**Northwest Gaited Horse Association**

**General Membership Meeting**

**September 9, 2023**

* Meeting started: 11:00 am, Nancy O’Dell home
* Members present: Nancy O’Dell, Steve Harris, Anne Eades, Steve Zobrist, Diana Harris, Chris Reznicek
* Minutes from July 2023 Board meeting approved.
* Treasurer’s report:
  + - See attached reports
* Old Business:
* The October, 2023 NWGHA show will keep the same schedule as the June show with a reduced Saturday night schedule and weanling and yearling classes.
  + - Additional awards will be ordered, many ribbons were returned, and can be re-used
    - Theme will be Fall for decorations
    - The announcer has not yet been determined.
    - The judge is coming from Alberta, flying to Eugene. Costs were minimal.
    - David Kiser will be the photographer.
    - Stewards and paddock manager in place
    - Arena charges are the same. The club makes $7 per stall above cost
    - Youth entries will remain $8, (about half of adult entries)
    - Yearling and weanling classes may be added
* The show program was well received and paid for itself. Contact Nancy O’Dell for questions, etc.
* New Business
  + The club Facebook site was hacked. A fraudulent charge of $125 will be reimbursed by the bank. This required a rebuild and a lock of the bank account.
* Shows for 2024 at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene include April 27-28, and October 26-27.
* The June 2024 show date may be mid-June at the Oregon State Fair Grounds. Costs and availability will be evaluated.
* Possible payouts to championships, and/or random payouts were discussed. Nothing was finalized.
* The possible development of a futurity was discussed.
  + - It would require nomination fees, a breeders’ fund, different divisions, a regional focus. It may have the potential to increase the number of horses at the shows. To be discussed later.
  + Chris, Heather, and Steve Z. suggested walking horse tours in the wine country. To be discussed further.
* The club has a charitable requirement for its tax category. The Kelly Rahm even has a good turnout at the shows. The program featured a page describing the purpose. The monies go to the Oregon Lung Association.
* Meeting adjourned 2:00 pm

Next Board meeting: October 14, 2023, 10:00 am at Nancy O’Dell’s home.

Member participation in producing shows and other activities is crucial.

Consider offering some of your time to help out with plans and activities.