



Board of Director Meeting Minutes Feb 1, 2022

Attended: Samantha VanSickle, Gale Rempel, Kate Walls, Misha Duvernoy, Barb Snyder
Absent: Jeff Conklin

Meeting called to order: 7:36PM ET

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from previous meeting Dec 21, 2021. Motion made by Kate Walls to accept as written, seconded by Misha Duvernoy, motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Approve financial statements for Jan, 2022 – approved as reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Shows– show committee assigned several topics as discussed at November meeting. Barb will meet with the committee sometime mid March for discussion and potential recommendations to the board.

Communications/Marketing –

Educational Videos – pending schedules
Edit of 25th anniversary videos – Barb will contact the videographer to have the requested section edited out and ask about the missing footage.

Registration Committee

Registrations – Dec 110
Transfers – Dec 105
New members – Dec 37

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – Barb will request the committee review the bylaws for any outdated language or potential additional needed to be added. A meeting with the committee will be scheduled mid April to discuss any potential recommendations for the board.

Evaluations Committee –

FL evaluations - Jan 7- 24 evaluations completed, 3 Five star horses
Bangor, CA – June 29 - Jill will attend as trainee
Harriman, TN – Aug 26
Cobleskill, NY – Oct 10
Edmonton, AB – Riverlane Ranch requested evaluations. Will communicate with them.
The plan is to wait until the covid / travel issues are lifted so evaluators can more easily travel to Canada.

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

AGM – Barb gave a review of the annual meeting and seminar attendees. She stated the numbers have to be finalized earlier than normal due to availability of items and shipping issues. The gift bags for the banquet attendees was discussed and everyone agreed on the slate coasters. Note pads and a pens will be provided for the seminar. The seminar books will be printed with the breed standard, show rules and judge training process document. The program books are being printed by Sutherland printing. They will be in color and at a cost less than previous years when Barb had them done at Staples.

Number of shows a judge can judge in a show season was requested for discussion by Gale Rempel. She pointed out that certain judges are hired more than others. It was discussed that this is often due to location because of cost to bring in a judge, limited number of judges to choose from, and some judges are preferred based on their ability to judge the breed. It was also noted that limiting the number of shows a judge can judge would add a policy on show managers making it difficult to hire for shows. It was agreed to not move on this, to leave as is.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting end time: 8:47PM

Next meeting: March 22, 2022

Gypsy Vanner Horse Society Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday, February 27th, 2022

Location: Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, NV

Attendees: See list on file

Meeting called to order at 8AM. Introductions done by President, Gale Rempel. Barb Snyder, Executive Director began the meeting as follows:

A review of the 2021 business year was presented via projected slides. Balance sheet on December 31, 2021 showed assets, all in cash of \$188,025. Liability is \$6,295 earmarked for youth programs and benefit.

The income statement for 2021 shows a loss of \$5,612 for the year. This was due to two large events (the 25th anniversary and the 2022 AGM) being planned during 2021. Revenue was \$330,878. Over prior year: Memberships increased 29%; Registration increased by 20%; Transfers increased by 51% and the Gross profit increase is 24%.

Expense review showed administrative expense of \$86,090. The rule of thumb for non-profit organizations is that funds spent on administrative costs run from 15-40% of revenue. The GVHS administrative cost ratio is 19%. Marketing expense is \$63,595. The rule of thumb that non-profits spend on marketing is 5-15% of revenue. The GVHS marketing expense is 19%. These two items administration and marketing are important as the core support of the mission/goals of the GVHS.

Meetings and programs expense was \$114,859. Total expense \$328,883. The group was reminded that as a non-profit you do not want to see large profits like you do in your "for profit" businesses. This organization is appropriately using its revenue to support the mission and goals of the organization.

The activities and growth of the organization was reviewed. Gypsy Vanners registered in 18 countries. Changes in 2021: more development in computer software to support the growth of the organization; awards added for

the youth starting the 2022 show season; more color testing available for horses; partnership with USA Working Equitation to provide events and awards; Show Manager Guide created; change in youth classes and not combining with amateur classes with exception of single youth entry in performance.

Goals for 2022 and beyond: Judge training; evaluator training; develop regions for more local clubs; create educational videos; ongoing software development; update forms, more use on online entry and QR codes; pursue more events & programs especially in Canada.

Floor opened for general discussion:

The \$35 DNA fee charged if DNA done without a registration submitted. Question asked if the difference is refunded or applied to the registration. If the owner chooses to do the DNA first then later an application is sent in on the same horse the published registration fee applies, DNA does not have to be paid again or resubmitted.

Explanation of process when a judge or show feedback form is received. The information, positive or negative, is provided to the judge or show manager, the name of the person submitting the form is not revealed. Response comes to the GVHS from the show manager or judge and any additional action depends on the individual issue and situation.

Request and discussion regarding a “lifetime” points program for amateur and youth. Membership was informed that this is already an agenda item for board discussion. It was suggested it be a separate program from the Legion program and with a different name.

The two paths for a horse to enter the GVHS Hall of Fame discussed and clarified, which are through the Legion Points program and from the Evaluation Program.

Discussion about the Vanner Magazine ad space, everyone advised to contact the GVHS office to reserve their ad space. Free graphic design offered.

A question was asked if GVHS would be offering a DNA roan test. It was explained that there is no DNA test for Roan, the gene has not been identified. From the UC Davis: “Roan is inherited as a dominant gene but the specific mutation has not yet been identified, so there is no direct test for the gene.” University of Kentucky: “It is generally accepted that the roan mutation resides in the equine *KIT* gene but the actual mutation has not been identified. Some believe there are multiple *KIT* mutations that produce roan coloration. Some SNPs were identified years ago that showed a strong association with the roan phenotype- one of these SNPs may be what UC Davis offers as the roan test, but they may have a proprietary test for another SNP. Other labs do not offer this test because the SNP results may not predict zygosity with 100% accuracy and this is a difficult concept for many owners and breeders to understand.”

Does the USDF report the results directly to the GVHS for the All Breeds Program. The GVHS annually enters into the program by contract. The USDF posts all the horses and owners that enroll with the USDF program and declare the GVHS as their registry. The GVHS reviews and marks the horses eligible if registered and the owner is a current member. At the end of the year the USDF sends a report to the GVHS of the standings of each horse/rider/owner. USDF provides some awards that the GVHS funds, and in addition the GVHS provides additional awards for this program.

A review of the Working Equitation Program and the Equine Trail Sports was given. It works similar to USDF All Breeds Program. The owner signs up with WE or ETS and at the end of the year those organizations provide the results to GVHS. GVHS provides awards.

Improvements to the GVHS database and online registry discussed. Projected by the end of 2022 a member will create an account, (or non member can sign in as guest) and enter the information direct to register a horse. The information will then be reviewed and after fees paid the registration becomes pending for further

processing. This eliminates the rekeying of information by the registrar. Stallion owners will also be able to enter their own stallion breeding reports instead of filling out paper reports at the end of the year.

The evaluators currently are Wayne Hipsley, Gillian Muir, and Heather Caudill. Grace Greenlee passed away and Dave Ayers is no longer able to do evaluations due to his and his wife's health. Duane Stutzman and Jill Paxton are currently in training as evaluators.

Discussion regarding Judges often not knowledgeable to judge driving. Suggested that training video be developed to specifically train to judge driving classes. A driving clinic should be developed for judges and for owners. Safety is a concern due to inappropriate vehicles and harness not on the horse properly. Horses/carriages should be checked prior to entering the ring. There was confusion about how to determine type of vehicle to be used for pleasure driving. Driving education, safety etc will be on the board agenda for further discussion.

