

NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes – January 2013

Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Present: Keri Davidson, President; Sheri Fennell, Treasurer; Linda Pechenino, Secretary; Alison Witt, Public Relations / Webmaster; Nikki Vanwyke, Pointskeeper; Jessica Nguyen, Vice President and Sargeant at Arms, ; Karen Fallon, Chaplain . Not in attendance: Dawn Abbott, and Jen Lovely. Also present were many members due to the awards ceremony and party for the past season.

Past few months' treasurers report read and accepted Check for Bartow payment given to Linda to present to Bartow at the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Ending balance \$ 3,816.44. Savings account balance \$10,600. Motion to accept:

Awards of halters for first and second places to all our qualifying members. Additionally, checks were presented to members earning more than 1 of each type award. Members brought desserts for treats and a winner was chosen for the best dessert. All members and guests seemed to enjoy the party.

New business: Question concerning changes in the running program since we are not drawing enough riders to pay for the days' expenses. Several ideas were discussed. Final decision is to change the show sheet to add a 2D class for poles and a 4D class for cloverleaf. These two jackpot classes will not be run before 1 pm and will be the last class in their section. The show sheet will be modified to show this.

Note: new federation changes will need to be voted on in February: The full changes are on the Federation web site: The below changes are from Northwest:

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 fino 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 (in February 2013). Keri will attend this meeting.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 4: pm.

Linda Pechenino, Secretary