Subject: **Candidate Biography for Board of Directors**

Candidate: **Dr. Peyton Clark**

I am Dr. Peyton Clark, a licensed veterinarian, Gypsy Vanner owner, breeder, and exhibitor. My professional background has shaped the way I approach challenges - with an emphasis on evidence, consistency, critical thinking, and a willingness to continue learning.

My involvement with the Gypsy Vanner has grown from ownership into showing, breeding, and a genuine commitment to the future of this remarkable horse. Through those experiences, I have come to believe that preserving a breed requires more than appreciating what it has been; we must also have a clear and consistent vision of what we are working to preserve.

One of my goals on the Board would be to help GVHS continue developing a clearer, more consistently interpreted breed standard, while also establishing an objective and standardized evaluation process. A well-defined standard is only as effective as our ability to apply it consistently. I would like to explore procedures that provide evaluators with objective criteria and measurable data, reducing individual interpretation and allowing evaluations to produce more consistent and reproducible scores and results. This would give breeders and owners a more meaningful tool for evaluating their horses while creating a common vision of the Gypsy Vanner we are working to preserve. **This is just one of many goals I have in mind for helping GVHS continue to grow and strengthen.**

I also want to strengthen transparency, consistency, accountability, and communication throughout the Society. Members should understand how and why decisions are made, have meaningful opportunities to participate, and feel confident that policies and standards are applied fairly and consistently.

My vision is a GVHS that respects its history without being afraid to evolve: a Society grounded in its heritage, strengthened by education and objective standards, responsive to its membership, and positioned for sustainable growth.

I view serving on the Board as stewardship. My goal is not simply to preserve what we have today, but to help build a stronger organization and a more clearly defined breed for tomorrow - one that we are proud to pass to the next generation.