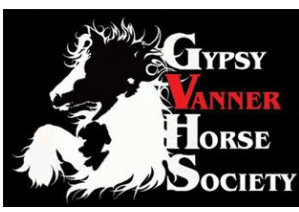


GVHS Board of Directors'

Meeting: Jan 5, 2021



Location:	Teleconference
Start Time:	7.32
End Time:	9.34

Member	Present	Absent
Gale Rempel -Director	x	
Samantha VanSickle-Director	x	
Barb Snyder- Registrar/Admin	x	
Misha Duvernoy-Director	x	
Jeff Conklin-Director	x	
Kate Walls-Director	x	

Minutes

- Draft Minutes from Dec 22, 2020
- Motion made to accept the minutes as written by Samantha VanSickle
- Motion seconded by Misha Duvernoy

Financials

- ❑ Financials – detail review of 2020 financials was given by Barb Snyder. Increases of income in 2020 over 2019: Membership 16%; Registrations 36%; Transfers 20%; Total Income 29%. Increases in expenses: Administrative 11%; Total Expenses 4%. After balance sheet review which shows a balance of \$7042 in the youth fund, Gale Rempel suggested the cost of the youth booklet that is going to be included in the Vanner magazine be covered from the youth fund. Some of the fund will also be used for youth prizes/activities during the 25th Anniversary event. All agreed. The 2020 financials statements approved and accepted.

Committee Reports

- ❑ Show Committee –
 - ❑ Misha Duvernoy recommended that an ethics statement be prepared that committee members would be required to sign. This would help insure that committee members understand the importance of confidentiality and professionalism. All agreed this should be prepared. Barb Snyder is preparing a draft document for review. Document approved Jan 6, 2021.
 - ❑ Barb Snyder recommended that events/award/activities be created for those members that do not necessarily do breed shows. Samantha VanSickle recommended a “time in the saddle/behind the cart” program. She has information on a program she had been developing and will provide that information to the Board for consideration.

- Samantha VanSickle questioned the potential to post show results on the GVHS website due to problem for exhibitor to obtain the results form show managers. Barb Snyder said the excel report is a computer format readable by the show points program, not for exhibitors. It is also a proprietary program. This issue was discussed previously and the resolution is that the show managers must sign the agreement / show request form and within that document is the agreement that the show manager will post the show results or provide upon request to an exhibitor. If anyone finds that a show manager is not complying with this agreement the GVHS office should be notified.
- Communication/Marketing – no report
- Registration Committee
 - Registrations completed in Dec 2020- 71
 - Transfers completed in Dec 2020- 90
 - Total new registration numbers assigned in the year 2020- 952
 - Total registrations completed in 2020 – 1004
 - Total transfers completed in 2020 - 843
- Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee
 - Wendy Dean grievance received 12/31/2020, documents being prepared to send to the committee.
- Evaluation committee – no report
- Special Projects – no report

Old Business

- 1) Preparation of language for a deadline date to submit show rule changes for consideration to be posted to the show program page of the website and become GVHS policy:

Anyone can request a change, addition, or update to a GVHS show rule. All requests must be submitted to the GVHS office in writing no later than July 1 for a change, addition, or update to be considered for the next show year commencing January 1. This provides ample time for the show committee to research and discuss the request and provide recommendation to the Board of Directors for review.

Jeff Conklin made the motion to accept this as GVHS policy and to be posted. Samantha VanSickle seconded the motion. Motion approved by all.

- 2) Annual Meeting – a survey was sent out requesting feedback on activities of interest to be held during the 25th Anniversary Celebration in November 2021. After just a few days, as of this date, there have been 169 responses, 62 committed to attend, and 38 write in suggestions. The topics so far with the most interest are Saddle Fitting; Legal Issues, contracts/agreements, liabilities & protection of horse ownership;

Question & Answer session with a panel of judges; DNA testing; How to prepare horse for evaluations; How to present horse in the halter ring; breed standard with actual horses. The survey is not closed, more data still being collected.

There was also interest in grooming and other care topics. The Directors discussed value of investing in quality educational videos that would be posted on the website for these kinds of topics. It was discussed how the videos will need to be neutral, no mention of horses name, owner, promotion of particular products etc. Other topics needed are demonstration of proper movement such as how a western Gypsy Vanner should move and hold their head, and other such topics. Samantha VanSickle volunteered to create a list of video topics and a plan on developing these videos and volunteered use of a variety of horses. Once planned on number of videos, length etc, quotes will be obtained for cost.

Barb Snyder will contact Mark Barrett regarding doing photos and video of some of the 25th Anniversary Event for prosperity. Rita Ostrom has started the planning for the event and will visit the venue in May. She has requested if Gale and/or Barb can tour the venue and get photos of the actual meeting and banquet rooms would be helpful to her.

There was discussion regarding planning will need to begin for the 2022 annual meeting to be held in February 2022. A venue will need to be reserved as soon as possible. Different locations were discussed. All agreed on Las Vegas, Nevada as the location. The event would consist of a Friday reception, Saturday meeting, and Saturday evening awards banquet. This would leave Sunday available for members to enjoy the city or give time for special session if needed. Barb Snyder will research venue locations.

New Business

- 1) Election of Officers for 2021- the following people were nominated and elected by unanimous vote: Gale Rempel, President; Jeff Conklin, Vice President; Barb Snyder, Secretary; Terri Martel, Treasurer.
- 2) Show manager issues – Nannet Read, Show Your Horse LLC. A supplemental document was provided to the Directors listing multiple complaints and issues with this show manager received from members. There was also a review of the Cease and Desist demand letter sent to Nannet on March 10, 2020 from the GVHS under the signature of the President. After discussion of the issues and ongoing unprofessional behavior it was agreed that a letter will be sent to the show manager informing her that the GVHS no longer will align itself with her or her organization or provide approval for her shows for the GVHS points program. The letter will be under the signature of the President for the GVHS.
- 3) It is recommended and approved by all Directors that language will be added to the show approval request form “if an exhibitor is banned by a show manager for cause, either temporary or permanent, the show manager must notify the GVHS in writing, provide the reason, and the proof for their action”
- 4) Prefix – registrar request of Board clarification of prefix rule.
 - Owner A has a GVHS registered prefix used to register foals from mares owned.
 - Owner A & Owner B – co-own some mares and produce foals and want to use a new prefix for foals
From the mares co-owned.

