

WASH Board Meeting

2 February 2017

1. Call to order: President Maggi McClure called the meeting to order @ 1:15 PM

2. Roll Call:

Present: President Maggi McClure, Vice President; Sandy Johnson, Director, Jeff Marroni, Director; Jane Hickman, Director; Lisa Berglund, Director; Kathleen Torkelson, Secretary, Cindy Baker.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Judy Norris was not present. Report given by secretary Cindy Baker:

Bank balance: \$6703.33

Expenses:

Cards \$126 (onetime expense for the WASH cards and envelopes)

Fido's Novice clinic \$340, Jeff still needs to give Judy receipts

Awards: Kathleen still has receipts for approx. \$250 that she will get to Judy

There are still problems receiving confirmation of payments with PayPal. Currently there is not membership form on line. Right now, the membership form is separate. Last meeting it was suggest a "PayPal" box with clearer directions be added to the membership form. The plan is to make it easier when you go to the payment screen. Lisa will continue to work on making the PayPal process, improving it so that it's easier for members to understand.

Maggi brought up the idea of getting a club debit card. Judy would hold onto the card. The use of the card was discussed previously. The board could use a poll vote to approve the agreed amount to be charged on the board FB page. The discussion will continue so this will be deferred to the next meeting.

Secretary's Report

From November to February we had 9 new members with a total from August to date of 23.

Total membership is 148

The WASH board FB page has been a good way to keep the board connected. The ability to put together a poll for the board to vote on issues etc. is effective.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The board as agreed to raising the membership dues to \$20 per year. Lifetime membership will stay at \$150.

Discussion included reasons to increase dues, to include, offering members a raffle for audit spots at clinics, i.e. Faansie judging day. support of our members, Offering Play days, Judging parties, speakers etc.

It's been successful posting the opportunity to be in the Audit raffle on FB and on the WASH web page.

If a member joins or renews their membership in the last quarter that membership would continue through the following year 2017-2018.

This will be presented at the general membership meeting in June. There will be a 60-day notice of the general meeting. 2/3rds vote from the membership is needed to raise membership dues. The board is currently looking at ways to reach all the members for voting. Suggestions were Rudy's voting system and Survey Monkey. A decision was not reached now on how voting would be arranged.

2. Membership committee. Maggi suggested the membership committee to be able to help with projects. No further discussion was given to put together the membership committee.

3. Country Living Expo. The deadline to participate was missed. The Expo was held Jan 28 & 29th.

4. Membership directory. It was agreed that the directory would be a PDF that would be sent out to all members. The secretary Cindy Baker will notify the members that she will be sending out the directory which will include names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers. The members will then let Cindy know if they want more or less information listed on the directory. If a member does not respond to the e-mail, then the above information will be posted in the directory. Cindy will send the notice to the members by the end of the month of February. We want to respect the privacy of our members.

5. Jane reports that club's back up drive is with Cheryl Munson our Web master and she is currently using it. It will stay with the Web master.

6. Awards, who got awards, what did they get and when did they get it? Kathleen will e-mail who won what prize.

7. Free clinic at Fido's Nov 5th. Report. Jeff did a great job of putting this all together. This was the club's first venue for the year. 25-30 people attended. 3 people joined at the event, 2-3 people joined after the event. People liked the handlers book, there were lots of good questions a very engaged group of people and there was good WASH representation.

It's been suggested by the board to offer it annually, free for members and a fee for non-members. Add visual aids and / or Watch video of runs.

Jane asked if the next work shop could be named in remembrance of Roger Edward, who passed away February 2015. He was known for his passion for helping beginners in this sport. This is a motion that has been in front of several boards and was put before the Board at that time of his passing. Since Roger was a member and it stated in the obituary to "help a kid" instead of flowers, Jane would like to propose dedicating of our "free" clinics for novice

handlers to Roger and to let Gaynor know this is what's been done in his remembrance. Was it decided that we would name the workshop after Roger?

Jane reports that cards were sent to both Dave Imas and Joe Haynes, congratulating them on making the World Trial.

NEW BUSINESS

Maggi wanted to know if WASH would support handler teams who have moved up into open and have failed. Would they be given the opportunity to drop back down in the Pro Novice with an issue?

Jane brought it up that the club does not have control over what the host wants to do as far as classes. The host holds the determination if a handler team can run in another class after moving up to open.

OSDS has added this thought in their bi-laws.

New open handler with no score in 6 trials, they could move back to Pro Nov. This is a statement for the board to consider.

The idea is to organize and support the development of new handlers to become successful in the classes. The focus would be for the first-time handlers moving to open.

Jane pointed out that for WASH points, if a handler moves to open they will only qualify for open WASH points. If they move back down to Pro Nov they would not be eligible for Pro Novice points.

This will be table for the next meeting

Jeff made a suggestion that the club offer support to Scio, celebrating their 80th year. Suggestions were a work party, make panels or pen.

Discussion was that Scio was an Oregon trial and we should focus on Washington Trials but because a lot of us in Washington go to Scio we could work with OSDS in helping to support Scio. Cindy will reach out to Sue Mac Donald, OSDS president to offer our support.

TABLED FOR THE NEXT MEETING

2016 Banquet

Picnic, handler's dinner at Fido's Farms Labor Day trial.

Combine OSDS & WASH annual awards

WASH membership annual meeting at Vashon Island Sheepdog Classic 2017.

Kathleen has moved forward with the yearend awards. A presentation needs to be created.

2016 WASH Awards

Open - Noelle Williams and Lad (16x20 Framed and Matted Photo of Lad)



Open Reserve - Noelle Williams and Dusty (Large Canvas Tote with dog toys)



Pro Nov - Noelle Williams and Bea (Border Collie 70x53 blanket)

No Picture

Pro Nov Reserve - Debbie Dunne and Wynn (Large Canvas Tote with dog toys)



Novice - Renee Carle and Lily (Large Canvas Tote with dog toys)



Novice Reserve - Tim Browne camp Stool)

