

**WASHINGTON STATE HORSEMEN
GAMES DIVISION MEETING
November 11, 2023**

OFFICERS PRESENT: Melissa Kelsey (Director), Kimberlee McCoul (East Side Vice Director), Jessie McLaughlin (Secretary), Mary Jane Lowry (Timeskeeper), Cheryl Beck (Treasurer), Ellie Snyder (Junior Rider Representative).

OFFICERS ABSENT: Larry Plagerman (West Side Vice Director).

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jackie Bicondova, Hunter Coe, Tracy Crotsley, Amy DeBoer, Sue Dillman, Carrie Hawkins, Alyssa / Arabella / Scott / Maria Howe, Sharon Kelsey, Terri Lowry, Heidi / Scott Lyngstad, Colt / Makayla Markwell, Arlene Marquart, Wade / Dustin McCoul, Rich Parnell, Kelvin Plagerman, Erin Robinson, Heather Rogers, Amelia / Hunter Shay, Courtney Stockman, Emma / Kody Tanner, Sequoia / Laurice Webb.

Director Melissa Kelsey called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the November 12, 2022, Games Division Meeting were posted to the WSH prior to Convention for members to review. Emma Tanner made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Erin Coe Robinson and passed unanimously by the members present.

PROPOSED CHANGES: The following rule changes were received in writing by Director Melissa Kelsey on or before the September 10 deadline. Rule changes approved at Convention will take effect immediately. The proposals are found on Page 14 of the Convention Brochure (*The Canter*).

1. **Page 3:** Remove references to South Central Zone. Housekeeping.

PROPOSED: Jessie McLaughlin

SECOND: Sharon Kelsey

- ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by the members present.

2. **Page 3:** Change Zone 1 pre-fix to "N".

PROPOSED: Jessie McLaughlin

SECOND: Emma Tanner

- ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by the members present.

3. **Page 10 / CLASSIFICATIONS:** Change "Out of State" to "Out of State and PSHA".

PROPOSED: Jessie McLaughlin

SECOND: Erin Coe - Robinson

- ACTION: Motion withdrawn as PSHA does not have classifications any longer. Discussion included comments from Amy DeBoer and Kelvin Plagerman.

4. **Page 10 / CLASSIFICATIONS:** Change first sentence in #3 to read, "Horse will have to run three times in a faster time classification at local shows or a single faster time at the WSCS before reclassification upward will occur."

PROPOSED: Kimberlee McCoul and Jessie McLaughlin

SECOND: Erin Coe - Robinson

- ACTION: Motion passed unanimously, Discussions included comments from Amy DeBoer, Jessie McLaughlin, Heidi Lyngstad, Heather Rogers.

5. **Membership Discussion:** Bring to the floor before the membership the discussion of moving the Washington State Championship Show to the second weekend of August.

PROPOSED: Jessie McLaughlin

- Discussion included comments from Sue Dillman, Kelvin Plagerman, Richard Parnell, Heather Rogers, Heidi Lyngstad, Amy DeBoer, Tracy Crotsley, Scott Howe, Melissa Kelsey, and Terri Lowry.
- Terri Lowry Motion to table this discussion to 2024, Sharon Kelsey seconded.

6. **Page 4:** Change “August 1 to July 31” to “July 21 to July 20”. Also sentence that reads, “If August 1...” to “If July 21...”. Should this pass, the Rules Committee, with the assistance of the Secretary and Director will modify additional rules that may be affected by the passage prior to publication of the 2024 WSHGD Rulebook.

PROPOSED: Jessie McLaughlin

- ACTION: Motion withdrawn.

ZONE PROPOSALS: Zones with active Western Games (North Central, Northeast, and NW Border) 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 – Add a new age division for those 62 and over. Age division will not receive a saddle during the WSCS but will, instead, receive an award to be determined.

- SECOND: Mike Coe
- AMEND: Emma Tanner made a motion that the Board of Directors prior to WSCS review participating membership and determine the ages to make full classes.
- SECOND: Scott Lyngstad
- ACTION ON THE AMENDMENT: Emma Tanner and Scott Lyngstad withdrew their amendment proposal.
- AMEND: Emma Tanner made a motion to remove the second sentence of the proposal.
- SECOND: Tracy Crotsley
- ACTION ON THE AMENDMENT: Passed unanimously.
- ACTION THE REVISED PROPOSAL: Passed.

