



The September GCSCA meeting was called to order on September 15, 2008 by President Lisa Paquet at 7:50 pm at the Country Kitchen in Cannon Falls.

Roll call was as follows: Cannon Falls, Hay Creek, Pine Island, Rainbow & Saddelite – all clubs are present.

The **Secretary's Report** was read and corrections are: there was no change (not no report) in the Treasurer's Report and Jennifer & Trina are from the Rainbow club.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made & seconded to get a Cash Card for the existing GCSCA checking account. It will be used to purchase items for the Awards Banquet. As approved in a previous meeting – a savings account was opened for GCSCA. It's at Citizens Community Bank and is receiving 2.5% interest. \$2000 was moved from the checking account to the savings account. The balance on the checking account after the transfer is \$3123.94

YTD we have brought in the following revenue:

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| Assessments: | \$914 (does not include Cannon Falls, Rainbow and & annual show) |
| Dues: | \$375.00 (all clubs included) |
| Books: | \$665.57 (this is the ytd profit on GCSCA books) |

Old Business:

- Rainbow's assessment fee is past due. Fines will apply, per by-law guidelines. Carole calculated what Cannon Falls owes and provided that information to Cheryl at the meeting.
- November 1st is the Awards Banquet at Grandpa's Garage in Cannon Falls – the same place as last year. Cost will be the same as last year - \$13.50/ adults, \$10.00/ children, under 4/ free. There will be 2 meats (roast beef & baked chicken), mashed potatoes, California blend, rolls and butter, salad and coffee. Approximate times for the night's festivities are: 5:30 pm/ Social Hour – 6:30/ Buffet – 7:30/ Awards. Also enjoy the DJ, partake in the Silent Auction & raffle prizes.
- GCSCA BANQUET tickets should be ordered from the website! Tickets will be ordered online (including raffle tickets) and will be paid for at the door. Exhibitors are responsible for paying for tickets they order – even if they don't attend. The deadline to purchase tickets is October 31st. If you do not have internet access, please contact your GCSCA delegate so they can order tickets for you.
- The Annual Show at Pine Island netted a profit of \$1436.00. This does not include the profits from the food booth – which Island Riders will be keeping. Island Riders will send Carole a check for our 75% of the profits, which is \$1077.00
- The Royalty Contestants are: Hannah Rawson, Lisa Paquet, Carole Adams – for Queen. Jackie Thayer, Allison Pedersen, Leah Warner-Banitt, Zoe Adams, Mady Paquet, Elizabeth Clausen and Jilliane Paquet – for Princess.
- A motion was made & seconded to have the individual clubs vote on a Sportsmanship By-Law for GCSCA. This is the wording for the potential by-law

Article VII A. 2. q. *Any participant and/or spectator who displays inappropriate behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct will be removed from the show immediately. Inappropriate behavior will be defined by the horse show organizers. No refunds will be given and all GCSCA points earned that day will*

be forfeited.

- It was suggested that Hay Creek Club should run the GCSCA #'s run first and in numerical order at their shows.
- It was mentioned that the Hay Creek's 2009 GCSCA Show will likely be held during the Cheese Curd Festival as they would like it recognized as an annual event, falling on the same weekend every year.
- Allowing the breed show eligibility qualifications for the 2009 show season has been OK'd. It's up to each club to advertise if they are offering that option.

New Business:

