

California Gymkhana Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for November 16, 2025, Visalia, CA

1. Opening and introductory comments- President

Matt opened the meeting at 9am and introduced the new elected directors

Reading of meeting rules of conduct by vice president- Andy Krogh

a. Introduction and swearing in of new elected and appointed directors.

Matt introduced the new board that was elected in and they were sworn in. Matt announced his appointed positions and asked for approval from his current board- All current board was in favor. All Members were sworn in and took their positions at the tables for board members.

New elected positions

President- Matt Fredriks

Vice President- Jim Nessen

Treasurer- Marc Hughes

Secretary- Brittney Fontyn

Elected Board of Directors

Fayra Staas

Jennifer Rodriguez

Kyra Allemand

Andrea Garcia

Appointed Directors:

Northern VP- Dianna Malley

Central VP Margo Abatti

Southern VP- Andy Krogh

Rules Chairman- Sheri Herchkorn

Parliamentarian- Shannon Lemmons

Board of directors

Amy Odom- filling Matt Fredriks place for a 1 year term

Samantha Coelho

Jamie Manalo

Dawn Mileham

Monique Fimbres

Matt Fredricks invited up his new Parliamentarian, Shannon Lemmons, and thanked Leia Larson for being the previous parliamentarian. Matt also thanked Nathan and all members of CGA for the part they play in making CGA what it is.

- b. Note: due to a voting matter possibly directly conflicting with BoG vote we are moving a new business matter up to be voted on first Submitted by Sheri Herchkorn-** I feel that having two members from the same household holding two of the positions on the 5 person Board of Governors would not be in CGA's best interest. There are risks of potential conflict of interest, reduced diversity, nepotism, voting blocks, and a negative impact on the boards dynamics including creating a dysfunctional board.
- In addition having a Governor live in the same household with the organization's General Manager could also result in potential conflicts of interest such as contract negotiations, and creating the need for the Governor to be recused from issues involving the GM.

My motion is to add to the Policy manual section 2.4 Eligibility and terms of office (2.4.8) a sentence at the end of the end of the current paragraph:

2.4.8- Member of the Board of Governors. To be eligible for the office of Member of the Board of Governors, the candidate must be a CGA member in good standing for a minimum of two years, be at least twenty-one years of age, and a previous member of the Board of Directors for at least one full term (typically 2 years). The candidate shall have demonstrated in one or more capacities his/her capability to get along with people and be proficient in achieving CGA objectives. "The candidate shall not be in the same household as a current Board of Governor, including the CGA President or current General Manager".

Seconded by Marnie Nessen

Passed

- c. Board of Governors Voting-**
Opened for discussion on Nathan becoming a BoG member.
Voted BoD and District delegates - **Passed**
Due to the motion passing it eliminated one of the running members. The only running member left was Nathan Rowles, therefore eliminating a need for a vote- Nathan was sworn in as a member of the BoG.

2. Reports

- a. Presidents Report- Matt Fredriks
Thanked all districts
- b. Vice Presidents Report- Jim Nessen
Great to see everyone here and it was really exciting to see the convention sold out.
- c. Secretary's Report- Brittney Fontyn
Requested someone to make a motion to accept minutes from the last meeting that had been posted online, Allyson Shiffar made motion and Timmi Seconded

Motion Passed

Reminded all to sign in so they would be counted for attendance

- d. Treasurers Report- Outgoing Treasurer Dawn Mileham
Dawn highlighted that last year their gross profit was -\$14,000 and this year was \$15,000. Increasing the year end award fees was huge in helping the organization, as well as Jamboree made good money this year. Also that Marnie had opened a CD and it had already made \$2,000.
Opened for questions from members
Motion to accept- Dianna Malley Seconded Margo Abbatti

- e. Board of Governors Report- Timmi Lemen
Been discussing state and approved purchase of 2 "Black Widow" (arena grooming tool) so the ground at state will be even better than it has been in the past. Also discussed reinstating a member that had been previously suspended with a group that had been involved in D8 when they were removed. They were not involved in the problem however were removed when everything happened. After investigating she was reinstated. D32 requested to have the funds of their club moved to D2, D32 had dissolved and most of the board moved to D2 that was approved. Updating the CGA logo has been discussed, and implemented the campaign for the new logo. Encouraged members to send ideas to the state office.

- f. State Office Report- Marni Nessen
Wanted to clarify that all BoG meeting minutes get sent out to the BoD's not posted online. Currently we have 1,494 members breaks down to 259 families and 730 individuals. 300 members that are less than 6 months expired so we will probably get those back.
Awards programs sign up as of right now
Level 1- 152
Level 2- 61
Top Rating- 56
ROC- 22
SE- 7
Family Teams- 7
Thank a lot of districts, a lot of award sign ups are coming with packets.
Reminded the CGA member application, review them and make sure that all areas are completed. Also make sure all people make sure they know what they are getting when they sign up for awards.
Google Drive is now available to submit show packets- Please use the google drive for CGA not your personal drive.
Margo asked how long should we be keeping paper work for, as soon as marnie has been processed we can destroy the paperwork.
Lead Liners need to be putting in the computer the same time every time.
Otherwise it messes with their year end awards.
Member text file now works again in the software. The names must match.