Membership was notified that the GVHS Board of Directors are working on general educational videos to be put on the website. Grooming, how to fit a halter, presenting a horse in hand etc. Open for any suggestions of topics.

The show committee has been assigned review of current regions as shown in the bylaws. Input welcome from any member. Purpose is to make regions appropriate for development of regional clubs/events. Currently the GVHS provides a year end award to a recognized local/regional club that wants to do a High Point or other type award within its region.

GVHS does not recognize or encourage use of cutback saddles for Gypsy Vanners. Excerpt from a letter from Wayne Hipsley, dated May 12, 2009 that particularly addressed this: "The breeders and owners of the GVHS horses have a choice.....set a standard that is reasonable, and reflective of the natural traits and qualities of the breed or allow the influence of other American breeds to guide the future image of the Gypsy Vanner Horses." The GVHS strives to keep the breed traits and qualities natural and as intended.

GVHS Annual Meeting in 2023 will tentatively be the same weekend in February and located in Texas. The plan is near Dallas due to the easy airport access.

Ranch Rail/Pleasure class is being discussed by the show committee to include in points program starting the 2023 show season.

New rule requests or any issue are to be submitted to the GVHS office at gvhs@vanners.org in writing. The issue or request is then sent to the appropriate committee to review and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. Some requests are appropriately put directly on the Board of Directors meeting agenda without committee.

Members Only page on website can be accessed by a member via password generated by that system then changed by the member. Must request first password from the GVHS office. Members only page contains meeting minutes and financial statements. Request to make if more mobile friendly will be pursued.

The GVHS is transparent in all it does, information, financials etc, are posted on the website, or are available upon request. Some issues or discussion does require confidentiality due to member privacy depending on the issue. An individual's right to privacy will not be violated.

The current amateur declaration form and rules are being reviewed by the show committee for updates and/or changes. Members felt the current amateur form discourages participation by amateurs and not always fair to amateurs. Current amateur declaration allows a judge to show as an amateur. Current remuneration of an amateur should be better defined and reviewed. Ownership/Lease requirement of the horse by an amateur should be considered.

There is a request to get show points in an unlocked version so regional clubs can edit out their members results. GVHS does not give out its version of show results. Show managers are required to post or provide show results to exhibitors. Show managers should retain results from past years, but exhibitors should make sure they save the results each show in the event they need to refer to them later.

The GVHS currently will recognize 5 shows per state per show season. This is to keep it fair to all members and encourage development of shows by show managers and exhibitors in other areas. A show viability study will be done to allow more successful better attended shows to replace very small shows as needed.

The GVHS makes every attempt to not allow crossbred horses into the registry. In the case of approval of a horse with unregistered sire and dam it was noted that photos are often requested of the sire and dam if horse appears questionable. It will be discussed further if photos should be required. Members may want to notify the office if they suspect a cross is being registered.

It was suggested that a list of what committees are working on be posted.

The need to find Gypsy Vanner trainers could be helped by developing a trainers list much like our current breeders list. A disclaimer would be added to protect the GVHS. This will be added to the board agenda for discussion.

Meeting adjourned: 11:10 AM

Board of Director Meeting March 22, 2022

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

Meeting start time: 7:30 pm EDT

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from previous meeting Feb 1, 2022, motion made to accept by Kate Walls, seconded by Misha Duvernoy, motion passed, minutes accepted as written.

Approval of minutes from AGM 2022 – motion made to accept by Kate Walls, seconded by Misha Duvernoy, motion passed, minutes accepted as written.

FINANCIALS

Approve financial statements for through Feb, 2022 and the 2022 budget. The financials were distributed the first week of February. The budget was adjusted for change in show sponsorship policy. All approved as reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Shows– show committee assigned several topics as discussed at November meeting. Discussion ongoing, planning a telephone conference. The topics the show committee is discussing at this time is adding the Ranch Rail class to the points program; review of regions; novice/amateur and amateur declaration form; limit of classes per day a horse can enter.

Communications/Marketing –

Edit of 25th anniversary videos – first edit was included in price, waiting on quote for additional editing. Also asked about lost footage but have not yet received an answer.

Duane Stutzman – Duane would like to develop some short training/educational videos for the GVHS. The directors welcome his contribution.

Registration Committee

Registrations Feb- 103

Transfers – Feb- 114

New members – Feb- 42

Do Not Breed -The registration committee is reviewing the proposal to be able to designate a horse Not to Be Bred on the registration certificate and in the database. A proposal to the board will be forthcoming.

Registration issue - Horse entered into database years ago with a name and word of mouth pedigree provided by the UK owner. The current owner has provided DNA report showing the sire & dam DNA qualified, and sire/dam are different than previously recorded. Affects 85+ registered horses. The Directors agreed that the GVHS records are to be accurate and the database updated with the correct sire and dam. Barb will communicate with all the owners that have this horse in the pedigree of their GVHS registered horse and explain how and why it changed. They will be offered a new updated certificate free of charge which they can get when they send in their old original registration certificate. Barb will issue these certificates so as to not overload Denise.

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – requested committee do a bylaws review, mid April meeting planned.

Evaluations Committee –

FL evaluations - Jan 7- 24 evaluations completed, 3 Five star horses

Bangor, CA – June 29 - Jill & Duane will attend as trainees – Wayne & Gillian, Gale

Harriman, TN – Aug 26 - Wayne & Gillian, Misha

Hinckley, MN – July 17 – Wayne & Jill, Gale

Cobleskill, NY- Oct 10 – Wayne & Gillian, Gale

Alberta – requested

So CA – requested

Colombia - requested

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Location of 2023 AGM – Hilton DFW Lakes, February 24-26, 2023, Grapevine, TX, location approved by email 3/10/2022

Use of GVHS show rules – to encourage use of GVHS rules proposal of more sponsorship funds to those using GVHS Rules. \$600 sponsorship approved by email on 3/10/2022

Registration number GV10000 – the GVHS registration rule states that numbers are assigned in order as a registration is processed. The registration of 10,000 will come up later in the year 2022. It was suggested that this is a milestone and we do something special to assign this

number. It was agreed by all Directors to do a silent auction for the number. Barb Snyder will create a document with procedure and rules for the auction. The number will only be allowed to be used on horses born during 2022 or before. The registration must be submitted by a date, yet to be determined. The number must be for an offspring of GVHS regular studbook parents. Bidding can be in \$10 increments. Auction proceeds will go into the youth fund.

Publish PSSM1 & FIS results – currently only recorded in database, and there was discussion at the AGM to publish on the online and/or on the registration certificates. Directors agreed this information could be published. The registration committee will be asked to review and provide feedback. Barb Snyder will inquire with the software developer the difficulty of adding the information to the online and certificate.

Trail Class correction in show rules for 2022 – currently says trail classes can only be W/T. Show committee stated that this is an oversight and it should be W/T/C or W/J/L. This will be corrected in the current published show rules.

Photos on horses sire/dam for registration – issue brought up at AGM of horses being registered with non Gypsy sires/dams/grandsires/dams. Current procedure is if a horse is sent in for registration and the sire and/or dam are not GVHS registered the registration committee has to review and approve the registration based on DNA if available and on breed type. Often if questionable photos are requested of the sire/dam. It is agreed that the registrar will continue with the current process in place. If anyone has knowledge of no “gypsy” parentage or pedigree then it should be brought to the attention of the GVHS.

