

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Time : 7:30pm

Frequency: Monthly, 3rd Tuesday preferably

Topic	Minutes					
Call to Order	7:35pm ET, Quorum Met					
Roll Call						
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
President	Samantha VanSickle	X		7:30pm	10:12pm	
Vice President	Samantha Crook	X		7:36pm	9:12pm	
Director	Kate Walls	X		7:30pm	10:12pm	
Director	Christine Forsyth	X		7:35pm	10:12pm	
Director	Misha Duvernoy	X		7:30pm	10:12pm	
Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs	X		7:30pm	10:12pm	
Treasurer	Denise Krause		X	N/A	N/A	
Registrar	Denise Krause		X	N/A	N/A	
Committee Member	Katie Dolan	X		7:30pm	10:12pm	
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano	X		7:30pm	10:12pm	
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by	Second By
12/17/2024	BOD Meeting	Meeting minutes accepted.		ACC	S. Crook	S. VanSickle
12/30/2024	Annual BOD Meeting	Meeting minutes not accepted, sent back for error correction.		REJ		
Committee Reports						
Finance	December 2024/Year End Financial Statements prepared by Barb Snyder. Consensus to accept financial statements as presented. Unanimous approval.					
Public Relations	No report					
Shows	No report					
Registration	December 2024: Transfers 115, Registrations* 77, New Members 17 *DNA processing stopped 12/17/24 U of K lab closed from 12/20/24-1/01/25 for annual cleaning					
Evaluations	2025 Completed Evaluation(s): Jacksonville, FL January 16, 2025, 8 tests 2025 Scheduled Evaluation(s): Red Deer, Alberta, Canada August 9-10, 2025 Two Evaluation requests for 2025 submitted; May 7, 2025 Shelbyville TN, October 12, 2025 Chickasha OK, Unanimous agreement to offer at these events, Angela Wiggs to notify requestors					
Licensed Officials	No report					
Grievance	No report					

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Youth	No report
Rules and Bylaws	Samantha Crook estimates 2 months needed to thoroughly investigate GVHS Bylaws and comparison to Texas non-profit code. Samantha VanSickle proposed separate Bylaw update meetings.
Nominations	Reviewed BOD candidate qualifications document, will be posted on GVHS Members Only page
Marketing and Publications	No report
AW and Unsportmanlike Conduct	No report
Region Reps	No report
Message From the President	
N/A	
Recognition	
N/A	
Old Business:	
Decision w/o Meeting 1/6/25	GVHS Travel Policy and reimbursement requirements accepted. New documents to be tested for Jacksonville FL Evaluations.
Decision w/o Meeting 1/8/25	Affiliation Agreement accepted as written. Emailed to Mexico and Colombia 1/9/25.□
Decision w/o Meeting 1/15/25	Under Article 4, Section 7 of the GVHS Bylaws: Misha Duvernoy appointed to director seat left vacant with Gale Rempel's resignation. Unanimous approval to place Misha Duvernoy into the vacant seat.
Decision w/o Meeting 1/18/25	Under Article 5, Section 1 of the GVHS Bylaws: Heather Ercolano appointed as GVHS Secretary by BOD after being vetted by the Nominations Committee to replace interim secretary, Angela Wiggs
Region Representative	Angela Wiggs reports all Region Representatives have responded to initial email. Survey sent to all representatives to be returned by 1/31/25
Google Workspace	Misha Duvernoy presented pricing for plan and use for BOD and committee collaboration, meetings, tasks, etc. General consensus supports further investigation to determine best plan for the Organization. Continue into February/March meetings.
GVHS Swag Purchase	Pricing, quantities and photos will be sent by Angela Wiggs via email.

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<p>GVHS AGM & Judge's Seminar</p>	<p>Angela Wiggs states menu is in progress. All awards ordered for presentation. Slideshow and certificates will be completed for the seminar without photos as decided previously No booklet will be created Christine Forsyth will announce awards. Samantha Crook will be designing and providing table decorations Misha Duvernoy agreed to make event agenda for AGM. Judge's Seminar making their own agenda. Samantha VanSickle working on AGM Presentation</p>
<p>New Business:</p>	
<p>Versatility Medal of Honor Recognition</p>	<p>Angela Wiggs requested to table for March meeting. Discussion to recognize a member at the AGM due to specific achievements in the breed. BOD was unanimous in supporting the recognition.</p>
<p>Zoom Meeting Upgrade</p>	<p>Samantha VanSickle tabled for March meeting to allow for comparison of cost between Zoom platform and Google Meet in light of the potential move to the Google Platform.</p>
<p>New Committee Formation</p>	<p>Samantha VanSickle proposed the creation of the following committees: Education Committee , Awards Committee, AGM/Event Committee BOD was unanimous in supporting the proposed committees</p>
<p>Bank Account signatories</p>	<p>Suggestion by Kate Walls. Continue discussion at February meeting.</p>
<p>Electronic Communication</p>	<p>Christine Forsyth to address current social media concerns. BOD will utilize document mentioned above in Nomination Committee Report out to help provide education of election/nomination process Discussion included reinforcing member specific information should be channeled directly to members, via internal organization communications, e.g. constant contact, members only section of GVHS website, or Vanner Banner.</p> <p>Heather Ercolano suggested using links on social media to point members/interested parties back to www.vanners.org website for information.</p> <p>Samantha VanSickle creating a timeline of events for year to date</p>
<p>Action Item Review :</p>	
<p>N/A</p>	
<p>Next BOD Meeting:</p>	
<p>2/11/2025, earlier in month due to AGM</p>	
<p>Adjourn:</p>	
<p>End of Meeting</p>	<p>10:12 pm ET</p>

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Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Time : 7:30pm

Frequency: Monthly, 3rd Tuesday preferably

Topic		Minutes				
Call to Order	7:44pm ET, Quorum Met					
Roll Call						
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
President	Samantha VanSickle	X		7:30pm	10:07pm	
Vice President	Samantha Crook	X		7:30pm	9:02pm exit 9:32pm return 9:49pm exit	
Director	Kate Walls	X		7:30pm	10:07pm	
Director	Christine Forsyth	X		7:30pm	10:07pm	
Director	Levi Himmelrick	X		7:30pm	10:07pm	
Director	Mindy Davis	X		7:30pm	10:07pm	
Director	Misha Duvernoy	X		7:30pm	10:07pm	
Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs	X		7:30pm	10:07pm	
Treasurer	Denise Krause		X	N/A	N/A	
Registrar	Denise Krause		X	N/A	N/A	
Committee Member	Julie Usoff	X		6:30pm	7:43pm	
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano	X		7:30pm	10:07pm	
Special Topic prior to BOD Meeting						
BOD discussed potential cadidate for GVHS Show Coordinator with candidate's professional reference Julie Usoff, Discussion held 7:30pm-7:43pm						
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by	Second By
12/30/2024	Annual BOD Meeting	Sending to Gail R. as courtesy to review, BOD members present were all in favor of accepting the meeting minutes as presented		ACC	S. VanSickle	K. Walls
1/28/2025	January BOD	Meeting minutes were accepted as presented; Discussion held to document date in which Committee report was received		ACC	S. VanSickle	M. Duvernoy
Committee Reports						

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Finance	Financials previously submitted by Barb Snyder provided directly to the BOD via email 2/09/25, consensus to accept financial statements as presented. Unanimous approval.
Public Relations	No Report
Shows	Number of GVHS Registered Horses FHC 21
Registration	Registrations 105. Transfers 113. New Members 26
Evaluations	No Report
Licensed Officials	No Report
Grievance	No Report
Youth	No Report
Rules and Bylaws	No Report
Nominations	No Report
Marketing and Publications	No Report
AW and Unsportsmanlike Conduct	No Report
Region Reps	Survey Update by Misha Duvernoy, provided directly to the BOD via email 2/11/25

Message From the President

Thank you to our new BOD members and all BOD members for their willingness to give their time and talents to support the organization. We need to remember that as we start out we will need to "go slow to go fast". There is a lot of work to do and great enthusiasm, however sometimes we must slow down to get it right in the long run.

Recognition

- *Mindy Davis giving Recognize to Misha Duvernoy for being extremely welcoming to a new BOD
- *Samantha VanSickle giving recognition to Misha Duvernoy on the schedule for AGM
- *Samantha VanSickle giving recognition to Levi Himmelrick and Mindy Davis for their willingness to jump right in as soon as they are elected, the enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.
- *Misha Duvernoy giving recognition Heather Ercolano for her work on new format of meeting minutes

Old Business:

GVHS Show Program Coordinator	GVHS Show Program Coordinator candidate information sent directly to the BOD prior to the meeting in addition to conflict-of-interest document to assess potential candidates or any concerns. ACTION: Samantha VanSickle requesting current BOD to review the job description, provided directly to the BOD via email 2/11/25 and will determine if current candidate was provided job description by past BOD and is willing to accept. Samantha Crook motion to add GVHS Show Program Coordinator to the Organization, Second by Levi Himmelrick. All in favor, none opposed.
AGM Update and final points	Mindy Davis to provide photo backdrop Slide show in progress, awards are in progress, stuff bags on site Reviewed agenda created by Misha Duvernoy

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Bank signatories	Kate Walls reviewed with Denise Krause account in question and potential need for new signatory, determined this was not needed. No further action. Current Signors are Barb Snyder (ending 2025) and Denise Krause. ACTION: Need to determine signatory in replacement of Barb Snyder, add to future BOD meeting.
New Business:	
Guidelines for Membership Participation in Quarterly Open Forums	Guideline document created, ACTION: Samantha VanSickle will circulate to BOD via email on 2/12/25 for approval and will be a topic presented at AGM upon approval
Region Representative Structure	Ensure Region Reps are directing members to GVHS website and responses are aligned to organization and not personal preferences. Proposal for program provided directly to the BOD via email on 2/07/25, will present at AGM Mindy Davis actively working on presentation Discussion regarding involving BOD members on the social media pages in respective regions
Committee Membership Report	Christine Forsyth provided directly to the BOD via email 2/11/25 a report of committees and current members, ACTION: Samantha VanSickle will contact via mail week ending 2/14/25 to renew membership prior to February month end, after notification the BOD will review Committees and evaluate head count for each one and what are the next steps in March BOD meeting
Outside Breed Association Support Request	Kate Walls asked BOD to confirm no conflict of interest in assisting another Non Gypsy Vanner breed association. BOD determined there was no conflict of interest with the information presented, as the association discussed does not register Gypsy Vanner horses.
Laptop	ACTION: Angela Wiggs to investigate purchasing a laptop for GVHS, will send pricing to BOD via email week ending 2/14/25
Email Communication	Samantha VanSickle, requested that moving forward please utilize standard subject lines on emails that include timeline of when action is required. Ex: GVHS ACTION REQUIRED Review and Respond within 24 Hours
Action Item Review :	
Need to determine signatory in replacement of Barb Snyder, add to future BOD meeting.	
Samantha VanSickle will circulate Guidelines for Membership Participation in Quarterly Open Forums to BOD via email on 2/12/25 for approval	

