

## CGA Annual General Meeting

November 18, 2006  
Raddison Hotel, Fresno, CA

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by President Ron Butts.

### Opening and Introductory Comments – President Ron Butts

President Ron Butts welcomed everyone to the 2006 State Convention and thanked everyone for coming to the General Meeting. Before continuing, Parliamentarian Darlene Sandefur read the CGA meeting rules of conduct. This reminded everyone present that all members have a right to speak and be respected during the meeting but must state their name and keep their comments to three minutes at the microphone. In addition members should speak in order and only when recognized, keeping all personal comments and side conversations to themselves.

### I. Committee Reports – President Ron Butts

#### **Item I. A: By-Laws Committee Report** – Ron Butts

1. During the Annual By-Laws Meeting held at State Show, Ron Butts lead a discussion with the goal of helping to clarify the current drafting of Article 5, Sentence 2 that defines who the Board of Governors includes / consists of. The motion made and passed to the General Meeting reads: Motion by Ron Butts to change the wording in Article 5 of the By-laws, Sentence 2 by adding the wording “Five (5) elected members of the Board of Governors...” Seconded by Lea deMontigny. Motion carried to General Meeting.

(Article 5 – Ruling Body, Sentence 2 would now read: “The Board of Directors shall consist of the following: Five (5) elected members of the Board of Governors, the immediate Past-President, and elected President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Eight (8) elected board Members.”)

**MOTION** by Gene Moore to accept the recommendation as presented by the committee. **Seconded** by Conrad Fimbres. **Motion PASSED.**

#### **Item I. B: Riders Program Committee Report**

1. Lea deMontigny explained during the Annual Riders Meeting that there are riders who are working their way towards twenty (20) times in the Hall of Fame and she felt it would be appropriate for CGA to recognize these individuals with some type of award. The motion made and carried to the General Meeting reads: Motion by Lea deMontigny to create a twenty (20) time Hall of Fame award and five (5) year incremental awards, up to a fifty (50) time Hall of Fame award. Seconded by Patrick Hoffman. Motion carried to General Meeting.

**MOTION** by Shannon Rahn to accept the motion as presented and **seconded** by Gene Moore. **Motion PASSED.**

2. Following an extensive discussion at the Annual Riders Meeting, Charlea Moore presented the following motion regarding year end award buckles: Motion by Charlea Moore to authorize the CGA State Office to begin looking into an alternative buckle maker, with different shapes and styles available. Seconded by Belinda Harms. Motion carried to General Meeting.

Randy Young *moved* to accept the motion as presented. *Seconded* by Patrick Hoffman.  
**Motion PASSED.**

3. During Annual Riders Meeting Charlea Moore presented and supported a motion to expand the Senior Elite awards program to match that of the ROC program. Her original motion that carried to the General Meeting reads as following: Motion by Charles Moore to expand the Senior Elite awards program to exactly the same structure as the ROC program. Seconded by Joanne Galbraith. Motion carried to General Meeting.

Gene Moore *moved* to accept the motion as presented. *Seconded* by Daphne Couturier.  
**Motion PASSED.**

### **Item I. C: Rules and Judges Committee Report**

1. Following an issue with pony measurements at State Show, Gene Moore presented the following motion regarding the number of times a pony can be measured at any one measuring session. Motion by Gene Moore that at any pony measuring session, especially State Show, a pony is measured only once. Seconded by Joanne Galbraith. Motion carried to General Meeting.

*Motion* by Michele Easel to accept the motion as presented. *Seconded* by Randy Young. **Motion PASSED.**

2. Dianna Merrick presented the following motion that carried to the General Meeting that also involves the specifics of pony measuring at State Show. Motion by Dianna Merrick that at the State Show pony measuring there are two (2) Master Judges present to measure and certify the pony measurement/certificate. Seconded by Margaret Whitelaw-Haynie. Motion carried to General Meeting.

*Motion* by Margaret Whitelaw-Haynie to accept the motion as presented. *Seconded* by Cindy Hoffman. **Motion PASSED.**

3. Gene Moore was asked by the Board of Directors to draft/document the Judges Disciplinary Procedures that are essentially already in place and to present them at the Rules and Judges Meeting. This document had to be accepted at this meeting and then forwarded to the General Meeting for approval before taking affect. The original motion as presented by Lea deMontigny reads: Motion by Lea deMontigny to accept the Judges Disciplinary Procedures as presented and to bring the procedure to Convention. Seconded by Charlea Moore. Motion carried to General Meeting. Gene Moore proceeded to summarize the disciplinary procedures and listed the titles of the nine (9) violations as drafted in the document.

