



GCSMP MONTHLY NEWS

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

Proposed Amendment Change Vote

New business for the September general membership meeting included a proposed change to Section 3. Posse Functions. Changes are highlighted in red.

Bylaw up for discussion as currently written:

Section 3. Posse Functions

Posse functions are defined as any function approved by the general membership to include but not limited to meetings, clean-up days, work days, parades, playdays, excluding participation in Drill Team performances. A member is expected to work a minimum of 2 hours during workday or playday to earn a point. Multiple points will not be earned during any one function. Points must be claimed immediately.

Proposed changes to the bylaw to be voted on at the next general meeting on 14 October 2024.

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For your voice to be heard, you must be at the meeting. We look forward to seeing you all there.

September Vote Results

The proposed amendment changes about adjusting the dues for membership was not approved. Members voted 16 not in favor, with 6 in favor. Dues will remain the same for next year, \$30 for an individual membership and \$40 for a family, with an initial fee of \$5.00 for each type.

What's in this newsletter:

- *PARADE DATES
- *MEETING HIGHLIGHTS/ MINUTES
- *DRILL TEAM UPDATES
- *NEW MEMBER WELCOME



2024 Fall Exhibitions



After a couple meetings in September, it was decided to host a set of Exhibition Days. With cooling temperatures this is the perfect opportunity to get moving.

For the first show we had a small group who had a great time running through the patterns. It was the perfect pace for members to try out new roles for volunteering and those in attendance expressed their excitement for returning in October.

The concession stand provided drinks and snacks, and there were pulled pork sandwiches available. Robbin Cresswell was there taking pictures for those making runs. With music playing and riders having fun, it was a great time all around. For those wanting to help for the next rounds, the arena will need cleaned by the 17th. An email will be sent out asking for volunteers. Thank you all so much in advance!





Drill Team Highlights

MS Parking Event

On 5 and 6 October, Drill Team members and their families worked to direct traffic on horseback for the MS Bike Ride. Members were able to talk to spectators, volunteers, and athletes as they moved about. This event is always fun as people are very excited to see the horses. This year volunteers came out to say hi that remembered us from last year and excitedly took pictures. This is a great fund raiser and promotes the kind of community involvement the Posse needs to grow.

Chris Crossing

On October 26th the Drill Team will be performing at Chris Crossing and then we will be visiting with family members. This foundation is a non-profit 501c(3) organization that hosts horseback riding workshops for Wounded Warriors, and families that have lost loved ones that were serving in the United States military, and family members of fallen first responders. Anyone who would like to attend can contact Barb Welsh for more details.

Upcoming Events:

GUADALUPE COUNTY FAIR - 13 OCTOBER
CHRIS CROSSING EVENT - 26 OCTOBER



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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— MIKE DITKA**

Parade Opportunities

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



Fair and Rodeo Parade 2024 Information:

We once again have the privilege to escort the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Department!

The Drill Team will ride and represent GCSMP in the parade Friday Oct 11th. We extend a welcome invitation for any member wanting to ride in the parade, however, I do want to share that there is a lot of stimulation for the horses. There is a lot of noise, movement and people. It is not a fresh horse or beginning rider situation and safety is our first priority. If you have a trusty horse and want to be part of the parade, it is a lot of fun.

*We will meet at the Seguin Rodeo Arena and be ready to ride out at 7:15am. We will ride from the arena to the parade line up. We must be there in line by 8:30 or may be denied entry. If you are late it will be up to you to ride, find, and join us in the lineup.

*We will park at the arena in the grassy area reserved for rodeo contestants and you must have an updated Coggins to enter. **THEY WILL BE CHECKING.**

*Line up position will be #4.

*Drill Team will be in red uniform shirts/white cowboy hats, members are asked to wear a white long sleeve western shirt and white cowboy hat, if you need patches you can buy them at the meetings.

* Any rider who is a minor must be approved by Barb Welsh before parade day.



Meeting Minutes

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



GCSMP General Membership Meeting Minutes



Date: 9 September 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.
- August's minutes were amended and approved at 7:36 p.m.
- Cindy Tripoli gave the Treasurer's Report at 7:37 p.m.
- Four new membership applications were received. Rita Terry, Ryan Brumbaugh, Dillon Stutts and Brittany Henriksen made their introductions and were voted on and approved for membership

Committee Reports:

Arena:

Tom Ayers reported that the arena will continue to get worked for drill practice and speed nights.

