

September 2015

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The 2015-2016 show season will begin on September 26 with the first Hunter / Jumper show. We will also be judging our recycled jumps on that morning. Please see inside this newsletter for information regarding that project. Our first Performance show will be on October 3rd and the Speed show will be on October 10th.

All of the rules, regulations and show bills passed. There was one error regarding the Speed lead line classes which was changed and then passed. All of the new information is posted on the website at www.thepgha.com Please make sure you are familiar with all of the new changes.

Our general membership meetings will no longer be held each month. We will continue to meet on the second Monday, however those meetings will only take place in *July, August, October, January, March and May*. If you have any questions, please contact your Director or any other Board Member.

Remember, there is still time to save \$5 on your membership by joining before September 1, 2015. Forms are available on our website and can be mailed to the address on the forms.

Our next general membership meeting will be held on Monday October 12th.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Laura St John

PGHA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting was called to order and accepted by Amy Dunleavy.

Adjourned at 21:00 hrs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking and Savings account balances were given

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Maintenance & Improvements to the show grounds:

The County is still going over bids for panels for the clay arena, jump arena and trail arena expansion. If you own a fence company and would like to place a bid, please let one of the Board Members know ASAP.

County/Sports Council:



OLD THEN NEW BUSINESS:

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Jump Project: It was discussed to give each person (if in a group) 3 volunteer hours for their completed project. Please contact Laura if your child is working on a jump so she has an idea of how many jumps are being made. We are in need of new jumps because many of the existing jumps are falling apart. If needed, the jumps may be brought to the arena a day or two before the show.

Changes: all of the proposed changes to the rules and regulations, by laws and show bills were passed in all divisions. The new information is posted on the website.

General membership meetings will on be held in July, August, October, January, March, May. Earn 1 volunteer hour each time you attend.

Summer Fun Show: The show collected \$953.00 and had 52 riders!!! We did not get to finish the show due to the rain. A big Thank You to **Rena Gezzar, Sue Wiseman, Teri Owen, Peggy Santor, Jennifer Langingham** and everyone else who helped at the show.

PGHA Bucks: there was discussion about what was the benefit to being a member since we have made the entry fees the same for everyone. Obviously, in order to receive year end awards, you must be a member, work your required hours and have your horse nominated or sponsored. If you would like to be able to earn "PGHA Bucks" and take prizes instead of ribbons or trophies, you MUST be a member. Non members will NOT have that option.

Credit Cards: we talked a little about accepting credit cards at the shows. There will be a \$5.00 fee for this type of payment. We are going to give it a try and see how it works.

Volunteer Award: it was discussed to offer a year end prize to the top two members (excluding anyone on the Board) for most hours worked.

Food Vendor: if anyone knows of a vendor or food truck that would be interested, please contact Laura. Our current vendor has cancelled several times or not shown up and we must consider other options.

Banner Boards: it was discussed to look for sponsors for this idea.

The PGHA 2015 Recycled Jump Competition Challenge

Project: Make a horse jump using only recycled materials. Judging on Sept 26, 2015 (for children and siblings in the PGHA)

All recycled materials must come from items from your home, friend's garages/home, or dump sites.

Examples: tires, aluminum cans, wood pallets, old paint, scrap wood or plastic, old rope, tiles, old barrels, plastic pots, old horse shoes, old furniture for material, old decorations, metal gates, old signs, etc.

Jumps can be made with parental guidance to make sure they are safe and sturdy. May be oxers or single jumps.

Jumps must be movable and easy to assemble. You will need to bring them to the first H/J show for judging.

A poster should be submitted with pictures of the items used before you made the jump and where the items came from. All must be recycled material! Nothing new can go into making these jumps.... Other than glue and screws (fasteners), if needed.

Width is 10 ft. Side posts or standards no higher than 6 ft.

The winner will have the jump used in the arena and get a \$50 gift certificate for their effort.

2nd and 3rd place awards will be given.

Each person that enters will be awarded 3 volunteer hours.

All jumps will be donated to PGHA and at the discretion of the PGHA, will be used in future shows.

HUNTER/JUMPER

The Hunter / Jumper show bill passed. The Jumper ring will now start at 9:30 am. Full show attire is no longer necessary for any of the classes. Helmet, polo shirt, breeches and appropriate English boots are required.

PERFORMANCE

The show bill was passed. They will consider adding and Open Walk/Trot Ranch Horse Western Pleasure if it is sponsored.

SPEED

There was one mistake that was brought to our attention. Lead Line Hairpin was changed to Lead Line Texas Barrels as that was what the Speed participants had originally decided at their June meeting. Also, helmets are no longer required for riders 17 and under, however, they are strongly recommended.

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