

NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2015

Meeting location changed to El Nopal Mexican Restaurant. Meeting Opened 7:15 pm: Present: Keri Davidson, Jessica Nguyen, Linda Pechenino, Melissa Kane, Allison Witt, Sheri Fennell, Bartow rep, Donnie Williams, and Bootsie Bentley, Lost Mtn rep. Additionally, Bartow club members Laura McKellar, Amber Laroe and her mother Mrs. Laroe were present.

Minutes from April meeting were read. Minor change was made to date of Federation new class costs for emergency personnel on the grounds. Additionally, the spring Federation meeting has already been completed. Motion to approve made by Melissa, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed.

Treasurer report: Beginning Balance \$3,590.47 Expenses read with an expected due amount of \$600.

Old Business:

Allison reports that points have been reviewed for May ;however, she does not want to post until the points audit has been completed. Per the following discussion, a points audit meeting is set up for Sunday, May 31 at 3 pm at the Hiram Ryans restaurant. Allison will request the private room for us.

Donnie has seen to the purchase of new cones and is working on tractor drivers for the state show.

Melissa has sponsorship letter available and has interest for the barrel covers from a show sponsor. The package going out to the associations will have the prices for sponsor ship ads for the program.

Sheri brought a sample of the trophies which can be obtained from her contact person at a local trophy business. The cost for these sample trophies would be less than previously thought. Paulding Trophy Service will do a set for \$197 which will be a very good quality product. She also provided information concerning a service to handle giving out the trophies and selling T shirts at the show. We will get 20% of the T shirt sales (with our logo) and they will sell a few items to help offset their costs.

A decision on trophy contract needs to be finalized. First choice by the board is the wood decorated sample; however, this will need to be finalized as to what our costs are and what can be done for the cost we wish to pay. Motion made to offer the contract to Paulding Trophy by Linda, seconded by Donnie. Motion Passed. Sheri will finalize the trophy design.

Linda provided information that the state show information packages will be mailed out to the 8 other associations in early June. Sheri provided a list of the names and address of these associations.

New Business:

Allison presented an issue from the May show. There were complaints that the judge was coached by the ring steward concerning some of the placements in the racking classes. President Keri Davidson reminded the board that our rules state that the judge may not be contacted and questioned about his or her placement decisions. NWGHA policy is that a person cannot show after being used as a ring steward. Also if a person's child is showing that person cannot be a ring steward until that child has completed all of his or her classes at that show. Additionally, NWGHA has a policy that ring stewards should be at least 16 years old. A reminder to all board members is to ensure that if this situation is

about to occur it should be brought to attention and the show stopped until an available ring steward is located. Actually this procedure is applicable to all show policies and practices.

Special Note: The new updated NWGHA By Laws have not yet been discussed and approved for issue to the clubs for review and eventual approval. This item will be discussed and handled as soon as possible.

Special info: Review info from April Meeting : 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 rule 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 is 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.

The decision explained to the Bartow members (non board members) at the April meeting has not changed. The NWGHA By Laws do not allow a certification for state points after the March show. Laura requested to read the By Laws to self determine that such a By Law exists and is being applied correctly. After reading the applicable sections of the By Laws she stated that the NWGHA board was not following the By Laws and still wanted Amber to be certified as a state exhibitor.

Keri discussed the publishing of the state show program that we are responsible for doing this year. Several estimates have been reviewed. After discussion by the board, club member Greg Coffield 's proposal seems very competitive and would be produced by the Erlander Printing service. Motion to contract Erlander Printing to print 1,200 copies at the quoted price. Motion by Melissa, seconded by Donnie. Motion passed.

State show Queen and Princess tiara's, sashes, and flowers presentations discussed. Cost estimate is \$250 each for Federation and less costs for NWGHA Queen and Princess. Keri will contact Ericka concerning what can be purchased for the amount we wish to authorize.

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 seconded . Motion passed, meeting completed at approximately 8:30 pm.

Linda Pechenino, NWGHA secretary