



GILITY CLUB OF SAN DIEGO, INC.

Board Meeting

October 7th, 2009

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

Meeting called to order at 1845.

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: Joanna Hunt reported that she had sent out the September General Membership Meeting minutes electronically.

Treasurer's Report: Dayle announced that the club had a balance of \$19,447.83 in the checking account, with another \$6,402.85 invested in CD's, for a total amount of \$25,850.68. Dayle reported that this balance includes deposits from the NADAC trial, where we took in \$7,813.50 in entries. (All expenses have been taken out of the balance, but the final NADAC report is still pending.)

Membership Report: Crystal reported that she had four "new" applicants to read before the board: Barbara and Larry Embur, who have Bedlington Terriers, are sponsored by Bob Long and Joy Vinson, and have participated in classes at Dehesa; Tammy Runge, who has a Papillion and a Golden Retriever, is sponsored by Jessica Hecock and Arleen Armendariz, and has participated in two training classes; and Karen Ernest, who has Siberian Huskies, is sponsored by Audrey Austin and Jean Eichenlaub, and has attended a General Membership Meeting and worked at a club trial. The board had no objections to these new applicants and all applicants will have their final reading at the November General Membership Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NADAC trial/Cost Analysis: The board discussed the costs of the NADAC trial given that we are renting Mark Upshaw's equipment and still supplying our own contacts. (Mark charges \$1100 for equipment rental, \$200 for course building and \$102.50 for mileage to and from the park; in addition, he receives free entry to the trial.) Andy suggested that we look at holding the club's NADAC trials at Dehesa (Canine Sports Center) and limiting them to one judge, one ring trials. The new format for running the trial (using the "A" and "B" system) seemed to work well according to the participants, but this may not be as important if the club were to move towards one-ring NADAC trials.

Seminars: Ted updated the Board on the ACS DI-sponsored seminar slotted for this fall. He reported that Bob Long will instruct on "how to walk a course;" the date of the seminar is still pending.

Refunding Trial Entries: As per the last board meeting, partial refunds for entry fees will now be granted for dogs that become injured as long as refund criteria is met—***entrants may 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).*** The wording in our premiums (particularly our AKC premiums) will be changed to reflect our new refund policy. Since the board has not yet received any wording from our AKC trial chair, Lynn Spears, Joanna Hunt agreed to work on the wording and send it out for board approval via email. The board agreed to keep the policy/premium wording the same for "bitches in season." The club's new refund policy will apply to **ALL** ACS DI trials, regardless of venue (AKC, NADAC, USDAA).

November Nominations: The board reviewed the voting process per the club's Constitution and Bylaws (C&B's). As President, Andy Strobridge appointed Joanna and Ted to act as tellers—they will be responsible for counting ballots at the November meeting. Crystal will design the ballots and compose a list of club members eligible to vote.

The newly appointed board members will assume office at the conclusion of the November meeting, at which time they will establish the 2010 board officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer).

NEW BUSINESS:

Recent Incident of Dog Aggression (“Macker”): At the last NADAC trial, a dog owned by junior handler, Helen Bavin, jumped out of the ring and “attacked” another dog. From a liability standpoint, the board was asked to make a stance regarding this dog's behavior and whether or not to allow it to participate in future club functions. After discussing the dog's history (with reportedly other similar incidents having recently occurred), the board decided to ban this dog from club activities. Joanna Hunt, as secretary, will compose a letter to Ms Bavin explaining the board's decision; Andy will sign the letter and mail (USPS) it to her. The judge and trial chair of the October NADAC trial have already submitted a report concerning the dog's behavior to NADAC.

Request for equipment: Donna Mikschl submitted a request to the board asking the club to purchase a new 10 foot tunnel for use at our trials. Additionally, Patti Bott and Bob Long have requested that the club consider replacing the tunnels currently on the training field at Dehesa (Canine Sports Center). The board agreed that the club could use some new tunnels, and with the purchase of additional tunnels, could then make the older club tunnels available for training and for use at the Canine Sports Center (e.g. leave them out on the field). Owing to the cost of purchasing up to four new tunnels

(1 x 10', 2 x 15', and 1x 20'; all with a 4" pitch, and an estimated total cost of approximately \$1000), the board will bring this request to the membership for their approval/vote at the November General Membership Meeting.

Andy further requested that the club purchase new ice chests for use at trials. He reported problems with the lids and hinges of our current ice chests. The board was in agreement with Andy's request and, with the cost of new chests being within the board's allowed spending budget, granted Andy permission to purchase the replacement ice chests.

Defining the "Junior Handler": A request was submitted to the board asking if "junior handler status" could carry over past "18 years of age" *if* the junior was still living at home and going to school. The board unanimously agreed that they would stick with the current definition of a junior handler and not make this accommodation (Cathy Dever motioned to deny this request; Crystal Sanders seconded this motion and all board members were in favor of the motion to deny.)

Outgoing board members: As done in the past, Ted Jingling made a motion that outgoing board members receive a gift for their years of service to the club—either a club jacket or the equivalent, a \$50 club voucher. Crystal seconded this motion and all board members present were in favor. Additionally, it was agreed that **ALL** board members will be eligible to receive their annual year-end plaques at no cost (for the years they are serving on the board).

Trial Notification for ACS DI Members: Crystal queried the board as to whether the club would like to send out email notices to the membership regarding upcoming trials with ATTACHED premiums or just send out notification with directions/a link to the premium on the club website. The board agreed to the latter—club members will receive trial notification with a link only.

VRP Program Clarification: Crystal announced that the membership has requested clarification on the hours vs. the voucher system at the November General Membership meeting.

In regards to the Agile Antics editor, the board discussed options for “paying” this club position. It was agreed that the editor should receive \$60 worth of vouchers annually for her service to the club, plus be reimbursed for her costs (e.g. ink and stamps).

Trial Chairs Responsibilities: Andy stated that he will now be asking each trial chair to find a person to haul the club trailer to the trial. It should no longer be assumed that Andy will be able to haul the trailer, especially given that he will no longer be residing where the trailer is currently stored. It will fall within the trial chair’s responsibilities to get the trailer to the trial grounds.

Dayle Moden motioned that the October Board Meeting be adjourned at 2025. This motion was seconded by Cathy Dever; all attending board members were in favor.