Driving judges – a comment from AGM regarding judges and exhibitors not being knowledgeable in driving but judging and entering driving classes. Proposed that GVHS do a driving clinic for exhibitors and judges and consider educational videos. There is also confusion on allowed carriages as stated in the show rules. The show rule issue will be directed to the show committee for possible clarification. Gale Rempel will pursue information from the ADS driving community for possible videos already available. The possibility of a driving clinic will be discussed in the future.

Lifetime points program for amateur – There was a proposal at the AGM to create a “lifetime” points program for amateurs. It was suggested it be a separate program from the Legion Program and have a different name. Samantha suggested a similar program should also be created for youth. More information will be gathered and further discussion in the future.

Trainers list – A proposal at the AGM was made and discussed to create a trainers list (much like the GVHS breeders list) for trainers to pay to be listed so owners can find someone willing to train GV. The Directors agreed to the concept and a document will be created for review that will contain the disclaimer for the GVHS protection and the rules for a trainer to be on the list. This can be trainers from any breed that want to offer to train GV, they must maintain a GVHS membership.

GVHS Website for personal organizations – request from Samantha Crook was discussed regarding her request to the GVHS to post information about her non-profit organization. All Directors agreed that this organization does not qualify as a club as intended for the club page on the GVHS website and that the GVHS does not have a page for this. Declined request.

Meeting end time: 8:35 PM

Next meeting: April 26, 2022

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2022

Attendance: Gale Rempel, Misha Duvernoy, Jeff Conklin, Kate Walls, Samantha VanSickle (8:33), Barb Snyder

Meeting start time: 7:35 pm EDT

MINUTES

Misha Duvernoy made a motion to accept the March 22, 2022 minutes as written, Kate Walls seconded. Motion approved.

FINANCIALS

The Financial statements through March, 2022 were reviewed, no issues, accepted as reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Shows– Barb Snyder reported that she attended a show committee teleconference on April 12th as moderator. She expects there to be some recommendations to the board from the committee by the next meeting.

Marketing & Public Relations – educational videos, no update.

Publications – The Deadline for ads to get to Kathy is May 15. The GVHS has sold the maximum ads. Barb Snyder is invoicing those who have not yet paid, payment due prior to publication.

Registration Committee

Registrations - March 112
Transfers – March 120
New members – March 37

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – nothing more to report.

Evaluations Committee –

FL evaluations - Jan 7- 24 evaluations completed, 3 Five star horses
Bangor, CA – June 29 – Wayne & Gillian; Jill & Duane will attend as trainees
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Cobleskill, NY – Oct 10- Wayne & Gillian

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

2023 AGM – Directors agreed that the theme of the event will be Boots n’ Bling Roundup.

Registration number GV10000 – set to begin May 15-June 15

Driving judges – Gale Rempel is in communication with the American Driving Society. They have educational driving videos we can link to the GVHS website. Waiting on permission from ADS.

Lifetime points program for amateurs – Barb Snyder will develop some draft rules for the Directors to review for discussion.

Trainers list – the draft of the trainers list rules was reviewed and approved. Barb Snyder will send out to trainers. Approved that fee is \$50 annual, but this year \$25 since starting late in the year.

Western Dressage program – Misha has tried to contact them to see if we can get standings each year for Gypsy Vanners, but has not received a response. Barb Snyder said she will send a letter to their address.

Programs in Canada – no discussion at this meeting. Still researching what GVHS can offer in Canada for events or programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Judges training procedure and seminar – Gale Rempel reported to the Directors that Wayne Hipsley has resigned from presenting the judges training seminars. He will continue doing evaluations. Gale reviewed the idea of doing the judges/educational seminar as a team with more than one presenter rather than just one for both days. She recommended Duane Stutzman, Jill Paxton since they are both educators and willing to do the seminars. She said Julie Usoff would be another person who is good at presenting from a judges perspective. She has contacted them just to get an idea if they are interested in the project. Kate Walls expressed concern at having multiple people doing it and thinks one presenter is more appropriate. It was discussed that the presenter must be someone or multiple persons that are respected within the GVHS community. Gale is going to further develop the project, including cost. Samantha VanSickle stated the fee per day should be equivalent to what a judge earns to judge a show per day. The agreed amount to offer is \$300. Gale suggested that photos of the five star horses be used in the program and limit the time spent on history and showing old photos. She will further draft the program and update next meeting.

Meeting end time: 9:00 PM

Next meeting: May 31, 2022



Board of Director Meeting Meeting May 31, 2022

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

Meeting start time: 7:30 pm EDT

MINUTES

Misha Duvernoy requested that the statement be added that Duane Stutzman, Jill Paxton, and Julie Usoff have been contacted to see if they are interested in contributing, regarding development of the education seminar, no commitment has been made. This will be added to April minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting April 26, 2022, with the change made, by Misha Duvernoy, Samantha VanSickle seconded. Motion carried, minutes accepted.

FINANCIALS

Financial statements through April had been previously sent to the Directors. Barb Snyder mentioned that a \$5,000 deposit has been paid to the hotel for the meeting & banquet rooms for the 2023 AGM. Financial statements through April, 2022 accepted as reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Shows– recommendations from the show committee in advance for review, discussed:

1. Electronic communication devices rule proposed - *Electronic Communication Devices. Earphones and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited while competing and such usage is penalized by elimination from the entire show. Electronic devices that transmit and/or receive information may be used in the stabling area and in the warm-up areas. The unsafe use of electronic devices, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds, while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise, and while lunging horses on competition grounds. Exception: medical devices, such as hearing aids are allowed to be used for the medical condition for which they are prescribed.*

Motion made by Samantha VanSickle and second by Misha Duvernoy to add the rule as written. All approved, none against, motion carried.

2. Split amateur division to Non Pro Exhibitor and Amateur Owner Exhibitor.

Recommended by committee:

- A. *NPE– qualify based on GVHS amateur rules, no ownership or lease of horse required. Anyone who shows in NPE classes will get NPE points.*
- B. *AOE – qualify based on GVHS amateur rules. AOE must own the horse in their name (or name of business that they are the principle of) and ownership recorded in GVHS records and on registration certificate provided to show management. No leases qualify as ownership for AOE. AOE that shows in designated AOE classes gets AOE points. AOE gets NPE points if amateur class not specified as AOE.*

Barb Snyder stated that this was discussed at the November 2021 meeting, the February 2022 meeting and on social media by members, and discussed by show committee for the last couple of months. She stated this is a program that a large contingent of membership would like to have in place. The cost to the GVHS would be about \$4700 to add the awards. Samantha VanSickle made a motion for the GVHS to implement a AOE division, Misha Duvernoy seconded. None opposed, Motion carried.

Samantha VanSickle expressed concern that show managers would not add AOE classes so the NPE and AOE should show in the same classes. Barb Snyder stated that the separating of combined classes was a very time consuming effort and the reason the youth and amateur were separated. This will be further discussed.