Issue: Prefix rule states only one active prefix allowed per owner. Proposed solution is to require the Partnership to also get a membership then that Partnership would own and use the new prefix. Samantha VanSickle correctly notified the other Directors that there is already a precedent set for this same issue so this is the correct way to handle it. All Directors agree.



Board of Director Meeting Minutes February 23, 2021

Present: Gale Rempel, Samantha VanSickle, Jeff Conklin, Barb Snyder.

Absent: Misha Duvernoy, Kate Walls

Meeting start time: 7:36 pm

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Jeff Conklin made a motion to approve, Samantha VanSickle seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Approve January 2021 financial statement – approved unanimously by Directors present.

Approve 2021 budget – based on actual financial results of 2020 with additions and exclusions as currently known. Conservative growth added. Approved unanimously by Directors present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee – Samantha VanSickle is developing a “time in the saddle” type program as previously discussed. She plans for this to go to the show committee this week for discussion. The plan is it to be a lifelong program with goals that would be awarded with a certificate and possibly a medal award.

Communications/Marketing - Samantha VanSickle proposed plan and cost for educational videos that were previously discussed. She is developing a series of booklets and videos. Received multiple quotes with median cost of \$400-\$450 per 5 minute video. She had a videographer come out and do a test video on grooming. The videos and booklets would be different topics, one video for braiding, one for leg/feather care etc. Six videos total at this time. Some of the proposed topics of the booklets would be showing for beginners, one for grooming, one for a buyers/sellers guide. Jeff Conklin asked how the directors will get to view the videos ahead of time. Barb Snyder stated she could set up a hidden page on the website and give the link to the Directors to view them. There was discussion about keeping the videos generic to not give impression of personal promotion or benefit. Most asked for topic is grooming, mane/tail/feather, another often asked for topic is how a western Gypsy Vanner is suppose to move (head carriage etc). Gale Rempel said Grace Greenlee created a picture study of how a western horse should carry itself that should be reviewed. Samantha VanSickle said that pictures are a better medium to use for this rather than video. She suggests including this in the showing booklet. Samantha is going to look for photos of correct versus incorrect, and if no photos available can have drawings done. She noted that different horses can have slightly different correctness depending on conformation. Gale Rempel suggested that the senior judges be consulted. Jeff Conklin made a motion to approve up to \$3000 to move forward on the videos, Gale Rempel seconded the motion, motion carries.

Samantha will get a quote on the booklets. Samantha requested that free advertising in The Vanner be provided to the person doing the graphic design layout for the booklets. All present agreed. She will get with Kathy to reserve space for the ad.

Gale Rempel proposed idea of Wayne Hipsley putting his education seminar on video. Barb Snyder said if the video is provided free, it would eliminate anyone wanting to pay to attend in person. Samantha VanSickle suggested he do a trailer type video to get people interested in attending.

There was discussion of the previous discussed plan to have an educational seminar and evaluations in California in the fall. Barb Snyder will discuss with Wayne Hipsley and Gillian Muir regarding traveling at that time.

Registration Committee

Registrations January -77 Transfers January – 73

Registrar testify in court representing the GVHS – Barb Snyder testified in a court case on Feb 19, 2021. The case was between two people regarding ownership of a Gypsy Vanner Horse. The testimony for the GVHS was to explain the organization, the breed, and the registration process.

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee

Wendy Dean Grievance – proposal to the BOD. The Directors received a written recommendation from the committee. The Directors present accept the recommendation but they prefer the absent Directors also weigh in on the decision. An email will be sent to all the Directors for final decision.

Evaluations Committee – no report

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

Virtual Shows – member request for virtual shows to be included in the points program and Vanner Advantage program. This was discussed in 2020 and the decision was not to include. The Directors present all agree virtual shows are an educational activity and are not to be included in the GVHS points or Vanner Advantage program this year or any future years.

25th Anniversary Celebration

The schedule of presentations / Clinics / Demos schedule was discussed. These were chosen based on the survey sent out.

Legal liability, contract, etc for horse owners –Gale Rempel with will discuss this with Wayne Hipsley. Ask him to present the seminar and find out the time needed. The plan is for this to be held on Saturday morning, November 20.

Conformation/Breed Type/Showing at Halter/Evaluation demo/clinic – Gale Rempel will discuss this with Wayne to get his ideas on how to proceed since he has done similar clinic in the past. Barb Snyder stated that several members responded to the survey suggesting that new owners and/or youth be involved in the hands on if possible. It was also suggested that others could participate in helping the instruction. The plan is to get 10 horses available for the demos. Gale Rempel volunteered one of hers.

Saddle Fitting –Gale Rempel will talk to the local saddle shop that specializes in all saddle types and fitting.

Games/activities/prizes – All Directors will assist in developing ideas and prizes.

2022 AGM in Las Vegas – Barb Snyder has been working with two hotels for the event. She Stated that she felt the original proposals required too high of a guarantee. She expects a revised proposal this week and will send it to the Directors via email for approval.

Show Manager letter – letter has not been sent due to fairness concern of the GVHS declining a show that has already been approved. There was discussion regarding not approving any additional shows, but allowing the currently approved show. The letter will specifically information about the GVHS policy on banning any exhibitor and that the banning of exhibitors for no cause will result in the current show approval withdrawal.

NEW BUSINESS

Colombia affiliation 3 year agreement expiration – April 2021 – Barb Snyder sent a copy of the current agreement to the directors for review. It was discussed the last 3 years and that the Colombia organization is professional and takes the affiliation seriously, and there has been no problems. The Directors present currently feel the terms of the agreement are still acceptable and should be renewed. They have directed Barb Snyder to get in contact with Maria so she can communicate with her Board of Directors regarding renewal and if they have anything they want to change. This will be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

Member request for year end award and banquet sponsorship for club organization – A member has inquired if the GVHS would provide sponsorship of a year end banquet and award for a local Gypsy club that has a 3 show circuit that they count for high point year end awards. The Directors present all agreed that any banquet expense should be responsibility of the club, it's members or sponsors. They agreed the GVHS will provide to approved organized Gypsy Vanner local clubs one high point Gypsy Vanner award per year provided by the GVHS The winning horse must be GVHS registered, and the owner must be a GVHS member. The club must provide the GVHS with information on who gets the award. Gale Rempel made motion to provide the award with terms discussed, Samantha VanSickle seconded, motion carried.

Member proposal – separate year end points program awards into Western and English

For reference purposes: GVHS currently has 153 awards and recognition for the Show points program. In addition the GVHS awards other programs, Vanner Advantage, USDF All Breeds, and Equine Trail Sports which can add an additional 55 awards.

