

August 5th, 2009

Board Members in attendance: Dayle Moden, Cathy Dever, Joanna Hunt, Peggy Jencks, Sarah Ball, Andy Strobridge, Ted Jingling, Crystal Sanders.

Guests (from membership): Rita Wolkiewicz, Lynn Spears Meeting called to order at 1846.

REPORTS:

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Joanna Hunt provided copies of the July General Membership Meeting, courtesy of Ted Jingling (who acted as secretary at the brief July's meeting).

Treasurer's Report: Dayle announced that the club had a balance of \$19,807.50 in the checking account, with another \$6,393.50 invested in CD's, for a total amount of \$26,201. Dayle reported that the AKC trial made \$2,848.96 **profit**, although the club did give out \$1,544 dollars in vouchers to its workers. Kudos to Shirley Sousa and Andy Strobridge for running a well-budgeted hospitality committee, spending only \$549.57 to feed our judges and workers over the three day trial!

Membership Report: Crystal reported that she had two "new" applicants to read before the board: Jan Chamberlain, who has a King Charles Cavalier, has attended training classes at Dehesa, and is sponsored by club members, Sally Nesbitt and Shirley Sousa. The second applicant is Joyce Howard, who has a Border Collie, has completed the Level I training class at Dehesa, and is sponsored by Sally Nesbitt and Kelly Kidwell.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vendor Fees: Dayle revisited the board's 2008 decision to start charging vendors \$25/weekend (plus a donation to the year-end raffle) to sell their wares at ACSDI trials. She questioned whether the trial chairs were aware of this fee and if they were passing this information along to those vendors who were interested in setting up at Rohr Park. The board felt that trial chairs should be given a checklist to follow to ensure all trial chairs are consistent with meeting the club's expectations.

Mark Upshaw/Equipment Rental: Rita Wolkiewicz reminded the board that we need to book Mark Upshaw for our trial dates in 2010 and send a deposit to hold those dates. It was reported that Sally Nesbitt had already talked with Mark and that he had given us our 2010 trial dates. Sarah Ball, who will see Mark at a trial this month, will talk to him and confirm what he needs from ACSDI to guarantee his equipment at our trials (e.g. deposit—how much and by when).

Seminars: Ted updated the Board on his plans to organize an ACSDI-sponsored seminar in the fall. He reported that Bob Long has agreed to instruct a seminar at Dehesa, with possible topics to include weave poles or an introductory puppy class (since there were currently a lot of members with young dogs). Ted will look at setting a seminar date prior to the onset of fall trials and will consider holding the seminar during evening hours (if the weather is still hot).

NEW BUSINESS:

Refunding Trial Entries: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the club's ability to refund trial entries for injured dogs after the closing date. After much research into the club's ability to refund for injured dogs, and multiple discussions with the AKC, it was confirmed that refunds *cannot* be given for our July AKC show because of the wording in the premium. However, due to club members' inquiries regarding our refund policy, the board will take a new stance on

refunding for injured dogs—entrants will now be able to submit (in writing to the board) a request for partial refund if they have a veterinarian's notice and have submitted their request to the trial chair by a determined deadline (prior to 6pm on the Thursday before the start of the trial). In order for the board to move ahead with this decision, the wording in our premiums (particularly our AKC premiums) must be changed to allow for refunds and therefore not violate the conditions set forth by the AKC. A motion to change our premium language and refund policy was put forth by Sarah Ball and seconded by Cathy Dever; all board members were in favor.

While this decision cannot help those who inquired about refunds for our 2009 AKC trial, the board wishes to express their regrets in not meeting these club members' requests. Joanna agreed to compose a letter to these members expressing our regrets and to let them know that, after reviewing the club's current position on refunds, we will be changing our policy.

Donation to the Canine Cancer Fund: The board decided to make a \$100 donation to the Canine Cancer Fund in memory of Sammy, Jessica Hecock's Golden Retriever. (Sarah Ball made a motion to make the \$100 donation; Ted Jingling seconded the motion and it was passed by the board.) Dayle Moden will issue a check and forward it to club member, Dan Roy, who is holding the charity Fun Run in honor of Sammy next weekend.

Complaints at the July AKC Trial: Rita Wolkiewicz reminded the board that there were multiple complaints voiced at the July AKC trial regarding the fast pace the dogs were being run through Excellent. The board clarified that any complaints should be immediately directed to the trial chair so that they may be remedied—the trial chair should be aware of unhappy customers and their concerns.

Sarah Ball motioned that the August Board Meeting be adjourned at 2000. This motion was seconded by Ted Jingling; all attending board members were in favor.