3. Amateur rules were reviewed by the show committee based on membership comments and requests. The following amateur rules based off the USEF general amateur rules recommended:

- A. **Remuneration.** *Remuneration is defined as compensation or payment in any form such as cash, goods, sponsorships, discounts or services; reimbursement of any expenses; trade or in-kind exchange of goods or services such as board or training.*
- B. **Family.** *For the purpose of these rules, the term family includes spouse, parent, step-parent, child, brother, step-child, sister, half brother and sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandmother, grandfather, grandchildren, and in-laws of the same relation as stated above, **who live at the same property.***
- C. **Cohabitant.** *The term cohabitant is defined as any individuals living together in a relationship, as would a married couple, but not legally married.*

- D. **Amateurs** are permitted to accept remuneration for the following activities:
 - a. *Accept remuneration for barn duties on or off competition grounds. Barn duties include but are not limited to grooming, tacking and un-tacking, bathing, clipping, lunging, braiding, and stall and tack cleaning.*
 - b. *Accept remuneration for teaching or training disabled riders for therapeutic purposes.*
 - c. *Accept reimbursement for expenses associated with conducting classroom seminars.*
 - d. *Accept remuneration for serving as a camp counselor when not hired in the exclusive capacity as an equestrian instructor*
 - e. *Accept remuneration as a Social Media Influencer or Social Media Brand Ambassador.*
 - f. *Accept remuneration for providing service in one's capacity as a: clinic manager or organizer (so long as they are not performing the activities of instructor or trainer), presenter or panelist at a clinic, competition manager, competition secretary, judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer, TV commentator, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, breeder, or boarder, or horse transporter.*
 - g. *Accept reimbursement for any expenses directly related to the horse (i.e. farrier/vet bills, entries). Travel, hotel, equipment, and room and board are not considered expenses related to the horse.*

- E. **Other Permitted activities by Amateurs.** *An Amateur is permitted to do the following:*
 - h. *Appear in advertisements and/or articles related to acknowledgement of one's own personal or business sponsorship of a competition and/or awards earned by one's owned horses.*
 - i. *Accept prize money as the owner of a horse in any class.*
 - j. *Accept a non-monetary token gift of appreciation valued less than \$1,000 annually.*
 - k. *Serve as an intern for college credit or course requirements at an accredited institution provided one has never held professional status with an equestrian organization. In addition, one may accept reimbursement for expenses without profit, as prescribed by the educational institution's program, for the internship. At the request of the GVHS, an Amateur shall provide certification from the accredited educational institution under whose auspices a student is pursuing an internship that he/she is undertaking the internship to meet course or degree requirements.*
 - l. *Write books or articles related to horses.*
 - m. *Accept educational, competition, or training grant(s).*
 - n. *Assist in setting schooling fences without remuneration.*

- F. Professional based on one's own activities.** A person is a professional if they do not qualify as a youth and:
- a. Accepts remuneration AND rides, exercises, drives, shows, trains, assists in training, schools or conducts clinics or seminars.
 - b. Accepts remuneration AND gives equestrian lessons, trains horses, or provides consultation services in riding, driving, showmanship, equitation, or training of horses.
 - c. Accepts remuneration AND acts as an employee in a position such as a groom, farrier, bookkeeper, veterinarian or barn manager AND instructs, rides, drives, shows, trains or schools horses that are owned, boarded or trained by his/her employer, any member of his/her employer's family, or a business in which his/her employer has an ownership interest.
 - d. Rides, drives or shows any horse that a cohabitant or family member or a cohabitant or family member's business receives remuneration for boarding, training, riding, driving or showing. A cohabitant or family member of a trainer may not absolve themselves of this rule by entering into a lease or any other agreement for a horse owned by a client of the trainer.
 - e. Gives instruction to any person or rides, drives, or shows any horse, for which activity his/her cohabitant or another person in his/her family or business in which his/her cohabitant or a family member controls will receive remuneration for the activity. A cohabitant or family member of a trainer may not absolve themselves of this rule by entering into a lease or any other agreement for a horse owned by a client of the trainer.
 - f. Accepts remuneration AND acts as an agent in the sale of a horse or pony or accepts a horse or pony on consignment for the purpose of sale or training that is not owned by him/her, his/her cohabitant, or a member of his/her family, or a farm/business in which he/she, his/her cohabitant, or a member of his/her family controls.
 - g. Advertises one's equestrian services such as training or instruction.
 - h. Accepts remuneration AND acts as an intern, apprentice, or working student whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, riding, driving, showmanship, handling, showing, training, or assisting in training, giving lessons/coaching and/or schooling horses other than horses actually owned by him/her.
 - i. Accepts remuneration for the use of commercially logoed items while on competition grounds, as a Sponsored Rider.
 - j. Accepts remuneration for his/her spouse, family member, or cohabitant engaging in any activity enumerated above.
- G. Violations of Amateur status.** The holding of an amateur card does not preclude the question of amateur standing being raised. If an investigation as to proper status has been initiated, and upon request by the GVHS, an Amateur must submit verifiable proof of Amateur status. Failure to submit requested documentation to the GVHS may be deemed a violation of this rule. Any person(s) found to have violated these rules, may be subject to the penalties. Penalties will be removal from the GVHS points program, and showing as an amateur in GVHS sponsored shows.

Barb Snyder states that she had communicated with Jeff Conklin regarding these rules and he expressed acceptance of them. Misha Duvernoy made a motion to accept these rules starting with the 2023 show season, Samantha VanSickle seconded. Approved, none apposed, motion carries.

Marketing & Public Relations – Samantha VanSickle reported that she has scheduled development of some educational videos for the 3rd week of June.

Publications – The deadline to send in information/articles/ads for The Vanner magazine 2022 is today, May 31. An ad sent in by a member was reviewed to determine if appropriate. There is concern it is not, however determined to not be worth the problems it would create if asked to change.

Registration Committee

Registrations – April- 65 – Barb Snyder stated that this is finished registrations out the door and are lower this month due to backlog at the DNA lab. Actual registrations submitted are not less than past months.

Transfers – April 125

New members – April 35

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – no updates

Evaluations Committee –

FL evaluations - Jan 7- 24 evaluations completed, 3 Five star horses

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Alberta, Canada discussed as evaluation site for 2023. Kate Walls will continue to Develop a list and help coordinate.

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

2023 AGM – deposit paid \$5000

Registration number GV10000 - auction in progress May 15-June 15. As of this date, which is half way through the auction, there are 22 accounts created, 16 bids made by 6 active bidders. Current bid amount if \$1025.

Driving judges – educational videos from the ADS. Gale Rempel stated she is not getting a response from anyone at the ADS. Barb Snyder suggested a letter from GVHS President to the ADS President. She will draft it for review by Gale, then send.

Lifetime points program for amateurs – draft and further discussion of this on hold until amateur divisions project completed.

Trainers list – approved and implemented

Western Dressage award program – Misha Duvernoy contacted them and they do not have a program set up like ETS or USDF where they can provide end of year placings, and do not seem

interested in developing anything for Gypsy Vanners. Barb Snyder stated that these shows can continue to be reported on the Vanner Advantage.

Judges training procedure and seminar – Kate Walls and Misha Duvernoy expressed concern regarding communication that was made to three educators. Gale Rempel explained that communication was fact gathering and no commitment was made or implied. Gale Rempel has requested the other Directors provide in writing their ideas for the educational seminar and include people they think should be involved in creating and presenting.

NEW BUSINESS

Amateur status – The GVHS received a request from member for board review his ability to show as amateur. Barb Snyder reported she could find no information that directly links him to anything that would eliminate him showing as an amateur in 2022. Result is to inform him based on information available as of now he would qualify.

Prefix rule - A breeder has requested to abandon their registered prefix, no longer wants a registered prefix. Currently there is no rule addressing this. In the past we have said a breeder can abandon a prefix and immediately purchase another one, and it is a one time option. Gale Rempel made the motion to add the rule that someone can abandon a prefix. They can choose to purchase a new prefix or not. This can be allowed a total of two times. Samantha VanSickle seconded, none apposed, motion carries.