Northern and Southern Spring Classic Bids Close Dec 15th.

3. Committee Report

a. Master Judges Advisory Committee- Sherri Herchkorn

Met on November 15th, there haven't been any big issues that have needed to be addressed. Sheri wanted to make sure everyone knows who their master judge is. Encourages everyone to share their thoughts and opinions but if there is a complaint it's really helpful if you come up with a possible solution to the problem. Really happy to see how many apprentices are trying to get their judges card. We need as many as possible.

b. State Show Committee

We have ordered 2 of the black widow grooming implements, and water attachments, at a cost of \$25,000. Questions were, "is there a warranty?" and "where are they being stored?". Both of those questions we didn't have an answer for at this time. The state show committee is also discussing with the park about renting out the entire park for the entire time we are there so there won't be any chance of being entered before we finish with our show in the future. It's been written into our contract. We have new food vendors for this year's state show as well. Huge problem with people coming in and lining up before the gates open. It was reported to the CHP and a huge problem with safety. The park will cancel our contract if that happens again. If we ignore the time for entry there will be consequences that unfortunately will pass on to our members. We can't have this occur again. We have had fund raising for our state show and there will be saddles for first, e-bikes for reserve high point.

Amy Odom has been heading up a lot of fund raising report- silent auction last night \$2,648 the live auctions raised \$600 and the opportunity drawing raised \$3,640 for a total of \$7,108 last night.

We will have fundraisers for NFR and Superbowl

Dog Problem at state: It is written in our contract to pick up after our dogs, if they have to send in people to clean up after us we will be charged. If that happens we could possibly not have dogs in the future or a fee to have to bring dogs to show..

Matt Fredricks: We also want to thank everyone for the candy coupon drive. Anyone that wants to donate it is appreciated

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business

a. **Submitted by Christopher Rowles-** CGA Policy Manual proposed change

Currently, only the MAC chairperson, as a member of the Board of Directors, gets their membership fee waived. I am proposing that all MAC members get their current membership fees waived while they are active members of the MAC.

The Policy Manual currently reads:

1.4 Board of Directors Compensation Membership on the Board of Directors of CGA is a volunteer position and no direct compensation is provided. However, once an individual becomes an elected or appointed Board Member, their individual or family membership in CGA will be paid by the organization for as long as they are a Board Member.

Propose adding

1.4.1 All non-retired MAC members will receive the same paid membership benefits as the Board of Directors.

Second: Marnie Nessen - Passed

6. Other issues or Concerns

Dianna Malley brought up the possibility of adding to policy for reimbursement for mileage, for Master judges that travel to far districts- possible add to next meetings agenda.

Leia Larson- Thanked the ground committee for the safe good ground at state last year

Allyson Shiffrar- Appreciated the input that the BoG has been accepting and their communication with the members,

Christopher Rowles- Explained how the new purchase of black widows will help the ground at state show.

Margo Abatti- Thanked for the updated Awards programs

Marleah Gonzales recommended possibly having a mid day drag in the warm up area.

7. Next meeting Date

State Show Bolado Park 2026

8. Adjournment

11:03- Motion Timmi Lemen and second Dianna Malley

Attendance

Officers

President	Matt Fredriks	Present
Past President	Nathan Rowles	Present
Vice President	Jim Nessen	Present
Treasurer	Marc Hughes	Present
Secretary	Brittney Fontyn	Present
Northern VP	Dianna Malley	Present
Southern VP	Andy Krogh	Present
Central VP	Margo Abatti	Present
Judges/Rules		
Chairperson	Sherri Herchkorn	Present
Parliamentarian	Shannon Lemons	Present
Director	Fayra Staas	Present
Director	Jen Rodriguez	Present
Director	Kyra Allemand	Present
Director	Andrea Garcia	Present
Director	Allyson Shiffrar	Present
Director	Amy Odom-Tollison	Present
Director	Jessica Pacheco	Present
Director	Jaeden Barmettler	Present
Director	Samantha Coelho	Present
Director	Jamie Manalo	Present
Director	Dawn Mileham	Present
Director	Monique Fimbres	Present
Governor	Timmi Lemen	Present
Governor	Lea Legnon	Present
Governor	Nathan Rowles	Present
Governor	Bob Cranor	Present

Delegates

District 1	Demetria Iacocca	Present
District 2	Susan Tobin	Present
District 3	Heather Malfatti	Present
District 4	Toni DeHerrera	Present
District 5	Charla Cranor	Present
District 6	Grace Fredriks	Present
District 14	Vicky St. Martin	Present
District 17	Marleah Gonzales	Present
District 18	Mary Harris	Present

District 19	Brittney Blackford	Present
District 20	Jennifer Roberts	Present
District 27	Laura Allemand	Present
District 33	Cory Fontyn	Present
District 35	Melinda Alexander	Present
District 40	Shannon Lemons	Present
District 45	Jill Druzgala	Present
District 49	Amy Odom	Present
District 50	Candi Tucker	Present

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Brittney Fontyn- CGA Secretary