165 members showed in the points program in 2020 out of 850 members.

310 Gypsy Vanners were shown in the points program in 2020 out of 8,000

Breaking the awards into Western and English would then have to be separated into w/t, wtc, amateur, amateur w/t, w/t/c, youth, youth w/t, w/t/c etc. doubling the number of current awards.

There was agreement among the Directors to not add these or any additional show point awards now or in the future. Focus should be on non show point activities and awards such as the “time in the saddle” (in the cart) recognition for those that don’t necessarily go to shows.

Meeting end time: 9:15 pm



Board of Director Meeting April 6, 2021

Attendees: Gale Rempel, Kate Walls, Misha Duvernoy, Jeff Conklin, Samantha VanSickle, Barbara Snyder.

Meeting start time: 7:30 pm EDT

MINUTES

Motion made by Kate Walls to approve the minutes from previous meeting on Feb 23 2021. Jeff Conklin seconded the motion. All responded yea, motion passed.

FINANCIAL

The 2021 financial statement through March were reviewed prior to the meeting via email, no questions or concerns, accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee – no report

Communications/Marketing – update on educational videos, in process expect to be close to complete by next meeting in May.

Registration Committee

Registrations Feb -81 Transfers Feb – 90
Registrations Mar - 85 Transfers Mar - 74

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee

Wendy Dean Grievance – BOD response sent to Wendy, no further response from her.
Deposit refunded. Notified show manager of members issues.

Evaluations Committee –

CA evaluation and seminar – Wayne Hipsley, Samantha VanSickle and Gale Rempel will communicate to schedule potential evaluations and seminar. When a date is chosen, and evaluators and host farm are available, Barb Snyder will set up the reservation at the hotel for the class room session.

Colombia evaluations – ACOLGVS has need for evaluations and would also like to have a show. It is suggested they make is an educational type show where they are learning at the same time. Maria has been in touch with Wayne and they are going to coordinate potential for late Oct in conjunction with the Mercedes event in Colombia if possible, pending the covid situation.

Ohio Evaluations – Jeff Conklin says there is interest in including evaluations in conjunction with the show in Ohio. He is going to talk to owners in the area to see if enough interest. Will notify Barb Snyder and if feasible she will try to schedule it with the show manager, and the evaluators.

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

Colombia affiliation 3 year agreement expiration – April 2021 – ACOVGVS has responded they would like to sign an extension with the same terms. Barb Snyder will draft an addendum to the current affiliation agreement and have it signed by the Presidents of both organizations.

25th Anniversary Celebration

Legal liability, contract, etc for horse owners – Gale Rempel has discussed this with Wayne Hipsley to present. It will be around 1.5 hours and titled “Developing A Risk Management Strategy for You and Your Farm”. Plan for this presentation is Saturday, November 20, 9:30- 11:00 am.

Conformation/Breed Type/Showing at Halter/Evaluation demo/clinic – There was discussion on the misunderstanding people have about 4 star scored horses and that there needs to be education regarding this and in general how to apply and use the results of the evaluation program. It was agreed that the Sunday morning session at the 25th Anniversary event will be an “Understanding and Applying Evaluations Scores to Your Horse and Your Breeding Choices”. Gale Rempel will communicate with Wayne regarding presenting this. Live horses will be available

Saddle Fitting – Plan for Saturday afternoon, November 20. Gale Rempel has been in communication with the saddle fitting expert who has quoted \$250 fee. There was discussion that this would probably be an all afternoon presentation. The GVHS will provide travel reimbursement in addition to fee, and also provide a hotel room Friday night. Live horses will be available.

Games/activities/prizes – in planning stage. Will have several throughout the event.

Invitation to Event – Barb Snyder will begin compiling a list of people who should be personally invited to the event, some suggestions are Founder Dennis Thompson, past Presidents, long term volunteers, Mark & Jackie Barrett.

25th Anniversary Belt Buckles – were suggested could be made up with the GVHS logo to be presented to certain individuals. A list will be created to determine the number needed. All agreed with the suggestion.

Videographer – Barb Snyder will ask Mark Barrett if he is interested in doing this.

Kate Walls suggested some of the information regarding the status of the GVHS be provided to attendees, graphs, statistics etc. Barb Snyder recommended that the 2020 award slides be projected during the reception since this was not done because of the 2021 AGM cancellation due to covid. All in attendance agreed with these ideas.

2022 AGM in Las Vegas – contract in place for Feb 25-27, 2022, Ceasar’s Palace

Show Manager letter – Letter sent to show manager declining any additional shows. Received notification of banned exhibitor. No further communication sent or received.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for transfer of Prefix CR

Rule: A prefix can only be owned by one person or farm and cannot be transferred, except In instances of herd or dispersal sales where all or a large part of a herd is sold to one purchaser, the herd prefix may be transferred to the new owner(s) upon written permission of the prefix owner and approval of the BOD.

There was discussion regarding the rule and how it applied to the particular farm making the request. The farm requesting to transfer the prefix had over 20 horses and has been selling them during 2019/2020/2021 with the intent of getting out of horse ownership completely. The person who they requested be given the prefix only purchased 3 of the horses. It was determined that the rule does not apply and the request is denied. Jeff Conklin made a motion to not allow transfer of this prefix and Misha Duvernoy seconded. All voted yea, motion carried. This will be communicated to the CR prefix owner and the reasons provided.

Cartoon for The Vanner magazine - Terri Martel has requested the BOD consider including a cartoon in The upcoming Vanner magazine. Tom von Kapherr is the cartoonist which you can see some of his work on FB. He would use a photo of a GV and include his horse Jake in a comical situation, example: a GV pulling a carriage with Jake as the driver with a caption. She is asking for trade of an ad space for Tom in exchange for a cartoon. – The Directors will review some of Tom’s cartoons on Facebook. Barb Snyder will communication with Kathy regarding space. A decision will then be made by the Directors regarding the request.

“Gypsy” local clubs – Barb Snyder requests to set up a page on GVHS website to support and promote local/regional clubs. This would have the name of the club and link to a pdf of information, events, contacts etc. So far we know of clubs in the general areas of Ohio, New York, Western States (UT & CO) , Minnesota, Central Alberta and California. Barb will request logos and information from the club contact person. All Directors agreed and approved moving forward on this.

Massachusetts Equine Affaire – this event is planned to start back up in November. Misha Duvernoy reported that it is important for the GVHS to keep their booth space and the forms will need to be completed soon for that event. Barb Snyder noted that the GVHS has funds on credit with the Equine Affaire and will get with them to reconcile the amounts on credit for each EA event. Will report to the Directors for further direction.