Meeting end time: 9:02

Next meeting: July 12, 2022



Board of Director Meeting July 12, 2022

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

Meeting start time: 7:38 pm EDT

MINUTES – minutes from the May 31 meeting were previously distributed. Samantha VanSickle made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Misha Duvernoy seconded. All in favor, none apposed.

FINANCIALS – the financial statements through June 2022 were previously distributed. A proposal on the financial review from the CPA was previously distributed for review. Jeff Conklin made a motion to accept the financials reported and to proceed with the financial review based on the CPA proposal. Misha Duvernoy seconded. All in favor, none apposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee–

Split amateur division – survey results reported:

Campaign Name	GVHS Amateur Divisions
Survey Starts	633
Survey Submits	235

Answer Choice	Response Count	Response Percentage
I like it the way it is, no change.	14	6%
I support a Owner Amateur Division and Amateur Division	120	51%
I support an Novice Amateur Division and an Amateur Division	91	39%
No opinion.	10	4%
Total Responses	235	100%

Samantha VanSickle made the motion to accept the survey results and to proceed with creating the Owner Amateur division starting with the 2023 show season to be reviewed after 2 show seasons. Show managers will be required to include a minimum number of Owner Amateur classes to be a GVHS approved points show. Jeff Conklin seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The program will go back to the show committee for further program development.

Proposed by the show committee to remove the word “judge” from paragraph g. of the general amateur rules for 2023. Motion made by Samantha VanSickle to accept the change, Jeff Conklin seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Bit rules for showing proposed by the show committee previously distributed. All had reviewed. Samantha VanSickle made a motion to accept the rules as written with option to make minor changes if needed, Jeff Conklin seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

A show manager had requested that a USDF judge hired to judge dressage classes (not pointed), also be allowed to judge suitability for dressage (pointed). Discussion was held regarding allowing this, and also allowing show manager hiring an ADS judge to judge pointed driving classes. No motions, remain for discussion.

A rule to allow a Professional to revert to Amateur was proposed by the show committee *a prior professional can apply for amateur status with the GVHS if they have qualified as an amateur per the GVHS amateur general rules in effect for three full calendar years prior to requesting amateur status. Amateur status begins January 1 for those applying for Amateur status.*

A motion to accept this rule be added to the show rules made by Kate Walls, Samantha VanSickle seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed.

Changes to the show attire rules were proposed to be more in line with current trends:

English Pleasure

Riders should wear a ~~short~~ traditional Hunt or Dressage style coats ~~made in a conservative color, i.e. black, navy, tweed, melton, or plaid, or other dark customary color and made of a material appropriate for the area and season.~~

Traditional breeches or jodhpurs in ~~buff, grey, white, rust, or canary~~ must be worn.

Foot wear may consist of traditional black or brown field or hunt boots, or black or brown paddock boots with half chaps. Youth may wear paddock boots with garters instead of half chaps. Riding equestrian safety helmets must be worn in blue, black, or brown. Very bright or neon colors not appropriate. If attire in question refer to USEF guidelines.

DRESSAGE SUITABILITY ATTIRE RULE

A short riding coat of conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie, white or light-colored breeches or jodhpurs, boots or jodhpur boots. Half chaps, gaiters and/or leggings are not allowed. Youth may wear paddock boots with garters instead of half chaps. Gloves of conservative color are recommended. Very bright or neon colors are not appropriate, if in question refer to USDF guidelines.

Motion was made by Jeff Conklin to approve the attire rule changes as written and seconded by Kate Walls. All approved, none opposed.

Marketing & Public Relations – no report

Publications – The Vanner magazine is at the publishers and estimated to start distributing July 18.

Registration Committee

Registrations completed in May – 97, June 98 still a DNA backlog at the lab.
Transfers completed in May- 116, June 97
New members in May – 25, June 23

Evaluations Committee – evaluations completed and scheduled:

Jacksonville, FL- Jan 7, 24 evaluations
Bangor, CA – June 29, 19 evaluations
Hinkley, MN – July 28, 21 scheduled to date
Harriman, TN – Aug 26, 5 scheduled to date
SLC, UT – Oct 6, 10 scheduled to date
Cobleskill, NY – Oct 10, 6 scheduled to date
Alberta, Ca – planned for 2023

Special Projects Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

2023 AGM – no updates

Auction for registration #GV10000 – won by Windkiss Ranch. Has been paid and recorded to the Youth Fund. Winning bid \$2625.

ADS Educational videos – Gale Rempel will review some ADS videos posted to youtube that may be appropriate to link to the GVHS education page.

Lifetime points program for amateurs – on hold pending other amateur program developments.

Judges training procedures and seminar – Wayne Hipsley has offered to present the seminar in February and will train his replacements. It was recommended that a judge committee be established that would oversee the policies and process, application review and complaints about judges. This committee would be Wayne Hipsley, Jill Paxton, Gale Rempel and two additional committee members that are GVHS members. These can be members that show but should not be heavily

involved in showing to avoid conflict of interest. These two committee seats will rotate. Jeff Conklin made the motion that the committee be established as discussed, Misha Duvernoy seconded. All approved, none apposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Complaints received regarding a GVHS judge. GVHS received numerous complaints from two separate shows regarding the judge. Barb Snyder reviewed the current procedures when judge complaints received. A letter was drafted and reviewed. It was explained that even though such extreme issues, the GVHS still needs to follow normal procedure when handling complaints about judges. The judges current card expires the end of 2022. Samantha VanSickle suggests that a code of ethics for judges be created. It was mentioned that this was considered previously but advised against. Gale Rempel will speak with Wayne Hipsley regarding adding some simple language that the GVHS having the right to revoke a judges card. It is also suggested that professionalism be part of the seminar for judges.

Colombia - The ACOLOGVS has requested evaluations. It is advised that the Colombian owners get some education regarding handling and presenting their horses for evaluation. Due to a level 3 travel advisory to Colombia, the GVHS is not going to ask any evaluators or educators to travel at this time. The ACOLOGVS is implementing stallion licensing and evaluation is meant to be part of that process. Barb Snyder suggested that an online "evaluation" of pass/fail could be done for their stallion licensing. Gale Rempel will discuss this with Wayne Hipsley. She will also get the videos of the performance evaluations, from him that he took for Colombia education.

Complaint letter from Colombia cob association - a letter from the cob society in Colombia was distributed, they also included a video which they translated. It is determined that there is no defamation based on their translation, it is someone expressing their opinion. Barb Snyder will draft a response letter to be sent.

Election – the election date for the upcoming Director election will be December 14th, 2022. November 1st the election will be opened to the voting members, October 1st is the deadline for nominees to have their paperwork into the GVHS office.

Request for Voting List - a member has requested the GVHS voting list, it was previously denied. All agreed this request is again denied. The GVHS will continue to follow Texas State Nonprofit code.

Confusion of language regarding shows – the same member contacted the GVHS confused about language regarding 5 shows per state, where in another location on the website it states that double judged shows should be looked at as two shows for awards purposes at the event. This was determined to just be a poor choice of wording regarding the requirement for double judged show managers to announce and report both judges. The website language will be corrected. The policy remains GVHS will approve no more then 5 shows per state and each show can have one or two judges.

