

WASH Board Meeting

15 October 2016

Meeting called to order @ 1018

Present: Maggi McClure, President; Jeff Marroni, Director; Judy Norris, Treasurer; Jane Hickman, Director; Lisa Berglund, Director; Cindy Baker, Secretary.

Treasurers Report by Judy:

WASH acct: \$6724.33 + pending deposits

 \$150 paid out to Lori Crumpler to help defer cost for the loss of sheep at her trial

 \$150 paid out for the Finals Ad

 \$100 paid out as a donation to Ravengate's border collie rescue

 Total paid out: \$400

 Deposits pending

Current balance: \$ 6377.33

Bob Hickman was removed from the clubs checking account and Vice President Sandy Johnson was added as second signature on the account.

Maggi suggested we look at a club debit card to make payments instead of checks. Judy's name would be added to the card. Judy will ask the bank about the debit card.

Judy reports that there are still problems with receiving payment confirmation using PayPal option. She suggested we clarify how to use PayPal on our membership form. It was discussed by the group to add a PayPal box with clearer directions for using PayPal. The membership form will be reviewed for changes.

Jane asked if Dave Imas returned the backup drive. Bob Hickman had purchased a backup drive and would like reimbursement if we are not using it. Jane will check with Cheryl Munson our web master to see if she is using the backup drive.

Secretary's report by Cindy:

She reports inconsistencies in the member list for renewals. All members have been updated comparing what Jane Hickman and Norm Rivers have on their lists.

It's October and members that have not renewed their membership will be removed from the Master Active Member list and placed in Inactive tab on the spreadsheet.

The board agreed to keep member renewal open.

Jane brought up the point that when she was secretary she would hand out the membership form to anyone requesting to renew their membership at a dog trial. There was a form for every payment received.

Lisa suggested we give a renew time from June 1st – Aug 5th as an early renewal at \$15 and after Aug 5th increase the dues to \$20. This will be discussed further under old business.

Old Business:

Sunshine committee:

- Lisa has posted on the board Facebook page the card design. Cards were voted on by the board the new cards and labels were accepted.
- New cards and labels have arrived and have been given to Jane Hickman. Envelops were not in the shipment but are expected this next week.
- Judy will reimburse Lisa for the cost of the cards and envelops. The total cost for cards and labels is: \$126.00.
- Jane will submit to Judy her quarterly expenses
- Cards will be sent to WASH members, Joe Hayes and Dave Imas, congrats for making the world trial team, as soon as envelopes arrive. Maggi expounded on how they earned this honor. The World Trials are only held every 3 years. An application is submitted. Then points are counted USBCA and national points. The top 10 are then chosen. The top 10 will be chosen the end of October. They will then have to do their fund raising. The World Trial will be held in Holland next year.

Year End Awards: Kathleen was not able to be present.

- Kathleen has posted pictures on the Board Facebook page where the board voted and accepted her choices. She has moved forward with the awards.
- No charges have been submitted.
- We need to create a presentation. More information to come later.

Communication:

WASH Web page:

The Host site cost is \$180.00 for 3 years.

The Domain \$190 from 2/11/2016 – 2/11/2018 Dave Imas paid for the domain. The club will reimburse him.

Judy reports that the club currently pays \$85 per year for Docster.

The current WASH Web page is not user friendly, not as appealing as it could be and not intuitive.

Lisa redesigned the WASH Web page using, “Square Space” We will reimburse Lisa for the use of the site and we will move to use “WIX” Lisa will look at the web template.

WIX costs \$150 per year. This buys the WASH name. This will be the platform for the web site. Lisa will move forward with design of the web page.

WASH on Facebook

Discussion was opened about the WASH Facebook page. Should we make the Facebook page open to everyone or keep it closed? This was presented on the WASH Board Facebook page and for vote. The board agreed to make the WASH Facebook page open to the public to encourage membership. The WASH Facebook page will be connected with Instagram anything posted on Instagram will post to the WASH FB page.

Jane suggested that when a topic or item for discussion is brought up on the WASH Board FB page and voted upon. There should be a recap on what the conclusion is, approved or disapproved. Since FB has the capability to set up a post. The board will use this option when appropriate for a vote i.e. Board meeting minutes. A recap will summarize the meeting minutes for record.

Other Old Business

-Nov 5th Play day- Jeff Marroni

-Maggi brought up the potential use of Sandy Johnson's place.

