

NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMANS ASSOCIATION (NWGHA )

MEETING MINUTES – July 2012

Present: President Keri Davidson (out at a show) , Treasurer Sheri Fennell, Pointskeeper Allison Witt, Secretary Linda Pechenino, Vice Pres Molly Wills, additionally interested organization Members attended.

Meeting Opened at 7:15 p.m. Treasurer's report – copy passed out for review. June 29 beginning balance: \$8315.00 total deposits (state show rider entry and stalls) \$5394.00. Withdrawals: transfer to savings \$2000.00 , Jul 12 Fed payment 168 entries, new classes entry \$204,00; stalls 77 \$4158.00, dues \$725.00 – total \$8095 Ending balance \$5614.28 Savings acct: \$10,602.48

Federation state show – status: Northwest has not yet received the schedule of work for our members, a request has been made to Kim Morrison (Federation coordinator). Monies have been sent for the show (as shown above). The participant list has been forwarded to Kim Morrison.

Early arrival to the state show: Per Allison, the Agricenter personnel check the stalls at 11 p.m. and notes all occupied stalls (\$5.00 per stall for Thursday night, and \$50.00 per association).

State show stall assignments and work hours schedules/assignments will be determined at the August meeting (to be held at the Bartow arena, meeting to start at 7 p.m.)

NOMINATIONS FOR Allison Garner Award for youth: Nominees listed below:

Sara Bentley, Mary Jones, Emma Hovers, Sammy Fennell, Maria Russell, Lexi Lesmez, Isabella Brandeth, Dustin Rodgers-Vanwyke

Members present were asked to vote for 2 persons (secret ballot) Results : Winner \_\_\_\_\_ received the most votes and was declared the winner. Winner to be announced at NWGHA meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

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 later than shortly after the next to last show and 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. If a rider wants to file a complaint on a points discrepancy during the last qualifying show for points prior to that show (which would change the Final Points Standing List) that rider 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 a points error 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. Currently Northwest breaks the tie by the most number of shows of the tied individuals. Second method is to the highest number of placings. A third method needs to be determined and used. Suggestions are needed. Suggestion by attendees was: Averaging of all placings (points earned) during the qualifying shows or averaging of the 4 highest placings (points earned). Another suggestion of tie breaker by ride off, or flip of coin.

New 2012-2013 officer and Board nominations:

President: Keri Davidson

Vice President: Molly Wills

Treasurer: Sheri Fennell

Secretary: Linda Pechenino

Pointskeeper: Nikki Vanwyke

Webmaster: Allison Witt

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jessica Nguyen

The voting for the new 2013 officers will be held at the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Linda Pechenino

Secretary