Gypsy Show Horse Association – has requested to be a recognized regional organization/club and be posted on the GVHS region/club page. The GSHA mission statement was previously distributed with their request. All agreed they are acceptable to be posted on the site.

National Snaffle Bit Association - Barb Snyder gave a report on a conference call with the NSBA. The call was initiated by GVHS member Taylor Hanes, also on the call was GVHS member Mindi Davis, GVHS Executive Director Barb Snyder, NSBA Executive Director Stephanie Lynn and one other NSBA person. The purpose for the GVHS was to see if there was any opportunity for GVHS members with the NSBA. Taylor stated his motivation was to get Vanners into larger show venues.

The NSBA does not put on shows, the shows are put on by the affiliated breed organizations or independent show managers. To be recognized as an NSBA show it has to be approved by NSBA and use their rules and judges. Exhibitors have to “register” their horses with the NSBA to earn points in their program and be an NSBA member. The NSBA representatives did not have a lot of knowledge of GVHS or Gypsy Vanners, but they acknowledge that the GVHS seems to have its own shows, rules and points program so they are not sure what more they could really offer GVHS. It was also noted that NSBA is focused on “stock type” horses and Vanners are “draft type” so do not fit within their current focus. Pinto Horse is an affiliate of NSBA and they already have a division for “gypsy” type horses, so GVHS members could participate through the Pinto shows and get NSBA points if they also register and get a membership with NSBA. The conclusion was that there was nothing for GVHS to do. GVHS can let membership know that they can join NSBA and participate in their program through the Pinto organization.

Meeting end time: 9:37

Next Meeting: 8/24/2022



Board of Director Meeting August 31, 2022

Attended: Kate Walls, Samantha VanSickle, Jeff Conklin, Gale Rempel, Barb Snyder
Absent: Misha Duvernoy

Meeting start time: 7:32 pm EDT

MINUTES – Kate Walls made a motion and Jeff Conklin seconded, all in favor to approve the minutes of the July 12 meeting.

FINANCIALS – the 2022 financials that were previously distributed are approved through July. Financial review with CPA – in process, GVHS has provided all requested information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amateur Owner / Amateur Divisions:

- a. The classes to be required for Owner Amateur at pointed shows will be: Amateur Owner Halter; Showmanship; English Pleasure WT; English Pleasure WTC; Western Pleasure WJ; Western Pleasure WJL
 - b. LLC owners of GV, principle owner(s) can show as Amateur Owner.
 - c. Amateur Owners can also show in Amateur division.
- Samantha VanSickle made motion to approve a,b,c rules, Jeff Conklin seconded, all approved.

Musical Freestyle class – change from 3-5 minutes to 2-4 minutes.

Remove outdated rule: *using a CD Mark CD Case With: Class #, Horse Name, Music Track # if applicable. Show Management is not responsible for CD's that do not play correctly*

or skip, malfunction. It is the Owner, Agent responsibility to test music prior to the presentation with the Announcer/Music Steward. No Cell Phone music or YouTube links will be accepted. Kate Walls made a motion to accept these changes, Samantha VanSickle seconded, all approved.

Barb Snyder asks the board if it is ok to not approve a consistently very small attended show with a show that will have more entries in a state that always has the maximum number of shows. All approved.

Marketing & Public Relations – no report

Publications – The Vanner – all Directors approved that the ad prices for the 2023 The Vanner magazine will remain the same as 2022 ads. Advertisers of the specialty ads in the 2022 edition will be asked first if they want the same space for 2023. They will be required to pay 50% down by Oct 1, 2022.

All agreed to include the Youth booklet in the 2023 edition.

Horse Illustrated Best of Breeds magazine ad prices: Full page \$1500; ½ page \$800; ¼ page \$450 Expenditure for full page approved. Ad to include something about The Vanner magazine and it is available for sale on the GVHS website. Also include a QR code to the website.

Registration Committee

Registrations – July 111

Transfers – July 97

New members – July 32

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – no report

Evaluations Committee –

FL evaluations - Jan 7- 24 evaluations completed

Bangor, CA – June 29 – 19 evaluations completed

Hinckley, MN – July 17 – 25 evaluations completed

Harriman, TN – Aug 26 - 15 evaluations completed

SLC, UT – Oct 6 – Wayne & Gillian, Jill, Gale – 22 signed up

Cobleskill, NY- Oct 10 – Wayne & Gillian –

Alberta, Canada 2023.

Special Projects Committee – no report

Judge Committee – Committee will consist of Wayne Hipsley, Jill Paxton, Gale Rempel and 2 additional GVHS members that are not heavily into horse showing. All directors are asked to provide recommendations to her. Samantha VanSickle said it might be beneficial if owners who have shown under a lot of judges provide information to the committee. Barb Snyder said that can be done by utilizing the feedback forms. Samantha stated the feedback form should be fillable. Barb confirmed it is already fillable when used on the website, but will look at it to try to resolve problem using it on a phone.

Seminar/training – no update

Letter to judge was sent with stern warning.

Judge application – removal for cause is to be added to the judge application.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 AGM – Cost for attendees. It was agreed that the cost to attendees for the 2023 AGM will be \$100 member / \$125 non member regardless if attending part or all of the event.

ADS videos – are linked from youtube to the education page on website

Lifetime points program for amateurs – this program will be removed from discussion. Focus will be on Owner Amateur / Amateur divisions and other programs.

Columbia

1. Pass/Fail program to license stallions will be done via video by two evaluators.
2. Complaint letter from Colombia cob association-sent, no feedback direct to GVHS. Judge and others attending the Colombia cob association event did provide negative feedback regarding the horses and event.
3. Evaluations/Show – Gale Rempel reported communication with Wayne Hipsley regarding GVHS needing to modify evaluation rules for other countries. Due to travel hardships, expenses etc. it is beneficial to serve these countries by doing evaluations by one evaluator. This is approved by all Directors.
4. Samantha VanSickle said the Colombia owners are unable to get color testing done at the lab in Colombia. Barb Snyder stated she will look into it. She stated that Colombian owners all have the option to send hair to the GVHS office and we can have it color tested here. The owners can pay the ACOLGVS for the tests and the GVHS can invoice the ACOLGVS for Colombia color tests.
5. Samantha stated that rumors were that ACOLGVS was charging thousands of dollars to register a horse. We are certain it is rumors started by Cob Society to get business. Barb Snyder will confirm the ACOLGVS fees.

NEW BUSINESS

National Show – It was agreed that 4 director chairs will be sent for awards and the remaining GVHS anniversary mugs will be sent to be given to the sponsors. Barb Snyder will research Other suggested items cost and provide to the board for approval.

GVHS Sponsored breed expo demos – the liability of youth in breed demos was discussed. It was agreed that no one under age 18 will be allowed into a GVHS breed demo. This will be communicated in advance to anyone wanting to attend representing the GVHS in demos. The Equine Affaire has asked if the GVHS would provide any owner/horse for “ride a gypsy” at the Event. All agreed the GVHS does not want to participate in this and no one at the event that is representing the GVHS in the breed booth or demos can participate in the “ride a gypsy” Due to insurance / liability issues.

Evaluation fees 2023 – this topic is tabled for next meeting along with proposed changes to evaluations.

Calendar planner quote – Barb Snyder presented a quote from Sutherland Printing to print a calendar planner equivalent to the one done in Colombia. That cost is \$20,000 for 500 of them. This will be tabled for a 2023 discussion.