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Samantha Vansickle will contact via mail week ending 2/14/25 to renew membership prior to February month end
Angela Wiggs to investigate purchasing a lap top for GVHS, will send pricing to BOD via email week ending 2/14/25
Samantha Vansickle requesting current BOD to review the job description, provided directly to the BOD via email 2/11/25 and
Samantha VanSickle will determine if current candidate was provided job description by past BOD and is willing to accept
Next BOD Meeting:
3/18/2025, tentatively target general members session at this meeting/30 minutes prior to this meeting, will determine after AGM
Adjourn:

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Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Time : 7:30pm EST

Frequency: Monthly, 3rd Tuesday preferably

Topic	Minutes					
Call to Order	7:33pm EST, Quorum Met					
Roll Call						
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
President	Samantha VanSickle	X		7:30pm	11:15pm	
Vice President	Samantha Crook	X		7:30pm	9:23 left 9:31 return 11:15pm	
Director	Kate Walls	X		7:30pm	11:15pm	
Director	Christine Forsyth	X		7:30pm	11:15pm	
Director	Misha Duvernoy	X		7:30pm	11:15pm	
Director	Levi Himmelrick	X		7:30pm	11:15pm	
Director	Mindy Davis	X		7:30pm	11:15pm	
Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs	X		7:30pm	11:15pm	
Treasurer	Denise Krause		X	N/A		
Registrar	Denise Krause		X	N/A		
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano	X		7:30pm	11:15pm	
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by	Second By
AGM 2/22/2025	AGM Minutes			ACC	M. Duvernoy	M. Davis
Feb BOD 2/11/2025	Feb BOD Minutes			ACC	M. Davis	L. Himmelrick
Committee Reports						
Finance	Financial statements sent directly to BOD on 3/5/25, M. Davis Motion to approve Financials as presented on 3/5/25, S. VanSickle Second , motion Passes . ACTION: Need to add ledger items for income / expense, International- Mexico and International- Colombia					
Public Relations	No update provided as of 3/18/25					
Shows	No update provided as of 3/18/25					
Registration	Numbers Feb 1-28, 2025: Registrations 87 Transfers 141 New Members 18 (does not include renewed members) Discussion to include renewals and new category and including date range.					
Evaluations	No update provided as of 3/18/25					
Licensed Officials	Sent directly to BOD by Angela Wiggs 3/18/25, Recommendations from committee tabled by Sam C to end of meeting, ACTION: Bring LOC recommendations to next meeting April 7, 2024, M. Duvernoy Motion to approve updated scope of work, M. Davis Second , motion Passes .					
Grievance	No update provided as of 3/18/25					
Youth	No update provided as of 3/18/25					
Rules and Bylaws	No update provided as of 3/18/25					
Nominations	No update provided as of 3/18/25					

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Marketing and Publications	No update provided as of 3/18/25
AW and Unsportmanlike Conduct	The committee is asking for approval of adaptive equipment form and controlled substance list previously submitted, BOD says HIPPA and ADA rules, no concerns. Need updated form for Adaptive Equipment requested from committee chair on 3/15/25. ACTION: S. Crook Motion to move Drug Testing program review to April BOD, S. VanSickle Second , motion Passes
Region Reps	No update provided as of 3/18/25
Message From the President	
As we work toward streamlining our processes and aligning our operations, our goal is to establish clear Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure the organization can run efficiently. Every role should be well-defined and easily transferable to maintain continuity if a position is vacated. By clarifying roles and responsibilities, we can better utilize our individual and collective talents. This year, our focus will be on strengthening our foundation, and ensuring alignment, rather than pursuing large-scale initiatives.	
Recognition	
M. Davis recognizing A. Wiggs for AGM and all of the work put into it and extra time and effort M. Duvernoy thankful for all of those who helped support the AGM in all aspects to make the event successful L. Himmelrick recognize H. Ercolano for her Secretary duties	
Old Business:	
Annual General Meeting	Review the following items: Overall Cost provided in Financial Statement will updated in April with final numbers, Number of Attendees 73; 23 judges, 3 of which were New Judges , 40 General Members, and 10 Non Members, 25 people booked 26 nights, 8 people booked 29 nights, status of awards, Survey sent review in April along with Budget for 2026.
New Committees (Education, Events and Awards)	Scope of Work update for new committees, website to updated and communicated to general members that we need volunteers. Awards Committee: M. Davis Motion to Approve scope, M. Duvernoy Second , motion Passes . Events Committee Scope: L. Himmelrick Motion to Approve scope, S. Crook Second , motion Passes . Education scope sent via email in February. ACTION: need website updated with new Committees (Education, Events and Awards)
Software contracts	Review of all software contracts was sent to BOD for review prior to meeting, discuss path forward for software, including addition of Google Workspace , S. VanSickle Motions to utilize for 1 year and to determine usability, M. Davis Second , motion Passes Microsoft Teams continue to use for inner workings Website management still waiting on another, must had three Sugar Sync , ACTION: need to create dashboard for President no additional cost Canva tabled until Publications position filled Constant Contact do we know how many contacts we have and if cost is worth use, 2793 emails in database, ACTION: M. Davis requested a review of contact list and revalidate in May.
Legal Support	Three options provided to GVHS President and Executive Administrator to obtain rates and determine best options. Update, 1 retired, 1 did not respond, 1 responded. Did not receive prior legal support info, ACTION: S. VanSickle will obtain info from prior executive admin. Angela to investigate the name in sugar sync.
Bank Signatory	Need to determine which role that within the organization will take additional signatory over when previous admin is vacated, M. Davis Motion include President as the 2nd signatory, L. Himmelrick Second , motion Passes , S. VanSickle abstained.

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Regional Representative Program	SOP to be discussed, ACTION: would like to add an Ambassador portion to SOP, M. Duvernoy to add requested updates, will circulate for approval before week ending 3/21/25. S. Crook Motion for BOD to deny regional representative positions due to member not signing code of ethics, K. Walls Second , motion Passes . BOD Members did discuss potential conflict of interest of current regional reps on BOD voting and was deemed not to be a conflict, therefore all BOD members voted. M. Davis to communicate with affected parties.
Sympathy Card	S. VanSickle working on graphics, eta 3/31/25
GVHS Incident Report	S. VanSickle working on graphics, eta 3/31/25
Flow Of Communications SOP	Approved outside of a meeting via email from Secretary Heather Ercolano on March 11, 2025
General Members Attending Quarterly BOD Meetings Program	Approved outside of a meeting via email from Secretary Heather Ercolano on March 11, 2025
GVHS Show Coordinator	Approved outside of a meeting via email from Secretary Heather Ercolano on March 11, 2025
New Member Packet	Need to add new Presidents message as well as quick guide to find member login page, President to provide message and Angela will communicate with Denise. Angela to send electronically to all current members.
New Business:	
Vanner Magazine	Received two quotes for potential Publisher/Editor, decision pending third quote. Updated Vanner website to be able to use link for photos L. Himmelrick and H. Ercolano to lead gathering photos, ACTION: A. Wiggs to create new html flip account, and previous Publisher will upload the past electronic copies of the Vanner magazine.
Rulebook inquiries from AGM/Judges Training	Five items were documented, listed in action register, sent to BOD prior to meeting and reviewed with LOC Committee 3/11/25, updates to be sent to BOD for approval 3/28/25.
Budget for regional education	This is to include breed demos and promotional items, pamphlets, post cards, etc. Need to create multiple different pamphlets for different types of events, ACTION: rates to be gathered by S. VanSickle and BOD will determine budget in April BOD, need accounting of all banners.
International Affiliate document	Need to review/discuss update, status on Mexico and Columbia. Mexico would like 2 evaluations, dates are being discussed and pending confirmation, need to determine how cost and billing are managed, ACTION: need to setup conference call with Columbia representative.
GHSA Congress	Request to have 3 judges, L. Himmelrick motion to limit Congress to 2 judges due to low attendance prior year, M. Davis second, motion passes. If a third judge is utilized, then prior to show it must be designated which two judges will be utilized for GVHS show points program. ACTION: A. Wiggs to communicate decisions to show management.
Additional Meetings	Discuss adding second BOD meeting a month to push actions items forward, would need to be timely and actionable. BOD Action Item Review Meeting, April 7th, 7:30pm est.
Former Member Inquiry	BOD to discuss inquiry sent to the organization, Former member is allowed to be a member, Organization has not restricted the ability to have a membership. Former Judge would need to attend a judges training, and next training is 2026 and follow all steps to recertify. Discussion held to address retro application of prefixes to horses names. Documentation to be reviewed and timeline to validate timing. Legal consultation should be utilized in any grey areas. DNA for registration needs to be reviewed, proposed in June of 2025.
Action Item Review:	

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ACTION: Need to add ledger items for income / expense, International- Mexico and International- Columbia

ACTION: Bring LOC recommendations to next meeting April 7, 2024

ACTION: Move Drug Testing program review to April BOD

ACTION: Need website updated with new Committees (Education, Events and Awards)

ACTION: Sugar Sync, need to create dashboard for President no additional cost

ACTION: M. Davis requested a review of constant contact list and revalidate in May

ACTION: S. VanSickle will obtain info from prior executive admin. Angela to investigate the name in sugar sync.

ACTION: Would like to add an Ambassador portion to SOP, M. Duvernoy to add requested updates, will circulate for approval before week ending 3/21/25.

ACTION: A. Wiggs to create new html flip account, and previous Publisher will upload the past electronic copies of the Vanner magazine.

ACTION: Rates to be gathered by S. VanSickle and BOD will determine budget in April BOD, need accounting of all banners

ACTION: Need to setup conference call with Columbia representative.

ACTION: A. Wiggs to communicate decisions to show management.

