

Minutes
General Board Meeting Wednesday March 30, 2022

Board Members Present: Paul, Lisa, Amanda, Billy, Judy, Audrey

Absent: Jeanne (medical reason – provided updates via Lisa), Laurie

Members Present: Kelly Gann, Jane Hickman

1. Meeting called to order by Paul at 6:02pm
2. General Updates
 - Paul reported that tracking Ranch points is going well and expressed thanks as always to our score keeper Norm.
 - Kylo is posting WASH points on the WASH website on regular basis
 - WASH has now received federal 501(c)3 status and is registered as a tax exempt, non-profit charity. Paul expressed thanks to all who worked on this including board members and WASH members with accounting experience.
 - Amanda explained that the fiscal year was set as Jan 1-Dec 31, so the federal tax forms are due each year on May 15 (15th day of the 5th month following the end of the organization's taxable year).
 - Paul filed the first 990 (IRS form for tax exempt organizations) for WASH earlier this month.
3. Report from the Secretary:
 - Amanda reported that there are 151 current members, 66 of whom are lifetime members
 - We have 12 new members since January 1 including some from out of state. The webinars with Joe and Amanda M have increased interest in joining in order to participate or watch the recording after the webinar.
4. Report from the Treasurer
 - Judy reported that the current bank balance is \$7,230, with some additional funds in PayPal that need transferring into the bank account.
 - Renewal for annual insurance is due 4/18, Judy has not yet received the bill but expects it soon.
 - Paul shared the WASH income statement for the fiscal year ending December 31. The primary source of income is memberships. Expenditures included insurance, awards, licenses and fees (Zoom, Mailchimp, website, bank fees and filing fees). The most significant expenditure is payments to webinar presenters and event costs.
 - Overall WASH had an operating loss of \$677 for the last fiscal year. The board considers this appropriate as the goal is not to accumulate money in the bank, rather to use funds to support activities for members (and operating costs).
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Communications
 - Webinars with Joe Haynes and Amanda Milliken were well received. The board expressed thanks to Audrey and Lisa for leading the conversation.
 - Recordings were made available to members for 3 weeks. Amanda sent the link to all current WASH members.
 - Next newsletter scheduled for mid-April. Amanda and Lisa will start planning content. We would like to include a vet corner article from Audrey. A few possible topics were

discussed. The committee will follow up with Audrey. Lisa asked if anyone had an idea for a puzzle for the next newsletter or wanted to volunteer to create the crossword puzzle. Board members should connect with Lisa if interested.

- Lisa has updated the WASH website with all of the local trial for the next few months.

b. Education/Events

- Next event is Double Lift and Blind Outrun Day at Circle B Ranch on April 16. This event is for Open and Open Non-Compete teams.
- Amanda sent out an email with registration information on March 30. Lisa will track sign-ups, create the schedule, and forward volunteer names to Jeanne. The cost to participate is \$30 for the sheep fee and other hosting expenses (port-a-potty etc.) paid to Circle B. The board previously discussed that participants should pay Jeanne directly to avoid PayPal fees since the fee would just be transferred to her anyway.
- The board expressed sincere thanks to Jeanne and Circle B for hosting this. It is a significant amount of work and a valuable opportunity for WASH members.
- Also in the planning stages is a training event/clinic at Fido's in July for PN handlers. Date is TBD but will avoid date conflicts with Sheep Thrillz and Palm Cottage. Fido's has sheep camp around this time, which draws Novice and Ranch handlers, so Chris suggested a PN level event. The event planning committee will work on determining the format and other details.
- The board discussed audit spots. Don Helsley may offer one when he visits Jeanne. Jack Knox is at Lynne Green's in April but is offering lessons only. No other options came to mind at this time.
- Webinars. The board discussed options for future webinars, which would likely occur in the fall. Lisa had a preliminary conversation with Amanda M and Faansie. Ricky Hutchinson is also still a possibility, as is Don Helsley. The board discussed moving to a different format for future webinars since we have done several with similar formats. We could consider focusing on judging, or having the presenter narrate a video. The events committee will develop a plan.

c. Awards/Recognition

- 2022 awards: Jeanne has been investigating clothing items for prizes and has connection for embroidery. The board discussed that the WASH logo might not have sufficient resolution for embroidery (it is a line art drawing), so we may want to consider writing out WASH in words.
- The 2022 awards event will take place during the Fido's Labor Day trial. Details are TBD.
- Sunshine Committee. Jeanne sent Amanda Milliken a thank you card after the webinar. There has not been much interest in Sunshine cards lately. The board discussed that there may be privacy concerns. The committee will discuss this further.

6. Other business

There was no other business.

7. Paul closed the meeting at 6:46pm

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Jones, secretary.