

NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2015

Meeting Opened 7:15 pm: Present: Jessica Nguyen, Linda Pechenino, Melissa Kane, Allison Witt, Donnie Williams, Karen Fallon, Sheri Fennell, Bartow rep (Donnie) (Keri out of town). Additionally, Bartow club members Laura McKellar, Amber Laroe and her mother Mrs. Laroe were present.

Minutes read from March meeting were not available.

Treasurer report: Balance \$4,193

Item: Pointskeeper Tracey Hollingsworth resigned . Those duties as pointskeeper were accepted by Allison Witt. Motion made by Linda, seconded Sheri, to elect Allison as pointskeeper. Passed

Old Business:

Federation show items:

1. Melissa has a letter which can be given to potential advertisers in our state book for sponsorships. Anyone wanting a copy can ask Melissa to email to them. Several members expressed an interest in getting sponsorships.
2. Donnie discussed barrel covers, new cones, other props and new timers. It was noted that the board had already approved purchase of these needed items.
3. Sheri discussed the status of trophies for the state show. Discussions have been ongoing with a company which has done this before at the state show. She is the main representative to finalize this task.
4. Sheri discussed the need to establish a practice schedule for the pleasure and running arenas. Reining exhibitors have asked for a specific time to practice. There needs to be 3 times set up for pony measurement.
5. Additionally, a federation board of directors meeting is set for Friday night to approve the condition of the running surface.
6. A worker schedule needs to be established for the NWGHA members to run the state show in 2015. Normally this is done in the August meeting.
7. Estimated costs for new poles bases is \$197.00 and timers and display is \$2,084.00.
8. T shirts for the state show is still in discussion. In the recent past the T shirt company purchased the left over T shirts. This vendor sold the T shirts to offset their expenses and Federation paid the vendor fee so they would take care of the issuing of trophies.
9. Judges for the state show is still in working progress. Calls are being made and we should have a definite judge soon. Note: There will be a separate racking horse judge.
10. Announcer(s): Pleasure, Robbie has agreed to do this function for \$150.00.
11. Ring steward(s) needs to be established.
12. Tractor Drivers also need to be determined. (Donnie working this task)
13. Hotel rooms will need to be set up for judges and possibly tractor drivers and stewards. (total of 4 rooms)

New 2015 State Federation Show Approved Rules Changes (brief info):

Fees for the 2015 show were raised (\$7.00 per class plus \$1.00 for EMT fee = \$8.00)

Ring Steward must be at least 18 years old

Trail Pleasure Racking Class added (adult and youth)

Sheri will provide the final information on these newly passed rules.

New Business:

Unapproved judge at April NWGHA state show. Bartow used a judge not on the list; however, they reported that the original judge hired cancelled at the last moment. This issue needs to be discussed with the board for clarification on hiring judges.

The board should attempt to add judges to the list. Most of this issue can be resolved by a higher fee paid for judges.

The new updated NWGHA By Laws have not yet been discussed and approved for issue to the clubs for review and eventual approval.

At this time non board members Laura, Amber and her mother (Bartow Club members) brought up their request to have Amber certified as a state rider. From the discussion held, it appears there was not a certification on file for Amber. A review of the rules and By Laws indicates that no one will be certified after the March show. The board discussed the status of that change to the By Laws and when it was fully approved as a By Law. It was explained to these Bartow Club members that the board can not approve or change any By Laws and can only apply the approved By Laws.

Previous meeting items:

Item: A date for the spring Federation meeting will need to be set up and information emailed to all the other regions. Date to be determined by Sheri and Keri at a later date.

Melissa reports that the state show sponsorship letter will be emailed out for members to try to sign up businesses and individuals for the show book. Everyone should try to get 5 sponsorships each.

Motion to adjourn Sheri and Melissa passed, meeting completed at approximately 8:30 pm.

Linda Pechenino, NWGHA secretary