Independent Contractors fees – Barb Snyder excused herself from this discussion. The Directors concluded to do further research to make sure that the compensation provided is fair for the assigned duties and responsibilities for both the registrar and executive director positions. They have

directed Barb and Denise to keep track of their working hours over the next 90 days. It is understood that the work flow and volume will vary from month to month, however being able to track those hours over the next 90 days will help to provide a clearer overview to make sure that everyone is being compensated fairly for the amount of time they are dedicating to the GVHS.

Meeting end time:

Next meeting: September 27, 2022



Board of Directors Meeting Sept 27, 2022

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

Meeting start time: 7:38 pm EDT

MINUTES – Samantha VanSickle made a motion to accept the minutes from Aug 31 meeting as written. Jeff Conklin seconded. All approved, motion carried.

FINANCIALS – The GVHS financial statements through August 2022 were previously distributed. No one had any issues or comments. Approved.

Financial review with CPA – has completed. Their final report was distributed to the Board of Directors. Minor issue of one mis-classified income/expense each year. Barb Snyder stated it was probably the same item or vendor each time and incorrect account attached to it. Will try to determine to eliminate in the future. No questions or comments. Report accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee – Barb Snyder is waiting on Ranch Rail rules in order to publish 2023 show rules. The request had been sent to the show committee with no results. Samantha VanSickle stated she has the rules almost complete and will send to Barb so the show committee can review.

Marketing & Public Relations – The GVHS received a request for information for a Horse & Rider magazine article. Samantha VanSickle will respond to them.

Publications – The Vanner – no report

Registration Committee

Registrations – Aug - 142

Transfers – Aug- 121

New members – Aug- 31

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – no report

Evaluations Committee –

FL evaluations - Jan 7- 24 evaluations completed
Bangor, CA – June 29 – 19 evaluations completed
Hinckley, MN – July 17 – 25 evaluations completed
Harriman, TN – Aug 26 - 15 evaluations completed
SLC, UT – Oct 6 – Wayne & Gillian, Gale, 23 signed up
Cobleskill, NY- Oct 10 – Wayne & Gillian
Colombia – Nov – Wayne/Jill
Alberta, Canada 2023.

Special Projects Committee – no report

Judge Committee –Gale Rempel had requested names of potential committee members to be recommended by Directors. Jeff Conklin recommended Andi Farmer. No others provided recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 AGM – The sign up form, reservation link and information is posted on website.

NEW BUSINESS

National Show – The awards and marketing materials ordered and will ship direct to Gail Shrine.

Evaluation program – All the following discussed and approved by all in attendance.

Fees:

Current fees \$125 – agreed fee will remain the same for 2023 and be reviewed again for 2024.

Young stock – After discussion it is agreed that an evaluation Young Stock award program will be started in 2023. 1st Premium will be scores of 75 and above on horses under age 3. 2nd Premium will be scores 65-74 on horses under age 3. The fee will be set at \$100 for a Young Stock evaluation. They will be expected to re-evaluate when mature. The Jan 1 birthdate rule will apply.

Re-evaluation fees will remain at \$125.

Average score on score sheets – 6 that current says below average, will be changed to Satisfactory. This applies to conformation and the performance score sheets.

The rule “no stallion tack” is to be on a horse for an evaluation will be added to the Evaluation rule book

Training level performance evaluation – tabled for potential future discussion.

The rule will be added to the evaluation program, If a horse gets a 6 or lower in any section that horse cannot be 5 star regardless of the total.

Meeting end time: 9:37 PM

Next meeting: Oct 25, 2022



Board of Director Meeting Oct 25, 2022

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

Meeting start time: 7:33 pm EDT

MINUTES – the minutes from the Sept 27 meeting were approved with the correction to show all in attendance.

FINANCIALS – the financial statements through Sept 2022 are approved. Gale Rempel had concern regarding the costs showing in the Annual Meeting account in 2022. Barb Snyder suggested that it could be timing and will look at the entries and report back.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee – waiting on Ranch Rail rules to publish 2023 show rules from Samantha VanSickle so they can be reviewed by the show committee, then the Board, prior to publishing the show rules effective 2023. Samantha stated she would resend.

Marketing & Public Relations – Barb Snyder is posting information on changes, programs and accomplishments in social media and Vanner Banner. This is beneficial to members to keep informed and especially for new members.

Publications – The Vanner – all 4 page fold outs sold for 2023 issue, the inside front cover is sold.

Registration Committee

Registrations – Sept 158

Transfers – Sept 104

New members – Sept 22 Barb Snyder noted that the number of new members in September is always lower because some wait until Oct to take advantage of the new member extended membership if they join the last quarter of the year.

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee – no report

Evaluations Committee –

FL evaluations - Jan 7- 24 evaluations completed

Bangor, CA – June 29 – 19 evaluations completed

Hinckley, MN – July 17 – 25 evaluations completed

Harriman, TN – Aug 26 - 15 evaluations completed

SLC, UT – Oct 6 – 20 evaluations completed

Cobleskill, NY- Oct 10 – 13 evaluations completed

Colombia – Wayne & Jill traveling to Colombia in November.

Alberta, Canada 2023.

Special Projects Committee – no report

Judge Committee – Gale Rempel reports that the committee wants to create a judges newsletter to keep communication open with judges. Rebecca VanTassel has volunteered to create the newsletter which will be reviewed by the committee and GVHS prior to publication. The first one will be in January and also distributed in print form at the annual meeting event in February. Barb Snyder stated she can get it printed along with the other AGM materials. The newsletter will not be for personal opinion. Some ideas and activities for the newsletter that were suggested are a game or task with a prize; judging of horses based on photos; addressing issues such as code of conduct or other general issues that are reported by exhibitors. Misha Duvernoy will help develop the games or tasks. Samantha VanSickle suggested the GVHS create a “judges page” where judges can go to get score sheets, find show rules, etc. Gale Rempel requested the directors approve the creation of the newsletter and \$10 gift certificates as prize for the game or task winner. Gale said the plan is for the newsletter to be done 4 times per year, Kate Walls suggested that 2 times will be sufficient. Barb Snyder stated that it would be helpful to see the first one before deciding. Kate Walls made a motion to move forward with the newsletter and prizes; Misha Duvernoy seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 AGM – Barb Snyder informed the board that the sign up form, reservation link and information for the event is ready on the website.

Director Election - There are 602 eligible voters; some have not provided the GVHS with an email; and there are some invalid emails. Barb Snyder asked the Directors if they are contacted or see someone complaining about not receiving the voting information they are to contact the GVHS office. Often it is because they are not an eligible voter, or have not provided the GVHS with a working email address. For those without an email they can be provided with a link to vote.

Colombia stallion licensing – The ACOLGVS will need to be provided with guidance on what scores should be used to license stallions for breeding. 75 with a 7.5 (x2) in breed type or higher is the suggested scores to obtain ACOLGVS stallion license. Barb Snyder will provide an analysis of the Colombia evaluation scores already done to see if that score seems valid for stallion licensing. Stallions in the ACOLGVS must be age 3 or over to obtain a license for breeding. They also must have a negative PSSM1 test result. The previous evaluations with the acceptable scores will be accepted for license. The stallion must also exhibit 2 descended testicles. Inheritable genetic disorders will disqualify a stallion from being licensed for breeding. Starting with foals born from 2023 breedings from non-licensed stallions, they will not be eligible for registration. Samantha VanSickle recommends the GVHS/ACOLGVS develop a program allowing a stallion not licensed for reasons other than genetic disorder, to be licensed, if 4 or more of his offspring are evaluated and get an acceptable score. The score would need to be determined, but potentially consistent with the 75 and 7.5(x2).

