

A WASH Board meeting was held March 2, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM at the Puerto Vallarta Restaurant in Yelm, Washington.

Board members present:

Bob Hickman, President
Joe Haynes, Vice President
Jane Hickman, Secretary
Judy Norris, Treasurer
Cheryl Munson, Director
Sandy Johnson, Director

WASH members present:

Dave Imas, Webmaster
Heather Haynes

Alison Dielke, Director, was not present but had previously submitted her response to issues before the Board.

Committee reports:

Treasurer: Currently there is \$5,785.24 in the bank account. Club insurance will be paid shortly in the amount of \$761.00. A request was made to include the membership prices on the website.

Membership: There are 163 paid memberships as of this date. Two new members were just added today. Those that join in the last quarter will have a 15 month membership instead of a 12 month membership. All new members have received a directory although it was not updated since the original printing.

Secretary: A bill was present for Sunshine expenditures totaling \$163.29.

Webmaster: The Weebly software contract has been transferred to WASH, and the site domain is now registered to WASH - transferring ownership of the domain to WASH as an organization vice an individual. Passwords can be transferred to any new webmaster. Dave Imas explained the differences between Wix and Weebly, stating the difference of cost would be from \$8 a month to \$14. The Board agreed to switch the software from Weebly to Wix. Dave Imas will obtain the software and have at least a partial web site (events & membership pages) on line NLT March 31 and a complete site NLT April 30. For clarification, Dave will add amount of dues and membership period to the membership page.

Old Business:

WASH logo decals: Joe Haynes reported on the progress of the decals. He stated that we could get the decals within two weeks after ordering them. He will purchase them in the next few days. Each member will receive one free decal with the ability to purchase more at a nominal fee. The Board agreed that initial distribution will be at trials, keeping mailing to a minimum.

Raffle - No report. Alison and Heather are still in conference.

Awards Program Rules - Joe rewrote the Awards Program policy. Bob submitted a description of the various classes that he thinks should be included as an appendix to the policy or published as a separate WASH document. Joe will rework some of the wording and the proposed class description document will be an appendix to the Awards Program Policy after deleting the Ranch and Nursery sections. Paragraph 11 should contain a form for the trial host to submit the scores on so that the Statistician will have more precise information. The entire appendix will be posted on the website as an informational document for trial hosts and new handlers. The new policy will be effective July 1, 2014.

WASH mission statement: We still need to write one. Maggi took on the duty, with Cheryl helping.

WASH bylaws : At the November meeting, several things pertaining to the bylaws were commented on (WASH mission/purpose; two year term for officers vice one year terms; open versus closed board meetings). It was decided that the membership committee will now be part of the Secretarial duties. The entire board was tasked to review the Bylaws and report back with any suggested modifications by March 31st, with a vote by the membership in May.

Self Help Clinics - Bob Freeborn (massage therapist) was contacted about putting on a clinic. Dr. Freeborn would need one month advance notice. His cost would be approximately, for a two day clinic, \$135 per person. He would be teaching participants what they can do for their dog. The clinic could be one full day or 2 half days, The half days would consist of either two morning sessions or two afternoon sessions. The class could be 12 at a time but he would prefer 6. People would work in pairs. First they would work on themselves, then their partner, and finally on their dog. He would need a fairly large room. He does not require lodging if it is within commuting distance of Federal Way. I will research a suitable place to host this clinic.

Facebook and Yahoo Forum - Bonnie Block will close the Facebook page due to non-participation.. The Yahoo Forum will remain. It was decided that valuable historical data is located on the site and a way needs to be found to archive this data in another location.

ABCA money - There isn't much available and it has already been spoken for this year.

New Business

Nominations: All members tasked with seeking out possible candidates to fill board vacancies.

Membership perks: There was a lengthy discussion on free water, hospitality bags and other possible perks for the club members. Heather and Sandy will work on possibilities.

Mary Ann Lindsay Award: Instead of an award, it was decided that we will donate again this year to an organization in her memory.

WASH year end awards: Joe will write up a list of proposed items and the cost of each item. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Hickman
WASH Secretary