Next BOD Meeting:

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Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Time : 7:30pm EST
Frequency: Monthly

Topic	Minutes					
Call to Order	7:34pm EST, Quorum Met					
Roll Call						
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
President	Samantha VanSickle	X		7:34pm	9:49pm	
Vice President	Samantha Crook		X			
Director	Kate Walls		X			
Director	Christine Forsyth	X		7:34pm	9:49pm	
Director	Misha Duvernoy	X		7:34pm	9:49pm	
Director	Levi Himmelrick	X		7:34pm	9:49pm	
Director	Mindy Davis	X		7:34pm	9:49pm	
Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs			7:34pm	9:49pm	
Treasurer	Denise Krause		X			
Registrar	Denise Krause		X			
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano			7:34pm	9:49pm	
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by	Second by
4/7/2025	April Action Review Meeting			ACC	Mindy	Levi
3/18/2025	March BOD			ACC	Levi	Mindy
Committee Reports						
Finance	Financial statements sent directly to BOD prior to meeting, S. VanSickle request that our May additional meeting is to include budget, finance status/management, framework will be laid of requirements ahead of time					
Public Relations	No update provided as of 4/13/25					
Shows	No update provided as of 4/13/25, members getting updated will start meeting next month					
Registration	Reg Completed 111, Transfers 136, New Members 39, Renewed Members 74					
Licensed Officials	No update provided as of 4/13/25					
Grievance	No update provided as of 4/13/25					
Youth	No update provided as of 4/13/25					
Rules and Bylaws	No update provided as of 4/13/25					
Nominations	Need to look at members of the committee and update, each BOD to bring one name to the May meeting of who we would recommend					
Marketing and Publications	No update provided as of 4/13/25					
AW and Unsportmanlike Conduct	Form attached, ACTION: H. Ercolano to reformat adaptive form and send out for approval electronically. Drug testing program update, ACTION: H. Ercolano to update format and send out for approval electronically. S. VanSickle Motion to approve the committee to get pricing based on the list provided, second M. Davis, motion passes .					
Region Reps	No update provided as of 4/13/25					

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Education and Planning	Discuss Vanner Banner, BOD would like committee to send out a monthly educational message, would not replace the Vanner Banner. Messaging will be approved in draft form by the BOD before being sent out, will be sent out by Executive Administrator. S. VanSickle request that H. Ercolano to help support Education committee
Evaluations	<p>Request, Red Bluff to add Evaluations, M. Davis Motion to add Red Bluff Evaluations, second by M. Duvernoy, Discussion would like a proposed budget prior for all Evaluations prior to approving the motion. ACTION: Request to gather 2024 expenditures and bring back to the table and then vote. Motion does not pass. Shelbyville only 13 tests registered, BOD members to reach out to known attendees and push sign ups.</p> <p>Cancellations, not able to get another evaluator for Chickasha, OK. In jeopardy of cancelling. ACTION: A. Wiggs to reach out to an alternative evaluator.</p> <p>Columbian update, Some scores do not meet minimum number to be registered, some horses are already registered and just going to add evaluation info to horses current stud book information. Score sheets utilized in evaluations were provided by Columbian affiliate. Accepting scores as calculated by Duane Stutzman.</p> <p>S. VanSickle Motion to standardize requirement for a minimum to be 20 tests per evaluation, must have confirmed and paid 30 days prior to the event and to update form to include who is financially responsible for facility costs, Second by Levi, motion passes.</p>
Message From the President	
Thank you all for being here	
Recognition	
Sam V recognizing Mindy for stepping up and helping with committees	
Old Business:	
Annual General Meeting	Special planning meeting in June for AGM, will review results in detail there, will include events committee, budget review move to May
New Committees (Education, Events and Awards)	Updated on website, Education still pending signed code of ethics for some on Education and Planning Committee as of 4/14/25
Need to add ledger items for income / expense, International- Mexico and International- Colombia	H. Ercolano to follow up with Denise
LOC March recommendations	Still pending item one in recommendations, "judge who previously held a card should shadow one show". After investigation it was determined the judge in question never had a lapse in required training for judges, only membership was not maintained and will not be required to shadow prior to judging.

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Budget for regional education	This is to include breed demos and promotional items, pamphlets, post cards, etc. Need to create multiple different pamphlets for different types of events, ACTION: rates to be gathered by S. VanSickle and BOD will determine budget in April BOD, need accounting of all banners. Move to May finance meeting, S. VanSickle Motion to approve and post scavenger hunt materials created by M. Duvernoy, Second C. Forsyth, motion passes
Rulebook inquiries from AGM/Judges Training	Five items were documented, listed in action register, sent to BOD prior to meeting and reviewed with LOC Committee 3/11/25, ACTION: LOC to update rulebook and present to BOD for May meeting
Vanner Magazine	Signed proposal and returned to Cheri, and notified other applicants they were not chosen, ACTION: S. VanSickle sending signed proposal to A. Wiggs for document storage
Show Incident	No update
GVHS Show Coordinator	ACTION: Reach out to approved show coordinator candidate and let them know that after May financial planning meeting we will reach out to her again for commitment
Awards	Total costs for plaques, \$812.27, 29 total plaques, Sam V to login and look at awards.
New Business:	
Member Inquiry 4/14 /25	S. VanSickle and H. Ercolano to follow up with member and then bring back summary to BOD,
ETS Canadian Scholarship	Needs discussion, table until May. Shows have reached out asking for awards to be provided for gypsy vanners in attendance, need to determined criteria for providing these, Awards committee to work on program starting in May
MYHM Testing	Not an option with U of K currently, can add for \$45. S. VanSickle Motion to add this option for testing, Second by Misha, motion passes
Guest Judge	Tyler Rose August show requesting guest judge, ACTION: LOC to propose guest procedure and we vote in May, Angela to communicate
Action Item Review:	
<p>ACTION: H. Ercolano to reformat adaptive form and send out for approval electronically. ACTION: H. Ercolano to update procedure format and send out for approval electronically ACTION: Request to gather Evaluator 2024 expenditures and bring back to the table ACTION: A. Wiggs to reach out to an alternative evaluator. ACTION: S. VanSickle sending signed Vanner magazine proposal to A. Wiggs for document storage ACTION: LOC to update rulebook and present to BOD for May meeting ACTION: Reach out to approved show coordinator candidate and let them know that after May financial planning meeting we will reach out to her again for commitment ACTION: LOC to propose guest procedure and we vote in May, Angela to communicate</p>	
Next BOD Meeting:	
May 6th Financial and May 20th and BOD	
Adjourn:	
End of Meeting:	Motion to adjourn by Levi, second Christine

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Time : 7:30pm EST
Frequency: Monthly

Topic	Minutes					
Call to Order	7:33pm, Quorum met					
Roll Call						
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
President	Samantha VanSickle	X		7:30pm	10:43pm	L. Himmelrick in and out due to tornado warnings, out 8:52pm, returned and left for evening at 9:56pm
Vice President	Samantha Crook	X		7:30pm	10:26pm	
Director	Kate Walls	X		7:30pm	10:43pm	
Director	Christine Forsyth	X		7:30pm	10:43pm	
Director	Misha Duvernoy	X		7:30pm	10:43pm	
Director	Levi Himmelrick	X		7:30pm	9:56pm*	
Director	Mindy Davis	X		7:30pm	10:43pm	
Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs	X		7:30pm	10:43pm	
Treasurer	Denise Krause		X			
Registrar	Denise Krause		X			
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano	X		7:30pm	10:43pm	
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by	Second by
5/6/2025	May Financial Review Meeting			ACC	Sam V	Levi H
4/15/2025	April BOD			ACC	Levi H	Sam V
Committee Reports						
Finance	Financial statements sent directly to BOD prior to meeting					
Public Relations	No update provided as of 5/20/25					
Shows	March 27-30, The Carousel Charity Horse Show, 42 Horses, in place of Wine Country Classic 2024- 20 horses March 21-23, GA Gypsy Vanner Spring Classic, 30 Horses, New in 2025 April 5-6, Texas FHC, 33 horses, 2024-57 horses April 11-13, FL Gypsy Vanner Spring Blast, 13 horses, 2024-46 horses April 18-20, Magnolia Spring Classic, 12 horses, New in 2025 April 24-27, NV Gypsy Fest, 36 horses, in 2024 had 39 horses April 25-27, VA Gypsy Vanner Spring Breakout, 28 horses, May 2024 had 55 horses					
Registration	Registrations 117 Transfers 135 New Members 27 Renewed Members 50					
Evaluations	9 horses Evaluated in Shelbyville TN					
Licensed Officials	No update provided as of 5/20/25					
Grievance	No update provided as of 5/20/25					
Youth	No update provided as of 5/20/25					

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Rules and Bylaws	S. Crook to provide an update, there are current concerns by S. Crook where bylaws are not being abided by such as Art. III, Purpose of the society. Reviewing discussion from June of 2024 to discuss what the BOD would like to update or have the Committee work on. ACTION: S. Crook to work on summary to send to members to provide information about the September 30th cut off for Bylaw proposed updates for 2026 AGM.
Nominations	L. Himmelrick: Darcy Halliwill M. Davis: Kristen Littrell, Lisa Bobo, Cindy Evers S. VanSickle: Alycia Campidonica C. Forsyth: Alan Johnson M. Duvernoy: Livia Brine
Marketing and Publications	No update provided as of 5/20/25
Avr and Unsportmanlike Conduct	No update provided as of 5/20/25
Region Reps	No update provided as of 5/20/25
Education and Planning	Please review attached meeting minutes from their meeting in April Need to discuss "Vanner Voice" and approval. ACTION: Identified seven updates required by the BOD and H. Ercolano will communicate to the Committee. Reviewed intent of the "Vanner Voice" staying focused on breed education, history and quality
Message From the President	
No topics for tonight.	
Recognition	
L. Himmelrick Happy Birthday Samantha Crook	
Old Business:	
Member Inquiry 4/14 /25	S. VanSickle and H. Ercolano to follow up with member and then bring back summary to BOD, S. VanSickle spoke with member to provide information and answer questions, there are no further concerns.
ETS Canadian Scholarship	Table until June

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<p>Rulebook update from LOC</p>	<p>LOC was to provide update for May meeting with inquiries from AGM/Judges Seminar. S. VanSickle to provide red line version to BOD for review, reviewed each update on shared screen with BOD.</p> <p>Rulebook EDIT: Lope over distances not listed in Obstacle under saddle section only in Appendix, moved to main section of rulebook</p> <p>Rulebook EDIT: Freestyle riding is contradictory for attire, stated you must be correct for english or western but also allows for a costume, added clarity</p> <p>Rulebook EDIT: Dressage Suitability calls for "extended trot", Extend is an upper level movement similar to "rein back", changed to "Lengthen" to more closely align to training level terminology</p> <p>Rulebook EDIT: Review halter section on halters/bridles for Stallions age 2, rulebook stated ages 3 and up in a bridle and under 2 in a halter, updated to 2 and under</p>
<p>LOC update for guest judge</p>	<p>LOC will provide update for June BOD</p>
<p>Show Coordinator</p>	<p>Still on hold pending Financial review and transition of duties amongst current staff</p>
<p>February Action Item Moved to May</p>	<p>Need to determine signatory in replacement of B. Snyder, add to future BOD meeting. Motion by M. Davis to accept intent to resign from B. Snyder, Second by S. VanSickle. ACTION: A. Wiggs to get a list from B. Snyder of what she has that is related to GVHS and return to the Organization, includes digital and physical property. Take information from B. Snyder and connect with D. Krause and make sure she has what she needs to be successful. Need to document the responsibilities that will transfer to D. Krause. Need to determine if B. Snyder is willing to consult if needed, A. Wiggs to confirm. Motion passes</p>
<p>Evaluation Plaques</p>	<p>Order is in progress, to be completed by the end of the week. Bulk order two times per year, Mid Year and roughly 30 days after last Evaluation of the year.</p>
<p>Vanner Magazine</p>	<p>Sold \$5500 in Vanner Ads so far, ISBN number on the magazine is an option to go to retail to recoup some costs, consider an Amazon store. A. Wiggs asks if BOD would consider not publishing magazine in print due to large cost and low volume of ad sales, BOD unanimously supports the printing of the magazine. Previous advertisers were contacted, ACTION: BOD to each reach out to two businesses/farms/etc. each and bring them to the table. Discussion of pushing deadline and printing later if needed. ACTION: M Duvernoy will help validate list of photos required versus submissions, H. Ercolano to provide spreadsheets.</p>
<p>March Action Item Moved to May</p>	<p>M. Davis requested a review of constant contact list and revalidate in May, move to July</p>
<p>New Business:</p>	
<p>Committees</p>	<p>Status and Game Plan update, sent out COE's to all committee members, will require those to be sent in prior to meeting. Not 100% returned as of 5/20/25 and some still not current</p>

