and readdress at the November show.

- **State Show Committee- Timmi Lemen**

Timmi confirmed we had not signed a new contract yet but it looks like we will. However, that has not been determined yet and they would have a meeting immediately following state show to discuss plans for that. She said some of the plans that they had stipulated to the park they had not followed through on. We were supposed to have 200 stalls, but we do not. Therefore, accommodations had been made for that. Timmi discussed Comps, in 2023 we had 16 ½ comps. This year's comps totaled \$10,720 instead of \$9,480. There was additional arena crew this year and additional barn management. She outlined all the positions that get a comp. Volunteers for state show, we have so many people that sign up to do the games. She thanked everyone and encouraged anyone who would like to help in the future. We would welcome the help. Those who would like to help are encouraged to send an email to state office and we would welcome anything anyone would like to do to make our time at state show more enjoyable.

- **Year End Awards Committee- Marnie Nessen**

Committee met several times over the year to discuss the year end awards. Talked about changing the awards, not the program, just the awards. Year end awards for 2023/2024 awards will still be the same. However, the buckles will be ordered from Molly's, the bracelets and breast collar sets will still be ordered from Crumrine. There was no cost effectiveness to stay with crumrine, prices are essentially the same. Proposed a change to the level 1 and 2 awards for 2024/2025 Season. Level 1 buckle or bell boots and keychain. Level 2 would be an option of buckle tumbler or sports boots with a custom leather strap. Asking for feedback since a vote is not needed.

**Old business:** no old business

**New Business: (voting)**

- **Marnie Nessen- Proposed Changes to section 3.4 of the information manual**

Seeking tentative approval from the BOD for a year end award fee increase for the upcoming season since it starts right away. If the cost increase isn't approved at the November membership meeting, refunds would be issued and it would revert back to the old cost.

- Level 1 cost increase to \$50 (currently \$40)

I did a percentage calculation and before the cost to participate vs the cost of the award was 66% (avg award cost was \$60, cost to participate was \$40)

Based off that I would suggest level 1 increase to \$50

- Level 2 cost increase to \$55 (currently \$45)  
I did a percentage calculation and before the cost to participate vs the cost of the award was 56% (avg award cost was \$80, cost to participate was \$45) Based on that I would suggest level 2 increase to \$55 to keep both increasing by \$10.

Matt Fredricks made motion to accept and Kyra Altman seconded

After much discussion determining if this was allowable, a passage was read from the BoD policy manual, in chapter 7, section 7.2 by Andy Krogh showing this was allowable to vote on at this time.

**PASSED**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Brittney Fontyn second by Mark Hughes  
Next meeting will be at Convention on November 16th in Visalia CA, meeting adjourned at 6:18pm

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by  
Brittney Fontyn CGA Secretary

## **ATTENDANCE:**

### **CGA Officers**

President	Nathan Rowles	Present
Past President	Timmy Lemen	Present
Vice President	Andy Krogh.	Present
Treasurer	Dawn Mileham.	Absent
Secretary	Brittney Fontyn	Present
Northern VP	Jim Nessen	Present
Central VP	Margo Abatti	Present
Southern VP	Lorelei Lehman	Present
Rules & Judges Chair	Janet Young	Present
Parliamentarian	Leah Larson	Present

### **Present/ Absent**

### **Board of Governors**

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

**Elected Directors**

Kyra Allemand	Present
Charla Cranor	Present
Matt Fredriks	Present
Vicky St. Martin	Present
Fayra Staas	Present
Allyson Shiffrar	Present
Shannon Cannon	Present
Andrea Garcia	Present

**Appointed Directors**

Marc Hughes	Present
Rachel Trani	Present
Sonja Peery	Present
Samantha Coelho	Present

**District Delegates**

District 1	Jessica Pacheco	Present
District 2	Jennifer Frates	Present
District 3	Heather Malfatti	Present
District 4	Dee Andrea Ellis	Absent
District 5	Jessica Ross-Manning	Present
District 10	Andrew Krogh	Present
District 14	Vikki St. Martin	Present
District 17	Marleah Gonzales	Present
District 18	Sonja Peery	Present
District 20	Avielle Hannon	Absent
District 22	Andrea Thill	Present
District 27	Laura Allemand	Present
District 33	Jennifer Chenal	Absent
District 35	Melinda Alexander	Absent
District 40	Kayla Cardoza	Present
District 45	Jill Druzgala	Present
District 49	David Covarrubias	Present
District 50	Candi Tucker	Present