

Meeting Date: August 28, 2015. Teleconference

Present:

Maggi McClure
Cheryl Munson
Carolynn Harwell
Judy Norris
Dave Imas
Robann Mateja

Call to order: Dave Imas called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

First order of business: Providing monetary support for trials.

The purpose of this is to help WASH support trials, including trials like Vashon that provide substantive community support, and trials that are helping to bring in new handlers to the sport, as well as general support of USBCHA style trials. Monetary support will help to offset expenses, such as judging fees. WASH wants to support those organizations who strive to offer quality trials for the sheep dog herding community.

Motion: Criteria for WASH monetary support (Dave)

1. USBCHA “style” trials
2. Payback offered
3. Limit to one trial per year per host.
4. Trial hosts need to apply, using an online application. Application will also provide suggested trial guidelines (advisory only).
5. All trial hosts, even those that may not meet criteria above, are encouraged to apply and will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
6. Initial total budget set at \$1000, with \$125 per trial as an initial allocation.

There was some discussion about the number of entries, but this appeared to be a difficult criterion to know ahead of time.

Vote:

Maggi: Yes
Judy: Yes
Carolynn: Yes
Robann: Yes
Cheryl is non voting member

Dave will follow up on Vashon Island trial WASH monetary support.

Second Order Of Business: 2015 Finals WASH Support

Motion: Prepare a ½ page ad (\$150) for WASH support of the Finals. (Maggi) Seconded by Carolynn

Ad needs to be designed. Should include logo and mention of WASH, and link to web page. Words of encouragement to WASH members. Carolynn will design the ad; will utilize logo designed by Claire Acord which was voted upon by the membership.

Note: This may be a time sensitive work item.

Vote:

Dave: Yes
Robann: Yes
Carolynn: Yes
Maggi: Yes
Judy: Yes

Third Order of Business: VP Post

VP Post needs to be filled. Heather had expressed some interest, but felt that a mandatory requirement to follow up as President was prohibitive.

There was discussion that 2 year commitment of offices was a good thing, in order to provide continuity. However, it was recognized that having the VP position linked to a commitment to be the President afterwards was somewhat of a burden. However, it was also recognized that having “perpetual” office holders could be undesirable as well.

Motion: The offices of Vice President and President should have 2 year terms, and can be held for two consecutive terms. However, after the second term, a one year break for the same office shall be established. However, a person can hold a different office during that one year break. The Vice President office shall not be linked to the President office, so that serving as Vice President does not commit that individual to serving as President after the Vice President term has ended.

Note: This modification of President and Vice President office terms will require a change to the by-laws and must be voted on by the membership.

Vote:

Maggi: Yes
Carolynn: Yes
Judy: Yes
Dave: Yes
Robann: Yes

New Business:

Communicating Changes in By Laws and other information to Membership:

There is a package of information, including discussion in change of by laws, that must be submitted to the membership.

The changes in by laws and other communications should be ready for distribution to general membership by Nov 1 2015.

WASH awards:

Motion: Dave suggested sending \$100 to each winner so they can pick their own apparel/size and then WASH will embroider it. I believe these are vests. It is suggested that Heather be asked to make an announcement of winners at the Vashon Island trial. The award information on the web site is accurate, since there were no trials in June. This was confirmed with Norm Rivers, statistician.

Vote:

Maggi: Yes

Dave: Yes

Carolynn: Yes

Judy: Yes

Robann: Yes

Club Reimbursement for Meetings:

Motion: Club should make nominal reimbursement (\$25 per meeting) for in person meetings (meal/travel). I believe this motion was made by Judy?

Vote:

Maggi: Yes

Robann: Yes

Carolynn: Yes

Dave: yes

Sunshine Fund: Sunshine fund should be continued, by requires more structure. This should be rephased to "Sunshine Commitee".

Motion: Sunshine committee should report to Treasurer, and have an annual budget and a per use amount. Budget is initially set for \$200/year, with \$15/use.

Vote:

Maggi: Yes

Carolynn: Yes

Robann: Yes

Dave: Yes

Judy: No. Judy's objections were based on the per use amount. Judy felt that \$15 was not enough for flowers.

We need additional discussion on Sunshine committee limits (eg., a card for loss of dog, but possibly more for personal injury/illness). We all felt this activity should work with Treasurer.

Suggestion: FB group for members (closed) and Board (closed).

Robann will set up FB groups for members and board and will moderate. There are no expenses required. Robann will set this up in the coming weeks.