

California Gymkhana Association
Board of Directors Meeting, November 17, 2024, Visalia, CA
Meeting Minutes- Submitted by Brittney Fontyn, CGA Secretary

1. Opening and Introductory Comments- Presidents Nathan Rowles
Meeting opened at 9:01
 - a. Introduction and Swearing in of New Elected and Appointed directors.
New BOD members sworn in:
Jaden Barmettler
Matt Fredricks
Allison Shiffrar
Jessica Pacheco
 - b. Board Of Governors Voting
Lea Legnon Voted In
2. Reading of Meeting Rules of Conduct by Vice President- Andy Krogh
3. Reports:
 - a. President's Report- Nathan Rowles
 - b. Vice Presidents Report- Andy Krogh
Andy stated that he appreciated how everyone handled themselves yesterday during the meeting.
 - c. Secretary's Report- Brittney Fontyn
Reminded all to sign in
 - d. Treasurer's Report- Dawn Mileham
Directed all to the financial report- Pointed out that the report showing negative but it wasn't really negative. That they moved \$50,000 to a CD to earn more interest in Aug. In that amount of time it's already earned \$600. Few things increased in cost, Marnie's salary, as well cost of awards has gone up. Attendance at Jamboree was low this year and it accounted for a \$7,000 loss in profit. Amy Odom reported that last night's silent auction brought in \$3,305. She believed this was the most profitable silent auction at convention that we have had.
Diana Mally made a motion to accept report Andy Krogh second.
 - e. Board Of Governors Report- Chair Timmi Lemen
Highlighting The BOG has been going over a few things that they have done in the past to save money and what has cost more money this year. Cost of ribbons from the state Show went from \$11,000 to \$14,000. The cost for buckles at the state show was double from what it has been in the past. That Jamboree brought in \$7,000 less. Reported that State Show for 2024 Profited \$9,955.83 approximately due to a few things that still haven't been billed yet. Reported that the BOG is actively looking for alternate venues for state show within 125 miles of Fresno to keep it central to members. We do keep in mind that at this time Bolado Park does allow CGA to store all of our equipment on site year round for free. We would lose that amenity if we leave Bolado Park so that is something to keep in mind for a cost effectiveness moving forward.

- f. State office Report- Marnie Nessen GM
- The newsletter is back, and being emailed out monthly. Subscribe online. Districts can send in reports of shows etc. to be added to the newsletter.
 - We need to make sure that the people who are accepting family memberships at your districts understands what a family membership is. Anyone over the age of 18 even if they live in the same household must have their own membership. And Family memberships do not include extended family, they are for immediate family only and for children under 18 only.
 - Lead line needs to be added to the software as first name, last name, and the mount needs to be their first name. That way they can qualify for the year end program if they sign up for it.
 - The BOG approved a small budget for Marnie to visit all the regions this year. She has already visited the South, The North is scheduled for April 12 at triple crown equestrian in Lincoln, CA.
 - Northern and Southern Classic bids are open till December 15th.
 - Items that you send in for show packets, like thumb drives will no longer be being returned, and the state office is encouraging you to send CDs. Also DO NOT MAIL CASH.
 - Hopefully in the future we are trying to set up a drop box that secretaries can upload the files straight to CGA. This should be available in the near future.
 - CGA would like to eliminate paypal as a type of payment, due to the high fees. They will still be accepting checks and venmo.
 - Reminder to individual districts to submit date changes as early as possible, this has to be submitted to insurance etc. the more time she has the better.
 - Shannon and Jeni are working on what it would take to compile a new software at the district level and see what we can do in the future regarding new software. Marc H. offered to write the RFP when they are ready for it.
 - As of right now current membership, 260 family memberships, 721 individual memberships, for a total of 1,499 members.
4. Committee Report
- a. Master Judges Advisory Committee- Sheri Herchkorn
Welcomes all to come to her to ask questions. MAC has been “quiet”, something recently has been brought up, however they are still in the process of coming to a conclusion, so she isn't reporting on it at this time.
 - b. State Show Committee- Timmi Lemen
State Show for 2025 is going to be July 20-25, with setups on July 19th. The BOG did sign a 1 year contract with a 3 year option to sign at the end of state show being ran in 2025 at the same price, or cancel with no penalty. BOG is talking about possibly rotating the events so that all events can be hit every two years, due to match races not being run on Friday. There was an increase in the cost of buckles by \$7,700. The stalls have been enlarged to 10x12. The contract includes 200 stalls, lights and the ability to work the ground the way we want. BOG was approached by Bolado Park/State management, about unsafe use of golf carts. We need to make sure we are following all street rules, or they could ban private use of golf carts in the future, as Bolado Park is a State run park so all laws on the streets apply to the park. We got reports of a lot of people not cleaning up after their dogs. Again if changes aren't made dogs could be banned in the future We are unsure about the camping price at this time.

5. Old Business- None

6. New Business

- a. Submitted By Marnie Nessen- Recommended Addition to the BoD Policy Manual - the addition of section 4.7.1 in italics below

Section 2 – Ruling and Administrative Bodies

2.1 Definition The Ruling Body of the California Gymkhana Association consists of the Board of Directors. It has the ultimate authority over the organization.

