



The October GCSCA meeting was called to order on October 20, 2008 by President Lisa Paquet at 7:45 pm.

Roll call was as follows: Cannon Falls, Hay Creek, Pine Island – present.
Rainbow & Saddlelite – absent.

The **Secretary's Report** was read and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance: \$2852.44, Deposits: \$740.00 (dues & assessments?), \$1077.00 (Annual Show Assessments). Expenses: \$34.00 NSF (x2), High Pt. Awards: \$1565.50. Although it appears to be a \$100.00 loss for the GCSCA permanent numbers on the books, we actually made \$20 on this year's numbers. Both 2007 & 2008 numbers were paid for this year.

- The engraving for the awards was less this year than last. (mainly due to shorter names).
- \$1600.00 was spent for 228 placings in 2007. \$2300.00 is the approximate expense for 279 placings for 2008.
- Pine Island wants to know who's liable for the \$30 NSF from the Annual Show. The cost will be covered by GCSCA if the amount can't be collected.
- Andrea Plumb submitted bills for the GCSCA Royalty. \$28.00-Queen & Princess sashes, \$17.50-contestant sashes, \$53.30-crowns and \$13.63-shipping. Motion was made and seconded to pay the bills.

Old Business:

- Pine Island has turned in their Liability form. Hay Creek's is pending, and Cannon Falls, Rainbow & Saddlelite's are needed yet.
- November 15th is GCSCA Annual Banquet. The 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. Social Hour – 6:30/ Buffet – 7:30/ Awards. Also enjoy the DJ, partake in the Silent Auction & raffle prizes.
- Hay Creek has donated \$50 towards the DJ. The fee for it this year is \$300. Are there any other clubs interested in donating towards the fun & music?
- As in the past, we ask that each family provide an item for the Silent Auction or Raffle Prize. It doesn't have to be a "horsey" item – use your imagination...
- Plaques will be awarded to each horse/rider combination. The size will be based on the placings.
- 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.

Results of the by-law changes.

- **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.*

** CF, HC, PI (with a note to see also the WSCA Sportsmanship clause included) = yes.

Rainbow = no. Saddlelite = no vote. Motion: **PASSED.**

- 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.
** CF, HC, PI = yes. R & S = no vote. Motion: **PASSED.**
- The Annual Show will no longer be advertised in the Spotlight or “On Deck”. Delete:
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.
** HC, PI = yes. CF, R = no. Saddelite’s vote is needed to determine if this motion passes or fails.
- Break down the 10 & Under Barrel & Pole classes to – (1) 10 & Under, (2) 10 & Under Pet Pony and (3) 10 & Under Pony classes.
** CF, HC, PI = yes. R = no. S = no vote. Motion: **PASSED.**
(PI would like to group all pony classes together).
- Classes with 24 Entries/or less for 2008 show season. Vote to keep or delete them.
 - Open Weanling & Yearling = 19
 - Pleasure Type Halter 2 & Over = 22
 - Pony Halter 54” & Under = 24
 - Showmanship at Halter 11-13 = 18
 - Leadline Costume 8 & under = 20
 - Pony Pleasure 54” & Under = 20
 - Pony Horsemanship 54” & Under = 20
 - Jr. Horse Western Pleasure – 15
 ** CF, HC, PI & R = keep classes for 2009. S = no vote. Motion: **PASSED.**

New Business:

- Cannon Falls has made a by-law request. Change the Jr. Horse Western Pleasure 2-4 Year Old class to 2-3 Year Old to coincide with the Champ Show qualifications.
- when we checked into the class list in the WSCA Rule Book it’s listed as “**Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure Class**. Class to be limited to two, three or four year old horses. Must be shown as a western pleasure horse in a bosal or snaffle bit and rider may use two hands”. Classes at the Champ Show were Open Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure and the Futurity Classes were (1) 2-year-old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure & (2) 3&4 year-old Open Western Pleasure. This will be checked into further...
- It’s been requested that we do NOT allow any exhibition riders in the classes. There have been occasions that they even placed and received ribbons. Another suggestion is that they be allowed to show, but have no number. What is your club’s input?
- GCSCA is a non-profit club. We are required to file a simplified tax form, and none have been done in the past few years. Carole will check into our status and if it needs to be reinstated. This will be added to the requirements of the Treasurer. V.G.8. File a 990-N tax report to the IRS.
- For those members that don’t show and also those that do, there will be a new “fun” program for you to enroll in. It’s the new GCSCA Trail Riding Program! Your hours will be logged on the honor system. ONLY trail riding or driving hours (not in your trucks) will count. Ring riding, pasture riding, road riding, etc. will NOT count. Upon completion of 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 500 hrs an award will be awarded. This will begin in 2009 and further details will be forthcoming. See attached form for more information.
- Officer nominations will be accepted at the November & December meetings. Remember, you don’t have to be a delegate from your club to hold a GCSCA office. Come and join us at the monthly meetings, everyone is welcome.

2009 Show Dates

June 27 & 28 – Hay Creek

July 18 & 19 – Cannon Falls

(the Annual Show must be within 4 wks. of the last GCSCA Show).

The additional attachments are for the Trail Riding Program and notes from the fall WSCA meeting (see the Spotlight for the complete and official minutes).

The next GCSCA meeting will be November 17, 2008 – 7:30 pm at the Country Kitchen in Cannon Falls.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Steffenhagen / GCSCA Secretary