

## NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

### Meeting Minutes – October 2012

Meeting at 7:25 p.m. Present: Keri Davidson, President; Sheri Fennell, Treasurer; Linda Pechenino, Secretary; Allison Witt, Public Relations / Webmaster; Nikki Vanwyke, Pointskeeper; Jessica Nguyen, Sergeant at arms, Jen Lovely, Parliamentarian.; Karen Fallow, member. Not in attendance: Molly Wills and Dawn Abbott.

Minutes read from September 2012 meeting: Motion made to accept Sep 2012 minutes: Sheri and Jessica. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$3879.80; expenses; \$1321.81; deposit \$2669.00; and ending balance \$5226.99. Savings account balance \$10,600. Motion to accept: Jessica and Jen (passed) Note: 2011 October show profit - \$2519 --- 2012 October show profit \$966.92.

Alison provided a spread sheet with members earning a year end award. (72 first places and 58 second places, 132 total). Our budget for the awards is \$2900 (including the banquet expenses). Members earning multiple awards can be given the equivalent cash instead of the award. A location of the Paint Shack in Cartersville has agreed to provide a location of sufficient size for \$150. The Paint Shack is located in the shopping strip across hwy 41 from Target in Cartersville. The date will be Sunday at 2 p.m., January 19, 2013. This will be a bring a dessert or salad and after the awards party, members will be able to stay and do a Pay to Paint picture. Info will be provided later concerning this activity.

New business: Question concerning showing in a pony halter and a youth halter class. Ponies can only be shown in pony classes not in horse classes.

Proposals to Federation:

- (1) Request made to present a proposal to Federation for pony horsemanship and/or equitation classes to be added.
- (2) Proposal to have an equipment judge check tack , etc. before entry into a class at Perry (person doing this job could be assigned by the responsible show association or hired).
- (3) Proposal to have Queen and Princess classes for English riders.
- (4) Proposal that only racking horses be allowed in racking classes (paso fina not a racking horse)
- (5) Proposal to hire a racking horse judge for racking classes, have all racking classes on Monday with trail pleasure racking adult and youth added, Monday racking classes not to last longer than 12 noon on Monday and 5 – 10 minute breaks between classes to allow any shared horses to have a break between youth and adult classes.

Next Federation meeting is Sunday November 11, 2012. Keri will attend this meeting and present NWGHA change proposals.

Discussion concerning the dragging of the arena for NWGHA shows. Cost has recently increased to \$250. A lower bid for dragging may need to be researched.

Currently the NWGHA By Laws require an update. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. All minutes from previous meetings will be reviewed and changes identified to update the By Laws. This meeting is to be held in Cartersville by the officers and board members.

Item for Discussion: A participant in the October 2012 show did not pay the required office fees for all the riders participating in the show. This individual and those whose fees were not paid will not be allowed to show in NWGHA shows until these fees are paid. All riders/participants must pay the required office fee.

Additionally, Sheri advised the board that a person who has not paid a returned check (from 2 years ago) showed at the October 2012 show. This person will be contacted to pay the \$120 delinquent returned check and will not be allowed to show if they do not pay.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Linda Pechenino, Secretary