

A WASH Board meeting was held January 10, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM at the Jimmie Mac's 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

Committee reports:

Treasurer: Currently there is \$6,571 in the bank account but does not include what is being held in Pay Pal. The Treasurer's address has been changed to a post office box. We will renew our domain, wastockdoghandlers.org, for three or five years at a cost of \$17.49 per year.

Membership: There are 170 (including 20 lifetime) paid memberships as of this date. Mailing of the directories and decals has been completed. As members join, a directory and decal are sent out as long as supplies last. We have 3 new members since our last meeting.

Secretary: A bill was presented for secretarial expenditures totaling \$234.00.

Webmaster: Several new trials were added last night. The website is updated on a regular basis. Requested that we renew the domain for five years with a possible cost of \$75.00.

Old Business:

Approval of November minutes - The Board approved the minutes as written. The President requested that the Board be more responsive in approving the minutes for release in a more timely manner. If the bank requires two signatures on the bank card, Joe requested that Dave be the second signature.

WASH logo decals - It was decided to charge \$2.50 per decal and to put this information on the website. The cost was arrived at by adding initial cost and postage cost. This is for anyone who wants a second (or more) decal. The initial decal will still be free to new members

Raffle - Lead Me On will donate an audit spot for each day of the Faansie Basson clinic. One spot each for his 2 day clinic and a spot for his shedding clinic. There will be a raffle for the spots and will be posted on the website. The website or a message format

that is available to Lead Me On will be used to send out the raffle information. Joe requested that all messages come from WASH, not individuals. Dave will work on this.

WASH bylaws - A compilation of suggestions for changes to the bylaws was handed out. The Board will review them and then discuss them at the next meeting.

Membership Perks - Joe suggested putting on a WASH sponsored fun day trial. There was a discussion on getting sheep and a field. Joe would like to see open handlers as sponsors and not running in the trial. WASH will cover the costs to the host. Tabled - to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Trial Results - Several members inquired as to the posting of trial results on the website. A discussion of how Norm Rivers (Statistician) received results ensued. Joe still needs to 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.

Board Goals - Each Board member reported on the status of their goal.

Jane - Partially completed with the addition of the Sunshine Fund area on the website. Learning about members needs is an on-going issue.

Judy - Completed and will assist Joe, et al.

Heather - Would like to add a statement to her guidelines and then post on the website. Her guidelines would read: "Classifieds must come from a member in good standing with membership of at least a calendar year. **A member may not post for another member or someone else, the ad must come from, and be for, the member.** 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 - The first part of her goal (help people understand when to help their dog; help novice handlers realize unnecessary self-inflicted pressure) will be wrapped into Cheryl/Joe's goal. As to the website, can it interact with Facebook? Maybe make a Facebook page, or Facebook group or put our site out on Facebook.

Maggi - Did not attend so no report. It was decided that the first part (novice handling clinic; strategy workshop) would be rolled into Cheryl/Joe's goal.

Joe and Cheryl - These clinics will be free to members and they can attend as many as they want. Some parts will be open discussion with possibly some dog work. The first clinic will be a more indoor lecture type with four different handlers sharing experiences and offering guidelines. The second will partially be outdoors but still indoor lectures. The content of these clinics needs to be identified by the group and then a date will be set. Next they need to identify the means of dissemination. These clinics

might be taped for future reference.

Dave - Goals 1, 2 and 4 will be finalized at the next meeting (annual award for highest USBCHA pointed WASH member; fund that pays entry fees to USBCHA National Finals, fund that pays for audit slots). A format will be created and presented at the next meeting. Criteria: members must have been a member for one full year and then they will be eligible the next full year of membership. Audit Slots will be requested from clinic hosts, someone will be appointed to do this. Goal 3 needs a board discussion (Hall of Fame). Goal 5 was completed at this meeting. It was agreed to spend money on local trials. Dave will create a form for a trial host to request money based on the ABCHA template. Agreement was reached that USBCHA sanctioned trials with payout are eligible for financial support from WASH. A budget needs to be created to accommodate these goals. Judy was tasked to identify the club base costs.

New Business:

Lance Armstrong Books - This falls under the Sunshine Fund and resulted in a discussion regarding the fund and its purpose. A description of these books as stated on the website: “The **LIVESTRONG** Guidebook can help cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the health care system and deal with challenges and changes that may occur at the time of diagnosis, during treatment and after treatment is done.”

A motion was passed to purchase 10 of these books from the Livestrong Foundation

Sunshine Fund - There was a discussion about being able to do a memorial donation to the Sunshine Fund. Heather will look into the feasibility of this.

Request for financial sponsorship of a local trial - A request was received to support Ninety Farms Northwest Classic. The board agreed to the idea of sponsoring a trial and discussed the amount. The board also came to agreement on not sponsoring a non-payout trial and that the trial should be held within the state of Washington only. A possible formula was worked up and it was agreed to support the Ninety Farms Northwest Classic.

Next meeting - The next meeting should be within 60 days. March 1st was identified with a start time of 11:00 AM for lunch and 12:00 call to order. Cheryl suggested the Whistle Stop in Renton and will provide further details.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Hickman
WASH Secretary