**Northwest Gaited Horse Association Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 12, 2022**

* Members present: Nancy O’Dell, Anne Eades, Steve Harris, Shannon Thomas, Chris Reznicsek, Diana Harris, Jessica and David Kiser, Dan and Lillian McFarling
* Zoom: No participants
* Meeting started: 11:00 am, Black Bear Diner, Wilsonville
* Minutes for 2/12/2022, motion and second for approval. No objections
* Treasurer’s report: Presented by Steve Harris. See attachments. Chris R. motion, Shannon T. second. Report approved without objection.
* Old Business:
  + April Horse Show
    - * Awards need to be ordered. Coasters or another item can be used for awards. Nancy O. to follow-up.
      * A potluck Saturday was approved, Lillian M. to follow-up.
      * Class types and competitor designations were discussed.

Chris R. and Jessica K. will submit proposed changes to classes to include more TWH classes, and fewer OGB classes since most of the OGB were entered by TWH.

Other breed-specific classes will remain.

Depending on participation at April show, other changes can be made for the future

* California entries will not participate due to an outbreak of EHV there
* High costs of fuel at this time may affect participation
* New Business
* Membership – Chris R. submitted activity/promotion ideas

Clinics – Mt. Trail at OHC, show prep, gait, attire, grooming

Open House at a facility – demonstrations for multiple disciplines (working equitation, archery, Mt. Trail, endurance, cowboy dressage, other). Jessica K. to follow-up.

High point awards for members only

Trail rides – Mission, McIver, and Whipple Creek suggested. Diana H. and Shannon T. to follow-up

* + Club Promotion
    - * The Facebook page for the club had 2036 hits In February/March. Show premiums, photos, and articles are posted. See attachments
      * The website has a link to Facebook. The website is more difficult to keep up to date.
  + Response to recent critical emails
    - * It was discussed that the club mailing list was used to broadcast complaints by a non-member. As a result, the mailing list will not be available when minutes and announcements are sent out
      * Entries, fees, and stall costs were discussed. Club does charge above the costs of the facilities to help fund shows. Show managers are all volunteers, as well as other workers. It was discussed to offer show entry credits as an incentive for volunteers.
      * The class list will be reviewed, and suggestions made to add more TWH classes and less OGB classes.
      * Ways to encourage young people to participate in the show was discussed. Youth classes have historically been poorly attended. OGB classes have broadened the opportunity for children on any gaited horse.
      * Depending on participation at the April show, additional changes can be made to address class descriptions

Meeting adjourned 1:30 pm, motion and second for adjournment without objection.

Next meeting April 9, 2022, 11 am at the Black Bear Diner in Wilsonville.