



GCSMP MONTHLY NEWS

The official publication of the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Mounted Posse & Drill Team

Proposed Amendment Change Vote

Among many discussions at the 12 August 2024 General Membership meeting, the most notable was the proposed change to Article II. Changes are highlighted in red.

Bylaw up for discussion as currently written:

ARTICLE II. DUES

Dues will be thirty dollars (\$30.00) a year for individual members, and forty dollars (\$40.00) a year for family membership. Initiation fee will be five dollars (\$5.00). New members first years dues will be prorated over the remaining months, after approval for membership. Dues shall be payable on or before the December meeting for the period of 1 December through 30 November. Members that enter the Armed Services will have free dues for their enlistment.

Proposed changes to the bylaw to be voted on at the next general meeting on 9 September 2024

ARTICLE II. DUES

Dues will be **eighty-five dollars (\$85.00)** a year for individual members, and **one hundred dollars (\$100.00)** a year for family membership. Initiation fee will be five dollars (\$5.00). Dues shall be payable on or before the December meeting for the period of 1 December through 30 November. New members' first year dues will be prorated over the remaining months, after approval for membership. **A reduction in individual and family dues can be obtained for the year by earning work points (6 for individuals/ 12 for families) through the previous calendar year. This discount would reduce dues by thirty dollars (\$30.00), resulting in dues of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) a year for individual members, and seventy dollars (\$70.00) a year for family membership. Fee reduction work points cannot be points acquired from meeting attendance.** Members that enter the Armed Services will have free dues for their enlistment.



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Playday News

With the completion of the 2024 Saddle and Buckle Series, the GCSMP is happy to share the results with you and cannot wait to see you next year.

Overall High Point Saddle Winners



Juniors - Savara Lerma



Seniors - Brook Lockaby



Adults - Alison Padula



Super Seniors - Leslie Kramer



Performance Classes High Point Top 3



Juniors
Margaux Cheney
Kodi Yuras
Bryden Manning



Seniors
Brook Lockaby



Adults
Alison Padule
Liberty Cheney
Tasha McCurdy



Super Seniors
Leslie Kramer
Mary Ayers
Tom Ayers

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Speed Classes High Point Top 3



Pee-Wee's
Macy Callahan
Tilden Shives



Pee-Wee's
Piper Weyel



Juniors
Adriana Tover
Khloe Kalzor
Gabby Lamas



Seniors
Brook Lockaby
Camila Ojeda



Speed Classes High Point Top 3



Adults

Isis Montano
Ashlyn Porter
Morgan Fabbri



Super Seniors

Jana Sylvester
Leslie Kramer
Idrena Maspero



*Here was to a
great Saddle &
Buckle Series*

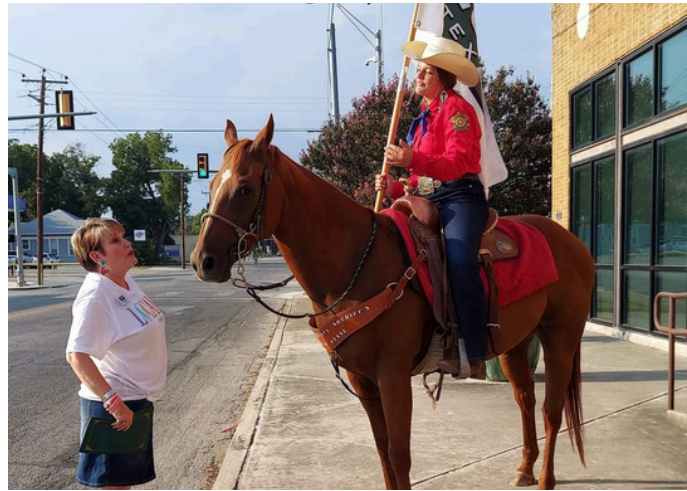




Drill Team Highlights



Upcoming Events:
GUADALUPE COUNTY FAIR - 13 OCTOBER
CHRIS CROSSING EVENT - 26 OCTOBER



Happy Birthday Seguin

On 9 August 2024, the GCSMP had the honor of delivering the 186th Birthday Proclamation for the City of Seguin. Adilynn Caraway did the posse proud representing as our rider; it is a wonderful thing when our young people choose to participate in events like these to show their love and support of our community.

New Riders Welcome

As this year is focused on rebuilding, this is a reminder that new riders are welcome to join the team. New riders to drill will need to practice and learn the new patterns before being allowed to perform in the virtual drills and/or playday performances. The team is excited about the newest members that have been added to the ranks and reminds everyone that practice is on Monday nights at 7:30pm at the Posse arena.

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IN THE PARADE,
YOU WATCH THE
PARADE. THAT’S
LIFE.”
— MIKE DITKA

Parade Opportunities

- Comal County Parade - 27 September
- Guadalupe County Rodeo - 13 October
- Veteran’s Day Parade - Seguin (Inquiries Pending)
- Cibolo Christmas Parade - December





Meeting Minutes

These minutes submitted by the Secretary and will be read at the September General Membership meeting. These minutes will be amendable and approved during this time.



GCSMP General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: 12 August 2024

Location: 2215 FM 466, Seguin, TX 78155

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President Alice Campbell
- Pledges to the American and Texas Flags were led by President Campbell
- David Hall offered the opening prayer.
- (Last month's) minutes were amended and approved
- Cindy Tripoli gave the Treasurer's Report
- One new membership application was received. Linda Jones made her introduction and was voted on and approved for membership

Committee Reports:

Arena:

Tom Ayers reported that with the playdays over, we will need to continue pushing for volunteers to help maintain the grounds. The arena will continue to get worked for drill practice and speed nights. The use of the arena by 4-H was brought up, with an inquiry on dates needed. It was determined that there are currently no requests due to lack of contact on the part of 4-H.