GVHS Evaluation program – There was discussion regarding the importance of the evaluation program and the challenges lately due to covid. There is also loss of 3 evaluators due to their personal health or time constraints. Wayne Hipsley has a written evaluator responsibility document he has provided to potential judges to encourage them to become evaluators. Several judges were discussed regarding their abilities and personalities being appropriate as evaluators. Misha Duvernoy brought up the potential UK judge/evaluator that contacted the GVHS last month via email. She will forward that email again to everyone for review. Currently the GVHS has a policy that an evaluator cannot also be a GVHS judge. Kate Walls made the motion to revise the policy to allow a GVHS judge to also be an evaluator, but an evaluator cannot judge a show in the same week and location as they are evaluating. Misha Duvernoy seconded the motion. All voted yea, motion carried. Gale Rempel will communicate with Wayne and potential Judge/evaluators to move forward on this.

Evaluation scores made public – It was suggested by Gale Rempel that evaluation scores on stallions be made public. Stallion owners pay to have the evaluation so should be willing to share the information with mare owners to benefit their breeding decisions. Everyone agreed but there was concern regarding it being required. All agreed we could begin this by publishing scores but making it optional. It was suggested a web page be created, but Barb Snyder mentioned that all the information is already recorded in the database and it would be more efficient to have the scores show up on the online page for a horse. All the information is already in the system for all horses so should not be limited to stallions. She will communicate with the IT person to see if possible to have the scores show up for selected horses as approved by the owner. .

Meeting end time: 9:35 pm



Board of Director Meeting Minutes May 25, 2021

In Attendance: Gale Rempel; Misha Duvernoy; Jeff Conklin; Kate Walls; Samantha VanSickle; Barb Snyder

Absent: None

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from previous meeting on April 6 2021 – Misha Duvernoy made motion to accept, Jeff Conklin seconded, all approved.

FINANCIAL

2021 financial statement through April accepted as published

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee –

Committee members – Barb Snyder raised the concern that out of 6 Show Committee members, 3 of them are Directors on the Board. Stating that the committee purpose is to discuss issues and ideas and present recommendations to the Board and having half of the committee as Directors is not how it should function. Gale Rempel stated that she was only on the committee to resolve some issues, and now Barb Snyder is serving as moderator, she can be removed from the committee. There was discussion regarding changing the policy to allow a judge to be on the committee, and motion was made by Samantha VanSickle to change this policy, seconded by Gale Rempel, motion carried.

Code of ethics violation or not – discussion about a committee member violating the committee code of ethics regarding the section that states “must not directly support other gypsy horse organizations set up to register horses”. Barb Snyder is directed to contact the person and give them a warning regarding this violation.

Communications/Marketing – update on educational videos. Has been on hold, videographers will be scheduled soon.

Registration Committee

Registrations April -102 Transfers April – 153

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – no report

Evaluations Committee –

CA evaluation and seminar – Sept 24-26 – Barb reported that Wayne and Gillian are confirmed as evaluators. Gale Rempel will attend as evaluation manager. Hotel was pending and

now (as of 5/28/2021) has been confirmed for meeting room on Sept 25th. 2 judges have already signed up and Samantha will work on getting attendees signed up.

NY evaluations – Oct 1 – Gillian and Wayne confirmed as evaluators. There was discussion regarding Duane Stutzman training as evaluator at this location and that he is also one of the judges at the show the next day. All Directors felt this was not an issue, and approved his training at this event. Gale Rempel will attend as event manager.

Colombia evaluations – on hold due to current civil unrest in the country.

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

Colombia affiliation 3 year agreement renewal –agreed to and pending signatures

Award commitment – affiliation fee

25th Anniversary Celebration

Games/activities/prizes –

There was general agreement to have a free raffle giving away an English saddle and a Western Saddle. There will be a deadline to register and pay for the event and those names will go into the free raffle. Approval to purchase saddles and bridles based on pre review of the cost. It is possible some items may be donated or partially donated, or provided in exchange for an ad in the Vanner magazine. Gale Rempel will confirm.

Equine Affaire –

Misha will manage the booth at the MA EA–the GVHS has credit of \$400.

Jeff Conklin will manage the booth at the OH EA- the GVHS as a credit of - \$760

Evaluation Scores on online registry – Barb Snyder reported that the designer/programmer thinks it is doable to allow specific horses to reflect their scores under the control of the GVHS based on owner approval. This will be a customization of the program.

Time in Saddle Program – Gale asked about this program discussed by the show committee. Barb reported that most of the committee thought it was too difficult to monitor and administer and would create issues. Most thought it could be a good program at the regional/local club level. The GVHS could provide support by giving awards within the club organization program and let the clubs manage their own award programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Colombia – requesting virtual educational seminar. This would be difficult due to language. Discussion about getting video of the educational seminar in California for GVHS archive purposes. Samantha will discuss this with videographer and get cost for Saturday and Sunday sessions.

DNA Test – U of KY license cost for Lp – Barb Snyder approached the U of KY lab director about adding the Lp gene test. They have considered it but the cost to the University was not something they thought they could recoup. Barb asked for approval for the GVHS to pay the license fee. Approval giving to pursue adding the Lp, PANT1 and W20 testing to what the GVHS offers. She will report back with final cost.

Corporate Sponsorship – State Line Tack contacted the GVHS regarding a corporate sponsorship. Barb had sent them a copy of the last 2 magazine issues. The Board approved seeking some free Stateline merchandise in return for an ad in The Vanner magazine.

Meeting end time: 8:53 pm



Board of Director Meeting July 28, 2021

Attending: Gale Rempel; Jeff Conklin; Kate Walls; Misha Duvernoy; Samantha VanSickle; Barb Snyder.

MINUTES

Jeff Conklin made the motion to accept the minutes as written from the May 25 2021 meeting, Kate Walls seconded, all approved.

FINANCIAL

Barb Snyder explained the timing issue regarding the Vanner magazine ad sales line. Some of the sales were at the end of 2020 for the 2021 issue. Sale of ads for the 2021 issue is 60% higher than ad sales for the 2020 issue. 2021 financial statement through June is approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee – Bred in NA – Intl Bred

Current Rule: North American Bred classes are limited to horses bred and foaled within the borders of North America. International Bred classes are limited to horses bred and foaled outside the borders of North America.