Members of the Ruling Body include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors at Large (elected and appointed), Regional Vice Presidents, Rules Chairman, members of the Board of Governors, Immediate Past President, and Parliamentarian (nonvoting). District Delegates and the General Manager are not a member of the Ruling Body. However, they may vote on general membership issues at the Board of Directors meetings and vacant Board of Governors positions. The Administrative Body of the California Gymkhana Association consists of the Board of Governors, who are elected by the Board of Directors, District Delegates, and the General Manager. The General Manager is recommended by the Board of Governors and approved for contract by the Board of Directors.

2.1.1 Recommendation Process – when the bidding time frame has closed, the Board of Governors will review and discuss all bids that fit the criteria set forth in the Request for Proposal (RFP). Once the Board of Governors selects their candidate, that candidate's submitted bid will be presented to the Board of Directors for vote (no other candidate bids will be shared). If the Board of Directors rejects the recommended candidate's bid, it will be returned to the Board of Governors to either answer clarifying questions and resubmit the same candidate for further approval or select another viable candidate for recommendation. If no viable candidates are available, the Board of Governors can either re-open the bidding process or choose to nominate a candidate for review/approval.

- **Second Marc Hughs , Failed**

- b. Submitted By Sheri Herchkorn- I feel that a member who was nominated and voted by the membership or Board of Directors, should not be able to run for another position while fulfilling their elected position. The membership voted for the person, in belief that they would fill the position and complete the term to the best of their ability. I believe it is not fair to the other members who ran and did not win a position that the person who did basically abandons their position to serve in another position. While this is not currently an issue, I have recently heard some members saying “it doesn't say you can't”. So I am doing this proactively instead of reactively.

My motion is to add to the policy manual (and later the BOG Procedure manual) Section 2.4. Eligibility and Terms of Office for Members of the Board of Directors:
“A member who is currently serving an elected position on the Board of Directors or Board of Governors may not run for another position that would result with the member having to resign their current position”.

*This does not affect those members who hold an appointed position only those in elected positions.

If passed I believe this should be 2.4.11 and the present 2.4.11 be moved down to become 2.4.12- **Second by Margo Abatti, Failed**

- c. Submitted By Sheri Heckkorn- I am making a motion that a person can not run for more than one position at any given election. First of all if the person actually won more than one position they would have to choose which one to accept. Our Policy manual states that a BOD/BOG cannot hold more than one elected position at the same time. Then, the position that the elected member did not take would become an open position that would have to be filled by a Presidential appointment, or in the case of the BOG have to wait for the next BOD meeting. To me the membership who voted for these people are expecting them to fulfill the term of the position. And this is not fair to other candidates who may have been elected had this person not run for two positions. My Motion is "A Member cannot run for more than one position during an election". To be added to the Policy Manual section 2.4- **Second by Marc Hughs, Failed**
- d. Submitted By Lorelei Lehman- I would like to vote on amending the District Contract to remove the requirement to provide an arena crew for the state show or have to pay a fine.- **Second by Allison Shiffrar, Failed**
- e. Submitted By Jeni Thompson- 5.2 Violations

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Proposed:

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7. Other Issues or Concerns

Allison, thank you for help at state show with all the team events.

Jessica Pacheco was disappointed with how many people were talking during the Hall of Fame awards, and the rider's hall of fame speeches, during convention, and recommended to possibly move the after dinner?

8. District Reports

9. Next Meeting Date

State Show at Bolado Park July 2025

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Margo Abatti

Second Marc Hughs

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 am

Attendance:

President	Nathan Rowles	Present
Past President	Timmi Lemen	Present
Vice President	Andy Krogh	Present
Secretary	Brittney Fontyn	Present
Treasurer	Dawn Mileham	Present
Northern VP	Jim Nessen	Present
Central VP	Margo Abatti	Present
Southern VP	Lorelei Lehman	Present
Judges/ Chairperson	Sheri Herchkorn	Present
Parliamentarian	Leia Larson	Present
Elected Director	Matt Fredricks	Present
Elected Director	Jessica Pacheco	Present
Elected Director	Jaeden Barmettler	Present
Elected Director	Allyson Shiffrar	Present
Elected Director	Kyra Allemand	Present
Elected Director	Fayra Staas	Present
Elected Director	Shannon Cannon	Present
Elected Director	Vicky St. Martin	Present
Appointed Director	Marc Hughs	Present
Appointed Director	Rachel Trani	Present
Appointed Director	Sonja Perry	Present
Appointed Director	Samantha Coelho	Present
Board of Governor-Pres	Nathan Rowles	Present

Board of Governor-Chair	Timmi Lemen	Present
Board of Governor-	Lea Legnon	Present
Board of Governor	Dianna Malley	Present
Board of Governor	Bob Cranor	Present

District Delegates Attendance:

District 1	Demetria Lacocca	Present
District 2	Susan Tobin	Present
District 3	Heather Malfatti	Present
District 4	Dee Andrea Ellis	Present
District 5	Jessica Ross- Manning	Present
District 6	Laura Allemand	Present
District 10	Andrew Krogh	Present
District 14	Vicky St. Martin	Present
District 17	Marleah Gonzales	Present
District 18	Mary Harris	Absent
District 19	Monica Whitmer	Present
District 20	Jon LaRock	Absent
District 27	Dez Fredriks	Present
District 33	Jennifer Chenal	Present
District 35	Melinda Alexander	Present
District 40	Kayla Cardoza	Present
District 45	Taylor Merrill	Present
District 49	Bev Hampton	Present
District 50	Candi Tucker	Present