NEW BUSINESS

GVHS Corporate address – Barb Snyder moved to Ohio and needed to establish a new GVHS corporate address. The closest post office was used and the address is PO Box 2008, Cridersville, OH 45806. Mail will forward from FL address for a year. This address will be changed in the GVHS bylaws.

GVHS Forms updated to be fillable was a discussion at the last AGM. Barb has updated the applicable forms to be fillable and also changed the address on the ones that are to be sent to the GVHS corporate address.

Executive Committee will have an email meeting regarding reimbursement of travel expenses for Directors, Officers and staff to the annual meeting event. Approved by Executive Committee via email, and then approved by Board of Directors as annual policy on Oct 29th, 2022. **The following will be reimbursed to Directors, Officers and hired staff that attend the annual meeting event:**

Airline travel - Coach

1st bag fee charged by airline

Airport parking for up to 4 days

In the event it is feasible to drive to the event rather than fly, the GVHS will reimburse mileage to the event back home at the IRS standard mileage rate in effect at the time of the event. Flying cost versus driving to be considered on individual basis.

Hotel room at the GVHS block rate for up to 4 nights.

Attend the event at no charge, free registration.

Receipts to be submitted to gvhs@vanners.org along with detailed expense report for reimbursement.

Meeting end time: 9:08

Next meeting: December 20, 2022



Board of Directors Meeting Dec 20th, 2022

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

Meeting start time: 7:30 pm EDT

MINUTES – motion to accept the minutes from Oct 25 meeting was made by Kate Walls, and seconded by Jeff Conklin, all approved.

FINANCIALS – The financial statements through November 2022 were approved as distributed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show Committee – GVHS rules are now being used for all shows approved for 2023 except for the GHSA shows. A show committee member has volunteered to compare GHSA rules with GVHS for significant differences. Committee proposes GVHS rules be required to be a GVHS points show and if a show wants to include supplemental rules (such as drug testing, technical delegates, etc) they can. Supplemental rules cannot override any GVHS rules. Misha Duvernoy made the motion that GVHS rules be required for any show to be approved for GVHS points beginning Jan 1, 2024 show season. Any show can have supplemental rules that do not override a GVHS rule. The

GVHS show committee will work with the GHSA if they would like assistance from the GVHS to comply. Jeff Conklin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Registration Committee

Registrations – Oct 181, Nov 101

Transfers – Oct 116, Nov 128

New members – Oct 20, Nov 14

Rules/Regulations/Grievance Committee –

Grievance received from S. Crook 12/5 in committee process

Grievance received from V. Himes 12/14 in committee process

Evaluations -

Alberta, Canada 2023 TBD – contact Shannon Janssen

Statesboro, GA – March 10 day before FHC show

Tyler, TX – March 31 day before FHC show

St Louis, MO – August 31 day before the Congress show

Licensed Official Committee-

Judge Susan Bragg license expiring Dec 31, 2022 is having knee replacement surgery on Feb 15th so can't attend the seminar. Judge has requested a license extension through 2023. Committee recommends giving this extension for cause. Samantha VanSickle made the motion to allow this request and extend her license to 12/31/2023. Jeff Conklin seconded. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Election – Jeff Conklin made the motion to accept the Director election results sent By Simply Voting for the term 1/1/2023-12/31/2025. Kate Walls seconded. All approved.

Officer Election – Jeff Conklin made the motion to accept the Officer election results sent by Simply Voting for the term 2023. Samantha VanSickle seconded the motion. All approved. A GVHS member volunteered post election to serve as Secretary and Treasurer. After discussion it was agreed by all Directors that they are eager for this member to be involved, but members striving to serve the GVHS as Directors or Officers, should start by serving on a committee. Barb Snyder will contact the member and find out if interested in serving as a committee member.

2023 AGM – Notice to membership for topics for annual member meeting agenda is approved to be sent to membership in the newsletter.

Colombia stallion licensing – Barb Snyder will contact the ACOLOGVS to find out if they Have approved their requested stallion licensing program as drafted.

Membership suspension - Board resolution without a meeting: December 12, 2022 there was unanimous vote of the Board to suspend membership of Paulette Stoudt pending further investigation. Paulette is given 30 days to respond in writing. Deadline date is January 11th to receive a response. Directors will discuss further after that date.

Board resolution without a meeting: On November 27th, 2022 the GVHS was notified of the death of GVHS Treasurer, Terri Martel. On November 28th it was approved by all Directors that Barb Snyder will serve as interim Treasurer, until the Officer election takes place.

Awards and gifts to be presented at AGM in Feb -

Buckles – ordered

Top Ten Pins – ordered

USDF cups – ordered

Show credits were discussed and it was agreed to discontinue this award due to not many using the benefit.

Free drink tickets – one ticket per person at Friday reception and at Saturday reception.

Jackets – the same jacket awards will be ordered only in a different color than black.

Attendee gift bag – the gift bags will be discontinued and there will be more raffle items and or contests. Barb Snyder will contact some of the corporate sponsors.

NEW BUSINESS

Misha Duvernoy requested replacement of some of the MA Equine Affaire banners that are getting outdated and showing wear. Barb Snyder estimated it would be about \$600 to get the items Misha suggested. She will also check with Jeff regarding the banners and displays being used at the Ohio EA. The Directors all agreed on the expenditure and it will be budgeted in 2023.

Ethics statements – Currently a committee member can be removed from a committee at any time for any reason. Samantha VanSickle proposes that there be distinct language written regarding consequences of violation of the ethics statements for committee members. This should include not just removal from a committee potential revoking of membership if the violation is extreme. Further discussion to be done.

Rules, Bylaws, Grievance committee – Agreed by all Directors that this committee will be eliminated and two new committees created; The Rules/Bylaws Committee and The Grievance Committee starting Jan 1, 2023. The two grievances filed in December 2022 will remain with the current 2022 committee. The Grievance committee members will be people who can be considered neutral. People who show heavily at GVHS shows would be an example of not neutral due to close and consistent activity with other members. Each committee member will be considered on an individual basis and can be removed if status changes. The initial committee members for the Grievance Committee will be Denise Shaw, Allison Farrell, Rita Susgin, Jeff Conklin, Kathy Mutti. For the Rules/Bylaws Committee the initial members will be Kathy Mutti, Jeff Conklin, Allison Farrell, Rita Susgin, Samantha Crook, Lamar Inguilli, Kat Wiegand.

Meeting end time: 9:24 PM

Next meeting: January 24, 2023

Resolution without meeting – on December 29th, 2022 Barb Snyder sent the quote from National Security Service, to provide uniform security from 8PM – 8AM, January 11-15, 2023 at the Jacksonville, FL show. Each Director responded via email to approve the expenditure as quoted. Jeff Conklin, Samantha VanSickle, Misha Duvernoy and Gale Rempel approved. Kate Walls opposed. Barb Snyder will sign the contract with the company and organize the security.

Resolution without meeting – on December 30th, 2022 the GVHS Directors voted to add the following to the general rules regarding Election of Directors and Officers. Director, President

& Vice President nominees must serve on a GVHS committee(s) at least 2 years prior to becoming a nominee. An Officer nominee is expected to have a general or lifetime membership. To be considered for President or Vice President the nominee must have demonstrated active involvement in GVHS programs and events for a minimum of two years. Each Director responded to accept, no one opposed or sustained.