

**WASHINGTON STATE HORSEMEN
GAMES DIVISION MEETING
November 13, 2021**

OFFICERS PRESENT: Melissa Stockman (Director), Kimberlee McCoul (East Side Vice Director), Jessie McLaughlin (Secretary),

OFFICERS ABSENT: Jodie Field (Treasurer), Wade Field (Times Keeper), Larry Plagerman (West Side Director), Maizy Sandoval (Junior Rider Representative).

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jordan and Kristy Barton, Cheryl and Josie Beck, Sue Dillman, Carrie Hawkins, Yvette Henderson, Alyssa / Arabella / Maria / Scott Howe, Sharon Kelsey, Mary Jane Lowry, Heidi and Scott Lyngstad, Wade McCoul, Jessica McCray, Rich Parnell, Amelia and Hunter Shay, Courtney Stockman, Emma Tanner, Char Trejbal.

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the November 12, 2021 Games Division Meeting were published on the website. Sharon Kelsey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Char Trejbal and passed unanimously by the members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT: A copy of the financials was included in the *Canter* on Page 14. Director Melissa Stockman reported that over \$7,000 was being distributed in awards at tonight's awards banquet. Jessie McLaughlin stated that through frugal management of division funds, the amount in the account has continued to grow each year. Most of the ride fees are earmarked for awards; only a small portion for administrative costs. Ms. McLaughlin stated that the WSHGD Officers need to discuss some capital-type purchases with the funds for 2022 to lower the amount in the account. Initial suggestions included scoreboards, new computerized times keeper program, new electronic timers.

PROPOSED CHANGES: The following rule changes were received in writing by Director Melissa Stockman on or before the September 10 deadline. Rule changes approved at Convention will take effect immediately. The proposals are found on Page 8 of the Convention Brochure.

1. **Page 21 / State Show Approval.** Add new paragraph after "When" paragraph that reads, "Where - Show sponsors may select an arena anywhere within their Zone geographic boundaries as well as an arena up to 125 miles outside their defined geographic boundaries."

PROPOSED: Courtney Stockman

SECOND: Emma Tanner

- ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by the members present.

2. **Page 21 / How.** Final paragraph, change to read, "Shows have the option of offering Leadline classes. Leadline is strictly an age division of 6 and under. Leadline riders may ride any ~~classified~~ horse in Leadline class and may change horses during the season as the permanent number assigned to a Leadline rider for the season shall be for the rider, not a horse/rider combination".

PROPOSED: Jessie McLaughlin

SECOND: Sharon Kelsey

- ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by the members present.

3. **Page 21 / Entry Fees.** Change to read, "**Entry Fee:** A show's entry fees must be the same for all events and riders (including sponsoring club members) with the exception of the ~~three~~ two instances below. ~~Special fees / discounted rates for sponsoring club members shall be cause for disallowing said club member's times.~~

Exception 1: A show sponsor may use a special day fee to entice ~~non-member riders to participate~~ participation. In the event of offering a special day fee, the show sponsor must still pay the customary per ride charge to the State and Zone for all rides made.

Exception 2: A show sponsor that has co-sanctioned the event, may assess an additional fee to only those desiring times to be recorded for the other organization. The customary per ride charge to the State and Zone for all rides made must be remitted as well as required per ride charges to the other organization, if

applicable. To clarify, those riders at a co-sanctioned event that only want their times to count for WSHGD would not be required to pay any additional fees to another organization

Exception 3: A show sponsor may assess a \$10.00 per day Non-Member fee. Show sponsor shall provide membership information and rates to the non-member prior to the end of the show allowing the non-member the opportunity to join WSH and have their times count from the show that day. Non-member fee must be listed in all event postings."

PROPOSED: Jessie McLaughlin

SECOND: Emma Tanner

- ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by the members present.

ZONE PROPOSALS: Zones with active Western Games (Cascade, North Central, Northeast) may submit one rule change proposal at Convention. Any rule change proposals submitted during the Games Division Meeting by a Zone must receive 75% approval rating to pass.

North Central: Leadline may ride in Jackpot in the individual events for times only.

- SECOND: Sue Dillman
- ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by the members present.

Northeast: Mounting rider must make an honest effort to mount behind the rider and stay in place without touching the ground.

- SECOND: Emma Tanner
- ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by the members present.

ZONE GAMES CHAIRS:

NORTH CENTRAL – Arlene Marquart

NORTHEAST – Cheryl Beck

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Director – Heidi Lyngstad nominated Melissa Stockman. The motion was seconded by Courtney Stockman. After three calls for further nominations (none received), Emma Tanner made a motion that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Melissa Stockman as Director. The motion was seconded by Kimberlee McCoul and passed.

Rules Committee Alternate – Heidi Lyngstad nominated Arlene Marquart. The motion was seconded by Carrie Hawkins. After three calls for further nominations (none received), Emma Tanner made a motion that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Arlene Marquart as Rules Committee Alternate. The motion was seconded by Sue Dillman and passed.

Director Melissa Stockman announced the following additional officers:

- West Side Vice Director – Larry Plagerman
- East Side Vice Director – Kimberlee McCoul
- Secretary – Jessie McLaughlin
- Treasurer – Cheryl Beck
- Times Keeper – Wade and Jodie Field
- Junior Rider Representative – Ellie Snyder
- Rules Committee Chair – Sharon Kelsey. Term ending 12/31/22.
- Rules Committee – Kelvin Plagerman. Term ending 12/31/23.
- Rules Committee – Terri Lowry. Term ending 12/31/24.
- Rules Committee Alternate – Arlene Marquart. Term ending 12/31/25.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: How do we make our State Finals bigger/better? More members! Members were reminded to be helpful to our guests, answering their questions or directing to the person that can answer them. Currently Washington State 4-H is struggling in most counties. WSHGD members were asked to invite them to participate in WSHGD. Carrie Hawkins relayed that some counties have the 4-H members joining Junior Grange.

WSHGD has the opportunity to offer more ribbons / trophies for leadline / buckaroo due to the generosity of NEZ Member Connie Hicks who recently passed away and donated her beautiful ribbons / trophies.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business, Emma Tanner e a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Courtney Stockman and the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m. The meeting was followed by a Judges and Timers Clinic. During the clinic, Hunter Shay and Jessica McCray took the First Timer's test.