**Minutes WASH General Meeting 9.10.2024**

Attendees:

Board Members: Christie True, Lori Mannas, Maddy Turner, Susan Ritz, Mike Ruckstuhl, Reyna Parcells, Anne Kerker

General Members: Jane Hickman, Hera Minkove, Sarah Vining

1. Christie called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Minutes of last meeting have been posted on the WASH website.
3. Report of President.

Christie welcomed everyone. Christie and Anne had a transition meeting with Lisa Berglund and Amanda Jones and welcome any feedback and suggestions others have.

1. Report of Vice President.

Maddie suggested some potential webinar speakers – Milt Scott and Jennifer Larivee.

1. Report of Secretary.

Anne provided a membership update. There are currently 138 members, 91 of which are lifetime members. There were 191 members last year so Anne will do a targeted email reminder to those who haven’t renewed.

1. Report of Treasurer.

Judy is out of the country on vacation so she provided a written update that was sent in advance. Questions can be directed to Judy or held for the next meeting.

1. Report of Committees.

Committees have been formed on an ad hoc basis depending on the needs of the organization at the time. Previously an email was circulated that listed the types of committees so people could sign up – Events & Education, Awards & Audit, and Communication. This year’s committees will be established after the work plan for the year is in place.

1. Report of Directors.

Lori – there is a need for clarity on who’s managing the Facebook page and how we communicate to members. OSDS is going to do a novice handling/mentoring event on a monthly basis on Sunday afternoons after the Novice/Ranch trial. They may be looking for volunteers to help with the event after they get it set up. Hera will discuss that with the OSDS board and report back.

Reyna – Reyna no longer has access to WASH email inbox. Anne will work with her to get her access set back up.

Susan – The WASH awards this year were great. Shout out to Lori for everything she did to make the award ceremony special with meaningful gifts. Regarding novice handlers, a session on trial etiquette may be helpful for them. A schedule for volunteers to help at events would be really helpful to ensure a good experience for participants.

1. Unfinished business.

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

1. New business.

Activities for upcoming year – many were discussed earlier. Other ideas include OLF days, sheep handling clinic, how to set and hold sheep, sheep safety protocols, trial etiquette, judging clinic, sheep reading clinic.

* 1. Timeline for bi-annual general membership meeting - the group discussed and agreed on January for the next meeting.
  2. Means to communicate with members - Christie and Lori have been posting as appropriate. Christie has been responding to messages that come through the Facebook page. Facebook and email seem to be primary means to communicate with members. The website is used mostly for posting minutes and trial points. Reyna will look at the website to determine how much updating needs to happen. Maddy agreed to help Reyna with the website.
  3. Shout out - to Sarah Vining for taking on the scorekeeping and trial points. She will send the updated spreadsheet to Reyna on a regular basis and Reyna will post the updated points on the website.

Respectfully submitted by

Anne Kerker

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