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We had a nice turnout for the Awards Banquet. Congratulations to all of the winners on a great season! I also want to congratulate Caren Crane on being the recipient of the PGHA/Carol A. Lewis Memorial Scholarship award. I know you all join me in wishing Caren much success as she continues her education.

Please make sure you read through all of the changes that are being proposed for all of the horse shows. There are also quite a few proposed changes to the rules and regulations. Some of these changes will affect all the members of PGHA while others will be specific to each discipline. All of the rules, regulations, by-laws and show bills are included in the email with this newsletter and become part of the official newsletter. If you would like to view the old information, they are on the website or I would be happy to email them directly to you. All of these proposals will be voted on at the Aug. 10th meeting, so it is imperative that if you want your vote to count you must be in attendance. More detailed information, on the changes, was discussed at the July 13th meeting.

I'd like to officially welcome the new Board members!

I hope to see everyone at our next general membership meeting on Monday, Aug 10, 2015.

Laura St John

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting was called to order and accepted .

Adjourned at 21:00 hrs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking and Savings account balances were given as well as a breakdown of Banquet expenses versus income. Banquet book ads brought in \$525. We paid \$196.40. The silent auction brought in \$1392.00 ! Thank You **Alyn Shelatz** for doing such a great job organizing and collecting all of the silent auction items and to everyone who donated items.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Maintenance & Improvements to the show grounds:

There were several fence panels in the clay arena that have been replaced. The County is working on replacing more. They are getting bids. They will also be widening the grass arena and replacing those panels.

County/Sports Council:

We are very thankful that **John & Kim Kreller** have graciously agreed to be the Parks & Recreation liaisons.



OLD THEN NEW BUSINESS:

Jump Project: This is on going. All the rules are on the website.

Banquet: There was some discussion regarding how the food was handled / taken away at this year's banquet. The Cultural Center was informed of several issues with the food and has agreed to give PGHA a credit towards next year's rental. We have scheduled the 2015-2016 awards banquet for June 25, 2016. This will be on a Saturday.

Summer Fun Show: The show will be on Saturday Aug. 8, 2015. Registration opens at 8:00 and the show begins at 9:00. Fee is \$5 per class or \$25 for all day.

There will also be a tack resale at this event. PGHA is charging a \$10 fee to set up. The fee is waived if you are an exhibitor or volunteering.

Check out the show bill and flyer with this newsletter and they are also posted on the website and Facebook page. If you have any questions, contact **Rena Gezzar** at 239-478-3581

PGHA Bucks: Starting with the September Hunter/Jumper show, we will be offering some great prizes in lieu of ribbons and trophies at each show. If you do not want to take your ribbon or trophy, you would receive "PGHA Bucks". This would be for your placings and Grand or Reserve/High point. The "PGHA Bucks" could be redeemed right away or keep earning more and redeem for a higher valued prize. We would keep track of your "PGHA Bucks" on index cards at registration. It will be the exhibitors responsibility to come to the registration booth and let them know what placings you received and whether or not you are using or banking your bucks. If you do not come to registration and designate what you are doing, you WILL NOT receive any "Bucks". You could receive 2 tickets for 1st place, one ticket for 2nd through 6th and 5 tickets for High Point or Grand and Reserve. This will be completely separate from the points you are receiving towards your year end awards.

Ex: halters, wormers, vet wrap, brushes, buckets, hoof picks, sweat scrapers, fly spray, etc. If you have suggestions for prizes, please contact Laura, as she has already ordered some items to be used.



OLD THEN NEW BUSINESS: CONT.

Meetings: There is a proposal to change the monthly General Membership Meetings to only meeting in the following months: July, August, October, January, March and May. If this goes into effect then that would also change the dates for nominations for new Board Members. Nominations would now be done in January and March and the voting would take place at the May meeting. The Executive Board would continue to meet monthly.

By-Laws: there have been a couple of proposed changes so please make sure you read them as they are enclosed with this email /newsletter.

Rules and Regs: there are quite a few proposed changes that are for all disciplines. We have enclosed a copy of the “New” rules and regs. I have also separated out each of the discipline rules. The two biggest changes would be changing the non showing membership from \$25 to \$5 and doing away with the non member fees thereby making it \$8 per class for everyone instead of non members paying \$10 per class.

Voting to accept all of the show bill, rules and regulations and by-law changes will be at the August 10, 2015 General Membership meeting. Please make sure you attend if you want to vote. Remember that only members that are 12 years of age and older may vote.

All the old show bill, rules and by-laws are still posted on the website.

Credit Cards: PGHA is looking into accepting credit cards at the Hunter/Jumper and Performance shows and possibly at the Speed shows. There would be a convenience fee charged for this service. More information to follow.

HUNTER/JUMPER

There are only a couple of proposed changes. If passed, the H/J riders would be permitted to show in polo's instead of wearing their full show attire. Breeches, English boots with heels and a proper helmet are still mandatory. The Jumper classes (grass ring) would begin at 09:30 and the clay arena would stay at 09:00. Please make sure you read the rules and regs. and show bill to see what the new changes entail.

PERFORMANCE

There have been quite a few proposed changes to the show bill, so please make sure you read over it as it is enclosed with this email. The discipline rules have also been enclosed even though there are no changes.

SPEED

There are several proposed changes to the show bill and rules and regs. The most important one is that they would like to do away with the helmet requirement for riders 17 years of age and under. They are also doing away with the Jackpot Barrels and Schooling classes and adding Beginner Rider classes, a few Exhibition classes and a Fun Event class.

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