

NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, July 2014

Meeting Opened 7:30 PM: Present: Keri Davidson, Jessica Nguyen, Linda Pechenino, Sheri Fennell, Melissa Kane, Karen Fallon, Nikki VanWyke, Dustin Rodgers-VanWyke, Bootsie Bentley and Jett Casey (Lost Mountain), Donnie Williams (Bartow) and Sheri Fennell (Paulding). Meeting held at Donnie Williams' farm, Aragon, GA.

Nikki passed copies of last update/revision of NW by laws for review and update (after the regular NW meeting).

Also copies of FEDERATION 2014 OPERATIONS MANUAL for the Federation Annual Show, September

Treasurer Report: Ending balance as of July meeting \$12,613.07 current year \$5716.41.

OLD BUSINESS: Tractor and driver contracting for NW shows. Discussion of possible solutions for 2014/2015 season. Bartow to repair sprinkler system which will eliminate wet spots in the arena. Additionally, Bartow will be fixing the buildings locks problem encountered at last show.

Motion made, Donnie Williams, seconded Sheri Fennell: Tractor Driver to be contracted by VP of Running, Donnie Williams, for the season at \$150 per show. Motion passed.

NW judges list is current as of this date and has been sent to clubs or is otherwise available for hiring judges for the 2014/2015 season.

Allison Garner Award Nominations: Nikki passed around the nominations for review. Winner was selected based on a clear decision: Kierstan Carlisle

Federation Show items:

2014 State show highlighted changes: Break of 30 minutes after Adult Showmanship and a second break (1 hour) after Country Pleasure Racking.

NW pointskeeper (Nikki) passed around the list of riders/participants for the classes at the State show in September, 2014. There are several alternates moved up into slots. Also Nikki has a number of financial issues to clear concerning underpayment and overpayment for the 2014 show.

State show note: English Walk/Trot 1-12 and 13-19 have been established from the previous English Walk/Trot 19 and under Beginner classes.

NW State Show participants T shirts will need to be finalized. Slogan of "Keep Calm and Show On " has been suggested with names and sponsorships to be determined. Keri will check on a possible vendor to produce these shirts. Approximate cost \$7 - \$8 per shirt. Colors: 2 colors, denim blue and white. The art up charge is hopefully to be avoided by the vendor selected.

Stall decoration contest is not to be held for 2014 show. Participants may still decorate without an award for a contest.

Nikki reported a call from a state show alternate stating that a person showing was not in good standing and could not represent NW at the state show. The appropriate club has not reported a member not in good standing; therefore, NW will take no action. This is a club issue.

Members are reminded of the mandatory August 14 NW meeting for work and stall assignments at the State show. Meeting at 7 pm at Stars and Strikes in Dallas.

Treasurer issue: Amount to issue for riders stalls at State Show. \$1500 rather than \$2500
Motion to put \$3000 in a bank certificate to hold in reserve for the State Show next year. Motion by Melissa, seconded Nikki: Motion to give State riders \$20 per rider for stall money . Passed

Motion by Karen, seconded Jessica: \$3000 set aside motion passed.

2014/2015 State Show Operations Manual was provided to members present.

Keri has an up to date list of potential judges who are not in Georgia but live in a close by state for consideration as our judge for 2015 show.

Federation fall meeting will be set after the 2014 show.

NW committees will need to be established to deal with the various duties. Plan to do this at the September meeting.

New Business:

Randy Siniard requested a close up stall at State Show due to physical issues...

Bartow has set up a Warm Up show for August 16 at 10 am. Jeans and chaps show. Show Sheet to be published later. Show will have a pleasure judge and a racking judge.

Nikki stated that the annual Federation dues \$700 plus \$50 is paid in July each year with the state class and stall fees.

NW By Laws changes meeting will follow this meeting. Dustin will record the proposed changes for consideration of passage. Voting at the August meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Linda Pechenino, NWGHA Secretary