The Issue discussed is that this rule eliminates horses imported inutero from either of these classes. Half of the committee thinks the “bred in” classes should be eliminated from the points program, the other half think the rule should be changed to include the inutero horses by eliminating the “and foaled” language in the rules. No definitive agreement or recommendation due to split committee so request a board decision. Jeff Conklin made a motion to eliminate the words “and foaled” in the rule for both classes. Samantha VanSickle seconded the motion. All in favor.

Communications/Marketing – update on educational videos, pending weather, storms, fires in California.

Registration Committee

Registrations May - 87 Transfers May – 89
Registrations June – 79 Transfer June - 99
Registrations July - 85 Transfers July - 86

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – no report

Evaluations Committee –

CA evaluation and seminar update – Sept 24-26 – estimate of 14 total to date intending to attend. 3 judges have signed up. Will send out member announcement and notice to each judge.
NY evaluations update - Oct 1

FL evaluations – hope to schedule in Winter pending availability of evaluators.

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

25th Anniversary Celebration

Games/activities/prizes –

Saddles for free raffle are from Blitz Saddlery of London and Circle Y, deadline to enter Oct 1 – need logos of the sponsors and photos to show examples of saddles. Actual saddle will be choice of winner and custom fit to winner. 2 Circle Y headstalls donated by State Line Tack.

Funding for Saturday exhibition – Gale Rempel gave a review of potential participants in the exhibition on Saturday. The Directors agree that horses used in the exhibition and clinics are to be GVHS registered horses and their owners GVHS members. Participants who have not contributed positively to the GVHS organization will not be invited to participate. Requested funding to help with travel from some exhibitors coming long distance. \$.56 per mile (IRS rate) is approved to offer all exhibitors. Will need IRS W9 form for any being paid over \$600.

Jumbotron – Gale will get with WEC to find out cost to use Jumbotron and how it works. Hope to livestream to the Jumbotron during the clinics on Saturday and to use it for the exhibition. Need to find videographer for that day. Also determine how microphone will work, what we need to do.

Rita Ostrom's event logo – if billed cost will come out of budget amount for event organizer

Booklet for event – reviewed list of people to put in the program booklet, draft will be reviewed prior to printing. Will get Kathy Mutti to design booklet and pay her hourly rate approved.

DNA Test – U of KY license cost for Lp - \$1500 – still pending with the U of KY

Youth / Amateur combined classes – There was discussion of requiring separation of the youth and amateur classes starting with the 2022 show season. Misha Duvernoy made the motion that the classes will be separate with the exception of any single entry youth class may be combined with the amateur class for performance only. Gale Rempel seconded the motion. All approved.

Add Youth Awards – Gale made the suggestion that the GVHS add walk/trot – walk/trot/canter awards for youth. Samantha VanSickle made the motion and Jeff Conklin seconded the motion that the GVHS will provide awards to the youth starting with the 2022 show season that mirror the awards given to amateurs. All Agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Horse Illustrated Ad – featuring the breed Nov/Dec full page \$1600 – expenditure approved

Equine Discount request to include this information on Website - approved

Judge hiring rule recommendation (sent in by a judge)-

We've seen the same group of 6-7 judges judging ALL of the approved shows in the last few years. It's understandable that relationships develop between judges and management over the years however, it also shows that there is some sort of "click" within certain shows that use the same judges repeatedly, rotating them around within their shows and not bringing in any new faces for multiple years.

I do not feel this is a good thing for growth of the breed and, transparency of the program. Following other breeds such as PtHA as an example, it would be in GVHS best interest to introduce some new hiring rules in 2022.

1. *No judge may judge more than one approved show in the same state in the same calendar year.*
2. *No judge may judge more than one approved show for the same management company or state affiliated club in the same calendar year.*

This discussion was tabled, no decision or change at this time.

Multiple judge shows – the purpose of multiple judged shows that was originally intended was each judges results were to be treated as independent, the same as showing at 2 shows rather than 1. This was meant to be scored and pointed and prizes as 2 shows in all classes. This was a benefit put in place to make it more cost effective for members to haul their horses to shows. It has recently come to our attention that some show managers have been missing the purpose of this and combining scores, this is very unfair when the horses go into the championship and supreme classes. Suggestion has been made to only count points for 1 judge per show starting in 2022 to resolve this issue.

Discussion regarding management of shows. The Directors agreed to continue allowing the 2 judge shows but it needs to be explained (in writing) the purpose of allowing 2 judges and how it is to work. Samantha VanSickle suggested a show manager reference guide explaining what is expected by the GVHS of show managers, including how to manage multiple judged shows as separate shows, and include the information currently on the show approval form. Barb Snyder said she will start the draft document with the current information and then it can be expanded.

Request for breed booth at National Show -

Samantha Crook is setting up table for GVHS and has requested the following:

A GVHS logo table cloth and standing banner. Marketing items to giveaway such as key chains/ink pens/small sticky notes/ GVHS stickers (3-4" round), 12 ounce GVHS logo plastic cups. A couple of english saddle pads with the GVHS logo made to give away as an award for WT & WTC Open-Amateur & Youth awards and GVHS logo bridle bags.

Everyone appreciates Samantha Crook's suggestions and feel the GVHS table should be set up through the show manager. Tentative approval to provide some of these items for the National Show. Samantha VanSickle will communicate with Gail Shrine to find out ideas of items and what others are doing. Barb Snyder will research items and costs.

Meeting end time: 9:30 pm



Board of Director Meeting August 9, 2021

Attendance: Gale Rempel, Samantha VanSickle, Jeff Conklin, Misha Duvernoy, Barb Snyder, Kate Walls.

Meeting start time: 7:32 pm EDT

Gale Rempel called the meeting to order, a special meeting to discuss the previous weeks events that need to be addressed.

Gale reviewed that she had been asking Paulette to provide a list of people and horses. At the last meeting it was reviewed that the GVHS policy is that horses have to be registered and owners a GVHS member. After notifying Paulette that one person on the list did not meet criteria to participate, Paulette seemed to accept it and went to Joyce with the information. Paulette ultimately cancelled out helping with the exhibition.

Members and non members have received Joyce's letter addressed to the GVHS Board. Response has been completely in defense of GVHS.

Minutes for July meeting – motion to accept made by Samantha VanSickle, and second by Misha Duvernoy. All Directors in attendance in favor, minutes approved.

Joyce Christian – review her letter dated August 3, review draft response. Letter will be signed and emailed and also mailed USPS certified.

Paulette Stoudt – review her recent actions regarding the GVHS, her unprofessionalism will be monitored because she is also a GVHS judge.