- Jeff Marroni suggested the use of Fidos Farm. She has the insurance coverage, OSDS requires 1 months' notice to provide insurance. Jeff confirmed with Chris Soderstrom, while at the board meeting, the use of Trillium for the Fun Day. Chris has a club price of \$20/dog, this includes the clinic and any dog attending the clinic that trains afterward, which the club will pay.

- A flier will be posted on WASH FB page, Fidos FB page, and a poster place at Fidos with the entry form posted on the WASH web page. The fun day will be free to new Novice handlers ready to trial. There will be a 20 dog limit.

- Handlers will meet in the barn first. Sign the release, and start the discussion. Then all go as a group to Trillium.

- Jeff Marroni brought a book he's been working on for Novice people. The book includes, judging rules from USBCHA rules and guidelines, a course description, tips, books to read, and videos to watch.

-Jeff Marroni suggested we keep it small one half a day, open enrollment- limit 20 dogs, unlimited audit space. The Novice day is focused on New to the trial world Pro Nov, Ranch and Novice people. There will first be a discussion, then they will run their dogs, and end with a discussion. Jeff and others have noticed in the novice class that there is no control. Which gave him the idea for a book. Handlers do not know how to settle their sheep at the post before penning. In his book under tips, he discusses the importance of handler to slow down, take time to think and to help their dogs to have control of the sheep. Under the Guidelines/ Rules it was suggested by Maggi to take a segment of the guidelines "box" sections to highlight those standards that would apply to Novice handlers. Lisa suggested a separate page for Novice guidelines and to keep it simple for them. Add the USBCHA link to see the full set of guidelines.

- The board voted and all approved Nov 5th for the Fun Day at Fidos Farm from 0900-1:00 PM

-Judy & Jane suggested connecting with Corinne Berg, Paul Murray and Ron Fisher for novice handlers ready to trial.

- The cost to print Jeff's book will be reimbursed by the club. The board agreed that it would be great to hand out.

New Business

-Raise membership dues to \$20 for 2017.

-Judy moves, Cindy 2nd. The board approved to increase the dues for 2017 to \$20/ person. This will be brought up for member input at the annual membership meeting for 2017. Youth < 18 yrs. of age will be free to encourage more youth to be involved.

Life time membership will stay at \$150.

-Maggi suggested we create a membership committee with Cindy, Maggi, Judy and open it to the board.

Other Business

-It was brought up that we should have a "Judging Night" set to the movie "Away to Me" or just review and judge YouTube trial videos. Lisa has offered her basement with a projector, Jane has a white screen. A date has not be set at this meeting.

-Lisa reports that Julie Grenfell brought up to her, the "Country Living Expo" Held January 30, 2017. Julie thought that WASH might be interested in getting involved. Lisa will contact the Expo for details for registration and herding demo.

-Jane brought a statement for reimbursement for attending board meetings or travel. She also explained that at the Aug 28 2015 Board meeting the motion was for nominal reimbursement of \$25 for attending board meeting in person and/or travel. The board discussion was to rescind this motion. Jane moved, Judy 2nd All agreed to rescind the Aug 28, 2015 motion.

2016 Banquet

Maggi brought up yearend awards, should we make this a yearly get together, with presentations of awards?

Jane suggested a picnic, handler's dinner at Fidos Farm's big Labor Day trial.

Lisa suggested that we combine OSDS with WASH annual awards.

Maggi thought that WASH could have the members annual meeting at Vashon trail. She brought up that this worked well this past year.

- The board agreed to leave these topics open for further discussion.

Membership Directory

Jane wanted to know how the reprint of the Membership Directory was coming along.

Cindy reported that this is a much bigger project than time allows. Maggi asked if Jane was open to help with the directory. Jane declined

Lisa commented that she does not look at it.

Judy commented that a lot of people like it.

Jane brought up the use of other media for the membership directory.

Maggi suggested putting it out on FB and Web. OSDS has their membership directory pass word protected.

Lisa commented saying that the directory could be a sent out as a PDF document, members can then either save to their computers or print it out. This is a reasonable alternative. Would we be agreeable to send out the list with Members name, e-mail address and phone #?

Cindy will put the membership directory out in a group e-mail. Members have 30 days to respond to changes in their contact information.

The next meeting will be at the Judges Night.

Dates to be discussed and will be posted to the Board FB page.

Lisa motioned/ Jane 2nd Meeting Adjourned at 12:48PM