

Annual Meeting – November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Board Members Present: **George Chick** (President & Northeast Zone President), **Melissa Kelsey** (Games Division Director), **Kimberly Lansing** (Trails and Pleasure Director & Zone One President), **Gloria Marley** (Awards Comm. Chair), **Makayla Markwell** (North Central Zone President), **Arlene Marquart** (North Central Zone Director), **Jessie McLaughlin** (Treasurer, Convention Comm. Chair, YM Director), **David Masengale** (Licensed Officials Committee Chair), **Emma Tanner** (Immediate Past President & Marketing Comm. Chair), **Erin Wieldraayer** (Horse Show Division Director)

**Board Members Present Via Phone:** Tammy Call – Jones (Vice President)

**Members Present:** Jole Chick, Alyssa Howe, Arabella Howe, Jamie Howe, Courtney Kelsey, Sharon Kelsey, Pamela Kiehn, Clay Markwell, Colt Markwell, Jayda Markwell, Tylor Markwell, Kathy Norton, Richard Parnell, Amelia Shay, Hunter Shay, Kaysen Tanner, Walker Tanner, Tina Tomonelli, Laurie Tufford

Meeting Called to Order by President George Chick at 9:03 AM

**Approval of the 11/10/2024 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Melissa Kelsey made motion to accept the minutes as posted on the WSH Website. Tina Tomonelli seconded the motion, **PASSED Unanimously.**

**Election of Officers:** Jessie McLaughlin, as a member of the Nominations Committee, was given the okay to lead the Nominations by Committee Chair, Shane Laib.

- **President Elect:** George Chick; Jessie McLaughlin then called three times if there were any nominations from the floor. Laurie Tufford hearing no further nominations, made motion that the nominations be closed and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for George Chick for WSH President. Tina Tomonelli seconded. George Chick is President for 2026-2027.
- **Vice President Elect:** Steve Bryson; Jessie McLaughlin then called three times if there were any nominations from the floor. Laurie Tufford hearing no further nominations, made motion that the nominations be closed and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Bryson for WSH Vice President. Tina Tomonelli seconded. Steve Bryson is Vice President for 2026.

**Ratifications to the Board:** Jessie McLaughlin, as a member of the Nominations Committee, was given the okay to lead the Ratifications by Committee Chair, Shane Laib.

- Zone Director (North Central): Arlene Marquart
- Zone Director (Zone 1): Bonnie Schuchman

- All Zone Presidents (NC: Makayla Markwell, NEZ: George Chick, Westside: Barbara Manning, Zone One: Kimberly Lansing). Erin Wieldraayer made the motion to accept these officers as presented. Jole Sue Chick seconded the motion. These members have been ratified to serve in their capacities.

### Reports:

- **Games Division:** Melissa Kelsey reported that they had their meeting yesterday. There were long and great discussions. Melissa Kelsey is going to remain as Games Division Director for 2026, the board is same except Junior Ride Representative is Arabella Howe from North Central replacing Hunter Coe from Northeast. They gave away \$11,000 in checks, seven (7) Saddles, few Buckles, and two (2) Suncatchers (for the Individual Horse and All Around Horse awards). They had a great Clinic, several new timers and 2 Student Judges coming.
- **Trails and Pleasure:** Kimberly Lansing reported that there were 13 members present. Two (2) Proposals; 65 and Over Class (Passed), and to have an Awards Outline (Passed) so she will make the outline for the Division. Sponsor for the Buckle Brewed Awakening Deli (B.A.D.). Kimberly Lansing is Director for T&P again.
- **Horse Show Division:** Erin Wieldraayer reported that Tina Tomonelli stepped in and did a great job covering for her. The Rule Committee appointed the secretary, advisory committee, 35 jackets, wagons, buckles. Three (3) ROMs completed. HSD and LOC gave out the saddle, Kasey Smith out of NEZ. LOC is supporting another saddle for the 2026 Season.

