

NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION (NWGHA)
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 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 absent with illness

Minutes for January 2012 were read by the secretary. A minor change was made to clarify one item (Bartow fee change to \$75, after the June show).

Treasurer's report: No change from January Meeting (treasurer absent) Opening balance \$4524.64; check to Food Bank Donation \$200, ending balance \$4324.64.

Old Business: Item of Lost Mountain membership refund is currently unresolved. This item will remain open until a solution can be found: Item from January meeting follows: Treasurer Sheri is holding \$345 from Lost Mtn membership checks/cash. There is no Lost Mtn bank account with any responsible officer(s); therefore, the check to Lost Mtn will be held until a decision by Lost Mtn is acceptable. NWGHA will not write a check to an individual for Lost Mtn membership funds. Additional issue of work hours for individuals/families joining Lost Mtn club after the first show which Lost Mountain was responsible for putting on needs to be clarified later. These LM members did not work for LM and may not qualify for good standing unless they work at some other show. This issue will need to be clarified later. Motion made by Sheri: NWGHA will not write a member club a check to an individual until that club has a designated club representative. NWGHA will issue a club member a refund with proof of membership (prorated for time).

New Business: Item clarified from January meeting: Bartow Saddle Club will increase the rental for arena fee to NWGHA qualifying shows from \$50 to \$75.

Officer replacements are still needed for NWGHA parliamentarian and sergeant at arms positions. Anyone wishing to fill one of these positions should contact NWGHA President. Also a representative for Lost Mountain Club is needed.

Next Federation meeting is March 3, 2012 at the Agricenter. Items to be put forward by NWGHA are the addition of other judges (APHA, Pinto, Buckskin, Appaloosa, etc) and the status of a judge for the state show racking classes.

NWGHA advertisements have been sent to multiple outlets by Allison Witt. Look for these notices and members can pass the word on to potential participants. There have been several calls from riders interested in the ranch horse classes.

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 for classes for the March 2012 show. Look for more specific information on the web site. Additionally, NWGHA will assign show season numbers (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).

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 of work credit.

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

*Linda Pechenino
NWGHA Secretary*