



GEORGIA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC.

2018 General Membership Meeting Notice

Date: Sunday, January 14, 2018
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Place: Marriott Windward
5750 Windward Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA 30005

AGENDA

- Election of Board Members *
- President's Address
- Year-End Financial Report
- Year-End Committee Reports

The purpose of the General Membership meeting is twofold:

1. To vote for new Board Members and to replace those whose terms are expiring.
2. To share information with the membership about the activities of the Board, its Committees, and of the GHJA as an organization.

****Please Note:*** *In order to vote, you must be a 2018 Senior member and must have been a Senior member in good standing as of July 1, 2017. You may renew your membership for the 2018 season at the meeting and still be eligible to vote.*



Nominating Committee Report

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The nominating committee, chaired by GHJA Member, Julie Mohr, is putting forth the following nominees for the Board of Directors.

- Karen Boysen
- Stephanie Cumming*
- Kathy Fishman
- Deb Gannon
- Meg Halloran
- Lauren Kissel
- Sami Malik
- Jay Sims
- Anna Tootle

As required by GHJA By-Laws, 6 Director Positions must be filled at this election. The current Board members whose terms are expiring are:

- Karen Boysen
- Stephanie Cumming
- Mimi Hardie
- Lauren Kissel
- Barbara Macon
- Jay Sims

Additional candidates for Board of Directors and Hearing Committee can be nominated from the floor by means of a petition signed by 10 senior members of the GHJA, who must be present at the General Membership Meeting. The signed petition must be presented to the Executive Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

**out of town member*

Biographies of New Nominees for 2018 Board

Kathy Fishman

Hi! I'm Kathy Fishman and would love to increase my presence in GHJA by being on the board. My love of horses began at an early age when my parents bought me a pony which we kept in our yard. From that point on I was a lover of horses and have shared that passion with my daughter for the past 20 years. For the past 15 years I have been announcing at hunter jumper shows. Recently I began working in the show office during check in and check out as well.

My "regular job" experience was as a public school teacher. My teaching career spanned elementary through high school and I spent the last 20 years as a high school mathematics teacher. After

retiring from Cobb County in 2014 I focused on working horse shows and am loving every minute.

I am proud to be a member of GHJA and would like to give back to the organization by offering my time and efforts. I am looking to be a learner and assistant behind the scenes while I learn more about the association. I thank you for your consideration to be a member of the board.

Deb Gannon

I train one-on-one with beginners, emphasizing the fundamentals of horse care and riding. For more experienced riders, I concentrate on perfecting riders' skills and preparing them for competition. All lessons are scheduled at the client's convenience and designed for individual riders to gain the most rewarding and fun experience. I specialize in Hunters, Jumpers, and Equitation.

My love for horses began at an early age. At five years old I began learning how to ride at a sleep-away camp in North Georgia and has been dedicated to the sport ever since. Though I didn't have as many opportunities to ride as a girl, I furthered my learning in any way I could through my position as a working student. In 2004, as an adult, I moved to Wellington, Florida and began training with top-notch trainers in the area to sharpen my skills. I also had my two children at the time, one of whom is also currently a dedicated rider. Upon moving back to Georgia in 2009, I opened my first facility. In just a matter of four months my boarders and I had already out-grown it and moved to a new facility in Alpharetta and grew from there. In 2013, My Serenity Farms had grown enough to move out of their second facility and into a beautiful and roomy facility off of Birmingham Road where I'm currently stationed. Currently, I further my own riding ability by training with a dressage trainer and ride with as many clinicians that are available to us. I use every bit of knowledge to further my own students' abilities.

Meg Halloran

I am a native of Columbia, South Carolina and have been riding and showing Hunter/Jumpers for 25 years. I had a successful junior career primarily in the Jumper and Equitation divisions. I attended St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, NC, majoring in Equine Business Management. I rode with the St. Andrews' Equestrian Team under Shelby French and later Peggy McElveen and was a member of its IHSA and ANRC teams; winning the ANRC National Team Championship in 2000, 2001, and 2002. After college, I went on to obtain my law degree at the University of South Carolina. During that time I also pursued training and certification with the American Society of Equine Appraisers, a certification that I continue to hold. My law practice is focused on insurance defense, and I primarily specialize in workers' compensation and employment defense. I remained involved with IHSA after college and competed as an alumni for a number of years. I also served as Head Coach for the University of South Carolina IHSA club team from 2009 to 2011. My involvement with collegiate riding brought me to work with the IEA as a steward. I officiate IEA shows across the Southeast and have had the honor of stewarding the IEA Zone 4 Finals a number of times.

My husband's career took us from Columbia, South Carolina to Philadelphia, and then to Atlanta. We love Atlanta and are glad to be back down South. When we moved to Georgia, I wanted to be involved in the local equestrian community despite not having a horse of my own - making two moves up and down the east coast was not conducive to horse ownership. Since I enjoyed my stewarding work with IEA, I became a GHJA steward in 2014. This past year I also served on the GHJA Rules Committee and

was also given the opportunity to speak to GHJA members about legal and insurance issues in the horse industry. I believe I would offer a range of perspective as a GHJA Board member since I have seen our sport through the eyes of a participant as well as a liaison between participants, show management, and the governing bodies.

I hate that I cannot be present at this year's annual meeting to introduce myself to those who have not met me previously. I had a prior commitment to steward for the Brick Store and Idlewild IEA shows in Buckhead, GA occurring the same weekend.

Sami Malik

I am a 27 year old trainer who successfully started a 501c3 non-profit riding academy my senior year of high school with the help of a few very important adults. As a sophomore in college, at Kennesaw State University, I became a professional, and began to teach part time at the farm. I graduated KSU in 2015 with my BFA and began to teach at our farm full time.

I currently run a program with 37 horses from varying backgrounds, many of whom are rescues, OTTBs, or donations. The majority of the horses are used in the riding academy and also show on our local GHJA circuit. Horses who cannot work in our program, are sanctuaries, and have permanent retirement at our farm. The riding program consists of about 40 students from the most beginner through seasoned junior and amateur riders. Much of my time is spent on our 27 acre farm managing, riding, and teaching 6 days a week.

I am passionate about our sport, compete regularly and also continually educate myself about our sport through clinics and lessons with top professionals including, George Morris, Bernie Traurig, Rob Gage, Frank Madden, and Greg Best to name a few. I have had the privilege of riding with these professionals and used my education to retrain over 20 OTTBs, many rescue horses, and help horses with behavioral issues become successful riding partners. My students have gone on to successfully ride our academy horses/ponies at local and national level shows on a regular basis each year.

Anna Tootle

My name is Anna Tootle. I am 18 years old and became a professional this December. My farm name is Cricket Hill Farm. I ride and train hunters, jumpers, and equitation horses. I have been riding for 11 years and have been an integral part of the GHJA community during those years. I would love the opportunity to serve on the GHJA board. I have been very involved with the younger riders at the local and A show level. Thank you for considering me for this opportunity.