

## NWGHA Meeting Minutes

3/24/2016

Meeting was called to order, 7:14 PM Bartow County Saddle Club, Cartersville, GA

Minutes were read from the February meeting and were approved with corrections.

### Treasurer Report (Linda)

- Balance in checking was reviewed
- Expenses were reviewed
- Still owe Jess Nguyen awards from 2015 (order short)
- Pole bases still need priced to reimburse Keri
- Linda did file the corporation renewal for 2015 & 2016

### VP (Jessica)

- No report

### Running VP (Donny)

- Absent

### Points Keeper (Allison)

- Received class sheets at meeting and will update based on March show results

### Chaplain (Linda)

- Please call her up to say the prayer at the show. Noted that Kierstan did a good job at the March show

### PR (Melissa)

- Posted April show on Facebook

### Parliamentarian (Karen)

- No report

### Sgt at Arms (Trudy)

- Reviewed Coggins issue that occurred at the March show. (Horses left grounds)

### Old Business

- Projected calendar is posted on the website
- Show sheet was amended to show 'horse' next to specific classes
- Mel to purchase paper and a binder to print off rules

### New Business

- Federation rule changes were reviewed as to what passed and failed
  - o NWGHA BOD will need to decide how to administer rule change #1 which allows a competitor to not move from a walk/trot class due to physical limitation. Association president needs to approve reason for allowing competitor to not move up.

- Work Vest Color voted on and needs submitted to Federation
  - Blue
  - Red
  - Purple
- Club reps, please take the changes back to your clubs and review
- Racking judge for March Show
  - Ring steward told him that he did not need to place 10 places (so he didn't)
  - Judge has to place 10 places
- No judges cards at the show
  - Mel to make additional judges cards
  - Cards were in the gray tote in the announcers booth
  - No one from Paulding showed up at 8 AM to go over computer and where office materials were located.
  - Gray tote left in the announcers booth.
- Linda is still comparing registration sheets with deposits.
- Potential new judges were submitted to the Judging Committee for review
  - Committee needs to develop a standard set of questions to ask potential judges.
  - Brian & Jess will create the list of questions for the BOD to review and approve
- May show, PCSC needs to hire their judges
- Question to Bartow as to whether they were hiring their tractor out. For now it is still working through Wayne Allen.
- Taxes
  - Linda has been going through and reviewing the big boxes of materials that she received from Sheri
  - Last time we filed was in 2011
  - Since we did not file, we received a letter from the IRS revoking our tax exempt status
    - We have until October to get this back
  - Do not have all of the required information to fill the forms out. Linda is missing 21 bank statements and there were not financial statements created
  - Accounts used to be with PNC Bank and Linda is trying to get copies of the statements without having to pay for them (\$10 each)
  - Trudy noted that as long as we didn't have \$50,000 or more in earnings, we should be able to refile the previous years
  - Filing fee for this will be \$800
  - Trudy did complete the filing for 2015
  - Change needs to be made to synch up the finances with the fiscal year.
  - Motion made to increase the amount of money allocated to fixing the tax
- Need to have people who know how to run the office and fill out the paperwork
  - Each club should have registered people who can perform the duties required
- Need to ask Donny if he knows what happened to the Pony Cards. Keri & Laura were asked about them at the Federation meeting
- Need to post the Sunday show sheet (Running) on the web
  - Laura to scan and send to Alison

#### Rule Change proposals

- Paulding County
  - No rule change proposals
- Lost Mountain
  - Add under treasurer duties the responsibility of filing taxes
  - Separate racking judge required to be hired

- Fix the conflict where a competitor can petition the board for an open spot for the state show where they have made 50% of the required shows and pay \$50.00 to apply; where the NWGHA rule specifies 51% of the shows
- Bartow County
  - No rule change proposals
- Other
  - Running VP definition
    - Duties
      - Required to be at all running functions from beginning to end
      - Thorough knowledge of all the rules and regulations for running
      - Knows and is responsible for all props and required equipment (timers, poles, bases, cones, barrels, tape measure, etc.)
  - Amend VP position to include duties
    - Hire judge as needed
    - Liaison to judge
  - Add to secretary duties
    - Keep track of BOD votes where clarification is needed
  - Add rule that anytime the BOD needs to clarify an issue during the show season; that issues is automatically on the agenda to review during rules change proposals
  - Add the Federation pony rule
  - Define rule pecking order
  - Change the show sheet to \$8.00 and \$10.00 for classes with a discount for pre-registration.
  - Change the payback percentage to be 80%
  - Clarify who votes on rule change proposals
    - Club reps only (based on club membership vote)
    - Board of directors
- Point certification sheet issue with Lost Mountain member who neglected to fill out their sheet. Voted to allow their points to count.