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GVHS Funds for Shows	S. Crook requests to discuss removing the donation to show managers for the rest of the year, 3 clubs receive high points awards, WSGHC, Ohio Club, New England Club. ACTION: S. Crook to provide financial information related to the Articles of Incorporation to review and move topic to June BOD meeting.
Officer meeting	Need to schedule officer meeting to approve 2024 AGM expenses, email will be sent out to Officers to figure out meeting date.
Action Item Review:	
ACTION: S.Crook to work on summary to send to members to provide information about the September 30th cut off for ByLaw proposed updates for 2026 AGM.	
ACTION: Vanner Voice, Identified seven updates required by the BOD and H. Ercolano will communicate to the Committee.	
ACTION: A. Wiggs to get a list from B. Snyder of what she has that is related to GVHS and return to the Organization, includes digital and physical property. Take information from B. Snyder and connect with D. Krause and make sure she has what she needs to be successful. Need to document the responsibilities that will transfer to D. Krause. Need to determine if B. Snyder is willing to consult if needed, A. Wiggs to confirm.	
ACTION: S. Crook to provide financial information related to the Articles of Incorporation to review and move topic to June BOD	
Next BOD Meeting:	
June 10th TUESDAY for Committee Chair Kick Off, June 16th MONDAY for Monthly BOD	
Adjourn:	
End of Meeting:	10:43pm, Motion by S. VanSickle and Second by M. Davis

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



Date: Monday, June 16, 2025
Time : 7:30pm EST
Frequency: Monthly

Topic	Minutes					
Call to Order	7:33pm, Quorum met					
Roll Call						
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
President	Samantha VanSickle	X		7:31pm	9:14pm	*M. Duvernoy in and out at times due to poor connection
Vice President	Samantha Crook	X		7:31pm	9:14pm	
Director	Kate Walls	X		7:31pm	9:14pm	
Director	Christine Forsyth	X		7:31pm	9:14pm	
Director	Misha Duvernoy	X		7:31pm	9:14pm*	
Director	Levi Himmelrick	X		7:31pm	9:14pm	
Director	Mindy Davis	X		7:31pm	9:14pm	
Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs	X				
Treasurer	Denise Krause		X	7:31pm	9:14pm	
Registrar	Denise Krause		X	7:31pm	9:14pm	
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano	X				
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by	Second by
5/16/2025	May BOD Meeting Minutes			ACC	L. Himmelrick	M. Davis
Committee Reports						
Finance	Financial statements sent directly to BOD prior to meeting, no discussions					
Public Relations	No Update as of 6/15/25					
Shows	Gypsy Vanner Celebration TN, 26 horses Spring CA FHC 1 & 2, 15 horses Cornerstone Spring Classic, 37 horses GHSA Region 1 Spring, 37 horses					
Registration	Registrations 119 Transfers 143 Member Renewals 39 New Members 22					
Evaluations	No Update as of 6/15/25					
Licensed Officials	No Update as of 6/15/25					
Grievance	No Update as of 6/15/25					
Youth	No Update as of 6/15/25					

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Rules and Bylaws	S. Crook update: Item 1- Article 5 Paragraph 1 and Article 4 Paragraph 1, are conflicting on who can change the ByLaws, Members or BOD. ACTION: H. Ercolano to send document template to S. Crook to create information to be sent to members for AGM vote in 2026. Item 2- Article 6, committees are to be chosen by BOD, volunteers were vetted through the GVHS office, approved and placed onto requested Committees. Nobody was denied, only moved around or previous positions vacated if the member no longer wanted to be on the committee. ACTION: A. Wiggs will send list of committee members to BOD for review
Nominations	No Update as of 6/15/25
Marketing and Publications	M. Davis Update: Committee conducted first meeting to start brainstorming ideas, would like to gather quotes to create calendar
AV and Unsportantlike Conduct	No Update as of 6/15/25
Region Reps	No Update as of 6/15/25
Education and Planning	S. Crook provided minutes of last meeting via email on 6/16/25
Awards	L. Himmelrick update: quick meeting to get started, discussed working on budget
Events	No Update as of 6/15/25

Message From the President

Review of Social Media Policy, ensure as leaders of GVHS this is being followed and if any observations are seen on social media that they are addressed appropriately

Recognition

L. Himmelrick to A. Wiggs, prompt shipment of plaques
S. VanSickle to L. Himmelrick for sourcing plaques

Old Business:

Articles of Incorporation conflict with show sponsorship	S. Crook provided to BOD via email on 5/20/25, no decisions made related to show funds at this time.
Financial Update	Motion by M. Davis to provide B. Snyder a letter accepting resignation and termination effective July 15th, 2025, Second by L. Himmelrick , K. Walls opposed, motion passes . ACTION ITEM: A. Wiggs to draft letter and provide to S. VanSickle for approval prior to sending. ACTION ITEM: Develop document retention policy.
ByLaw Proposal update	S. Crook to work on summary to send to members to provide information about the September 30th cut off for ByLaw proposed updates for 2026 AGM.
LOC update for guest judge	LOC will provide update for June BOD, started with electronic approval, A. Wiggs to update status of approvals needed, Motion by S. Vansickle , to approve guest judge procedure. Second by L. Himmelrick , All in favor, Motion passes .

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New Judge Policy	Need to approval, A. Wiggs to provide update, no update, will vote electronically before July BOD
ETS Canadian Scholarship	Motion by M. Davis to deny due to 2025 budget, Second by S. VanSickle , all in favor, motion passes
Vanner Voice	Question regarding omission of Northern Ireland: Education Committee had originally stated: "The Gypsy Vanner Horse is a breed of horse that appeared in the mid-1990s that was created by selective breeding by a small group of Irish Travellers and Romani people of Great Britain and Ireland." M. Duvernoy requesting if "the omission of Northern Ireland was intentional and clarified that the terms Great Britain and United Kingdom are not synonymous as Great Britain includes England, Scotland, and Wales, but not Northern Ireland." Clarification still needed. S. Crook stated the committee intends to use the term "British Isles" in the final version. ACTION: S. Crook to verify with Education Committee and provide response regarding Vanner Voice
Show Coordinator	Still on hold pending Financial review and transition of duties amongst current staff, review in July BOD
Awards for shows	Motion by M. Duvernoy that we do not provide any awards to individual shows in 2025, Second by S. Crook , all in favor, motion passes.
Officer Meeting for Expenses	ACTION: S. VanSickle to determine time and date for Officer meeting. Need to review use of the form for Expenses.
IMM/MYHM	Testing now available, but not on form yet for U of K, A. Wiggs will update GVHS form when appropriate
Evaluation HOF Horse Award	Only evaluation HOF, One Stallion achieved this in 2025, ACTION: Hand off to Awards Committee to determine appropriate award, potential custom award like prior years.
PayPal Fees	Update to be provided from A. Wiggs, definite savings with non profit, would need to login to paypal and get setup. Revisit this specific topic in July.
Drug Testing	Estimated cost is \$15-20 each horse, Lab options, University of Kentucky or Industrial Lab Denver, CO. Need to make a decision to move forward with sampling a small selection of shows in 2025. Motion by L. Himmelrick to allow committee to move forward with drug testing plan, Second by S. Crook , motion passes. M. Duvernoy dropped from call during vote. Motion passes. Still need to determine logistics of payment, M. Davis will communicate with respective committee.
New Business:	

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C. Forsyth	Discuss member concern regarding late payment of membership and horses not acquiring points prior to membership payment. There is an existing rule that does not allow for points to be retroactively calculated after payment of membership. Discussion regarding a late fee or if they pay Lifetime membership then retroactive points can be counted possibly. Moved to July for further discussion and decision. Motion to deny retroactive application of points L. Himmelrick, second by M. Davis, C. Forsyth to communicate back to member of decision.
Committee Update	S. VanSickle to look at meeting planning app and committee list to be sent out via email to BOD for review electronically.
Microchipping	A member reached out about microchip number. Field available on registration form. Motion by L. Himmelrick for communication to go out to members that this is an available offering Second by M. Davis. Motion passes
Judge Profiles	Some judges on the website have bios, some do not, need to get updated. Motion by S. VanSickle to create standard form for judges and update website S. VanSickle, Second by Levi, motion passes. ACTION: LOC to create questions A. Wiggs and H. Ercolano to create form.
Action Item Review:	
<p>ACTION: H. Ercolano to send document template to S. Crook to create information to be sent to members for AGM vote in 2026.</p> <p>ACTION: A. Wiggs will send list of committee members to BOD for review</p> <p>ACTION: A. Wiggs to draft letter for B. Snyder and provide to S. VanSickle for approval prior to sending</p> <p>ACTION: Develop document retention policy.</p> <p>ACTION: S. Crook to verify with Education Committee and provide response regarding Vanner Voice</p> <p>ACTION: S. VanSickle to determine time and date for Officer meeting. Need to review use of the form for Expenses.</p> <p>ACTION: Hand off HOFawards to Awards Committee to determine appropriate award, potential custom award like prior years.</p> <p>ACTION: LOC to create questions for judges, A. Wiggs and H. Ercolano to create form.</p>	
Next BOD Meeting:	
July 15th, 2025 next meeting	
Adjourn:	
End of Meeting:	L. Himmelrick Motion to adjourn 9:14pm, C. Forsyth Second. Meeting adjourned

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Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2025
Time : 7:30pm EST
Frequency: Monthly

Topic	Minutes					
Call to Order	7:35pm, Quorum met					
Roll Call						
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
President	Samantha VanSickle	x		7:30pm	11:34pm	
Vice President	Samantha Crook	x		7:30pm	11:34pm	
Director	Kate Walls	x		7:41pm	11:34pm	
Director	Christine Forsyth	x		7:32pm	11:34pm	
Director	Misha Duvernoy	x		7:30pm	11:34pm	
Director	Levi Himmelrick	x		7:32pm	10:29pm	
Director	Mindy Davis	x		7:30pm	11:34pm	
Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs	x		7:34pm	11:34pm	
Treasurer	Denise Krause		x			
Registrar	Denise Krause		x			
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano	x		7:30pm	11:34pm	
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by	Second by
7/15/2025	June BOD Meeting Minutes, approved with the exception of S. Crook due to wanting to add information, but has not provided information. and K. Walls not present at time of approval.			ACC	L. Himmelrick	M. Davis
Committee Reports						
Finance	Sent to BOD prior to meeting via email 7/7/25					
Public Relations	No updates as of 7/10/25					
Shows	Magnolia in The Mountains- 19 horses (NEW in 2025) MN Pony & Cob Classic- 35 horses, 2024- 50 horses (May last year) Great Lakes Spring Classic- 26 horses, 2024- 45 horses Germantown Charity Breeds Show- 20 horses, 2024- 18 horses Midwest Gypsy Horse Association- 21 horses, (NEW in 2025) Texas Rose Breed Show- 5 horses, (NEW in 2025) NEGHC Summer Equinox- 35 horses, 2024- 24 horses					
Registration	Registrations	114				
	Transfers	125				
	New Members	23				
	Renewed Members	27				
Evaluations	No updates as of 7/10/25					
Licensed Officials	No updates as of 7/10/25					
Grievance	Closed 5 grievances with no action taken 7/3/25, still 2 pending					
Youth	No updates as of 7/10/25					