Noon Exhibition on the WEG November 20th –

Review from Gale of status of exhibition

Who is now going to organize – Gale received a text from Linda Pepples regarding Bill Ricci's health and they can participate. They are on board and will help organize.

The scope of the exhibition will be planned as a show of Gypsy Vanner disciplines.

List of horses/participants – will contact some of the local members. Also need horses for the clinics. Gale will find out how many horses needed for the conformation/movement clinic and the saddle fitting clinic.

Genetic testing at U of KY – Lp, PATN, W20 now available. The cost of the license was \$1500. The U of KY cannot take funds to pay for licensing, but they can accept a voluntary donation to the U of KY

foundation. Jeff Conklin made the motion and Kate Walls seconded to make the donation to the U of KY foundation of \$1500. All Directors voted in favor, motion passed.

Gale suggested a constant contact be sent to member notifying them that they have the option to opt out having their email included in the published email list. All agreed.

Meeting end: 9:03 pm



Board of Director Meeting Aug 31, 2021

In Attendance: Gale Rempel, Jeff Conklin, Misha Duvernoy, Kate Walls, Samantha VanSickle, Barb Snyder

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from previous meeting on Aug 9, 2021 – motion to accept made by Misha Duvernoy, seconded by Samantha VanSickle, all approved.

FINANCIAL

Approve 2021 financial statement through July – approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee – Barb Snyder and Samantha VanSickle will coordinate the show manager booklet.

Communications/Marketing – update on educational videos – coordinating dates with videographer depending on weather and schedules

Registration Committee

Registrations July - 85	Transfers July – 86
Aug - 134	Aug - 79

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – no report

Evaluations Committee –

CO evaluation – Sept 9 full schedule

CA evaluation/seminar – Seminar cancelled – evaluations moved to Sat Sept 25

NY evaluations update - Oct 1

FL evaluations -

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

25th Anniversary Celebration – Update

Attendees – all agreed that there would be no registration fee for up to 2 people per horse participating in the clinics and/or exhibition.

DNA Test – U of KY license cost for Lp/W20/PANT1 - \$1500 – paid to U of KY foundation

Marketing items for National show - Barb will order 3 Bridle Bags and 3 Directors Chairs as awards for the National show. The following marketing items will also be ordered, hand sanitizers, stadium cups, license plate covers, pens and lip moisturizers all with the GVHS logo. A table cloth and runner will be ordered and sent to Samantha VanSickle for the table at the National show. Samantha will also get information on leather notebooks for the VIP tables.

Recommendation sent in by judge – All Directors discussed and agreed to not make the change as shown.

No judge may judge more than one approved show in the same state in the same calendar year.

No judge may judge more than one approved show for the same management company or state affiliated club in the same calendar year.

NEW BUSINESS

Legal issue – Gale Rempel updated the Directors that a retainer of \$1500 has been paid to the GVHS attorney, and the attorney is provided with necessary documents to stay up to date on issues.

Bylaw proposed addition- The following proposed language was discussed. Samantha VanSickle made the motion to add the language, Jeff Conklin seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Section 3. Removal

- (a) Any member delinquent in payment of dues will cease to be a member. Annual dues not paid by January 31st will cease to be a member.
- (b) The Board of Directors by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board present and voting, after appropriate notice and hearing, may suspend or expel any Member for cause, including but not limited to the following:
 - (1) Aiding or abetting any unauthorized use of the term GYPSY VANNER HORSE.
 - (2) Any act or conduct which may cause disrespect for or lack of public confidence in the maintenance of the purpose clause set forth herein these Bylaws or the name “GYPSY VANNER HORSE”; or
 - (3) Violation of any provision of these Bylaws or any rule, regulation, or order adopted pursuant to these Bylaws.
 - (4) Any act or conduct which may cause disrespect for or lack of public confidence in the organization, Gypsy Vanner Horse Society.
 - (5) The GVHS Board of Directors reserve the right to decline membership.

Transfer fee – Member doesn't want to pay, requested board to discuss – the Directors discussed why the member doesn't want to pay the transfer fee and concluded that the rule is clear and applies to everyone.

Free OK passes – OK State Fair is sending 10 free day passes to the GVHS in thankyou for supporting the show. Barb Snyder stated it is not fair to give them out to some members and not others, and suggested sending them to a local OKC childrens home. All Directors liked the idea and agreed.

Show limit per state- There was a member request to not count National show in the 5 per state limit so Texas can add another show. This was discussed and all Directors agreed there is to be no change.

Meeting end time: 9:33

Board Resolution without meeting –8/12/2021 voted affirmative by Samantha VanSickle, Jeff Conklin, Misha Duvernoy, Kate Walls and Gale Rempel.

GVHS and Wayne will develop a test that judges can take via email, and Wayne will be provided their updated application and any issues/complaints we have had about the judges applying to renew in this manner. He will also develop and email test/program to card new judges which may also include a phone interview with him. TBD. Cancel the Educational Seminar scheduled for Sept in CA but still have the evaluations.



Board of Director Meeting Meeting Oct 5, 2021

In attendance: Gale Rempel, Jeff Conklin, Samantha VanSickle, Kate Walls, Misha Duvernoy, Barb Snyder.

Meeting start time: 7:30 pm EDT

MINUTES

Minutes from previous meeting on Aug 31, 2021 approved by motion from Kate Walls, second by Samantha VanSickle, motion carried, minutes approved

FINANCIALS

Discussion of financial statement through September 2021. This year to date over last year to date Membership up 33%; Registration up 13%; Transfer up 67%; Net income up 31%. Total number of members 938. All approved financial statements as reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee – show manager booklet in progress. Will send a draft in the next couple of weeks for review.

Communications/Marketing –

Educational Videos – pending schedules

Committee structure – there is currently a committee called Communications & Marketing. It is proposed that it will be more effective if this committee is split into two different committees,

Publications as a committee to manage The Vanner magazine and Newsletter. The Marketing & Public Relations would manage social media and other marketing and public relations as needed. Kathy Mutti will remain chair of the Publications committee. Mindi Davis has volunteered to be on the Marketing & Public relations committee to manage the social media. She will provide her proposal. She will be provided parameters regarding the GVHS facebook page. Samantha VanSickle made the motion to create these two committees and Misha Duvernoy seconded, all approved, motion carried.