Playday:

Alice Campbell reported that the playday series is over, however, it was not without its challenges - specifically the lack of workers to help the event run smoothly. The Posse has a few buckles in reserve at this point due to participant no shows. A committee will be formed within the next month to discuss a fall playday series. Alice stated that she will work with Mary Ayers and continue to collect and post the pictures of the awards ceremony to Facebook.

Concessions:

Barb Welsh reported that Wicked Brisket provided the main food options during the last playday while the concession stand offered drinks, popsicles, and small snacks. The concession stand is currently closed until the next event is scheduled.

Drill Team:

Barb Welsh reported that the Drill Team is continuing to gain traction. They performed in all three playdays, four virtual drills, multiple parades and celebrations. There was a memorial ride for the Rafter 77 playday where they represented the Posse and Adi Caraway carried the flag for the National Anthem. Adi Caraway rode in in the Seguin Birthday celebration with other members representing on foot. There is another parade opportunity in October, and all are invited to ride - Guadalupe County Fair and Rodeo - there is also another event in the works for the Drill Team to represent the Posse in October with more details to come. The drill team is increasing in membership. The Cibolo Christmas parade is being

Meeting Minutes Continued

discussed as well as the Seguin Parade of lights, so work is being planned for desensitizing horses to lights and noise in the dark. There are no rodeos planned for this year, but work is being put in for the next. A video of the team is in progress.

Old Business:

- Jody Kotski reported that the Drill Team itemized inventory accountability sheets are complete for the entire team and presented them to Alice Campbell and Cindy Tripoli, she was told she could continue to manage them.
- A monetary donation to Jody Kotski was made in lieu of flowers for the care of Rosemary Williams' horses. Jody is extremely grateful.
- Plans for updating the arena were brought up. Alice Campbell has requested that any ideas or suggestions be drawn up and brought to the September meeting. The request to look at upgrading the sound system has been tabled until the arena is finalized, however, the addition of an extra speaker may be considered during this renovation as it is a cheaper option than the entire sound system.

New Business:

- David Hall has been appointed Vice President and Jody Kotski has been appointed Secretary for the remainder of the year to fill the recently vacated positions.
- The recommendation to increase membership dues for the upcoming year was discussed. MOTION by Mary Ayers to amend the bylaws to increase the membership dues to \$85 for an individual and \$100 for a family membership, these fees may be reduced if an additional six (6) work points for individuals/ twelve (12) work points for families, that are not earned through meeting attendance, are earned. These work points will reduce the fees by \$15.00, making them \$70 for an individual or \$85 for a family, and the vote on these changes are scheduled to occur at the September general membership meeting; seconded and passed.
- Discussions continued to incentivize the work points, MOTION TO AMEND the previous MOTION by Barb Welsh to amend the bylaws to increase the membership dues to \$85 for an individual and \$100 for a family membership, and if 6 work points for individuals or 12 work points for families, that are not earned through meeting attendance, are completed the previous calendar year, the dues will decrease by \$30 dollars (making individual membership \$55 and family membership \$75) and the vote for these changes will occur at the September meeting; seconded and passed.
- Confirmation made that this notice is to be emailed to current members and posted on Facebook to announce that a vote will take place at the September meeting.

MOTION to adjourn meeting; seconded and passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Jody M. Kotski

Date

Meeting Minutes Continued

Members Present:

Mary Ayers
Tom Ayers
Ashley Bergeron
Jimmie Callaway
Kera Caraway
Alice Campbell
Carl Etter

Caitlin Fowler
David Hall
Linda Jones
Sean Ketchum
Jody Kotski
Jerry Lehmann
Sarah Lerma

Tasha McCurdy
Lacey Smith
Lillian Steward
Cindy Tripoli
Barb Welsh

Members Absent:

John Buckley
Michelle Callahan
Bubba Caraway
Aaron Catron
Chris Clark
Nikki Clark
Sarah Cyphers
Kayla Day
Mary Devine
Joann Doreck
William Doreck
Ryan Fowler
Alton Grainger
Alana Gvozdenovich
Lisa Gvozdenovich
Mike Hallmark

Earnest Hartman
Irene Hartman
John Hatfield
Rachel Heil
Candyce Holmes
Nicole Kotara
Michael Kotski
Vera Lane
Doyle Lange
Jerry Lerma
Kim Martin
Donna Mervine
Shirley Munger
Donelle Myers
Vanessa Netherlain
Donna Nicholson

Nick Nicholson
Ashlynn Porter
Stephen Porter
Melyssa Ragland
Lora Ragland-Tate
Janel Ray
Joshua Ray
Aubrey Smith
Rachel Streetman
Walleck Streetman
Kianna Thibodeaux
Cooter Todd
Roxan Todd
Suzanne Vickery
David Welsh

Date/ Time Approved: _____

Secretary's Signature

President's Signature



Got News???

Have something you want added to the newsletter? See something that needs changed? Have pictures from a playday?

Remember this is a member publication, send an email to gcsmp@gmail.com and we will see what we can make happen!



Welcome Wagon

The GCSMP would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member:

- Linda Jones



Upcoming Meetings:

9 September 2024 - 7:30pm

14 October 2024 - 7:30pm

11 November 2024 - 7:30pm