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Rules and Bylaws	No updates as of 7/10/25
Nominations	No updates as of 7/10/25
Marketing and Publications	Posting throughout the week, engaging 1500-3000 people per post, would like to propose creating a calendar for 2026. Motion by M. Davis to move forward with creation of calendar for 2026 M. Duvernoy, Second by L. Himmelrick, Motion passes
AW and Unsportmanlike Conduct	Drug Testing program announced and to begin collecting fees August 2025
Region Reps	No updates as of 7/10/25
Education and Planning	No updates as of 7/10/25, gave access to Constant Contact to committee member to create a template for Vanner Voice, draft was sent to Committee, A. Wiggs will sent to the BOD. Committee to create announcement of what is coming with the Vanner Voice.
Awards	Projected budget for 2025 awards, total spend approximated at \$28,548 to include LOH, LOE, HOF, Evaluation awards, Year End Awards and new show awards for 2026. Motion by S. VanSickle to approve awards budget for 2025, Second M. Davis, motion passes.
Events	Reaching out to venues and gathering quotes, very cost effective and virtual options
Message From the President	
As a BOD that we need to be aware of our presence on social media and how we impact the organization with our comments and personal opinions. Add signature line on Social Media Policy per S. VanSickle.	
Recognition	
M. Davis to recognize H. Ercolano and A. Wiggs, for extra hours and digging in and helping M. Duvernoy to recognize Awards Committee for quote and presentation of proposal	
Old Business:	
New Judge Policy	Need to approval, A. Wiggs to provide update, no update, will vote electronically before July BOD, S. VanSickle to provide update electronically.
Vanner Voice	Question regarding omission of Northern Ireland: Education Committee had originally stated: "The Gypsy Vanner Horse is a breed of horse that appeared in the mid-1990s that was created by selective breeding by a small group of Irish Travellers and Romani people of Great Britain and Ireland." M. Duvernoy requesting if "the omission of Northern Ireland was intentional and clarified that the terms Great Britain and United Kingdom are not synonymous as Great Britain includes England, Scotland, and Wales, but not Northern Ireland." Clarification still needed. S. Crook stated the committee intends to use the term "British Isles" in the final version. Prior ACTION: S. Crook to verify with Education Committee and provide response regarding Vanner Voice: ACTION: Change to United Kingdom or British Isles, to include Northern Ireland, S. Crook to review with committee.

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Show Coordinator	Still on hold pending Financial review and transition of duties amongst current staff, review in July BOD, Table until September
PayPal Fees	Update to be provided from A. Wiggs, definite savings with non profit, would need to login to paypal and get setup. Update , Login Credentials provided to D. Krause for logging into accounts, A. Wiggs to follow up with access
C. Forsyth	Discuss member concern regarding late payment of membership and horses not acquiring points prior to membership payment. There is an existing rule that does not allow for points to be retroactively calculated after payment of membership. Discussion regarding a late fee or if they pay Lifetime membership then retroactive points can be counted possibly. Update , Decision was made to abide by current rules and points will not be awarded retroactively. ACTION: C. Forsyth to follow up with member
Committee Update	S. VanSickle to look at meeting planning app and committee list to be sent out via email to BOD for review electronically. Completed by A. Wiggs 7/15/25
Prior Meeting Action Items:	ACTION: H. Ercolano to send document template to S. Crook to create information to be sent to members for AGM vote in 2026. Completed 6/27/25 ACTION: A. Wiggs will send list of committee members to BOD for review Completed 7/15/25 ACTION: A. Wiggs to draft letter for B. Snyder and provide to S. VanSickle for approval prior to sending Completed 6/27/25 ACTION: Develop document retention policy. No Update ACTION: S. Crook to verify with Education Committee and provide response regarding Vanner Voice Completed 7/15/25 ACTION: S. VanSickle to determine time and date for Officer meeting. Need to review use of the form for Expenses. No Update ACTION: Hand off HOF awards to Awards Committee to determine appropriate award, potential custom award like prior years. Completed 7/15/25 ACTION: LOC to create questions for judges, A. Wiggs and H. Ercolano to create form. Update , S. VanSickle to follow up with LOC week ending 7/18/25
Decision without a meeting 7/9/25	On 7/1/25 a show submitted a request for approval to be held on September 13-14, 2025. Due to not meeting the requirement of the GHVS policy; "The show manager needs to fill out and submit a show request at least 90 days prior to the event". The show was denied approval from being included in the year end points program. All Directors in favor except Director S. Crook and M. Davis per email vote 7/9/25.

New Business:

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Prefixes	Review text received by multiple BOD members, email with details sent prior on 7/14/25. A. Wiggs to pull previously submitted documentation to be sent to BOD for review.
Virtual/Remote AGM	Would like to discuss potential for a remote AGM, but In Person judges seminar. M. Duvernoy to discuss. Working on gathering options, however BOD felt strongly about meeting in person at more affordable location and with an adjusted schedule.
Collected Data	Conflict of Interest topic, S. Crook to review as requested, discussion regarding members of the BOD and Officers are part of other breed "registries". The concern was discussed that the GHSA is a 501 C5 and "could" turn into a breed association, however the GHSA is not currently a breed registry and do not solicit themselves to be one. When H. Ercolano submitted documentation to be considered for being a part of the GVHS organization with full disclosure that she held an officer position with the GHSA South Central Region. If there is further concern of GHSA then there needs to be a call with GHSA or investigation to be conducted. CGHC has not been operating since 2021 and was not discussed further.
Policy Change	Drug testing, S. Crook to review as requested, ACTION: H. Ercolano to send drug testing program to BOD for review.
Oregon Show	Sponsorship Consideration, Motion by S. VanSickle to follow policy and provide sponsorship to Oregon show but will reassess in 2026, Second by M. Davis, motion passes. ACTION: A. Wiggs to follow up with show to adjust rules to align to GVHS.
Member Concern	Committee Chair/Judge's position, S. Crook to review as requested. Conflict of interest for a member to hold positions as LOC Chair, Evaluator, Show Manager and Judge. Was discussed the Evaluations conducted by this member have not been in the US and horses are not attending shows judged or ran by this member, determined to not be a concern. Discussed potential concerns that this member is the Chair of the LOC, judges and evaluates, conflict of interest was not made clear. The breed is small and we utilize a small group of professionals for many activities and are aware of potential issues and are acknowledging the concern at this time, but no actions to be taken.
Special Meeting	Request by S. Crook, "Please send me this month updated membership list with mailing addresses email addresses, and phone numbers. I need to call a special meeting and I need in touch with all of our members", ACTION: Only will provide emails and divide into voting versus non voting. Remove emails from public website, current members ok to post on members only page and update membership form, assigned to A. Wiggs.
Action Item Review:	

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ACTION: Vanner Voice, Change to United Kingdom or British Isles, to include Northern Ireland, S. Crook to review with committee.
ACTION: Login Credentials provided to D. Krause for logging into accounts, A. Wiggs to follow up with access
ACTION: Decision was made to abide by current rules and points will not be awarded retroactively, C. Forsyth to follow up with member
ACTION: H. Ercolano to send drug testing program to BOD for review.
ACTION: Only will provide emails and divide into voting versus non voting. Remove emails from public website, current members ok to post on members only page and update membership form, assigned to A. Wiggs.

Next BOD Meeting:

August 19th, 2025 next meeting

End of Meeting: 11:34pm Christine Motion to adjourn, Sam V Second



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Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Time : 7:30pm EST
Frequency: Monthly

Topic	Minutes				
Call to Order	7:32pm, Quorum met				
Roll Call					
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time
President	Samantha VanSickle	x		7:30pm	10:31pm
Vice President	Samantha Crook	x		7:32pm	10:31pm
Director	Kate Walls	x		7:30pm	10:31pm
Director	Christine Forsyth	x		7:30pm	10:31pm
Director	Misha Duvernoy	x		7:30pm	10:31pm
Director	Mindy Davis	x		7:30pm	10:31pm
Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs	x		7:30pm	10:31pm
Treasurer	Denise Krause		x		
Registrar	Denise Krause		x		
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano	x		7:30pm	10:31pm
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by
7/15/2025	July BOD Minutes,			ACC	M. Davis
Committee Reports					
Finance	Sent to BOD prior to meeting, Registrations are up 19%, Membership is still climbing for the year.				
Public Relations	No update as of 8/18/25				

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Shows	<p>- <u>Monday July 28, 6:00 - 7:45 PM</u>, The group voted to no longer have an Amate starting in 2026 and to only have ONE division for those with amateur status the</p> <p>- Discussion on the need to have someone to handle point calculations.</p> <p>- Discussion on enforcing rule that no stallions are allowed in combined youth/a</p> <p><u>Monday August 11, 6:00pm.</u></p> <p>- Unanimous decision to create a lifetime Amateur and Youth Achievement prog goes back 10 years and will start in 2026.</p> <p>- Focus exclusively on the point system discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>Motion by S. VanSickle to combine divisions of Amateur and AOE beginning ir requirement that the horse shown by an Amateur in GVHS classes must be ovr current GVHS show lease on file by the Amateur or the immediate family of that Crook, Misha Duvernoy recused herself from the vote, all other Directors in fav</p> <p>Motion by S. VanSickle to accept leased horse guidelines as presented, Seco all in favor, motion passes.</p> <p>ACTION: Update Amateur declaration to be received prior to showing and creat Ercolano and A. Wiggs to work on this for 2026.</p> <p><u>Show Numbers:</u> VA Gypsy Vanner Summer Showdown 26 horses, MN Pony & Cob Summer Cl California Feathered Horse Classic 16 horses (Numbers only include GVHS Re</p>								
Registration	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Registrations Completed</td> <td>170</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transfers</td> <td>115</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Members</td> <td>29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memberships Renewed</td> <td>26</td> </tr> </table>	Registrations Completed	170	Transfers	115	New Members	29	Memberships Renewed	26
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Evaluations	24 horses evaluated in Canada, Chickasha 3 evaluations signed up so f Gillian), California (Jill and Gillian) None registered								
Licensed Officials	Meeting Minutes provided to BOD on 8/18/25, M. Davis Motion to appr reccomendations from LOC, M. Duvernoy Second . All in favor, motion p								
Grievance	Documents were sent to affected parties with outcome of investigation, i currently pending								
Youth	Awaiting feedback from committee members regarding their suggestion: committee should focus on, initiatives we might develop to support youtl promote the breed among young people, and strategies to expand youtl responses as of 8/19/25								
Rules and Bylaws	No update as of 8/18/25, meeting scheduled for 8/21/25								
Nominations	No update as of 8/18/25, A. Wiggs working to update committee with po recommended by the BOD								

