

NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, January 2014 (Award Banquet 2012 – 2013)

Meeting Opened 3:45 PM: Present: Keri Davidson, Jessica Nguyen, Sheri Fennell, Linda Pechenino, Melissa Kane, Nikki VanWyke, Dustin Van Wyke, Allison Witt, Karen Fallon, Bootsie Bentley (Lost Mountain representative), Nikki (Paulding County) and Jessica (Bartow).

Motion made (Melissa, seconded Jessica) to suspend reading December minutes until Feb. Passed

Show date 2014: 2nd Sat and Sun (March, Apr, May); June show 1st Sat and Sunday.

Awards presentation to follow meeting: Saddle pads, 1st, hanging care products bag, 2nd place; and cash awards for repeat awards. Allison Witt provided the lead liners awards.

Rules clarification for lead line for 2014 awards: first tie breaker: Number of shows, 4 shows minimum; also motion made (Jessica, seconded Sheri) to give participation end of year award in lead line. Since this was previously unjudged this will need to be judged for the 2014 shows. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As of start of November 2013: See treasurers report. Motion to accept treasurers report (Dustin, seconded Jessica).

Added rule clarification: Motion made (unknown members). New State certifications will not be accepted or allowed after 50% of the state shows have been held. Motion passed.

Discussion concerning new Federation class of beginner walk/trot: issue is that some associations are allowing riders to ride in this class who are not beginners. March Federation meeting will be the meeting that new proposed rules are voted on. This issue should be brought up at that time.

Discussion held concerning running show improvements or additional shows (non sanctioned, just for NWGHA financial gain. These issues will be pursued for potential in the next few months. No action taken at this time. Tommy Telgen will explore possibilities in this area.

Discussion held concerning NWGHA being the responsible organization for the 2014 – 2015 State Show. Committees will need to be established to handle various aspects of this show. Suggestion made that we may need to hold a fund raiser show to help finance this show. Item discussed that non trophy items be awarded instead of trophies. Must be brought up to Federation for any such changes.

Sheri Fennell thanked members for flowers for her recent loss of her mother.

Meeting adjourned motion made: Jessica, seconded by Melissa . Motion passed.

Linda Pechenino, NWGHA Secretary

Note: See attached previous notes concerning recent Federation issues.

Note attached from September 2013 concerning Federation rules changes issues and changes to our 2013 – 2014 rules and policies application:

Federation notes: Federation members discussed splitting of pleasure and running committees. Northwest officers seemed to agree that this would be a good solution. This is an item to be discussed and considered at future Federation meetings.

Show Sheet (Pleasure) from 2013 – 2014 was reviewed . Registration form for payment and class sign up was reviewed (“pink” sheet) reviewed. No changes were made to our last running show sheet.

Northwest show workers: Discussion concerning the lack of riders/exhibitors who actually work at the “All Clubs Work NWGHA Show” Various ideas were discussed. Additionally, discussion on not giving riders points who sign up for points after 50% of the scheduled shows have been held.

Motion made by Nikki, seconded Jessica for the following:

Part 1: Riders/exhibitors may not sign up to earn points after 50% of the sanctioned and scheduled shows have been held.

Part 2: Riders/exhibitors signing up to earn points at the NWGHA All Clubs Work Shows are required to work (1) hour on Saturday or Sunday OR pay \$10 (work required at 1 show only). If a rider pays \$10, a rider/exhibitor will not need to work (1 hour) at the show (someone will be found to work the 1 hour requirement). A representative or family member may work a rider/exhibitor’s 1 hour, but they need to sign up to work that rider/exhibitor’s hour. Work hour (1) is per rider/exhibitor not per family. Riders/exhibitors must sign in on the work sign up sheet to be credited for the time worked. If a rider/exhibitor does not work their hour (1) or pay \$10, then penalties will occur. The penalties include a \$25 fine AND points from the NWGHA All Clubs Work Show will be forfeited and the show will not count as a “participated show” needed for showing in at least 51% of the sanctioned shows. See I note: volunteers are always needed, and additional time worked is appreciated.

Positions: Announcer & assistant, Office Registration (2) & runner, Comptroller, Ring Steward & relief person(s), Gate (NMT 2 at a time), show start up duties (9 am) , show closing & grounds cleaning) , arena dragging, and other miscellaneous jobs as announced by the announcer. See sign up sheet.

Discussion held concerning the need for a paid computer person to get information entered so the shows can start on time and be accurate as to riders/exhibitors.

Motion made Linda, seconded Jessica: NWGHA is authorized to hire a person to run the computer at NWGHA All Club Work Shows. Payment of \$125.00, work from 9 am to 3 pm. Motion passed.

Clarification of change to Federation Walk/Trot class. Age changes are: Smallfry 12 & Under, Youth 13 – 19, Adult 20 & Over. Additionally, Federation changed the Walk/Trot classes to beginner. This is not clearly defined. Riders may check the Federation rules . At the NWGHA shows a beginner rider may only enter beginner classes, halter, showmanship, or racking. Riders may not enter a lope or canter class to remain as eligible to earn points in beginner classes.

Clarification concerning payment of club sanctioned show fees (\$250): Ideally payment would be shortly after the show is held; however, consideration can be made for payment for a short delay. Fees must be paid before the clubs members can “officially” keep the points earned.

Dragging of the arena at our shows may need to be done by using the available drag equipment at Bartow using a personal vehicle by volunteer. This issue to be determined at the time needed.

Additionally, a volunteer doing the dragging may use that duty as their work requirement.

Lost Mountain requested information concerning the need for a club checking account. Checking account is needed to insure proper tracking of club payment and refunds.

2013 – 2014 NWGHA Show Schedule is as follows:

October 2013	All Clubs Work Show
November 2013	Bartow Work Show
March 2014	Paulding County Work Show
April 2014	Bartow Money Show
May 2014	Paulding County Money Show
June 2014	Lost Mountain Work Show

Note: NWGHA has the responsibility for putting on the 2014 – 2015 State Show. We need to do planning soon.