

WASH Board Meeting August 29, 2022

Minutes

Present: WASH Board Members Lisa, Paul, Amanda, Audrey, Jeanne, Billy, Laurie, Kelly, and WASH member Shari Madamba.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by Lisa

1. Past President Report

Past President Paul summarized the accomplishments for the 2021-22 term which included:

- Webinars (Amanda Milliken, Joe Haynes, Patrick Shannahan, Norm Close and Haley Hunewill)
- Events: OLF and Skills day at Fido's, Double Lift Day at Jeanne's Ranch, and a Novice Handlers Clinic at Paul's
- Achieved Federal Non-profit 501(c)3 status
- Adjusted Washington State status non-profit to align with new state guidelines
- Clarification of WASH awards guidelines and the addition of an award for Ranch teams
- Regularly distributing newsletters

2. Announcement of 2022-23 Board

Paul handed off leadership to Lisa, the new WASH President and Lisa announced the other members of the 2022/23 Board.

Officers: Lisa Berglund, President; Kelly Ware, Vice President; Amanda Jones, Secretary and Paul Murray, Treasurer.

Directors: Jeanne Boudrieau, Billy Trent, Audrey Baldessari, and Laurie Politte.

Amanda confirmed that each member is comfortable with their phone number being shared with other members of the board. All agreed and Amanda will send those along with the minutes.

The WASH scorekeeper is Norm Rivers. Lisa will confirm that he is willing to continue in this role. The board expressed their appreciation of Norm's ongoing efforts.

3. Treasurer's Report

A report from the treasurer was provided by Paul. WASH has \$5,586.72 in the bank account and a PayPal balance of \$1,949.21, which will be transferred to the bank account.

4. Secretary's Report

Amanda provided the secretary's report. As of 8/29, there are 123 members who are current for 2022-23, which include 71 lifetime members. In 2021-22, there were 157 members. We expect that there will be some attrition due to people moving away, leaving the sport etc. Amanda is reaching out again to those who have not yet renewed for 2022-23 with a third reminder.

5. WASH Awards

Paul and Jeanne identified vendors and got quotes for the prizes. The gear is ready to order. Jeanne has the certificates and frames ready. Open, USBCHA High Point and Pro-Novice awards will be given out on Saturday October 1 at the Fido's Farm trial and Novice and Ranch Awards will be given out on Sunday October 2. Following the meeting Amanda sent an announcement to members listing all of the winners and when the awards would be given.

6. Committee structure and goals for the 2022-23 term.

Lisa read the WASH mission statement to orient everyone.

Lisa proposed we switch to two committees for the upcoming year, which are 1) Events and Awards and 2) Communications. Board members will be asked to join one or both committees. Time commitment is monthly meetings, perhaps more frequently when an event is imminent. Amanda will reach out to board members to ask them which committee they want to be on.

The overall goal would be to create a calendar of events and planned communications for the whole year to keep the committees on track.

Responsibilities and Idea for Events and Awards Committee are:

- In-person events (OLFs, DL, novice training days).
- Clinics. Kelly suggested Patrick Shannahan would be a great person to do an International Shed clinic. Jeanne will be hosting Don Helsley and will provide a clinic spot for WASH as well as a lesson spot.
- Lisa suggested the idea of parties (in past a group watched finals together or got together at Christmas) for community building
- Webinars – Lisa asked for volunteers to help with logistics for these. Kelly has already connected with Kevin Evans for a possible webinar
- Kelly noted that Ross Games is judging TOTS, and we could ask him to do lessons for WASH members after the trial.
- Lisa is planning a judging webinar with Faansie Basson in October.
- Audit spots for WASH members. Lisa stated that we need to relaunch this program and asked for a volunteer to take the lead.
- This committee would also be responsible for planning for 2023 awards.

Communications Committee responsibilities and ideas:

- Continue newsletter
- Communication to membership via email, social media, and other channels. Lisa asked for a volunteer to take on social media for WASH
- Community building and ways to communicate with members. Kelly suggested web a forum or a WASH members Facebook page
- The group discussed that we need a webmaster, who could be a board member, or a general member
- WASH also could benefit from support from someone with Ecommerce experience to help us better utilize PayPal's functional
- Jeanne noted that we need someone to refresh and update the WASH Bulletin Board that is in the barn at Fido's.

Board members will receive follow up from Amanda about committee participation. Lisa expressed that she is looking forward to a great year and to working with all of the board members.

7. The meeting was closed at 6:54pm by Lisa, with a second from Kelly.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amanda Jones, WASH Secretary 9.1.2022