

**WASHINGTON STATE HORSEMEN  
GAMES DIVISION MEETING  
November 9, 2024**

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Melissa Kelsey (Director), Kimberlee McCoul (East Side Vice Director), Jessie McLaughlin (Secretary), Mary Jane Lowry (Timeskeeper), Hunter Coe and Ellie Snyder (Junior Rider Representatives).

**OFFICERS ABSENT:** Cheryl Beck (Treasurer), Larry Plagerman (West Side Vice Director).

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alyssa / Ben / Joanie Coe, Amy DeBoer, Sue Dillman, Carrie Hawkins, Alyssa / Arabella / Scott / Maria Howe, Courtney and Sharon Kelsey, Terri Lowry, Heidi / Scott Lyngstad, Clay / Colt / Jayda Makayla Markwell, Arlene Marquart, Wade / Dustin McCoul, JoLee Owens, Rich Parnell, Alyson / Joe / Judy Rehm, Amelia / Hunter Shay, Yvette Sweitzer, and Emma / Kaysen Tanner.

Director Melissa Kelsey called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes from the November 11, 2023, 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 Carrie Hawkins and passed unanimously by the members present.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The ending balance as of end of October was \$29,045.63 (checks given out at Convention \$10,700ish will still need to come out of that balance). CCFG = Chelan County Fairgrounds. Two timers (one for North Central and one for Northeast) were purchased. The Board was asked during the year to vote upon purchase of a readerboard (\$750). Motion made by Sue Dillman and seconded by Joe Rehm to ratify Board's decision. Motion carried by a majority. Scott Lyngstad will look at the readerboard to see if he can make a protective case for it.

**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 12 of the Convention Brochure (*The Canter*).

1. **Page 5 / Voting:** Change paragraph to read, "Voice or show of hands of registered active riders and officials in attendance at State meetings. Riders are considered active through participation in WSH Western Games Division approved shows during the immediate past season. Judges and Timers are considered active by having officiated at least once during a WSH Western Games Division approved show during the immediate past season. If a voter is questioned, eligibility to be checked via arena sheets posted on the WSH website at the meeting."

PROPOSED: Jessie McLaughlin

SECOND: Emma Tanner

- ACTION: Motion passed by majority of the members present.

2. **Page 9 / 7A:** Change to read, "Larger diameter white PVC pipe that fits directly into the pole bases without the use of reducer and screws. Pole is to be 80 to 81 inches long from ground to top of pole."

PROPOSED: Melissa Kelsey

SECOND: Emma Tanner

- ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by the members present.

3. **Page 10 / #4:** Change to read, "To be dropped from present classification to the next lower class (example: A to B, B to C, C to D) will require a letter requesting potential move to be filed with the State Times Keeper and the Zone Times Keeper as well as 10 consecutive times slower (excluding times with penalties) than the present classification. Any qualifying times run during the process will void the request and a new request must be submitted."

PROPOSED: Jessie McLaughlin

SECOND: Emma Tanner

- ACTION: Motion passed by majority of the members present.

4. **Page 11:** Remove second paragraph under “Course” in Barrels beginning with “In the event...”.

PROPOSED: Jessie McLaughlin

SECOND: Sharon Kelsey

- ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by the members present.

5. **Page 12:** Add to Flags Event paragraph, “ABCD Jackpot riders failing to complete the pattern in 60 seconds or less will receive a disqualification.”

PROPOSED: Sharon Kelsey

SECOND: Emma Tanner

- ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by the members present.

6. **Page 29:** Change age divisions to “Leadline 6 and Under, Buckaroo 12 and Under, Junior 13 to 17, Senior A 18 to 30, Senior B 31 to 45, Super Senior A 46 to 60, and Super Senior B 61 and Over. Age divisions will be revisited every five years.”

PROPOSED: Melissa Kelsey

SECOND: Jessie McLaughlin

AMENDMENT: Amy DeBoer – Change “Age divisions will be revisited every five years” to “Age divisions will be revisited by the Rules Committee as needed.”

SECOND: Emma Tanner

- ACTION ON THE AMENDMENT: Amendment passed unanimously by the members present.
- ACTION: Motion failed by majority of the members present.

7. **Page 31 / Qualification:** Change first sentence to read, “Based on an average of five (5) best times for individual events and three (3) best times for 2-man and 4-man events (one of the times from an alternate / second arena) during the current season.”

PROPOSED: Sharon Kelsey

SECOND: Emma Tanner

- ACTION: Motion failed by majority of the members present.

8. **Pages 21/22:** Open discussion of making all shows State-wide events where times run will count for the rider’s registered Zone.

PROPOSED: Jessie McLaughlin. A Zone would need to bring this forward in Zone proposals to be considered in 2024.

**ZONE PROPOSALS:** Zones with active Western Games (North Central and 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 – None.

Northeast – Change Junior to 11 to 17 and eliminate Intermediate.

- SECOND: Amy DeBoer
- ACTION: Passed by a 75% majority of the membership present.

**ZONE GAMES CHAIRS:**

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

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Director – Heidi Lyngstad nominated Melissa Kelsey. The motion was seconded by Carrie Hawkins. 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 Sue Dillman and passed.

Rules Committee Alternate – Jessie McLaughlin nominated Terri Lowry. The motion was seconded by Emma Tanner. 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 Terri Lowry as Rules Committee Alternate (term expiring 12/31/28). The motion was seconded by Courtney Kelsey and passed.

Rules Committee Opening – Kelvin Plagerman did not renew his membership in 2024. Jessie McLaughlin nominated Amelia Shay to fill the open position. The motion was seconded by Scott Lyngstad. 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 Amelia Shay as Rules Committee Member (term expiring 12/31/27). The motion was seconded by Courtney Kelsey and passed.

Director Melissa Kelsey announced the following additional officers:

- West Side Vice Director – N/A
- East Side Vice Director – Kimberlee McCoul
- Times Keeper – Mary Jane Lowry
- Secretary – Jessie McLaughlin
- Treasurer – Cheryl Beck
- Junior Rider Representatives – Ellie Snyder and Hunter Coe
- Rules Committee Chair – Arlene Marquart. Term ending 12/31/25.
- Rules Committee – Sharon Kelsey. Term ending 12/31/26.
- Rules Committee – Amelia Shay. Term ending 12/31/27.
- Rules Committee Alternate – Terri Lowry. Term ending 12/31/28.

**DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:** Melissa Kelsey stated that tonight six saddles will be awarded this evening for age group high point. Checks being distributed (\$10.72 / point). Perpetual trophies must be returned at State Finals. This year, one of the trophies did not return until the week prior.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** There being no further business, Makayla Markwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue Dillman and the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. The meeting was followed by a Judges and Timers Clinic – course measurement activity.

The following took and passed the Judge's Test at the conclusion of the meeting: N/A.

The following took and passed the Timer's Test at the conclusion of the meeting: Joanie and Ben Coe.