**Northwest Gaited Horse Association Annual Meeting Minutes**

**January 22,2022**

* Members present: Nancy O’Dell Plunkett, Shannon Thomas, Lonnie Jessee, Steve Harris, Steve Zobrist, Larry and Anne Eades, Dan and Lillian McFarling, Airisa Durand, Jessica and David Kiser, John, Trisha, and Rachel Ettestad, Chris Reznicsek
* By Zoom: Mary Schoenheit, Diana Harris, Hank and Mary Sjogren
* Guests: Ceanna Rodriuez,
* Meeting started 10:30 am at Roth’s Founders’ Room in Salem
* Introductions were made
* 2021 minutes were approved without objection after motion by Steve Z. and seconded by Shannon Thomas
* 2021 Treasurer’s report was approved without objection after motion by Anne and seconded by Shannon.
	+ See attached.
	+ Financials are stable
* Old Business
	+ Banquet, new board members, and High Point Awards approved
	+ 2021 shows were a success, other gaited breeds invited and participated.
	+ Annual High Point Awards included points from three shows in Ridgefield, and two in Eugene (Prairie Arena, Oregon Horse Center)
	+ The trailer is still undergoing repairs
	+ Future shows will encourage participation from Icelandic, Paso, Peruvian, and Kentucky gaited horses. Depending on numbers, additional specific classes may be added.
* New Business
	+ 2022 slate of Directors  and Officers were approved without objection after motion by Jessica and seconded by Steve Z.
	+ New Board members elected: Anne Eades, Chris Reznicsek, and Jessica Kiser. Officers: Nancy O’Dell-President; Steve Zobrist – Vice President, Steven Harris -Treasurer; Anne Eades-Secretary;
	+ Full Board of Directors for 2022: Nancy O’Dell Plunkett, Steve Zobrist, Steve Harris, Diana Harris, Shannon Thomas, Jessica Kiser, Chris Reznicsek, Anne Eades.
	+ Future Board meetings will be held in the Salem area to accommodate officers and members. Place TBD
	+ The April show will be 23rd-24th at the Prairie Arena in Eugene.
		- * Judge, Nola Giddings, will judge for the April show
* June show will be the 11th and 12th at McMinnville
	+ The premium was discussed and changes suggested
		- * Adjust classes based on progressive participation to reduce the size of classes
			* Separate TWH classes: Open Trail Pleasure classes to allow for more animated horses. Allow trainers to ride in Open Trail Pleasure. Split the Model Mares and Geldings to allow stallions. Change to (Class #2 as Model Stallions and geldings) and leave class #1 as Model Mares.
			* Raise entry fees to $14 for regular classes, and $18 for championship classes
			* Keep Paso Fino championship class unless too few entries
* Add Pole Bending and Barrels. Schedule possibilities include: in the outside arena, at the end of the day, or at the dinner break, depending on the effect on horses’ minds.
* Peruvian classes will be considered “Western”, with either traditional Peruvian attire, or Western attire. Peruvian bits must be used with either. One- or two-handed reining is acceptable.
* High Point participation fees
	+ - * For members, an annual fee of $15 per horse for the year would be required for the horse’s points to be included in the program. Non-members would be required to pay $40 per horse. These fees are intended to promote membership as well as defray costs for awards and other expenses.
* A special award was given for “favorite horse you liked to see at the shows”. Kristine Matheson’s horse, Jose on Ice was chosen by vote. Awarded $50.00 Visa card.
* Annual 2021 High Point Awards were presented. See attachment.
* Future club activities were discussed.
	+ - Members present voted to not participate in breed exhibit at NW Expo.
		- Will get exhibitors’ mailing list to Ron Hood for Oregon State Fair promotion.
		- Trail suggestions included: Poker Ride, Trail Clinic (Oregon Horse Center or Perrydale), trail ride at McIver State Park

12:30 pm Meeting adjourned for luncheon. Next Meeting February 12 location to be determined.