Shannon Rahn *moved* to accept the motion as presented. *Seconded* by Patrick Hoffman. *Motion PASSED.*

4. Following a brief discussion about the current Hurry Scurry center supports the following motion was passed to the General Meeting: *Motion by Charlea Moore for the BoD and the MAC to research alternative center supports for the Hurry Scurry and present alternatives at Convention. Seconded by Wendy Hagerman. Motion carried to General Meeting.* However, Gene Moore pointed out that this duty had slipped the mind of the both the Board of Directors and the MAC. Gene asked that the motion be tabled until the next General Meeting or to give the MAC the authority to research and implement changes.

*Motion* by Margaret Whitelaw-Haynie to give the MAC the authority to determine the best alternative for the Hurry Scurry center supports and to implement that change by the Board of Directors Meeting in February. *Seconded* by Joanne Galbraith. *Motion PASSED.*

## **Item II: Other Issues/Comments and Concerns**

Several issues were presented by various members with no succinct order. Because ideas and topics were bounced around so much, the following will organize each topic and include the various micro discussions regarding each topic.

1. Gene Moore presented a few concerns to the membership that have been asked of him numerous times: a) Why don't riders get to vote on changes that affect them directly, for example: State Show dates, Convention dates and locations. Essentially riders feel they don't have a say in the decisions of the organization. b) As a whole, CGA needs to look at the distribution of publications to its members. Currently only new members receive updated publications and there are so many different printed versions throughout the organization that we need to look at unifying our documents.
2. Lea deMontigny asked who carries the American Flag in the absence of Mr. Frank Hyde or what the procedure is to choose another individual. Stan Janssen agreed to readdress the issue after some research.
3. Charlea Moore stated that she would like to reconsider the structure of Convention and return to the three (3) day event with Monte Carlo Night. Charlea stated that staying away from the Thanksgiving Day weekend would be okay, but returning to the old structure would be nice. Julie McDonald emphasized how nice it was to have Convention away from the holiday weekend and how it can provide others with the chance to come to Convention for the simple fact that it isn't on a family holiday.

Christopher Rowles and Margaret Whitelaw-Haynie agreed that Convention should be changed back to the "old" structure. They stated that State Show felt rushed and the afternoons were just too busy for all the meetings.

There was some discussion about the memberships desire to bring Monte Carlo Night back to Convention. However, the \$100.00 donation is hard for the smaller clubs to pull together. Some individuals suggested the smaller clubs ask for donations.

Marta Weststeyn and Phyllis Odom raised the valid point that as a whole, CGA needs to consider doing something to provide entertainment for the kids at Convention to keep them out of trouble.

President Ron Butts asked that the Convention issue move to the Board of Directors meeting.

4. Sheri Herchkorn spoke to address how CGA decisions that directly affect the riders are made throughout the year. Riders only convene once per year, so if we had to wait to make all of the decisions at the one meeting there would be a significant delay in implementing changes. There are also times throughout the year that decisions must be made and often the State Office needs to make the decisions regarding Convention details. The Convention date was changed by the Board of Directors in direct response to the riders input and the 18% increase in Convention registers seems to reflect that. Sheri also reminded all the members present that there are three (3) Board of Directors meetings where changes can be made and district delegates can provide input on the member's behalf.

Much discussion occurred throughout the various micro topics that the riders have the ability to bring change to the organization and the meetings provide opportunities for input and change, especially the annual meetings and the Board of Directors meetings. In addition, Bob Perry pointed out that many CGA members don't even know how the process works to bring about change within the organization and perhaps districts should explain to their members how the process works.

### **Item III: Convention Location for 2007**

Joanne Galbraith discussed Bakersfield as a possible location for Convention, stating there are nice hotels that are large enough to accommodate our group. Phyllis Odom stated that CGA tries to keep Convention central so both the North and South will come and participation will stay up. Phyllis also reminded the members that it is difficult to find a hotel that can accommodate our group, especially for dinner. Gene Moore believes we should leave the Convention location up to the State Office.

Randy Young *motions* to have the Convention date kept on the weekend prior to Thanksgiving next year and to leave the location decision up to the State Office.

*Seconded* by Dianna Merrick. **Motion PASSED.**

### **IV. Adjournment**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy Young and *Seconded* by Skip Hofman. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Abatti  
CGA Secretary