

October 2014

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At the time this message was written, we had to cancel our first Speed show due to the wet conditions at the arena. We will be rescheduling this show and will announce the new date once it has been decided. Brian did a great job at getting the information out early so it could be posted on the PGHA Facebook page and website. The next show is scheduled for October 11, 2014.

Please remember to check our website and Facebook page for information regarding any show cancellations. If we have had a lot of rain and can make the decision in advance, it would be posted on Friday, the day before the show. Sometimes, we may not know until early Saturday morning. Especially if we get a lot of rain over night.

The first Hunter/Jumper show is scheduled for Sept. 27, 2014. Hopefully we will not have to cancel due to the weather! We are still looking for volunteers to help at this show.

The first Performance show will be October 4.

Please make sure we have your contact email address on file as this is how we do most of our contact. In order to get volunteers for the shows, we send out an email from signupgenius.com with the various spots that need to be filled. If you are not getting those emails, please check your junk/spam folder or contact me directly, so I can be sure we have the most up to date information.

Our next general membership meeting is on Oct. 13, 2014.

Performance Director— Jennifer Laningham 239-770-6069

Speed Director— Brian Dunleavy 941-916-2200

Hunter/Jumper Co-Directors—Lisa Johnson 941-628-5410

- Laura St. John

Laura St John
 PGHA President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting was called to order at 19:05 on Sept 8th by Laura St. John. Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking and Savings account balances were given. Money is still owed to the savings account and will be paid back after the first shows.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Maintenance & Improvements to the show grounds:

We are still waiting on the topsoil for the grass arena. There are some broken wood panels in the Trail course and a broken metal panel in the clay arena. It was also brought up that we could use a garbage can under the stairway near registration. Laura will contact Mike Norton to make sure these get addressed.

County/Sports Council:

The County would like the organizations utilizing the fields to hold some kind of partnership with a nationally accredited group (Ex. AQHA, NBHA, etc). This is mostly for other sports groups using the facilities but we will wait to see if this will affect us as well.

Also, the penny sales tax referendum could impact the sports fields as the County uses some of those funds to keep up with maintenance and improvements at the fields.

HUNTER/JUMPER

There will be some new jumps brought to the arena to replace some of the older/broken jumps. The first show is Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014.



PERFORMANCE

[Jennifer Laningham](#) is working on hiring judges for the season. So far she has the first couple of shows covered. Jesse James will be handling the sign up genius for Performance.

SPEED

[Brian Dunleavy](#) has been getting good feedback regarding turnout for the Speed shows. People are looking forward to showing. The Arcadia Saddle Club is having some issues which may positively affect our turnout for our shows.

OLD THEN NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Show: The Summer show raised about \$780. There were a couple of memberships, a horse nomination fee, 3 T-shirts were sold and about \$300 came in from the entry fees. [Joanne Lanzisera](#) sold some items at the show and along with [Glenda Steffenhagen](#), donated the money back to PGHA (about \$150). Thank You Joanne & Glenda!!

Banquet: We are looking to hold the 2014-2015 Year End Awards Banquet on June 27, 2015 at the Cultural Center.

FYI: Crossties Farm & Garden will be moving to a new location on Florida Street in October. They carry feed, garden and home décor.



Punta Gorda Horseman's Association



Membership Drive & PR Committee

Gayle Rogers will post our show bills in the Ft. Myers area
Valerie Nazzarese will post flyers in Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte and Sarasota area (feed and tack stores)

Joanne Lanzisera will post flyers in the Naples area feed and tack stores

We need people for:

- * Fundraising committee
- * 2014-2015 Banquet committee
- * Jump committee—make sure jumps are in good condition and help set up at shows.

Volunteers!!!!!!

Announcers

Ribbons / Awards

Jump Crew

Set Up / Break Down

Ring steward

Gate Keepers

Raffle or 50/50 sales

Trash Pick Up

Before and After Shows—set up, clean up, etc



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