

GLASS-ED MEETING
Sunday, January 5, 2025

I. **Call to Order** – 6:36 pm

II. **Establish Quorum** –

Present: Amanda Pitsch, President; Janice Smith, VP Carmen Medina, Secretary; Jan Arbogast, Gwendolyn Cinzori, Aubrey Perrone, Tereasa Hufstedler, Joanne Coy,

Absent: Maria Lewis, Angela Fowler, Treasurer; Mary Johnson, Kimberly Dunlap,

Approval of November Minutes - Tereasa moved to approve, Joanne seconded, all approved.

III. **Officer reports**

a. President – Amanda – nothing to report.

b. Vice Pres – Janice – nothing to report.

c. Secretary – Carmen – nothing to report.

d. Treasurer – Tereasa – report: (Located at end of minutes)

V. **Approval of treasurer's report:**

VI. **Committee Reports**

Audit – Aubrey

June – December minutes have been audited.

Banquet Committee Report – Angie/Jan

Committee read over the survey comments which were very positive.

We would like to keep the banquet on a Sunday in Nov. (survey responses agreed) and at the same venue. (Survey responses agreed). We want to pick a date now so we can reserve our date with the venue.

We will be addressing the sound system we used at the venue. It was hard to hear. We are looking for names of a good speaker or ideas for this year's banquet. I think an allotment of 10-15 minutes is max. Even with the game we were losing attention after 10 minutes. LOL. **Will be looking at dates.**

Bylaws – Amanda

I need to update the bylaws for the website reflecting the change in the annual meeting voted on in November. Also, two other things to consider:

1. We have no requirements in place for any of our officer positions that require they have served on the board for any amount of time before assuming office (i.e. someone new could join and immediately be voted President or Treasurer). Some organizations have requirements around this to ensure continuity and security. We should consider if we want to add anything like that.

2. We restrict the office of President to 4 consecutive one-year terms. I think this is a **GOOD** thing. We should always allow fresh perspective, and not let it become a dictatorship where everyone is afraid to ask for change. We have a small community, so sometimes people are afraid to speak up, and this allows a way to remove that person from power/leadership without hurting feelings. However, we don't have a backup plan if no one is interested in taking the spot either. So, we are set up for a situation where the only person willing to lead is prevented from doing so, and you end up with a reluctant leader. Do we want/need to build a backup in here (if no one wants it, XYZ happens?) or do we feel there would always be someone to step up to the plate? I've just been on one too many boards where when someone is asked if they want a role, the answer is "I guess I can" and their heart or skills are not in it.

Will bring this up for a motion to be made next meeting (should anyone want to make a motion).

Clinic committee report – Amanda

Tentative plans:

April 5 - Saddle Fit clinic with Fran Cilella (I may assist if I have my certification complete).

Hosted at Bairdcroft. This is a 3-hour short format where the barn provides the horses, and we have a hands-on opportunity to evaluate various saddles on different equine shapes. Cost will be somewhere around \$60-75 for members. We did this clinic a few years ago and it went well. I hope we can subsidize the cost a bit here. It shouldn't be more than a few hundred dollars for GED.

Sports Psychology - I reached out to one other person to get a quote due to concerns over pricing for the first option. I will update as soon as I have more info. Hoping for a winter clinic on this one.

Biomechanics - Suzanne Galdun - April 26 & 27 at Pine Lake. Working on budget and possible TDF grant.

Show prep/intro virtual - working on details, but Carmen and I are working out some content for before show season to cover things like how to ensure you're registered properly for year-end awards, how to calculate points, where to find show rules/resources, equipment guides,

etc. It's meant to be an overview for those who may be new to showing or unsure how it all works. More details to come.

Scribing clinic - do we want to run this again? It was a virtual clinic that took about 3 hours. Last time we paid Shari Wolke and Stephanie Likens I think a few hundred dollars and it was well received.