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Marketing and Publications	January, March and April are still available for purchase, 9 have been purchased. Two months still open
AW and Unsportmanlike Conduct	Motion by M. Davis to approve Drug Testing SOP as written from July 2024. I would like to test one show at random prior to Nationals and testing at Nationals. Second by S. VanSickle. Discussion of insurance coverage and all in agreement. Forward. All in favor, motion passes.
Region Reps	No update as of 8/18/25
Education and Planning	Committee Report submitted to BOD on 8/12/25, Social Media policy needs to be acknowledged by all members on the committee. Vanner Voice needs to be BOD approved content prior to releasing to members.
Events	Tentative proposed hotel capacity and budget ready for discussion, visit smaller and heavier focused on breed education, offering a virtual option. Duvernoy to work on budget based on 2025 attendees.
Awards	No update as of 8/18/25
Message From the President	
None for tonight.	
Recognition	
None for tonight.	
Old Business:	
Pending Action Items from July Meeting	ACTION: Vanner Voice, Change to United Kingdom or British Isles, to include Northern Ireland. S. Crook to review with committee. Update, draft sent out to BOD, not been sent out. S. Crook does not appear to have BOD updates requested from May meeting. Need status. Update, S. Crook to review with Committee ACTION: Login Credentials provided to D. Krause for logging into accounts, A. Wiggins access, including PayPal. Update, we are 2.75% and we are listed as a 501(C)3. Rate possible. Could be add a convenience fee if needed, but not changing at this time. 8/19/25 ACTION: H. Ercolano to send drug testing program to BOD for review. 7/15/25 approved added to agenda for August in Committee update section. Completed
Pending Action Items from June Meeting	ACTION: Develop document retention policy. No Update, ACTION: S. Crook to review with committee. Update, draft sent out to BOD, not been sent out. S. Crook does not appear to have BOD updates requested from May meeting. Need status. Update, S. Crook to review with Committee ACTION: S. VanSickle to determine time and date for Officer meeting. Need to be approved. No Update ACTION: LOC to create questions for judges, A. Wiggins and H. Ercolano to create questions. VanSickle to follow up with LOC week ending 7/18/25, on LOC agenda for August. Completed 8/19/25, action lies with LOC committee.
Horse Showing.com	Motion by M. Davis to purchase software and run in parallel for remainder of 2025 and use in 2026, Second by S. Crook, all in favor, motion passes.
Travel Policy	Status update, ACTION: H. Ercolano to finish.

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Member Concern	Regarding membership, judges card, prefixes. BOD to review grievance and let prior years before making a decision. ACTION: A. Wiggs to track down informat
Member Concern	S. Crook to review, AW Committee chair, ACTION: A. Wiggs to send again for r
New Business:	
Promo Items	M. Duvernoy requesting to move forward with plan to have a place for members items. ACTION: A. Wiggs to send stickers, post cards, and pens. Then BOD to use moving forward.
Equine Affaire	How do we select/offer who is involved in the demos. ACTION: S. VanSickle to procedure.
Revised Social Media Policy	Sent to BOD 8/11/25 from S. Crook, discussed that members do not need to sig receipt is required and will still be held to the policy if and when there is an issue only expectations of signature updated.
Nationals Request	Request from Gale Shrine for Nationals prizes and GVHS representation at the for 150 stickers, 150 pens (A. Wiggs), 8 directors, 10 leather halters (H. Ercolan to set up a display in upstairs vendor area (A. Wiggs and M. Davis). Need to tra stuff from OH. Discussion of A. Wiggs going to Nationals to staff booth for GVH work on promotional items, H. Ercolano and awards committee to work on halte and A. Wiggs to coordinate booth setup.
GVHS Jackets	Are we still planning to offer those to winners at their cost, move topic to next m
International Affiliates	Affiliates share updates for Mexico and Colombia, address fees, unsigned contr provided. Move topic to next meeting.
Action Item Review:	
ACTION: S. Crook to work on drafting document retention policy.	
ACTION: A. Wiggs to send stickers, post cards, and pens. Then BOD to find promotional website to use moving forward.	
ACTION: Member concern, A. Wiggs to send again to BOD for review.	
ACTION: A. Wiggs to track down information for previous legal documentation	
ACTION: H. Ercolano to finish travel policy	
ACTION: M. Duvernoy to work on 2026 budget based on 2025 attendees.	
ACTION: Update Amateur declaration to be received prior to showing and create show lease form, H. Ercolano and A. Wig 2026.	
ACTION: A. Wiggs to work on promotional items, H. Ercolano and awards committee to work on halters and chairs, M. Dav coordinate booth setup.	
Next BOD Meeting:	
August 26th, 2025 next meeting	
End of Meeting: 10:31pm	Motion to adjourn, S. VanSickle, Second by M. Davis

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Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Time : 7:30pm EST
Frequency: Monthly

Topic		Minutes				
Call to Order		7:33pm, Quorum met				
Roll Call						
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
President	Samantha VanSickle	X		7:31pm	10:31pm	
Vice President	Samantha Crook	X		7:31pm	10:31pm	
Director	Kate Walls	X		7:31pm	10:31pm	
Director	Christine Forsyth	X		7:31pm	10:31pm	
Director	Misha Duvernoy	X		7:49pm	10:31pm	
Director	Mindy Davis	X		7:31pm	10:31pm	
Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs	X		7:31pm	10:31pm	
Treasurer	Denise Krause		X	n/a	10:31pm	
Registrar	Denise Krause		X	n/a	10:31pm	
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano	X		7:31pm	10:31pm	
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by	Second by
August 19th Meeting	August BOD Minutes,			ACC	M. Davis	C. Forsyth
August 26th Meeting	Additional August Meeting BOD Minutes			ACC	M. Davis	C. Forsyth
Committee Reports						
Finance	Sent to the BOD 9/4/25, accepted as presented					
Public Relations	No updates as of 9/12/25					
Shows	Buckeye Summer Classic 16 horses, 2024-35 horses Lake Erie Feathered Splash 37, NEW Texas Rose Summer Breed Show 10 horses, 2024-12 horses Colorado Gypsy Fest 55 horses, 2024-50 horses Gypsy Congress 39 horses, 2024-68 horses					
Registration	Registrations 114 Transfers 146 New Members 18 Renewed Members 21					
Evaluations	Chickasha OK- 22 tests submitted Red Bluff CA- 12 tests submitted (pending 7)					
Licensed Officials	No updates as of 9/12/25					
Grievance	No updates as of 9/12/25					
Youth	No updates as of 9/12/25					
Rules and Bylaws	No updates as of 9/12/25					
Nominations	No updates as of 9/12/25					

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Marketing and Publications	No updates as of 9/12/25
W and Unsportmanlike Conduct	No updates as of 9/12/25
Region Reps	No updates as of 9/12/25
Education and Planning	Minutes sent 9/15/25 Reviewed the statistics of Constant Contact list, 55% of members are opening emails this year, last year we were at 7%. Membership list is accurate and up to date, if members are not "getting" the emails they need to reach out the GVHS for common trouble shooting steps. Constant contact lists are not the voting lists, does not allow for multiple votes. LOC needs to be involved in illustration of proper gypsy vanner.
Events	AGM Update in "Old Business"
Awards	No updates as of 9/12/25
Message From the President	
None for tonight.	
Recognition	
M. Davis kudos to H.Ercolano and A. Wiggs for all the work and effort put in	
Old Business:	
Open Action	S. VanSickle to determine time and date for Officer meeting. Need to review use of the form for Expenses. Update: A. Wiggs to work with D. Krause for date and time.
Open Action	LOC to create questions for judges, A. Wiggs and H. Ercolano to create form. Update, S. VanSickle to follow up with LOC week ending 7/18/25. Update: not completed, ACTION: A. Wiggs and H. Ercolano to draft questions for Judges for online profiles, S. VanSickle to send starting point.
Open Action	S. Crook to work on drafting document retention policy. Update: Draft in process, looking at Texas Business Code. Target to review at October Meeting.
Open Action	A. Wiggs to send stickers, post cards, and pens for Equine Affaire. Complete
Open Action	Member concern, A. Wiggs to send again to BOD for review. Need to respond to member and explain that without a formal grievance that there is no formal investigation is to be completed. Reviewed by the BOD and with no formal documentation this topic is closed. Complete
Open Action	A. Wiggs to gather information for previous legal documentation regarding a previous member concern and send to BOD. Update: Reviewed information provided, A. Wiggs to reach out to legal support to get additional documents from previous decisions made. Needs formal response drafted prior to October BOD meeting to approve letter to be sent to previous member.

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Open Action	H. Ercolano to finish travel policy. Drafted and In Progress
Open Action	Update Amateur declaration to be received prior to showing and create show lease form, H. Ercolano and A. Wiggs to work on this for 2026. Drafted completed and ready for review , sent via email 9/16/25
Open Action	A. Wiggs to work on promotional items, Completed H. Ercolano and awards committee to work on halters and chairs, M. Davis and A. Wiggs to coordinate booth setup. Completed
Open Action	M. Duvernoy to work on 2026 budget based on 2025 attendees. Need to determine path forward and solidify location. Update: Budget proposed, schedule options discussed, need to offer different pricing options depending what people want, make it more customizable for members. Motion by S. Crook to approve AGM budget as presented, Second C. Forsyth , all in favor, motion passes. ACTION: Need drafted agenda for AGM and Judges Meeting to M. Duvernoy by next Tuesday
Open Action	M. Davis recommended M&M company for promo items, need to determine permanent source and option for members to order. Update: Met with company and received catalogue of options. Members would be able to order directly from the company. ACTION: M. Davis to get Quote from two others and compare a few items. Complete by end of next week.
Show Points Survey	Need to determine path forward, survey was not sent as another option was sent and not discussed or commented on. UPDATE: Add bronze/silver options to survey, sent to BOD and then distribute to membership.
Show Coordinator	Still on hold pending Financial review and transition of duties amongst current staff, review in July BOD, Table until September. Update: Table show coordinator until survey closes. Additionally, ACTION: H. Ercolano to make a FB post to recruit a Secretary for 2026.
New Business:	
Horse Illustrated	Horse Illustrated reached out to us 9/11/25 and asked for an ad in their breed edition. Ad prices range from \$400, \$800 and \$1500, quarter, half and full page. Motion to place an ad provided there is adequate time to design professionally by S. VanSickle, second by M. Duvernoy, all in favor, motion passes. ACTION: A. Wiggs to follow up with Horse Illustrated about pricing and timeline.