Registration Committee

Registrations Sept – 150

Transfers – 139

New members - 35

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – no report

Evaluations Committee –

CO evaluation – Sept 9 in Colorado - 31 evaluations completed
CA evaluation – Sept 25 in California – 30 evaluations completed
NY evaluations - cancelled
FL evaluations - January 7, 2022
NW request –
SoCal request -

There is a question from a member if there is not the minimum evaluations at a location can the difference be paid by one or more others so the evaluation can be held. Barb Snyder stated that it has been done in the past by requiring payment in advance of the evaluation, then reconciling and reimbursing the person any funds due if others sign up. All Directors agreed this is ok to offer in order to get evaluations done in an area that might have the minimum.

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

25th Anniversary Celebration – Update

Photographer – Gale Rempel was in contact with a photographer but she wanted a free hotel room, free event attendance and the charge for photos taken. The Directors agreed not cost effective. Jeff Conklin volunteered to take photos.

Announcer during demo – Barb Snyder is going to talk to Jason Adams to see if he will be the announcer.

Linda Pepple is going to have a Welcome Room at the event in the stabling barn. Barb Snyder suggested we provide some GVHS marketing items for the room. All agreed.

National Show

3 Directors chairs and 3 Bridle bags are purchased to donate for the National Show. Samantha VanSickle is going to talk to Gail Shrine, show manager, to find out what classes don't already have sponsors, then it can be decided what classes to sponsor.

NEW BUSINESS

Judges/Evaluators Code of Ethics A discussion was held regarding if there should be a formal code of ethics for judges and evaluators. The GVHS was advised by consultant that we should not. He advised that all judges and evaluations must maintain a membership and the language in the bylaws regarding members would apply to judges and evaluations. Barb Snyder mentioned there is also a page in the Evaluation handbook that states what is expected of Evaluators. It was accepted to not pursue a code of ethics for judges/evaluators at this time.

Review of Director candidates Two of the Directors, Misha Duvernoy and Kate Walls are candidates for reelection in 2021 so they were recused from this discussion and left the meeting. The Election Committee consisting of Barb Snyder, Samantha VanSickle, Jeff Conklin, and Gale Rempel reviewed the documents. Five candidates have submitted documents to run for the 2 Director terms

1/1/2022 through 12/31/2024. Four of the five were deemed eligible by the Election Committee, based on the published requirements to be a director. One candidate was determined to be ineligible. The Election Committee will send a letter to the ineligible person.

Meeting end time: 9:48 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 2



Board of Directors Meeting Nov 9, 2021

Attendance: Gale Rempel, Jeff Conklin, Kate Walls, Samantha VanSickle, Misha Duvernoy, Barb Snyder.

Meeting start time: 7:33 pm EDT

MINUTES

Motion made by Kate Walls to approve the minutes from previous meeting of Oct 5, 2021. Misha Duvernoy second. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Financial statements through Oct 2021 approved as distributed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee –

show manager booklet is in process

Communications/Marketing –

Educational Videos pending time and availability

Registration Committee

Registrations Oct - 154

Transfers – Oct -103

New members – Oct -17

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – no report

Evaluations Committee –

FL evaluations - January 7, 2022

NW request

SoCal request – potential to have it in conjunction with a show

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

25th Anniversary Celebration –

Prize plan

Final schedule and prize plan discussed and all in agreement. Emails will be sent to attendees reminding them of schedule and time capsule. Wayne Hipsley will be in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Election update - 505 eligible voters were sent voting information. A review was done regarding issues of director eligibility.

Bridle Bags – a suggestion was made to purchase bridle bags with the GVHS logo to have on hand for awards. Gale Rempel will check with Schneider's Saddlery regarding cost.

Horse TV opportunity – the request sent by Dennis Thompson to fund a video was discussed. Since the video will be about Gypsy Gold and not significantly include the GVHS the Directors unanimously agreed to decline to fund this video.

Meeting end time:

Next meeting: December 21, 2021



GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2021

A general member meeting was held at the Hilton Ocala, Ocala, FL on Friday November 19, 2021 with approximately 80 members in attendance.

The meeting commenced at 1:00 pm with a review of the 2021 year from January through October. This was presented by Barbara Snyder.

The members were notified that after 25 years the bylaws will be reviewed in order to remove obsolete language and update wherever it may need updated. The current bylaws contain regions that may not be valid. The membership was asked to get together with others in their areas to determine what makes sense for their region geographically and provide input to the BOD. It makes sense for the show committee members to drive this planning within their regions. Ultimately the BOD will get the feedback to determine final regions.

Changes in 2021 were discussed. Additional Youth awards for Performance w/t and Performance w/t/c are added starting with the 2022 show season. Youth and amateur can no longer be combined in classes and counted for GVHS points. The exception is if there is one youth entry in a performance class. The membership was notified that the color tests for LP, PANT1, and W20 are now available through the University of Kentucky DNA lab. The GVHS helped the University obtain the licensing for these additional tests. The new registry software was discussed and the members notified that in the near future they will enter their registration applications and their stallion service reports which will feed direct into the database saving time due to the registrar having to currently key everything in.

Most of the discussion by members centered around showing. It was explained that if a show manager chooses to use 2 judges, they must treat it as two shows by not combining judges scores and announcing both judges results.

Discussion was extensive regarding amateur exhibitors. There was concern that true beginner amateurs should have a chance at awards. There was discussion of Amateur/Bred/shown classes, green rider classes and novice classes. Once suggestion was a time limit of 2 years that a person could be considered novice. Another suggestion was the earning of a certain number of points would determine the status. Wayne Hipsley mentioned that if the GVHS chose to recognize amateur owner trained exhibitor classes, the exhibitor would have to declare by submitting a form the same as an amateur exhibitor. Julie Usoff said other shows do have novice amateur and they can show in novice and in regular amateur.

A discussion of judges speaking directly to the exhibitor is usually not encouraged but it was discussed that in novice amateur classes this would be encouraged.

Consistently among judges was a concern of some membership. Wayne Hipsley explained how it is normal to have differences, two judges in the same ring may be looking at different horses and not see everything. Wayne also explained that the Gypsy Vanner should not be shown like a quarter horse. He pointed out that the GVHS has show rules stating how a Gypsy Vanner should be presented in halter. The importance of a judge judging movement was discussed.

Wayne Hipsley brought up the issue of horses being shown in too many classes per day at shows. He suggested it be considered to limit the number of classes per day anyone one horse can enter. The Friesian horses created a rule of 12 per day.

A suggestion was made to have a section on the website or Vanner banner that addresses different things each time. Might be about how to transfer a horse, or a new rule etc.