Musical Freestyle clinic - not a GED hosted event, but they are offering a discount for GED members, so we are promoting. Equisonic Studios and Willow Ridge

I'm still hoping we can do some sort of intro to dressage for our youth. I would like to reach out to a few of the county 4H offices and see if we can work out an opportunity where someone from GED could do a half day or full day clinic with 4Hers in that county to teach them more about dressage - its benefits (including how it can help them in other areas of showing), the rules, and get them more interested in it. I will continue to explore this.

L program - Janice is working on Part 2. 8 people signed up so far (limit of 10). First session is in March. This will not be a money-making program for us, but we knew that heading into it. Proceeds from Part 1 help offset the cost of part 2 so we can keep it as affordable as possible for participants.

I've asked Thereasa and Audry to put together a line-item budget/accounting for the various areas of our club - operating expenses, virtual shows, banquet, year-end awards, clinics, etc. and make sure the education fund from the L Part 1 is clearly accounted for so we can ensure we are accurately using those funds for educational purposes.

Jane Manfredi from MSU has reached out to offer a virtual clinic in February. Still determining details.

As discussed via email, we will offer members first access to clinics.

GLASS-ED Annual Show committee report – Mary

1 ring only in 2025- date 6-14-25

Musical rides must bring own music source= Our speakers work with blue tooth but do not work during show with so many other blue tooth connections at the show grounds.

Thoughts on not sanctioning with ADA to try to keep the classes available for GED riders?

Do sanction with WDAMI again to try to pick up western members. We will be sanctioned Western.

Keep entry fees the same? **YES**. Any office fee per entry? **YES - \$15**.

GMO committee report – Janice

Nothing to report.

Marketing Committee Report – Carmen

Preparing the 2025 Show page to go live. Added revised 2025 rules to website. Updating social and website as needed. **Show page will go live with email and social this week.**

Membership Committee Report – Mary

We have 33 members signed up for 2025. Jan Arbogast received the free membership drawing.

Nominations – Gwendolyn

Nothing to report.

Omnibus committee report – Mary

Advertisers needed for the omnibus. Check web site for forms.

Let Mary know what info you want listed in omnibus for board connections

Phone, email, city or full address

Marketing or Banquet- Please send me the list of award sponsors and the auction and prize donors to list in omnibus

With so many more shows; do you want them listed in 2 columns on the cover with less info, or on cover and continuing over to the inside cover? **Letting Mary decide best way to handle.**

Rules – Amanda

Updated show rules around ride limits have been posted on the GED site. Carmen reviewed all the changes for me. **Carmen will update rules to include new vote tonight about adding registered gaited breed to YEA breed option.**

Point Keeper Committee report – Mary

With so many shows this season- Could we emphasize to hosts that the final report should have the classes and placings clearly shown. Not just a sheet with everyone's scores and placings in random order. But the classes grouped together as a class and as they are placed; not in the mixed-up order that they showed. It would eliminate a great deal of work (and mistakes) putting the classes together. I would appreciate it.

Show Committee Report – Carmen

I have reached out to Lone Tree to see if they'd like to sanction in 2025.

Below is the current approved list of shows for 2025. An email has been sent to each show host to confirm, ask for payment and request show bills for omnibus.

- Pine Lake May 10
- Thistle Run May 10
- Thistle Run May 11
- Aberdeen May 17
- Aberdeen May 18
- Reins of Life June 7
- Reins of Life June 8
- GLASS-ED Annual Show June 14
- Thistle Run June 14
- Wyn June 14
- Thistle Run June 15
- Wyn June 15
- Aberdeen June 21
- Aberdeen June 22
- Wyn June 28
- Wyn June 29
- Thistle Run July 12
- Thistle Run July 13
- Rainbow Riders July 19
- Aberdeen July 19
- Wyn July 19
- Aberdeen July 20
- Wyn July 20
- Aberdeen August 9
- Wyn August 9
- Aberdeen August 10
- Wyn August 10
- Thistle Run August 16
- Thistle Run August 17
- Wyn August 23
- Wyn August 24
- Pine Lake September 6
- Wyn September 13
- Wyn September 14
- Reins of Life September 20
- Aberdeen September 20
- Reins of Life September 21
- Aberdeen September 20

Show Evaluations – Maria

Nothing to report.