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Nominations	M. Davis drafted a proposal to update the Nominations process Review requirement for 2 year commitment for qualified BOD candidates. Motion by S. VanSickle to update the process and procedure for nominations and vetting BOD candidates, Second by K. Walls , all in favor, M. Duvernoy recused herself, motion passes.
Job Responsibilities/Expectations	Review drafted responsibilities for Executive Admin and Registrar, table until October.
Calendars	M&M is an option for printing at \$6.95 a piece, missing 5 photos, ACTION: M. Davis to work with C. Forsyth gathering the remaining photos.
Presidential Terms	Motion by S. VanSickle to limit Presidential lifetime term to maximum of three years and a maximum of two of them consecutively effective beginning calendar year 2025, Second by M. Davis, in Discussion the BOD tabled vote until October would like more complete verbiage in place prior to voting.
Action Item Review:	
ACTION:	A. Wiggs and H. Ercolano to draft questions for Judges for online profiles, S. VanSickle to send starting point.
ACTION:	Need drafted agenda for AGM and Judges Meeting to M. Duvernoy by next Tuesday
ACTION:	M. Davis to get Quote from two others promo item/printing type companies and compare a few items. Complete by end of next week.
ACTION:	H. Ercolano to make a FB post to recruit a Secretary for 2026.
ACTION:	A. Wiggs to follow up with Horse Illustrated about pricing and timeline.
ACTION:	M. Davis to work with C. Forsyth gathering the remaining photos for Calendar
Next BOD Meeting:	
Thursday, October 16, 2025 next meeting	
End of Meeting: 10:31pm	Motion to adjourn S. VanSickle, Second S. Crook

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Date: Tuesday October 16th, 2025
Time : 7:30pm EST
Frequency: Monthly

Topic	Minutes					
Call to Order	7:35pm					
Roll Call						
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
President	Samantha VanSickle	X		7:32pm	11:43pm	
Vice President	Samantha Crook	X		7:32pm	11:43pm	
Director	Kate Walls	X		7:32pm	11:43pm	
Director	Christine Forsyth	X		7:32pm	11:43pm	
Director	Misha Duvernoy	X		7:32pm	11:43pm	
Director	Mindy Davis	X		7:32pm	11:43pm	
Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs	X		7:32pm	11:43pm	
Treasurer	Denise Krause		X			
Registrar	Denise Krause		X			
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano	X		7:32pm	11:43pm	
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by	Second by
September BOD Meeting		September 16, 2025 BOD Minutes		ACC	K. Walls	S. VanSickle
Committee Reports						
Finance	Sent to BOD 10/02/25, motion to approve by K. Walls, second by S. Crook, accepted as presented					
Public Relations	No updates as of 10/14/25					
Shows	No Meeting Minutes from 9/23/25 meeting provided as of 10/16/25 Oregon State Fair 8 horses, 3 horses in 2024 FL Gypsy Vanner Fall Classic 30 horses, 26 horses in 2024 Oklahoma State Fair 22 horses, 31 horses in 2024 Festival of the Gypsies 22 horses, New in 2025 CA Gypsy Fest Jubilee 27 horses, 29 in 2024 at Gypsy Faire					
Registration	Registrations 111 Transfers 162 New Members 16 Renewed Members 12					
Evaluations	California- 23 tests completed, zero five stars Chickasha OK- 29 tests completed, four horses achieved 5 star					

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Licensed Officials	<p>Sent to BOD 10/15/25</p> <p>Motion by M. Davis and Second by M. Duvernoy to cover up to \$500 of travel costs to Nationals for Allison Farrell as a representative of the Animal Welfare Committee. All in favor, motion passes.</p> <p>Motion by S. VanSickle to charge judges \$250 for training including regardless if new or renewing, Second by M. Davis, all in favor, motion passes.</p> <p>Will consider utilizing 3rd party contractor for tech support and training documentation at AGM in 2026, however budget will need to be determined at a later date.</p> <p>Motion by S. VanSickle to require all Show Managers to be at least an Associate member in good standing in order for GVHS show approval in 2026, Second by M. Davis, all in favor, motion passes.</p>
Grievance	No updates as of 10/14/25
Youth	No updates as of 10/15/25
Rules and Bylaws	No updates as of 10/14/25
Nominations	No updates as of 10/14/25
Marketing and Publications	<p>Calendar is ready to print, with the exception that two months are low resolution.</p> <p>ACTION: S. Crook and M. Davis to reach out to Mark Barrett to get original Vanner images.</p>
AW and Unsportsmanlike Conduct	The first show with drug testing was a succes. All horses tested negative.
Region Reps	No updates as of 10/14/25
Education and Planning	Sent to BOD 10/16/25
Events	AGM Update in "Old Business"
Awards	No updates as of 10/14/25
Message From the President	
None for tonight.	
Recognition	
<p>S. VanSickle to Recognize G. Muir and J. Paxton for the quality of the Evaluations and feedback given at the California Evaluations.</p> <p>S. VanSickle to recognize M. Davis for all the effort on the Calendar and M. Davis added A. Wiggs and C. Forsyth for all the support.</p> <p>S. VanSickle to recognize M. Duvernoy for all the effort on the AGM.</p>	
Old Business:	
Open Action, Officer Meeting	As of 10/16/25 no meeting set, S. VanSickle to set something up via email
Open Action, Judge Bios	Motion by S. VanSickle to approve Judges Bio Questionnaire as presented by LOC, Second by M. Davis. All in favor, motion passes.

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Open Action, Document Retention	Draft sent to BOD 10/16/25 will review and approve via email.
Open Action, Member Concern Response	Not completed, A. Wiggs and S. VanSickle to review and get letter drafted.
Open Action, Travel Policy	H. Ercolano to finish travel policy. UPDATE 10/16/25 , drafted and will send to BOD for approval via email week ending 10/17/25.
Open Action, Amateur Document for 2026	Drafted and will send to BOD for approval via email week ending 10/17/25
Open Action, AGM Agenda and Status	We have a contract with the venue in Fort Worth. Must meet food and beverage minimum and then we qualify for a free meeting room. Still need agenda and then will determine food from there. Also working on technology to do a virtual meeting options.
Open Action, Swag Options	Need to send one more vendor and then vote via email 10/16/25.
Open Action, Show Points Survey	Motion to approve Show Points survey as presented and send to Membership, Second by M. Davis. All in favor, motion passes.
Open Action, Calendars	Proof is Completed and in progress, need some photos updated due to printing quality requirements, then ready to go to printer.
Open Decision, Presidential Terms	Motion by S. VanSickle to set the Presidential term to be no longer than 3 years consecutively, Second by M. Davis, all in favor. Motion passes. In discussion for utilizing Past Presidents, President Elects and Current Presidents to bring them along the change curve sooner, tabled until November.
New Business:	
Job Responsibilities/Expectations	Review drafted responsibilities for Executive Admin and Registrar, table until November.
Evaluation Concern	Letter to BOD regarding Evaluations, Evaluators to draft a response and then BOD to review/fine tune prior to sending. ACTION: A. Wiggs to send to Evaluators and S. VanSickle to work on response.
Website	Stallion directory, Breeders directory, Horses for sale, more focus will be put on these sections as part of the website redesign. Hope to gain more users for these services.
Show Coordinator	How to proceed, posting position internally or externally, offer internally within officers/staff/BOD.
Action Item Review:	
ACTION	S. Crook and M. Davis to reach out to Mark Barrett to get original Vanner images
ACTION	BOD to review/approve new amateur form via email
ACTION	BOD to review/approve document retention policy via email
ACTION	BOD to review/approve travel policy via email

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Next BOD Meeting:

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 next meeting

End of Meeting: 11:43pm

Motion to adjourn S. VanSickle, Second S. Crook

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Time : 7:30pm EST
Frequency: Monthly

Topic		Minutes				
Call to Order		7:33pm				
Roll Call						
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
President	Samantha VanSickle	X		7:33pm	10:11pm	
Vice President	Samantha Crook	X		7:33pm	10:11pm	
Director	Kate Walls	X		7:33pm	10:11pm	
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Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs	X		7:33pm	10:11pm	
Treasurer	Denise Krause		X			
Registrar	Denise Krause		X			
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano	X		7:33pm	10:11pm	
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by	Second by
October BOD		October, 2025 BOD Minutes		ACC	K. Walls	S. VanSickle
Committee Reports						
Finance	Sent to BOD 12/1/25, motion to Approve K. Walls, Second M. Davis, approved as presented.					
Public Relations	No updates as of 11/18/25					
Shows	No Meeting Minutes provided as of 11/17/25 Gypsy Iowa Classic 40, skipped 2024 Georgia National Fair 26 horses, 33 in 2024 NEGHC Autumn 28 horses, 37 in 2024 GHSA Regional Championships 58 horses, 46 in 2024 MAHA (WEC) Fall, 12 horses, New in 2025 Gypsy Vanner Nationals 125 horses, 140 in 2024					
Registration	Registrations 154 Transfers 144 New Membership 16 Members Renewed 14					
Evaluations	No updates as of 11/18/25					
Licensed Officials	No updates as of 11/18/25					
Grievance	No updates as of 11/18/25					
Youth	No updates as of 11/18/25					
Rules and Bylaws	No updates as of 11/18/25					
Nominations	No updates as of 11/18/25					
Marketing and Publications	No updates as of 11/18/25					

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AW and Unsportmanlike Conduct	No updates as of 11/18/25
Region Reps	No updates as of 11/18/25
Education and Planning	<p>Vanner Voice not sent out in October, concerns with content from BOD, Letter from Committee needs to be addressed as well.</p> <p>Concerned with the section " A Bit of History – Part II" has published elsewhere and then republishing in the Vanner Voice is not the goal of the committee. BOD would like this section to be edited into a bullet point/educational format.</p> <p>Scope of Work will be provided by December 1, 2025 in addition to a response to the letter sent to the BOD from the committee and new scope will go into effect January 1, 2026. All Vanner Voice content that fits directly within the scope of work must be sent to BOD by the 10th of the month to be published by the 25th.</p> <p>S. VanSickle is concerned that the Committees has lost focus on it's purpose to develop educational curriculum that is used for training judges, members, printed material, etc. and is solely focusing on putting out a Newsletter.</p>
Events	No updates as of 11/18/25
Awards	No updates as of 11/18/25
Message From the President	
None for tonight.	
Recognition	
K. Walls thanking Heather for new format.	
Old Business:	
Open Action, Officer Meeting	As of 10/16/25 no meeting set, S. VanSickle to set something up via email, no update as of 11/18/25
Open Action, Document Retention	Draft sent to BOD 10/16/25 will review and approve via email. No update as of 11/18/25
Open Action, Show Manager Contract	Draft provided in October meeting, what are the next steps. No update as of 11/18/25
Open Action, Travel Policy	H. Ercolano to finish travel policy. UPDATE 10/16/25 , drafted and will send to BOD for approval via email week ending 10/17/25. No update as of 11/18/25
Open Action, Swag Options	3rd quote received, need to select vendor to move forward with as of 11/18/25
Open Action, Calendars	Printing in progress, shipping costs are TBD as of 11/18/25

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Open Decision, Presidential Terms	In discussion for utilizing Past Presidents, President Elects and Current Presidents to bring them along the change curve sooner, tabled until November. M. Davis would also like to propose limiting all Officer terms to 3 years. No update as of 11/18/25
Open Action, Job Responsibilities/Expectations	Review drafted responsibilities for Executive Admin and Registrar, table until November. M. Davis to provide an update via email or December meeting.
Open Action, Evaluation Concern (Canada)	Letter to BOD regarding Canadian Evaluations, Evaluators to draft a response and then BOD to review/fine tune prior to sending. LOC reviewed the concern and plan to update verbiage within the scoring related to "Satisfactory". Verbiage will be presented to the BOD defining updated terms of "Average" and "Below Average" in replacement of "Satisfactory" and will update points in the Evaluation as well. Definitions should be included to clearly explain what these terms mean.
Open Action, Member Concern (Colorado)	M. Davis requesting and update and status of this concern. No formal complaint submitted, issues shared with respective committee, no update as of 11/18/25
Open Action, AGM Agenda and Status	Contract is signed for the 2026 AGM at the Embassy Suites Fort Worth Downtown, February 20-21. Proposed agenda sent to BOD 11/17/25, LOC is working to complete Judges training schedule and then will finalize the rest of the meeting schedule and fees after that has been received, projected completion 11/21/25.
Open Action, Show Points Survey	Results were sent via email to BOD 11/10/25. Need BOD to provide next steps, response was requested on 11/10/25. ACTION: Send results to LOC and Show Committee
Show Coordinator	Candidates have submitted resumes and cover letter. BOD has reviewed candidates via email. ACTION: BOD will select whom is not to move forward in the interview/hiring process. Next steps to be completed by Friday. Interviews will be scheduled after that.
Open Action, Membership Concern Response	BOD discussed concern again at length and decided they will follow the ByLaws for any Memberships in question, Section 3 Number 5, "GVHS Board of Directors reserves the right to decline a membership". Funds have been refunded on 11/17/2025. Since no application was present, no action is needed.
New Business:	

