**WASH Board Meeting and General Meeting**

**Tuesday January 16th 2024 6:00-7:00pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Board Members: Lisa Berglund, Amanda Jones, Susan Ritz, Paul Murray, Mike Ruckstuhl, Kelly Ware, Reyna Parcells.

Members: Gloria Victorino, Billy Trent, Alicia Gonzalez, Heather Smith

1. Lisa called meeting to order at 6:02 PM
2. Report from the Secretary: Amanda shared a membership update.
* There are 186 current members, 85 of whom are lifetime members. 2 new members joined in December and 7 in January 2024.

Amanda provided an update on the 2024 elections. Open positions will be:

President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President

All four directors are in year 1 of a 2-year term.

Amanda will follow the process described in the bylaws with a call for nominations sent out in May. All board members were encouraged to think about people we can encourage to run for board positions.

1. Report from the Treasurer

Paul shared that the current bank balance on January 1 2024 was $5,478

There is also a balance in our PayPal account of $6,432. This reflects revenue from memberships, the clinic with Tierney Graham, sweatshirt sales and training days held during 2023.

The fundraising webinar for the US and Canadian World Teams and USBCHA raised $5,400, which was split between the three groups. Paul sent checks to each group.

Lisa noted that we still need to pay Eamonn for the recent webinar. He will be here in February so we can pay him in person.

1. Report from Events Committee
* There are two webinars on the calendar. The Eamonn Connell webinar on January 7 was well attended and a link to the recording has been sent to all members. The next webinar on February 21 features Laura Vishoot. She will talk about trial etiquette and the history of trialing in the NW.
* A training day at Fido’s is scheduled for February 10. 16 working spots were available, and it filled quickly. There are unlimited auditors. WASH will pay the sheep fee for the working spots. The coaches are Kent Bradley, Tim Browne, Mike, Alicia and Paul.

We will need event insurance for the day – Lisa will get that. Amanda will send Lori the WASH waiver. Lori will get a copy of the Fido’s waiver from the barn and ensure that participants sign both waivers.

* OSDS Collaboration committee.

Lisa and Susan met with OSDS to discuss joint events that would be cross promoted. The plan is to start with OLF-type event, leading up to an encourager trail.

Lisa will reach out to Chris to look for dates that work for the event in Washington at Fido’s. Alicia will look for available dates for the Oregon event, which will likely be at Brigands Hideout.

* Scorekeeper transition.

We will be transitioning scorekeepers in the coming year. The board noted how much they appreciate Norm’s efforts over the years. Lisa is scheduling a meeting with Norm and Reyna so that Norm can provide training on how to use the scoring program.

1. Action Items
* Planning for awards for September. Lori is working on this.
* Recruitment of candidates for board positions. All board members were asked to think about potential new board members.
1. There was no new business.
2. Lisa closed the meeting at 6:44PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Jones, WASH secretary January 22, 2024