Northeast – Page 9 Under Equipment 7A, change to read, “Large diameter white PVC pipe that fits directly into the pole bases without the use of a reducer or screws OR standard 1” PVC white pipe with a converter or reducer to fix the pipe into the pole base. Pole is to be 80 to 81” long from ground to top of the pole”. All six poles must match on any given course. Large diameter white PVC pipe will be utilized at the WSCS.

- SECOND: Scott Howe.
- AMEND: Scott Howe made an amendment to add the following at the end of the proposal, “All six poles must match on any given course. Large diameter white PVC pipe will be utilized at the WSCS”.
- SECOND ON AMENDMENT: Emma Tanner.
- ACTION ON THE AMENDMENT: Passed unanimously.
- ACTION ON THE REVISED PROPOSAL: Passed.

Northwest Border – Page 11 under Texas Barrels Course, add paragraph to read, “In the event that an arena is unable to accommodate a 60’ barrel pattern due to width of said arena, an alternate barrel course with the following measurements may be utilized for local shows: hh = 50 feet, ii = 33 feet, jj = 50 feet, and kk = 85 feet. This pattern would not be eligible for record runs.”

- SECOND: Emma Tanner.
- AMEND: Amy DeBoer made an amendment to add “60’ course to be run at the WSCS”.
- SECOND ON AMENDMENT: Emma Tanner.
- ACTION ON THE AMENDMENT: Passed.
- ACTION ON THE REVISED PROPOSAL: Passed.

ZONE GAMES CHAIRS:

NORTH CENTRAL – Maria Howe (Games Chair) / Makayla Markwell (Timeskeeper)

NORTHEAST – Courtney Stockman (Games Chair) / Sharon Kelsey (Timeskeeper)

NORTHWEST BORDER – Kelvin Plagerman (Games Chair) / Tonya Plagerman (Timeskeeper)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Director – Amy DeBoer nominated Melissa Kelsey. The motion was seconded by Erin Coe Robinson. A call for nominations was made 3 times. Emma Tanner made a motion that nominations be closed and the Secretary reflect a unanimous ballot for Melissa Kelsey for Director. The motion was seconded by Kelvin Plagerman and passed.

Rules Committee Alternate – Jessie McLaughlin nominated Kelvin Plagerman. The motion was seconded by Courtney Stockman. A call for nominations was made 3 times. Emma Tanner made a motion that the

nominations be closed and the Secretary reflect a unanimous ballot for Kelvin Plagerman as Rules Committee Alternate (term expiring 12/31/27). The motion was seconded by Heidi Lyngstad and passed.

Director Melissa Kelsey announced the following additional officers:

- West Side Vice Director – Larry Plagerman
- East Side Vice Director – Kimberlee McCoul
- Times Keeper – Mary Jane Lowry
- Secretary – Jessie McLaughlin
- Junior Rider Representatives – Ellie Snyder and Hunter Coe
- Rules Committee Chair – Terri Lowry. Term ending 12/31/24.
- Rules Committee – Arlene Marquart. Term ending 12/31/25.
- Rules Committee – Sharon Kelsey. Term ending 12/31/26.
- Rules Committee Alternate – Kelvin Plagerman. Term ending 12/31/27.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Melissa Kelsey stated that tonight five saddles and a buckle will be awarded this evening for age group high point. \$10,700 in checks being distributed (\$11.41 / point). Slightly over \$19,000 in general fund. Board approved the purchase of a computer for WSHGD Treasurer, WSHGD Timeskeeper, and WSHGD Secretary as well as the purchase of walkie talkies. Director Kelsey reviewed the financials with the members present. Emma Tanner made a motion that the Games Division purchase three electronic timers / preferably Farmtek (one for NC, NE, and NWB). Heidi Lyngstad made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Melissa also thanked Amy DeBoer for her help in adding championship photos to the history of WSHGD – these photos are stored on the Facebook page. Those desiring their State Finals photos can visit with Melissa to get a copy of them.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business, Emma Tanner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kelvin Plagerman and the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m. The meeting was followed by a Judges and Timers Clinic.

The following took and passed the Judge's Test at the conclusion of the meeting: Erin Coe Robinson, Mary Jane Lowry, and Carrie Hawkins.

The following took and passed the Timer's Test at the conclusion of the meeting: Jackie Bicondova, Laurice Webb, and Sequoia Webb.