

Welcome to the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Horse Council



GHC Officers

- **President.....Patty Livingston**
- **Vice President.....Tamma Trump**
- **Treasurer.....Lynne Robinson**
- **Secretary.....Cynthia Anderson**
- **Alternate.....Linda Kundell**

Committee Leads

Education Coordinator

Open

Public Relations Director

Open

Facebook

Open

Webmaster

Open

Event Coordinator

Open

Volunteer Coordinator

Open

Media Coordinator

Open

Lobbyist

Financial Report

- We currently have \$8,370.04 in the bank.
- The only source of income for the GHC are memberships.
- There are 158 Active Members.
- Monthly outlay is approximately \$300.

GHC Goals for 2018

- Keep monthly insurance payments current.
- Move GHC website to new server, install SSL (for security) and a plugin to support hand held devices.
- Update information on website.
- Set up a few booths at various events to let people know that we're still around.
- Implement a membership drive.
- Sponsor a castration clinic during GERL's castration day.
- Sponsor a KelMac class during a show.

Suggestions from You

- **Lobbying:**

- Wallet size Coggins available for horse owners.
- Urge State Parks to become more involved and receptive to equestrians by:
 - Provide an annual riding pass similar to annual parking pass.
 - Align prices for using State Parks more affordable for families to ride/camp.

Suggestions from You

- **Website:**

- Obtain member benefits.

- GHC members would be allowed to use the covered arena at the Cobb Equestrian Center at Jim Miller Park and other equine facilities around Georgia.
- It would be a major selling point for GHC membership if the accompanying insurance would allow the use of public arenas.

- Offer Discounts to any GHC events.

- **Newsletter:**

- Online capability through Wild Apricot.

Suggestions from You

- **Events:**
 - Horse Fair in 2020?

Some GHC History

Objectives of the Georgia Horse Council:

- Unite Georgia's horse industry to speak with one clear voice.
- Monitor legislation and administrative decisions which impact Georgia's horse/horsemen.
- Promote interest in horse-related activities and the equine industry to the non-horse world.
- Monitor national and international issues affecting Georgia's equine industry and communicate those issues.
- Develop educational programs, data resources, promotions and networking opportunities for Georgia's equine industry.
- Give Georgians a voice, through the American Horse Council, in national efforts to promote and protect the horse industry through the AHC's communications with Congress, federal agencies, the media, the public and the industry itself on behalf of all horse related interests.
- Provide a forum for the equine industry to develop programs and map policies for the future well-being of Georgia's equine industry.

Bylaws of the GHC

Board of Directors:

- The GHC Bylaws currently state that there shall be 10 Directors, and shall be broadly representative of all of the equine industries and breeds in Georgia.
- Directors shall serve a two year term.
- Each year the Nominating Committee shall nominate at least five (5) candidates for Directors. Candidates selected and nominated by the Nominating Committee shall be broadly representative of all of the disciplines and needs of equine in Georgia, and all organizations servicing the horse industry in Georgia.

Some GHC History

A Few of the Annual GHC Events:

- Georgia Horse Fair in January in Perry.
- Bob Bell Hunter Jumper Classic Charity Event.
- Triple Challenge Barrel Race.
- Spring and Fall Trail Rides.
- Equine Appreciation Month in Georgia.

Some GHC History

Benefits offered by the GHC :

- One million Dollars in Excess Equine Liability Insurance Coverage.
- Quarterly Newsletter & Updates via the GHC Web Site.
- Legislative action alerts and updates on statewide and regional activities.
- Representation on the GDA Equine Advisory Board and DNR Greenways and Trails Committee.
- Discounted entry into the GHC Annual Horse Fair.
- Member discounts at local businesses.

What Other HCs are Doing

Horse Council Events in other States:

- Horse Fairs.
- Horse Shows.
- Castration Clinics.
- Training law enforcement about equine.
- Trail and Saddle Programs
- Trail Rides
- Youth Program
- Clinics
- Work with all horse disciplines to form a partnership to promote horses in their state.



The Georgia Horse Council Needs You!

Our membership is the foundation of our organization. Our unity is essential to securing legislation that positively affects our interests. Open communication and knowledge are necessary ingredients toward assuring a successful enterprise.