Year End Awards report – Mary

Breed pads, shirts, coolers \$2826.08

Rosettes(98) \$916.04

Ink, papers ribbons \$48.00

Break down costs:

High Point -26 hooded sweatshirt jackets = \$1341.18

 Average \$51.58 each

High % - 22 rolling coolers= \$923.76

 Average \$41.99 each

Breed – 7 saddle pads = \$561.15

 Average \$80.16 each

For next year, the jackets can have additional embroidery for \$6-\$10 more each in 4” diagonal area

On Championship hoody was not picked up. I am trying to contact Melissa Stauffer to get it to her (Centreville)

Discussion for 2025 – do we add a registered gaited horse category for breed awards to encourage more Western Dressage next year? Carmen motioned; Jan seconded. Motion passed.

Also, Jan suggested adding a “draft horse” category. Mary is going to give us some details on what type of breed numbers we had in 2024.

Virtual Shows – Kimberly

Nothing to report

Youth – Gwendolyn

We would like to increase youth participation in the upcoming year. To summarize the earlier email thread, it seems that people are interested in hosting virtual clinics for youth that could potentially be covered by the education fund. We would be on the lookout for instructors and facilities interested in helping with these clinics.

There was also discussion of offering some free classes or scholarships for youth participants or having bring-a-friend style events to reach more people.

VI. Old Business:

Email was sent since November meeting - A member who has an accounting degree offered to help with auditing. We still need that committee chaired by a member, but it is mostly following up with Aubrey to make sure things are completed. If all goes well, we can possibly

invite her to fill Sandi's vacancy on the board, but she wants to try things out first. This was voted on and approved.

VII. **New Business:**

Limits for YEA wins per rider/division? i.e. can only win YEA at TL AA for 1 year or 2 years – can continue to compete but not win YEA? Or leave as is with no restrictions?

Much discussion. Varied opinions. Nothing came of the discussion. Might bring up at a later time.

Budget/ideas – YEA for 2025 (holding off for next meeting – not enough time)

Next meeting – February 2nd 6:30

Motion to close - Adjourned at 7:58 pm

Meeting Minutes submitted by Carmen Medina, Secretary

5/3 Bank

Beginning Balance		\$27,605.57
Deposits		\$720.00
Debits		(\$1,195.85)
Ending Balance	5/3 Bank	\$27,129.72

Deposits

Membership		55
auction-Williamson	270	
auction-Zandstra	100	
auction-Goldsholl	95	
auction-Cooper	80	
auction-Hassings	80	
auction-Smith	40	
auction income-checks		665
total income		720

Expenses:

wix	\$216.00
postage-virtual	\$18.85
wix	\$936.00
usdf	\$25.00
	\$1,195.85

PayPal

Beginning Balance	\$1,704.43
income	\$408.56
fees	(\$16.19)
Total Ending Balance PayPal	\$2,096.80

Lesia Kloski	37.19	store
Carol Lohr	28.69	store
Ben Hunter	67.68	store
Jane Williar	25	winter virtual
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Thistle Run	200	thistle run sanction fees 8x
	408.56	

Also, transferred 1096.80 on 1/1/2025 to 5/3

outstanding deposits for 2024

auction \$330
 clinic audits \$100
 membership \$55 Varble

I had placed the cash/checks from auction in my briefcase.
 Forgot about it, till I was going thru it on New Years Eve. I'll be
 back home from recovering from surgery next week and will get
 deposited. Posting this to be accountable for this and for follow
 thru that it gets done