### Zone Directors:

- **North Central:** Arlene Marquart, nothing new to report since Friday Night's meeting, but a couple members in the zone won Games Division saddles, and Youth Merit Awards. Youth Merit Meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> in Ephrata (Church of Christ). Desert Duellers Awards Banquet November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Northeast:** George Chick had nothing new to report since Friday's meeting, just a reminder about November 23<sup>rd</sup> Banquet.
- **Westside:** No Report Submitted. Tammy Call – Jones reported that they are trying. There are two (2) Horse Shows scheduled in 2026.
- **Zone One:** Kimberly Lansing reported that they reelected same officers. They will be doing another show in 2026 and will discuss more at their next meeting. They might be taking the weekend of Eddie MacMurdo.

### Committee Reports:

- **Awards:** Gloria Marley reported that all are signed. One plaque may be in the storage and will get mailed to the winner.
- **Bylaws:** Jessie McLaughlin, Bylaw Committee Chair, reported that the one bylaw that was discussed Friday night, then brought to the membership for approval. Courtney Kelsey moved to approve the bylaw change as presented. Tina Tomonelli seconded the motion. Bylaw Change passed unanimously.
- **Convention:** Jessie McLaughlin, Convention Committee chair, reported that “we did it!” They did not hold us to the amount of rooms, did not hold us to 100 at dinner, that was nice. Looks to be \$100 more initially, (might be food but will double check). We learned a lot, thoughts on the weekend? When we had to clean a little we were able to help. Thoughts? We do like to have two years because we know what to expect. Melissa Kelsey mentioned that the employees have been wonderful, the restaurant was nice, if the weekend is open “I would make the motion to have it in Moses Lake in 2026”. We did join a new member from Ellensburg, she works for Cisco, we could get a contact IN for the Red Lion in Ellensburg, looking for 2027. Laurie Tufford asked about having it 2 days instead of 3? Jessie mentioned that it would be hard to have ALL the meetings condensed into two days. Erin Wieldraayer heard concern of not having COMMERCIAL flights into Moses Lake. Richard Parnell seconded, Melissa’s motion of having the 2026 Annual WSH Convention in Moses Lake WA. Passed Unanimously by the members present.
- **Enforcement:** Tammy Call – Jones, Enforcement Committee Chair, reported that there is nothing to report at this time.
- **Historical:** Kathy Norton, Committee Member, did not have enough space for her boards this year. We featured a lot of members including President George Chick and Dudley. She had some more pictures but did not make it out of Printer. Send more pictures to Kathy throughout the year so you could be featured too.
- **LOC:** Dave Masengale, LOC Chair, reported that they had a good meeting yesterday. HSD Trails rules passed so things will need to get scorecards updated. LOC has committed to sponsor a saddle for 2026 All Around HSD Rider. New Judge is Kelsey Masterson, out of Spirit Lake ID, she is ready and willing to travel. Dave Masengale is over the Judges, Tammy Call – Jones is over the Stewards, and Sherri Williams is the Treasurer.
- **Marketing / Publications:** Emma Tanner, Marketing Committee Chairs, reported that there is nothing super new since the Friday Night Town Hall, but overall throughout the weekend great engagement through Facebook and Constant Contact. There are multiple posts scheduled for the week for the photos from dinner so be on the lookout. If you have photos from the weekend, please use the hashtag #WSHLifestyle #VivaLasWSH #WSH2025. We would love to have a fun reflection of the weekend.

Our following for Facebook is 4,589 people and Instagram has 144 people. E-Canter deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup> and Erin Wieldraayer, committee member, is going to be doing this issue. Thank you! If George Chick will have me for the next year, I feel that we can get a bigger engagement and following.

