

WASH Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 4/8/2020

Location: Via Teleconference

In Attendance:

Maggi McClure/President, Lorri Schubert/Vice President, Judy Norris/Treasurer, and Ellice Freas/Secretary. Directors: Tim Browne, Jeanne Boudrieau, Kelly Gann, and JB Brick.

Call to Order at 6:34 PM by Maggi. JB seconded. Passed by Maggi, Judy, Ellice, Tim, Jeanne, and JB. No nays or abstentions. Lorri and Kelly not in attendance at time of call to order and subsequently joined the meeting.

Maggi commenced with the reading of the WASH mission statement.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: adopted December 8th, 2019, via FB Poll.

Report of the Secretary: Membership - we have 79 Annual members and 47 Lifetime members; up six annual members since last meeting. Started mentioning the new members in the What's Coming up update emails. At the moment, those e-mails are on hold with Covid 19 and the cancellation of all herding events.

Report of the Treasurer: The club's account balance is \$6488.00. All current debts have been paid.

Report of Committees:

- ❖ OLF Day Feb recap by Tim. The day went well. Per Chris' suggestion, we had two fields running simultaneously; novice/ranch in Chicken and PN/Open in Trillium. Great turnout with lots of new members. Would like to have more instructors help out. A big thank you to Paul Murray and Norm Rivers, for their instruction and hard work, and to all of the dedicated volunteers. Couldn't do it without all of you.

- ❖ Sunshine Fund recap by Ellice. Dick will remain as the head of the fund. Ellice to get a list of names from Dick of the members he has sent cards to and report at board meetings.

Old Business:

1. Two digital versions of the directory have been sent out to members this year. At this time, there are no plans to have bound directories printed out. When a new member joins, Ellice is sending out a welcome to WASH email with a digital directory attached.
2. Per Maggi, Lisa still needs updated biographies for the WASH Website. **Action Item:** Do it by Friday 17th. Please send a CC to Ellice. Update: JB has completed. Kelly and Ellice still need to submit.
3. Logo Discussion - We would like to encourage someone from our membership to design a club logo. JB motion to create a new club logo contest. Winner gets a \$150 WASH Bucks. **JB Action item:** will work on a blurb. Entry due June 1st. Update: JB submitted blurb. Need to send out letter to members.
4. Do WASH Bucks expire? Yes, normally WASH Bucks need to be used within one calendar year from issuance. In the future, we will put a one-year expiration date on it. Extending the time the 2019/20 season winner, Sandra Wood, can use her WASH bucks, due to Covid 19 cancelling lessons, clinics and trials. Sandra was going to the (now cancelled) Don Helsley Judging Clinic. Ellice updated Sandra.
5. Judy has obtained a club debate card. Please see her if you need it to purchase items.
6. Tim purchased and installed a displayed case at Fido's in the Blue Barn, to the left of the payment box. Thank you, Tim. Ellice wants to know who is going to maintain it? Per Tim, Lisa Berglund has some ideas. Ellice put up the WASH mission statement, the letter from the scorekeeper, and the WASH Points through January.
7. Kathy Eaton donation to Lynn & Alison Johnston on behalf of their dogs, Anna and Jesse. Kathy discussed our handler's post idea with the Johnstons and they all decided to put the donation towards a very worthy charity, Old Dog Haven.

8. Elections - we need to put something out to the membership shortly about elections. Please talk to other members about joining WASH. The call for nominations should take place during the first week of May. Nominations end May 31st. Ellice asked for assistance with brainstorming for a letter to members regarding elections. Kelly, Jeanne and Maggi volunteered to help.

New Business:

1. Covid 19 discussion regarding WASH points and support of trials. With the stay at home order, all Washington trials, clinics, events have been cancelled until further notice. The board decided it would follow USBCHA's lead regarding WASH points & support of trials, and to revisit after the HA's (June 10th) decision.

*“The USBCHA Board of Directors have approved an extension of the HA’s decision to withdraw or withhold sanctioning of all sheepdog and cattledog trials from **May 10, 2020 to June 10, 2020**”.*

<https://usbcha.com/usbcha-statement-on-effect-of-coronavirus-pandemic-on-2019-2020-trial-season/>

The board was fairly split regarding what to do with WASH points, should there be no more competitions for the 2019-2020 season. Some members believe we should just cancel the WASH point competition this season, as it is not a full season and not all members have had the opportunity to compete. While others believe we should use the points earned thus far to determine the winners, perhaps with an asterisk to denote a partial season.

It was agreed we should poll/ask the members for their opinions regarding WASH points, to help make a final decision.

2. The board received an e-mail from Jane Hickman regarding setting up a fund to monetarily assist WASH members who are adversely affected by the Covid 19 Pandemic. We discussed if this idea was in alignment with our WASH mission statement & association objectives and it was determined that it was not. Suggestions were made that Jane or anyone else, could set up a go fund me to help specific persons. Also, virtual trials to support Fidos and other locations were a great way to contribute to the herding community.

Adjournment Article:

Judy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Tim seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to end meeting.

Action Item Summary:

- Ellice & Kelly Bios to Lisa
- Ellice elections letter
- Poll to membership re: how to handle WASH points