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BOD Election 2026	<p>Review of Texas Business Code was done in conjunction with GVHS ByLaws, unfortunately they are currently conflicting. The BOD has determined that the ByLaws and Texas Business Code are to be followed, regardless of the "GVHS Rules" that have been created.</p> <p>Round table discussion was held to hear each BOD members opinion regarding the BOD qualification requirements.</p> <p>Motion by S. VanSickle to follow the GHVS ByLaws as they are written for the 2026 election Seconded by S. Crook. All in favor, Motion Passes.</p> <p>Motion by S. VanSickle to shorten voting window to 14 days for 2027 election, Second by K. Walls. All in favor, motion passes.</p>
Recap of drug test financial results	Financials were presented to BOD, only one show has not submitted payment as of 11/18/25.
GVHS Representation and Impact at Equine Affaire(s)	<p>After speaking with other organizations at EA M. Duvernoy proposes we continue in 2026 with both MA and Ohio equine Affaire the same way we did in 2025 and would like to add a budget of \$300 for the youth scavenger hunt at each event, totalling in \$600 for the year. M. Davis and S. VanSickle requesting total spent in 2025. ACTION: requesting cost break down in order to vote more accurately, Denise to provide details of what was spent historically.</p>
Action Item Review:	
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Show Coordinator	ACTION: BOD will select whom is not to move forward in the interview/hiring process. Next steps to be completed by Friday. Interviews will be scheduled after that.
Show Points Survey	ACTION: Send results to LOC and Show Committee
Document Retention	ACTION: Vote/Approval to be conducted via email
Show Manager Contract	ACTION: Vote/Approval to be conducted via email
Travel Policy	ACTION: Vote/Approval to be conducted via email
Swag Options	ACTION: Vote/Approval to be conducted via email
AGM Agenda and Fees	ACTION: Vote/Approval to be conducted via email
Next BOD Meeting:	
Tuesday, December 16, 2025 next meeting	
End of Meeting: 10:11pm	Motion to adjourn S. VanSickle, Second S. Crook

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Date: Tuesday December 16th, 2025
Time : 7:30pm EST
Frequency: Monthly

Topic		Monthly BOD Meeting				
Call to Order		7:32pm				
Roll Call						
Title and Name		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
President	Samantha VanSickle	X		7:30pm	10:09 PM	*Left early to a prearranged family gathering, all votes were conducted prior to exit
Vice President	Samantha Crook	X		7:30pm	9:41pm*	
Director	Kate Walls	X		7:30pm	10:09 PM	
Director	Christine Forsyth	X		7:30pm	10:09 PM	
Director	Misha Duvernoy	X		7:32pm	10:09 PM	
Director	Mindy Davis	X		7:30pm	10:09 PM	
Non Voting Attendees		Present	Absent	Arrival Time	Exit Time	Notes
Executive Admin	Angela Wiggs	X		7:30pm	10:09 PM	** Was present for Committee Reports and Old Business
Treasurer	Denise Krause		X			
Registrar	Denise Krause		X			
Secretary (Officer Only)	Heather Ercolano	X		7:30pm	10:09 PM	
Tabbie Nance (Secretary Candidate)	Tabbie Nance	X		7:30pm	8:57pm**	
Approval of Prior MINUTES				ACC/REJ	Motion by	Second by
11/18/2025		November, 2025 BOD Minutes. Discussed using names of members in minutes regarding decisions made for easier traceability.		ACC	C. Forsyth	K. Walls
Committee Reports						
Finance	Sent to BOD 12/3/25, discussion around how to approve larger expenses in 2026, will task to Finance committee in early 2026 to work on a path forward.					
Public Relations	No updates as of 12/15/25					
Shows	No updates as of 12/15/25					
Registration	Registrations 111 Transfers 142 New Members 15 Renewed Members 16					
Evaluations	No updates as of 12/15/25					
Licensed Officials	No updates as of 12/15/25					
Grievance	No updates as of 12/15/25					
Youth	We would like the board to consider holding a Youth Art Auction at the AGM. Info sent to BOD 12/15/25 via email from M. Duvernoy. Motion by M. Davis to approve proposal sent by M. Duvernoy, Second by S. VanSickle. All in favor, motion passes. S. Vansickle offered to donate ribbons.					
Rules and Bylaws	No updates as of 12/15/25					
Nominations	No updates as of 12/15/25					

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Marketing and Publications	No updates as of 12/15/25
AW and Unsportmanlike Conduct	No updates as of 12/15/25
Region Reps	No updates as of 12/15/25
Education and Planning	No updates as of 12/15/25
Events	No updates as of 12/15/25
Awards	Working on year end 2025 awards
Message From the President	
To all BOD, Thank you for a great year, with many new things and many challenges. Thank you all for the effort and for leaning in, all the time and energy has not gone unnoticed.	
Recognition	
M. Duvernoy thank you S. VanSickle for everything and leading the BOD K. Walls also thank you to S. VanSickle	
Old Business:	
Open Action, Officer Meeting	As of 10/16/25 no meeting set, S. VanSickle to set something up via email, As of 12/15/25 attempted to set up meeting, but was unable to, S. VanSickle will forward email to BOD
Open Action, Document Retention	Draft sent to BOD 10/16/25 will review and approve via email. No update as of 12/15/25
Open Action, Show Manager Contract	Draft provided in October meeting, what are the next steps. As of 12/16/25 Needs updating per the LOC and not rolled out timely enough to hold accountable, and would like to set up time with the LOC to meet with Show Managers in early 2026.
Open Action, Travel Policy	H. Ercolano to finish travel policy. UPDATE 10/16/25 , drafted and will send to BOD for approval via email week ending 10/17/25. No update as of 12/15/25
Open Action, Swag Options	3rd quote received, need to select vendor to move forward with. No update as of 12/15/25
Open Decision, Presidential Terms	Motion by S. VanSickle to align Vice President "Terms" to Presidential terms as voted on October 2025 (i.e. Presidential term to be no longer than 3 years consecutively), Second by S. Crook. All in favor, motion passes.
Open Action, Job Responsibilities/Expectations	Review drafted responsibilities for Executive Admin and Registrar, table until November. M. Davis to provide an update via email or December meeting. No update as of 12/15/25
Open Action, Evaluation Concern (Canada)	Letter to BOD regarding Canadian Evaluations, Evaluators to draft a response and then BOD to review/fine tune prior to sending. No update as of 12/15/25

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<p>Open Action, Member Concern (Colorado)</p>	<p>M. Davis requesting and update and status of this concern. No formal complaint submitted, issues were shared with respective committee. Update as of 12/16/25: BOD discussion was held to handle promptly and correctly in the future and to utilize the proper terminology for irregularities in the gait. Need to encourage members to follow appropriate steps to share with show management immediately in the future instead of utilizing social media. Will work with LOC and Show Coordinator in the future.</p>
<p>Open Action, AGM Agenda and Status</p>	<p>Contract is signed for the 2026 AGM at the Embassy Suites Fort Worth Downtown, February 20-21. Proposed agenda sent to BOD 11/17/25, LOC is working to complete Judges training schedule and then will finalize the rest of the meeting schedule and fees after that has been received, projected completion 11/21/25. Sent to BOD for voting 12/15/25.</p>
<p>Open Action, Show Points Survey</p>	<p>Results were sent via email to BOD 11/10/25. Need BOD to provide next steps, response was requested on 11/10/25. ACTION: Send results to LOC and Show Committee. Complete, Sent to committees 12/07/25</p>
<p>Show Coordinator</p>	<p>Candidates have submitted resumes and cover letter. BOD has reviewed candidates via email. ACTION: BOD will select whom is not to move forward in the interview/hiring process. Next steps to be completed by Friday. Interviews will be scheduled after that. No update as of 12/15/25</p>
<p>GVHS Representation and Impact at Equine Affaire(s)</p>	<p>After speaking with other organizations at EA M. Duvernoy proposes we continue in 2026 with both MA and Ohio equine Affaire the same way we did in 2025 and would like to add a budget of \$300 for the youth scavenger hunt at each event, totalling in \$600 for the year. M. Davis and S. VanSickle requesting total spent in 2025. ACTION: requesting cost break down in order to vote more accurately, Denise to provide details of what was spent historically. Requesting cost break down in order to vote more accurately, Denise to provide details of what was spent historically. No update as of 12/16/25.</p>
<p>Education and Planning</p>	<p>Scope of Work will be provided by December 1, 2025 in addition to a response to the letter sent to the BOD from the committee and new scope will go into effect January 1, 2026. All Vanner Voice content that fits directly within the scope of work must be sent to BOD by the 10th of the month to be published by the 25th. Not completed as discussed, ACTION: BOD will schedule meeting with the Committee in early January to review scope of work and path forward.</p>
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BOD Election	Upon review of the electronic results it was showed that both seats were filled by one candidate. The candidate with the higher voting percentage for the term ending in 2028 was awarded that position and the other candidate was appointed by the BOD into the position for the term ending in 2027. Motion by M. Davis to appoint candidate with lower percentage into the open position, term ending 2027, Second by S. VanSickle, all in favor, Motion Passes . M. Duvernoy not present for discussion or vote.
Spring Virtual Show	Requested by M. Davis to discuss, potential income toward judges seminar. None opposed, will be handled by the same organizer as the Fall show and maintain same show format as well. A. Wiggs will be the partner for the Show Organizer.
New Award Proposal	Requested by M. Duvernoy to discuss two new awards at the 2026 AGM and also highlight notable Gypsy Vanner horses. The Silver Stirrup Award : Honoring professionals who have dedicated 25 years or more to the Gypsy Vanner Horse breed through breeding, training, instruction, and daily hands-on horsemanship. And the The Bill Ricci Volunteer Service Award , In Memory of Bill Ricci: This award honors volunteers who, like Bill Ricci, gave tirelessly for the betterment of the Gypsy Vanner Horse and its community". Would like to highlight notable horses in the breed at the Annual Convention. BOD discussion to work on framing up further for 2026, all BOD supportive of the idea but need more detail, will add to year end Annual BOD meeting
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Annual BOD Meeting 12/29/25, 6:30pm cst January BOD Meeting 1/20/26, 6:30pm cst	
10:09pm	Motion to adjourn S. VanSickle, Second by M. Davis