- **Royalty:** NOTHING
- **Youth Merit:** Jessie McLaughlin, YM State Director, reported that the awards were given out during the Youth Merit meeting on Saturday. Good chunk of the High Point awards during dinner, went to North Central Zone. The Youth Merit Advisors for each zone are as follows, North Central: Erin Wieldraayer over Sun Basin Riders and Makayla Markwell over Desert Duellers, Northeast: Emma Tanner and Jessie McLaughlin. The Silent Auction proceeds were \$402.

**Treasurers Report:** Jessie McLaughlin, WSH Treasurer reported that the 50/50 drawing raised \$660, meaning the winner, Amy Ross took home \$330. \$402 from the Youth Merit Silent Auction, we also got one (1) New Member and five (5) late Convention registrations. A deposit of \$864 and \$220 on Venmo will be made within the week. *Financial Audit*, Audit Member Erin Wieldraayer reported that there were No Errors on any of the documents, all receipts were physical and present, and signed the 2025 Audit. Members of the Audit were Cheryl Moriarty, Angie Argo, Erin Wieldraayer, Arlene Marquart. Erin Wieldraayer presented a receipt of \$75.56 to be reimbursed from the approved \$150 convention budget. The expenditure was previously approved by the Board during the October meeting.

**Open Discussion:** Convention Remotely - There is so much more brainstorming in person. In Person is great for information. Remote does not help hotel / dinner numbers. Discussion went on to discuss having the registration be more money for it to be online. Instead of \$25 it would be \$125. Melissa Kelsey passed Cheryl Moriarity in the hall and she was not taking any awards home. If done online, awards would not be going home with YOU. George Chick mentioned that someone who could not travel could attend via Zoom in every other year, so attend via zoom 2026, then IN PERSON 2027. Winner would have to arrange their pick up. Games Division had expressed that Zoom is not an option. Emma Tanner mentioned that this is our party. Tina Tomonelli mentioned that family emergencies are the first priority, however we have discussed HOW DO WE GET MORE PEOPLE. What is the point to have ZOOM? We have time to plan, budget and be here. We have to care. Kathy Norton, "you have an entire year to plan for Convention". When it was the Westside, we would make it happen to go. Laurie Tufford, mentioned to take into consideration who is on the westside. Pamela Kiehn and Tammy Call - Jones are the only the ones in the room. Erin Wieldraayer mentioned that we need to go support their two (2) upcoming shows in 2026. Emma Tanner wondering what Facebook Live could be like for the Special Awards... could be fun. Kimberly Lansing asked if we would charge for the Livestream? Tina Tomonelli mentioned that here

would be no problem with Livestream, but are we going to have Zoom. That would have a significant cost. If you have the meetings over Zoom it is hard to control the meeting, those should be in person. All Division Directors showed disinterest in having meetings virtually. Bylaws do not necessarily address having the annual convention virtually. Richard Parnell mentioned if we moved to Bellevue would we get a larger group? Most answered with no due to the current membership make up. We would lose some from Eastside. Convention Comm. Chair, Jessie McLaughlin, mentioned that the cost will be Higher...westside would be more expensive. David Masengale asked if some people WANT the trophies? Some mentioned that, yes, some people do want the cool trophies. Kathy Norton mentioned in the past that her family would always go. Tammy Call - Jones mentioned her family used it as a Vacation. It was important, "You need to show up". Steve Bryson had back surgery so couldn't be here, Tammy Call - Jones couldn't be here due to being medically housebound. George Chick mentioned that it was just an open discussion and might be something to have in the future.

**Next Meetings:** January will be a Saturday, Full Board...January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at 10 AM via Zoom, Jessie will send out the link. April will be via Zoom, July will be via Zoom, and October will be in person.

**Announcements:** Kathy Norton praised Erin Wieldraayer's work on what she has done via Legislation (with the Horse Protection Act) and the Horse Show Division, and her amazing energy she has for this organization.

**Adjournment:** Jessie McLaughlin made motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting, Tina Tomonelli seconded. 9:57 AM the 2025 Annual Meeting was adjourned, and the 2025 WSH Annual Convention was officially closed.