- Saddlelite has submitted concerns for GCSCA discussion: 1) GCSCA should purchase jumps to be shared with the clubs that don't have the new standards. 2) length of shows – should they all be 2-day shows. 3) working lights (specifically Hay Creek & Pine Island). 4) dragging the arena – some drag too often and some not enough. 5) remove classes? 6) have on file the Coggins # & liability waiver with the purchased GCSCA # to eliminate time & confusion at the entry stand. This would need to be done by June 1 and not in July when the shows begin. 7) no Sportsmanship Clause is needed. 8) eliminate the breed show qualifications. 9) Walk-Trot rules clarified.
- Walk-trot clarification: Article VII A. 2. 1. 7. Walk-trot exhibitors may not be entered in any other judged riding event. A motion was received & seconded to potentially change the existing by-law to say: Walk-trot **horse/rider combination** may not be entered in any other judged riding event. Please have your individual club vote on this prior to the next GCSCA meeting.
- The GCSCA Annual Number program was discussed. We had a large problem with people waiting until part way through the year to purchase their numbers (or the end of the year) and then having the points keeper pull all their cards for the year to record their placings. Adding liability forms & Coggins to the program was also discussed. It was decided that we would make the following changes to the program for 2009. Carole will update the rules that are on the website & that are in the GCSCA books.
 - All Exhibitors must purchase their numbers by June 1 to be eligible for year end points. (Exceptions will only be made if a new horse is purchased or because of injury – and in those cases the placings will be recorded for only those shows where the permanent number was actually used)
 - When purchasing a number the Exhibitor will provide a copy of their horses negative Coggins (from the current year) that we can keep on file
 - When purchasing a number the Exhibitor will sign a liability form that will release all clubs. Delegates, please bring a copy of your current liability form so that we can create a liability form at the October meeting that encompasses the needs of all clubs.
 - The annual show was discussed – we've heard some interest in having this as a smaller show. Although it will provide less \$\$ to the GCSCA club everyone seemed in favor of making it more of a "Battle of the Clubs". This would give exhibitors a chance to get to know each other more and show against each other. We still need to have it as an open show to have the placings be eligible for WSCA Champ show". Hay Creek made a motion & it was seconded to change the by-law so that we no longer advertise this show in the Spotlight or "On Deck". This is the current by-law: **Article VII A. 5. c. The annual show will be advertised beginning two months prior to the scheduled date of the show in the WSCA Spotlight and show bills will be made available to GCSCA delegates for distribution.**
 - Hay Creek made a motion & it was seconded to break down the 10 & Under Barrel & Pole classes, so we have 10 & Under, 10 & Under Pet Pony and 10 & Under Pony classes. Individual clubs should vote & bring results to next meeting. This wouldn't add more time to the shows but will give the ponies a chance to qualify for those WSCA classes, as well as offering Pet Pony Pleasure and Pet Pony Horsemanship classes.
 - Carole & Jennifer will work on organizing awards for the banquet. Trophies or Plaques will be awarded amongst other things. High Point awards will be Buckles again this

- year. For
 - There were 8 classes that had less than 24 entries. Have your clubs vote to see if these classes should remain for the 2009 season.
 - Open Weanling & Yearling = 19
 - Pleasure Type Halter 2 & Over = 22
 - Pony Halter 54" & Under = 24
 - Leadline Costume 8 & under = 20
 - Pony Horsemanship 54 & Under = 20
 - Jr. Horse Western Pleasure – 15
- 2008 Awards Banquet budget will be the same as 2007 – a monetary amount will assessed for each placing
 - It was approved by the delegates to get a “Thank-You” for Carole Adams for the awesome job she’s done with keeping the points
 - Andrea Plumb is the Royalty Chairperson. It was approved to give the contestants sashes this year, instead of flowers, to wear at the banquet. Andrea will work with Jen & Donna on the details of the royalty program.
 - On October 31 Carole will provide a list of 2008 award winners & a list of exhibitors who have purchased tickets to the banquet, so the delegates can contact those exhibitors that are getting an award but are not signed up for the banquet.
1. As in the past, we ask that each family provide an item for the Silent Auction or Raffle Prize. See the website for more details.
 2. Wild Wings provided us with 5 catalogs of items they will donate to us at wholesale prices for the banquet. They will also donate 1 print (as they did last year) and we only have to pay for the framing (\$89). A motion was made & seconded to spend \$100.00 on the items from the catalog and to also go ahead with one print. Leslie Schoenfelder from Hay Creek volunteered to do this for us.

Reminder of By law changes that each club must vote on before the next GCSCA meeting:

- 1) Sportsmanship by-law clause: Article VII A. 2. q.
- 2) Walk-trot clarification. By-law change: Article VII A. 2. l. 7.
- 3) Annual Show/ Battle of the Clubs Show: Article VII A. 5. c.
- 4) Additional split of 10 & under barrels & pole classes for pet ponies and ponies and addition of pet pony pleasure and horsemanship.
- 5) 8 classes that had 24 entries or less in 2008.

The MN St. 4-H Horse Show is Sept. 12-15 and WSCA Champ Show is Sept 18-22. Good luck to everyone participating!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm. The next meeting will be held **October 20th** / 7:30 pm at the Country Kitchen in Cannon Falls. If a Conference Call will be held instead, you will be notified.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Steffenhagen / GCSCA Secretary

Additional Notes from emails after meeting concluded:

- Jen Valek was able to get the Hi Point buckles for less than we paid last year. It was voted on & approved by the delegates to take the extra \$\$ and spend it on gifts for “Reserve High Point” exhibitors.
- We will be awarding 282 placings this year vs 227 last year. The revenue received by GCSCA this year will be approximately \$1500 higher than last year. It was voted on &

approved by the delegates to increase the amount we spend on each placing for year end
– it will average out to about \$8.50 per placing instead of \$7.00 that was spent last year.