

Gavilan Chapter Minutes of the September 2008 Meeting

Held at Osierlea, San Juan Bautista

September 3, 2008

Absent

Mary Beth Muellner

Guests/Members

Laurel Bruun

Steve Espinosa

Rebecca Greening

Nancy Szakacs

Meeting called to order at 7:28 p.m. by Chairman Julia Hutchison

Minutes

Minutes of August meeting read and approved with change to verbage regarding Julia and the status of the Sponsorship project. Jacqui had quoted her directly as saying she had "not had time to look for money" Julia requested this be rephrased as simply "not had time."

Jan/Matt/passed with change

Treasury

Matt gave the Treasurer's report.

As of 9/3/08, balance is \$10,244.77

Still has a couple of checks to write.

Saturday show gross was \$2,735

Sunday show gross was \$4,688

Matt also did a Show and Clinic report. The purpose was to show what the various activities generate:

Gross of shows plus clinics for 2008 was \$16,933. This covers one clinic and four shows for and includes the "Garlic" show.

Albeit close, it was interesting to note that the June shows generated \$200 more than the August shows.

Matt asked for discussion about protocol for collecting outstanding bills related to Ginger and Katie Hoefs. The protocol is to send a registered letter. If no response, CDS

will list the member as “not in good standing.” Laurie Farmer offered to send the letter to Ginger Hoefs.

Show Reports: Laura

The competitors particularly liked the Consierge Services. For the most part, volunteers were well educated in their jobs. New volunteers thought it was a good experience. We had 17 volunteers on Saturday and 15 on Sunday.

Show Reports Continued:

Discussion of the party for the volunteers, discussion of whether we might morph it into a party for competitors on Saturday of the two-day show. A scaled down version of what DG-Bar did that was so popular with everyone. Further discussion about using the Osierlea conference room as a volunteer lounge during the shows. There would be food, water and a comfortable place to sit down and rest. No decisions were made and it was decided to have further discussion about these ideas.

Laurie:

Sunday went really well. Scheduling was a little confusing but everybody was accommodated. Thanked Lorraine for her great job in recruiting and organizing volunteers. The volunteer coordinator was a new position this year and it has really worked out well. Laurie reported that people thought the food service was great too.

Hiccups

Stabling checks: **Laurel:**

Very confusing as to who is handling what. Laurel said she would prefer one manager overseeing both days and two secretaries in order to alleviate communication stress regarding both entries and stabling. Suggested we put stabling on the entry form and then it can become first come, first serve. She also suggested we add the stabling fee. There is also the problem of people coming at different times. Two parties use the same stall and when the second person arrives, the stall is not clean yet. Laurel suggested we sell the stalls for the whole weekend. \$60 for the weekend which would be 3da/2nites. This way the money would be sent in with the entry. Gavilan would collect the checks and pay Osierlea.

Freestyle Times:

Laurel mentioned that Freestyle times were schedule too early in the morning. Since the music has to be loud enough to be heard across the arena, Freestyle rides are better scheduled after lunch or at least later in the morning in order to be courteous to Osierlea's neighbors. There were competitor complaints about so many changes to the schedule after the schedule was posted. Laurie pointed out that this is due to inexperience on the part of the show manager. Laurie suggested that Laura and Gigi could be show secretaries and she would be show manager for both shows.

Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of having one manager for both days for all four shows versus splitting it up between the June and August shows. Laurel said that the biggest issue to her is the stabling and that the show secretary would be the one to handle that part.

In general, the Board felt that they need to develop additional people who can manage shows and be show secretary. Laurie felt that the job should be an “apprenticeship” before being given full responsibility in order to avoid the very snafus under discussion.

Discussion to be continued.

Show Reports continued:

Laurie said she would ask Gigi about whether she would be secretary for the one-star shows. Vote on whether to ask Gigi to do the secretary job for the three star shows:

Matt/Jan/Passed

Laurie suggested that for the 2009 shows we increase the office fee to \$15 from its' current \$10 level. Entries would be as follows:

One Star Shows: \$45 Training to 4th and \$50 FEI

Three Star Shows: \$50 Training to 4th and \$55 FEI

Include a “Change fee” of \$15

If we hire Gigi, she uses all her own supplies. Raising the class fees would offset Gigi's fee.

Motion to change fees:

\$15 office fee

Increase class fee \$5 per ride

Add a \$15 change fee

Plus class fees as shown above

Matt/Jan/Passed

2009 Shows:

June show will be Liz Searle. Because she lives at the show site, there is no travel expense for us to pay.

August judge will be Lilo

2010 Show – June will be Louise Koch

Next year we will have to have a prize list in addition to the Omnibus.

Matt asked to have a cancellation clause added to our judging contracts. Discussion about what the language would be. Matt and Laurie will work on this. The purpose is to protect the Chapter.

Election Committee: Julia

Julia proposed that the Election Committee consist of

Lorraine, Bonni , and Nancy with Nancy as Committee Chair.

an/Laura/Passed

Discussion of makeup of the committee and whether all members should be non Board members, or whether at least one member should be a Board member. The slate will be offered at the October Meeting.

Election Tea

The Board decided to have the elections at Osierlea on November 8th. Voting will be by mail. Nancy will look into which is the best way to go as far as using a mailing house or having ballots sent to her.

Chapter By-Laws and Standing Rules

Background:

The Chapter has been in the process of updating both.

Kyle led the Board thru a lengthy session going line-by-line. Every effort was made to compare the State By-Laws with the Chapter By-Laws to make sure that there is no redundancy and that there are no conflicts of policy. Kyle took away many edits and will bring the revised copies to the October meeting.

Activities for the coming year:

We sent out an email blast asking the membership what kinds of activities they would like to have for 2009. Matt tabulated the returns. The most popular ideas were a competition clinic, followed closely by having a scribe clinic. Others that were popular were a movement and biomechanics clinic and a Rac n Roll clinic.

Next Meeting:

The October meeting will be held on Wed. Oct. 1st at the home of Julia Hutchison

Adjourn: Jan/Laurie/Passed