Playday:

Alice Campbell reported on the discussions had at the playday committee meeting from 5 September 2024. A three-part fall series was agreed on featuring only speed events, with a holiday themed mystery event. There was a lot of interest expressed when the potential dates were posted online. A food truck will need to be investigated, and a workday will need to occur the week prior. Alice has also brought all the materials and records from past playdays. We have a few extra buckles that can be updated for later playdays from prizes that were not given out due to no shows from the last playday.

Concessions:

Barb Welsh reported the concession stand is currently closed until the next event is scheduled. It has been stocked with water for the drill team and will continue to restock. She said she would get with the playday committee to find out what will be needed for the fall events.

Drill Team:

Barb Welsh reported that the MS Bike Ride will take place on October 5th and 6th. This event was established as a fundraiser for the drill team, and she will have a time sheet available for anyone who might want to help. There is a performance scheduled for 26 October at Chris Crossing, a nonprofit organization that works with wounded warriors and their families, as well as with the families of those who have fallen. After the performance, the drill team will be providing pony rides to family members. All members of the posse are invited to participate. Cindy Tripoli asked that we look into what is going to be needed for insurance purposes. Barb said that if needed the pony rides can be done without the drill team wearing uniforms. If liability is going to be an issue, we will not represent the posse.

Old Business:

- The vote for the proposed amendment to the bylaws was held after a summary discussion of the last meeting and ballots were handed out. The proposed vote was 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). Ballots were collected and Jody Kotski counted, the result was 16 no votes and 6 yes votes. The proposed amendment change did not pass. Membership dues will remain the same.
- There will be mandatory points at the proposed playday series for the fall.
- Arena rehab / reconditioning plan was discussed. The specs from the plan passed around at the last meeting were discussed. There was a request to adjust the position of the alley and possibly adding a

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Meeting Minutes Continued

back stop to the sketch before requesting a quote. Boxes for the calf shoot were requested. The funds are present for these upgrades in the account.

- Alice Campbell discussed the possibility of renting out the arena, as she was propositioned by a contractor who wanted to use the arena. For this to happen we would need to check on insurance requirements and vote to agree on rental costs / rates desired by posse. Possible solution to part of this could be to require each renter to carry their own insurance.
- It was also asked that additional lights be added to the field when upgrades are made to improve visibility in the parking areas. Cindy added that each pole would add \$15 per pole to the electricity bill.
- MOTION by Tom Ayers to hold a vote on approving changes to the arena and moving forward with obtaining quotes for the requested changes; seconded and passed. Alice Campbell will move forward to get quotes from some welders. Vote passed yes unanimously.

New Business:

- Barbara Welsh brought forth a request to discuss the need for amending the bylaws to allow Drill Team performances to be allowed to be counted towards work points. This amendment was changed in February of 2023 to exclude them from counting. She would like that amendment to revert to what was previously stated. Bylaws going to 2012 have drill performances counting as posse functions. This request comes at the heels of those showing up in public performances and weekly practices and not being able to get points for that.
- MOTION by Barb Welsh to move to change the bylaws to exclude Drill Team practices and virtual drill performances but allow home and public arena performances to count as Posse Functions, which would allow for the awarding of work points to be voted on at the October general membership 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.
- Alice Campbell addressed the inquiry about Robert's Rule and how it pertains to the running of posse meetings. These are more of guidelines that allow organizations to model and are not requirements for organizations to follow.

MOTION to adjourn meeting; seconded and passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Jody M. Kotski

Date

Members Present:

Mary Ayers	Caitlin Fowler	Tasha McCurdy
Tom Ayers	David Hall	Lacey Smith
Ashley Bergeron	Linda Jones	Lillian Steward
Jimmie Callaway	Sean Ketchum	Cindy Tripoli
Kera Caraway	Jody Kotski	Barb Welsh
Alice Campbell	Jerry Lehmann	
Carl Etter	Sarah Lerma	

Members Absent:

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



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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 or another event?

Remember this is a member publication, send an email to gcsmtx@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:

- Ryan Brumbaugh
- Brittany Henricksen
- Dillon Stutts
- Rita Terry



Upcoming Meetings:

14 October 2024 - 7:30pm

11 November 2024 - 7:30pm