

NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes – July 2013

Meeting opened at 7:15 p.m.: Keri Davidson, Jessica Nguyen, Allison Witt, Nikki Vanwyke, Dustin Rogers-Vanwyke, Linda Pechenino, Sheri Fennell, Karen Fallon, and Bartow rep Patrick Smith. Lost Mountain representative was not present.

May 2013 meeting minutes were briefed to the membership by the club secretary Linda. Motion to approve made by Jessica, seconded Allison. Passed.

No June 2013 meeting.

Treasurers report: copy provided by the NW Treasurer Sheri.

Current business: Nikki has notified the riders/participants of state class approved alternates and \$\$ issued for those accepting (or \$\$ to be paid at August meeting). Other miscellaneous state show questions are being cleared as they occur. There is a memorial planned at the state show, anyone wishing to submit a name needs to complete the required sheet to be submitted.

Bartow member, LoShea Sheppard, died recently in a horse accident.

Keri provided info from the Federation meeting July 14:

State book ads are to be turned in by July 14.

There is also a new requirement by GA State that all horses in stalls have a copy of current coggins posted on the stall door and original available for review.

Additionally, there will be no overnight sleeping in stalls.

The \$500 fee for complaints is eliminated. Poles and cones need 5 people to watch at all times. 2013 – 2014 show will have a new 39 and over Western Pleasure class.

Showmanship will be split by age (12 & Under and 13 – 19) and Walk Trot will be for beginners only. The opening ceremony will be military style. Problems with classes will be resolved after the class. The class will go as run and the problem resolved later.

There will be a meeting for Keri and Sheri at 5 pm Friday at the Corral Bldg.

Riders will need to inform Nikki if they are unable to show in a class.

Practice times for the arena are to be posted at state.

There will be a meeting for exhibitors at the stall area outside Sheri Fennell's stalls to get back numbers, T-shirts and snacks at 6:00 p.m. Friday night.

Motion to spend \$100 for refreshments made by Sheri and seconded Jessica. Motion passed.

Stall decoration contest : 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$15, and 3rd place ribbon. Those persons decorating need to complete a sheet so their stall can be judged. The theme is "Survivors".

State riders are reminded that they must work their assigned state work hours/positions. Failure to do so will result in disqualification for state qualification for the next season.

August meeting to give out stall assignments: Stars and Strikes, 7 pm on August 15.

NW clubs will need to vote whether to have the new season shows as 1 day or 2 days (vote at August meeting). At the August meeting also clubs will choose their show dates. NW will have October 2013 and June 2014. (PCSC wants March 2014 as their work show, and May as their money show; Bartow wants April as their work show). Extra state T-shirts can be purchased for \$15 each.

Members are reminded that state show class changes were approved for the new season. New class 39 & Over Western Pleasure, Showmanship is split into 12 & Under, 13 – 19, and 20 & Over. Additionally, Western Walk trot (19 & Under and 20 & Over) is for beginners only.

Allison Garner Award: applications review: Maria Russell received the majority of votes and is selected.

Patrick Smith brought info from Bartow that Bartow voted to do away with the holding pen for runners. Motion made by Allison, seconded Jessica. Motion passed.

Officer nominations for the new season:

President: Keri Davidson

Vice President: Jessica Nguyen

Treasurer: Sheri Fennell

Secretary: Linda Pechenino

Public Relations/Webmaster: Allison Witt

Pointskeeper: Nikki VanWyke

Chaplain: Karen Fallon

Parliamentarian: Dustin Rogers-VanWyke

Sargeant at Arms: Jessica Nguyen

The nominated board members are voted in by the membership.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Linda Pechenino
NWGHA Secretary