

A WASH Board meeting was held November 1, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 1:45 PM at the Jimmie Macs Roadhouse Restaurant in Renton, Washington.

**Board members present:**

Joe Haynes, President  
Dave Imas, Vice President  
Jane Hickman, Secretary  
Judy Norris, Treasurer  
Cheryl Munson, Director  
Sandy Johnson, Director  
Heather Haynes, Director  
Maggi McClure, Director

**WASH Members present:**

Bob Hickman, Past President

**Committee reports:**

**Treasurer:** Currently there is \$6,417.26 in the bank account. Club insurance was paid for the year.

**Membership:** There are 167 (including 20 lifetime) paid memberships as of this date. Directories are in the process of being mailed (61) in conjunction with final distribution of decals (35).

**Secretary:** A bill was present for Sunshine expenditures totaling \$77.00.

**Webmaster:** Deferred reporting.

**Old Business:**

**WASH logo decals -** A discussion of what to do with the remaining decals took place. Possibly sell them on line with Dave doing a cost analysis. Initial purchase price was @ \$1.18 each with a possible selling price of \$2.00. Maggi suggested including them in a handler bag at several select trials. Possible trials would be LaCamas and Vashon.

**Raffle -** Tabled

**Awards Program Rules -** The current rules were sent to the membership by Past President Bob Hickman on June 29th. They will be posted on the website. No need for any further changes at this time.

**WASH mission statement** - Maggi presented a draft Mission Statement:

**The mission of the Washington Association of Stockdog Handlers is to encourage good stockmanship and positive sportsmanship while fostering the spirit of camaraderie and good will through training clinics, ISDS style or field trial competitions, clinics, and other events. To provide mentorship and educational opportunities that encourage conscience handling of stockdogs to limit the stress on both livestock and dogs.**

Heather moved to accept the proposed statement with the exception of changing the word "conscience" to "conscientious". Passed unanimously.

**WASH bylaws** - A need to revise the current WASH bylaws was recognized. The board was tasked with reviewing the bylaws and reporting back to the President by November 15th.

**Self Help Clinics** - Dr. Bob Freeborn (massage therapist) was contacted about putting on a clinic. Jane was tasked to see if the membership would be interested in attending a sports massage clinic partially subsidized by the club. A new format will be used for this announcement. The website has the capability to send out a mass mailing and this venue will be tried. Jane will send a membership roster to Dave to be put on a backup drive the club has purchased.

**Surcharge for Pay Pal** - Pay Pal has been used approximately 44 times with a cost of \$31 to the club. It was proposed that a surcharge be imposed for using Pay Pal. The proposition was defeated.

**Membership Perks** - Heather and Sandy are still working on identifying possible perks. Joe suggested putting on a WASH sponsored trial. The issue was tabled.

**Bank Account** - Bob Hickman, Past President, is the co-signer on the WASH bank account. He would like to be removed from that position. According to Key Bank they need a copy of the minutes that state that Bob is no longer President. Bob Hickman stated:

*I move that because Bobby G. Hickman is no longer a member of the Board of Directors, he be removed from the Washington Association of Stockdog Handlers business account at Key Bank in Yelm, WA.*

This was seconded by Director Maggi McClure and passed with the votes from President Joe Haynes, Director Cheryl Munson, Director Sandy Johnson, and Secretary Jane Hickman. Treasurer Judy Norris dissented.

## **New Business**

**Trial Results** - Several members inquired as to the posting of trial results on the website. A discussion of how Norm (Statistician) received results ensued. Joe will ask Norm if he would volunteer to gather this information for the webmaster. If Norm declines, it will be put out for a volunteer from the membership. If no one volunteers then the issue will be dropped as lack of interest.

**Year End Awards** - Distribution of WASH points awards for 2013/2014 has been completed. Next year awards will probably be presented at the Vashon trial in September. Heather and Dave volunteered to select and purchase the awards to be presented.

**Current Membership** - It was decided that a welcome letter should be issued to new members as they join. Currently the secretary sends one and offers a directory and decal, if they are available. This action will continue.

**Sunshine Fund** - The secretary uses the Sunshine Fund to recognize any member in need of cheer or help. A write up about the fund will be posted on the website with a link to the secretary.

**Board Goals** - The President had requested from each board member one goal for the club that they feel can be completed by June. Maybe a reason why you volunteered for the position. The status of each goal should be reported each quarter. Identify that goal at this meeting and attach a milestone to it.

**Joe** - Would like to give back to the community through guidance. Proposed three one hour meetings/clinics open to the club (an example: trail etiquette, starting a dog, sportsmanship, stockmanship) to include a lunch. (*See below.*)

**Dave** - 1. Create an annual award for the highest USBCHA pointed WASH member.

2. Create a fund that pays the entry fees to the USBCHA National Finals for WASH members in their Finals Rookie year. Open Class only

3. Create a Hall of Fame for WASH

- a. Possible Criteria: measurable performance of some kind
  - i. Qualifying and attending USBCHA National Finals
  - ii. Qualifying for Sunday at USBCHA National Finals
  - iii. Winning a National Final
  - iv. Attaining "X" annual USBCHA points

4. Create a fund that pays for 3 Audit Slots for all Washington clinics

- a. Examples clinicians:
  - i. Patrick Shannahan

- ii. Dianne Deal
- iii. Faansie Basson
- iv. Don Helsley

5. Create a fund that purchases a sponsorship for Washington trials that have them

- a. Lacamas Valley SDT
- b. Vashon Classic SDT

**Jane** - Sunshine fund on website; know about membership needs in a more timely manner

**Judy** - Streamline treasurer procedures; renew and improve membership application

**Cheryl** - Stockmanship clinic/setting sheep (*See below.*)

**Heather** - To provide guidelines to our classifieds as to what WASH will allow be posted and by who. For example, "Classifieds must come from a member in good standing with membership of at least a calendar year. Puppy and adult classifieds are no way an endorsement or recommendation of any individual by WASH and that puppies/dogs posted must be of working/trialing background."

**Sandy** - Help people understand when to help their dog; help novice handlers realize unnecessary self-inflicted pressure; help the webmaster create things on the website; keep the website fresh

**Maggi** - Novice handling clinic; strategy workshop; mentorship; on the spot award

**Joe and Cheryl** - The objective of this goal is to provide baseline guidance for beginner sheepdog trial enthusiasts. The series will have two seminars. The seminars will provide baseline guidance for sheepdog trialing and livestock management. Each seminar will minimally contain handouts for long-term reference, presentation and open question and answer period.

Sheepdog Trialing –February (Joe to primarily identify content with Cheryl’s help)

- Trial history
- Trialing etiquette
- Help your dog
- Trialing objective
- The purpose of the aspects of a trial
- It’s just a test
- Sheep
- How to help out at a trial

Preparation once at a trial  
Behavior on and off field

Livestock Management – April (Cheryl to primarily identify content with Joe’s help)

Setting sheep  
Owning sheep  
Utilizing a dog on sheep  
Understanding and caring for sheep – even if you don’t have any  
What can you learn from sheep

**SOP** - Bob suggested that everyone on the board write a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for their job while reviewing the bylaws.

There was a discussion about the next meeting. It was decided that once a quarter was too long, so try every other month. The next meeting will be on January 10th about 1 PM. Board members are tasked with choosing a new location.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Hickman  
WASH Secretary