Alan Johnson

I grew up in Seattle, WA and bought my first horse when I was 14 years old with money I earned from a newspaper route. Horses have been a lifelong passion of mine; having had many different breeds that I have ridden and shown over the years. I bought my first Gypsy Vanner in 2019 and immediately fell in love with the breed- I love how friendly, gentle and versatile they are. I have shown my mare Cozy Pines Princess Tango and my other horses, at Gypsy Vanner shows, Open Breed Shows and recently at Western Dressage shows. I have always been an Amateur, but worked in accounting to support my horse dreams.

I have had a career of over 25 years in accounting; experience that has given me knowledge and skills that will be beneficial to GVHS as a member of the Board of Directors. I worked as a Staff Accountant, Senior Accountant, Accounting Systems Analyst, Accounting Supervisor and Accounting Manager for many large corporations, some of which were Fortune 500 companies in Seattle, WA and South Florida.

During my professional career, I managed operations for multiple international and domestic accounting departments ensuring quality service to the lines of business. I defined, evaluated and tracked problems to design the plans for effective solutions. I re-engineered processes or created new processes and systems to increase productivity, reduce errors, increase reporting, reduce risk and identify and correct discrepancies by developing and maintaining a strong system of internal controls while managing employee performance.

My many years of dedicated volunteer & non-profit experience will help me support the Board of Directors of GVHS. I am presently on the Board of Directors for a Cottage Condominium HOA in Maine. Previously a Special Olympics Assistant Coach, and I was on the City of Eustis, FL Code enforcement board.

I served as the Gypsy Horse Show Association (GHSA)-SE Treasurer and was on the Board of Directors for two years. While on the Board of Cascade Pinto Horse Association of Western Washington for four years, serving as President, Vice President and Treasurer I helped organized and execute several shows a year. Just this past month I was the volunteer GVHS Evaluation Manager at the Florida evaluations in Ocala, FL.

Some of my goals for being on the GVHS board are to create a policy to have a written annual budget approved by the BOD and published each year; this is not to cut costs, but to organize and standardize them. I would like to increase the reporting with more detailed line items for the board to better visualize the costs and associated revenue streams to help make informed decisions. I would like to increase the educational facet of the GVHS to not only new members and breeders, but also to our judges. An important step to continued education will be keeping our annual meeting costs reasonable, ensuring that overhead costs do not hinder

continued training and renewal of GVHS judges' cards while allowing for the average family to be able to je join meeting.