

NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION (NWGHA)
MINUTES FOR March 2012

Meeting opened 7:15; members present: Pres Keri Davidson, Secretary Linda Pechenino, Web Master/Advertising/Pointskeeper Allison Witt, VP Molly Wills at school, Treasurer Sheri Fennell, and several members of the Lost Mountain Club.

Minutes for February 2012 were read by the secretary. A minor change was made to change the Lost Mountain refund to \$315 from \$345. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report was provided by Treasurer Fennell: Opening balance \$4313.64. Final balance of \$7294.62 with deposits of \$3650.25 and expenses of \$680.27.

Old Business: The item of Lost Mountain membership funds has been resolved. Lost Mountain now has a bank account. Treasurer Fennell will issue a check for \$315. Also, any Lost Mountain members needing working time can work at the June 2012 show to get in their work hours. A Lost Mountain representative still needs to be identified; however, any member of Lost Mountain may attend NWGHA meetings.

New Business: A new Sergeant at Arms has been identified: Jessica Wynn will serve in this position. Motion made and passed. A Parliamentarian is still needed.

New Federation rules were passed and classes were added. See attached:

Item: Georgia Dept of Agriculture will be asked to make GA Fed State show a state official event which will provide numerous benefits. Additional information will be provided when available.

Old Items of interest:

(Item also applies to the April high point awards) High point awards for the March show will be a carry bag (screen printed with NWGHA logo). The high point categories (14 categories) will remain the same. Please note there is a \$5.00 fee for entry into the high point pool. The normal rule of at least 2 participants for a high point award to be given was amended to include a high point award for only 1 participant when appropriate; however, there will be a \$7.50 entry fee to that rider to help with the cost of awards.

There will be an open trail exhibition (practice) for \$4.00 cash only at the entry to the trail setup. This practice session will be limited in time and will be run as follows: Pay \$4.00 at the gate and walk or ride the obstacles with care. Trail class will be set up using half of the arena. Only riders who are signed up for trail classes will be eligible to ride in the practice session.

NWGHA is attempting to get a preregistration system going in the future. Look for more (2011-2012 season) to members wishing to retain a constant number for the season for a

required fee of \$10.00. Again look for specific information pertaining to this item on the web site (if it is not found on the web site it is because it is not available for the March 2012 show).

At NWGHA shows animal abuse will be brought to attention of officials and abuser asked to stop and/or leave. Incident at March show (person hitting horse in head) was asked to stop hitting horse in head.

Discussion: judges can not be used for thirty days after judging a NWGHA show, but can judge again after 30 days.

Announcements will be made during the show that workers are needed and a drawing for a prize will be given to signed up workers with at least 3 hours or work credit.

Motion to adjourn, passed: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Linda Pechenino
NWGHA Secretary*

GEORGIA FEDERATION 2012-2013 RULES CHANGES

1. New classes added: Youth halter, youth showmanship, adult showmanship, youth walk/trot western, adult walk/trot western, youth walk/trot English, adult walk/trot English
2. New classes are probationary, cost will be \$12 each class
3. Proposed racking judge to be hired
4. Lounging only in outside lounge pens
5. Proper attire for riding during state show
6. Work schedules for associations will be provided week(s) before show
7. Riders/spectators/etc are not allowed to talk to judge
8. Gate crew members are authorized to call association groups in for a class not just the announcer. Riders must comply with gate workers
9. Show managers will try to give youth at least 30 minutes between classes (e.g. pony halter and pony pleasure can not be right together)
10. Show workers need to be familiar with classes they work
11. Three tractors to be hired instead of two