Show discussion will be moved to the show committee. General membership meeting concluded at 3:45 pm.

Colombia Affiliate Meeting-

A meeting with the members from the ACOLGVS, Wayne Hipsley, the GVHS Board of Directors and Barb Snyder immediately commenced following the general member meeting.

A review of their number of registrations (130 complete and in process) as of today. They have registered horses in Colombia, Panama, Peru, Argentina and Ecuador. The GVHS encourages them to register in all of South American market.

They have dire need of education in how to ride, drive and present their horses. Videos will be made that can be subtitled in Spanish for their membership.

They requested approval to require licensing of stallions to be registered by the ACOLGVS and used for breeding. Initially conformation/movement evaluation would be done at 1-2 years of age for registration. At 3-5 years they can be re evaluated for performance.

In addition a positive vet exam, and negative PSSM1 test and negative FIS test would be required for licensing to breed.

This was noted that in countries outside the USA it is not common to geld stallions. It is already engrained in the culture of other countries to accept licensing requirements so will not be difficult to implement.

A discussion of putting "Not for Breeding" be an option for registration certificates and records with the GVHS and the affiliate. This could be determined at time of registration or after, should be dependent on a documented medical reason.

Everyone in attendance agreed it was a good time to implement before too many get registered. A written policy needs to be developed. Implementation date needs to be set. The plan will be to provide evaluations once per year.



Board of Director Meeting Dec 21, 2021

In Attendance: Gale Rempel, Jeff Conklin, Kate Walls, Misha Duvernoy, Samantha VanSickle, Barb Snyder.

Meeting start time: 7:33 pm EDT

MINUTES

Samantha VanSickle made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 9 BOD meeting, Jeff Conklin seconded. Motion carried.

Jeff Conklin made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 19 General Member meeting, Misha Duvernoy seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Barb Snyder explained that the Hilton Hotel overcharged the GVHS by \$10,000 and those funds will be deposited back into the general checking account and the 25th anniversary event financial revised. The financial reports through November, approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Shows–

Show manager booklet 1st draft has been reviewed by all Directors. Minor changes will be made based on the feedback, and then draft 2 will be sent out for review.

NA Shows – Barb Snyder brought up the opinion that horses showing at North American shows should be registered in a North American registry. The shows currently accept horses registered in an overseas registry. Discussion results were that it is not a pressing matter at this time and in the future may be something the GVHS can impose, but not at this time

The show committee has been asked to work on the following: addition of ranch riding as a pointed class; restructuring of regions; novice amateur as a separate class/division, number of classes per day a horse should be allowed to show in. Mid March has been set as the time line to present and discuss what has been developed on these issue.

Communications/Marketing –

Educational Videos – Samantha VanSickle and the videographer have plans to schedule and move forward with these after the new year holiday.

Registration Committee

Registrations Nov - 110
Transfers – Nov - 113
New members – Nov -19

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – no report

Evaluations Committee –

FL evaluations - January 7, 2022

NW request – Barb Snyder will check with Gail Shrine about including with OR show

SoCal request - Samantha VanSickle working to schedule with a Burbank, CA show

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

Booklet for 2022 Vanner – after discussion it was agreed that the theme of the booklet within the 2022 The Vanner magazine will be another Youth Kids edition. Kate Walls brought up the need to help and education new owners or first time purchasers. It was agreed we will have a New Owner article in The Vanner including frequently asked questions and “need to know”. Misha Duvernoy recommended that QR codes be put in the magazine that will take the reader to various important information on the website. Barb Snyder will get with Kathy Mutti to include the Kids Vanner 2nd edition, QR codes and New Owner article.

AGM 2022 update – at the time of the meeting there are 40 signed up to attend. Based on feedback there are many more that have yet to sign up. Barb Snyder stated that the first group of blocked discounted rooms are reserved and she hopes to be able to get more at a discount.

NEW BUSINESS

Election update - Jeff Conklin made the motion to accept the results of the 2021 director election that places Kate Walls and Misha Duvernoy into the terms 1/1/2022 through 12/31/2024. Gale Rempel seconded. Samantha VanSickle responded affirmative. Election results are certified.

Elect officers for 2022 – the election of Officers for the 2022 business year commenced with notification that all the current officers are willing to serve again in 2022. Samantha VanSickle stated she is willing to serve as Vice President if needed. By unanimous vote the officers for 2022 are President – Gale Rempel; Vice President – Jeff Conklin; Secretary – Barb Snyder; Treasurer – Terri Martel.

Increase fee of DNA test only – the current fee charged by the GVHS if someone wants to do a DNA parentage test only is \$30. The U of KY is charging the GVHS \$32. The proposed increase to \$35 to cover the cost to the GVHS and handling.

PSSM1/FIS test fee – currently the fee the GVHS charges for PSSM1 and FIS is \$50 each. The U of KY will be charging the GVHS \$75 for both tests if done together. The directors felt passing on this savings will encourage more owners to do the FIS test.

Jeff Conklin made a motion to change the DNA profile test fee to \$35 and the combined FIS/PSSM1 fee to \$75 beginning Jan 1, 2022. Kate Walls seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director expenses paid for AGM – A request was made to consider reimbursement of Director expenses when they attend the AGM. GVHS bylaws Article IV, #8 states that approval to pay Director expenses is done by the Executive Officers. Barb Snyder will call a meeting of the Executive Officers to consider this request.

USA Working Equitation – a member has requested the GVHS become an affiliate of the WSAWE and participate in its breed award program <https://usawe.org/> The cost to the GVHS is \$50 annual to be an affiliate organization and \$40 for an annual award or provide an annual award for the breed. Jeff Conklin made a motion that we join and participate for the year 2022 and then review at the end of the year. Samantha VanSickle seconded. Motion carried.

There was additional discussion regarding the GVHS needing programs in Canada for Canada members because some of the programs the GVHS offers are just in the USA. Kate Walls will investigate into finding what there is offered in Canada.

Recognition of Top 10 Halter Mares/Geldings/Stallions – Samantha VanSickle asked for clarification of this. Barb Snyder stated it was approved early this year to recognize the top 10 halter mares, stallions, and geldings. This recognition will be done by listing them on the website and in The Vanner magazine. Samantha asked if there is consideration to expand that and recognize top 10 by gender in the performance categories as well. Barb Snyder stated this was not part of the original proposal and approval and would require much more administrative work, but could be done. This has been tabled for future discussion.

Meeting end time: 9:20 pm

Next meeting: February 1, 2022