

## GEN. MEMBERSHIP MEETING — 2/23/2013 Evangeline Downs

Nita Thomas, President called the meeting to order. Introductions we made of the new Amateur Board – Gilbert Arevalo is the new president, Gay Jourdan is Vice President and Carol Richardson is Secretary. Gilbert spoke to the members of changes he felt should be made to help our amateurs including more amateur meetings including on at the Region 9 show, to have a Team Tournament at the Amite show with some type of awards and to possibly have a silent auction and bring back the Amateur Versatility at later dates.

An election was held to fill our empty board of director spots. The board brought forth for re-election Susan Schneider. A nomination from the floor by Carol Richardson nominated Sally Blackwell. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea Mitchell. A nomination from the floor was also made by Bill Mayfield for T.E. Vinci this was 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoAnn Graphia. A vote by paper ballot was counted by Nita Thomas, Bill Mayfield and Carol Richardson. Our new board member is Sally Blackwell and Susan Schneider retained her seat.

There was discussion of the upcoming shows – our Spring Show and Region 9, also Amite Circuit.

Bill Mayfield made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rawhide Blackwell.

Minutes were ratified by the executive board.