

NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMANS ASSOCIATION (NWGHA )

MEETING MINUTES – August 2012

Present: President Keri Davidson , Treasurer Sheri Fennell, Pointskeeper Allison Witt, Secretary Linda Pechenino, Vice Pres Molly Wills, list of members attending (see attached sign in sheet). A roll call was done to ensure all clubs were represented (all clubs were represented).

Meeting Opened at 7:25 p.m. Treasurer's report – copy available for review. Beginning balance: \$5614.28, expenses \$2073.45, deposits \$831.46; ending balance \$4372.29 Savings acct: \$10,602.48

Order of business will be the draw for the order to pick state show work times and days (must work 2 different days for 1.5 hours). Stall assignments were given to state riders. Northwest will have blue vests for workers. NW has been assigned the gate at Reaves arena. Sign up started for picking work hours and locations. State riders signed for their envelopes for state riders monies and Paulding County envelopes for state participants with award money (PC-SC state riders only).

Early arrival at Perry is authorized for Thursday; however, there will be a stall charge. Motion made for Northwest to pay the \$50 fee to Agricenter to have early Thursday stall made available. Motion passed.

Announcement for new 2012-2013 officers made (as per July meeting).

Announcement of the winner of the Alison Garner Award for Youth made: Dustin Rogers-Vanwyke

Proposed new Northwest rules changes were discussed but put on hold for another meeting.

Proposed Rules changes: Submit in August, vote in September, apply in October show: The following changes were discussed during the July and August meeting for consideration:

1. State Qualifying show changed to 1 day from 2 days (pleasure and timed on same day) fewer classes, less money taken in, and no end of year awards/recognition for riders not wishing to or not qualifying for the state show. Additionally, rookie and beginner only classes would need to be eliminated.
2. State rider qualifying points are available at the show sign up office at each show and additionally can be reviewed on line at the NWGHA web site. Therefore, state certified riders must file a complaint for a disagreement with the state rider points no NLT May 1 of the current show year which is prior to the Audit Committee issuance of the Final Points Standing List. The audit of points is scheduled and done just before the last qualifying show. The audit of points allows the state qualified riders to be identified and announced at the last qualifying show. No state participant can file a complaint on a points discrepancy after May 1 (which would change the Final Points Standing List). If a rider has another issue to grieve which concerns the state show he/she must pay the \$50 grievance fee and show that

they had no way of identifying the problem before the last qualifying show. If the grievant fails to show an acceptable reason for dealing with the issue then the Final Points Standing List will stand and the grievance will not be upheld. The NWGHA officers and board will meet and consider the grievance and will make the final decision in the matter.

3. Tie breaker method for determining state qualified riders per each class.
  - a. Currently Northwest breaks the tie by the most number of shows of the tied individuals.
  - b. Second method is for the highest number of placings as tie breaker.
  - c. A third method needs to be determined and used (since these two methods did not break the tie in 2012).
  - d. Suggestions are needed.
    - i. Suggestions by attendees:
    - ii. Averaging of all placings (points earned) during the qualifying shows or averaging of the 4 highest placings (points earned).
    - iii. Another suggestion of tie breaker by ride off, or flip of coin.
    - iv. Another suggestion is the team/rider with the highest placing in the disputed class at the last show where both riders are present in the class.
4. Proposal made to have any state rider/participant notify Northwest that he/she is not listed correctly on the state points list by May 1 in any year to receive a correction to the points that is not found or corrected by the Northwest board of officers.

New 2012-2013 officer and Board nominations: Officer list accepted per the club votes.

President: Keri Davidson

Vic e President: Molly Wills

Treasurer: Sheri Fennell

Secretary: Linda Pechenino

Pointskeeper: Nikki Vanwyke

Webmaster: Allison Witt

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jessica Nguyen

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Linda Pechenino

Secretary