

HCNC Annual Meeting minutes – May 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. at South Valley Park at Ken Caryl Ranch.

John Levett, Jewel Cody, Terri Desnica, and Katherine Payne volunteered to count the ballots from the annual election. (There are no existing minutes from the previous general meeting. Our previously scheduled general meeting in February was cancelled due to inclement weather-and no minutes of the general meetings prior to that date exist. Very incomplete records from the previous board have been made available to the existing board.)

The meeting reconvened at 12:00 p.m. An election situation that our bylaws don't cover came to light. The vice president and secretary position ran unopposed, and there were three candidates for 2 available board positions. Lynn Kitch received the most votes, and there was a tie for the remaining board position. It was decided that a run-off election would be held to decide the outcome. (Sue Marino, NCA club liaison will be consulted to see how the NCA directs us to proceed. A motion was made and seconded (Terri D., Steve G.) to contact Sue Marino (NCA) regarding election for general board member position run-off vote. Motion carried (unanimous). An additional motion was made and seconded (Steve G., Lyle P.) to have Katie Sidesinger continue to serve as at large board member until election run-off is completed. Motion carried.

There were no minutes of the previous general meeting available to be read.

Claudia will try to find all copies of materials and club history artifacts that were entrusted to Megan Golden, and were in her possession during her tenure as club secretary. There were 4 large boxes of materials given to her by Sue Raney-the previous club secretary-that are currently lost. Lyle Payne suggested that we compile a list of any club business, changes, updates, and records that we know we are missing to give the club a place to start putting our history back together.

Claudia thanked several club members for their contributions to the club.

Steve Gunther for his work with rescue.

Carol Jefferson for improved club communication and a smooth election and ballot process.

Lyle Payne for chairing the nominating committee for the current election.

Lynn Kitch for her hard work on the club newsletter.

Sue Raney for chairing the upcoming draft test.

Lori Moreland and Terri Desnica for their hard work for the upcoming fun match.

Kate O'Connor for organizing the Newf fun day.

Steve Gunther and Lyle and Katherine Payne for their help with Pat Drew's dogs while she was hospitalized.

Policies and Procedures: We need to get to work on changes to bring them up to date. Several suggestions were made as to how to proceed.

Secretary's Report: No minutes available to be read. No correspondence received.

Treasurer's Report: The new PayPal account is up and running. The club accounts are reconciled, and as of this date the balance in checking is \$12,652.00, and the money market balance is \$22,750.00.

Lyle also reported the annual awards banquet. All expenses have been settled, and the breakdown is as follows: total expenses were \$1,941.00 (awards cost \$834.00), and the banquet brought in \$850.00 for an overall loss of \$1,091.00. Lyle suggested that we need to address several issues during the upcoming policies and procedures work. What does the club pay for, and what is offset by the charges to attend? (Room charges and tips for example)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ad Hoc Uniform Prizes: (Sue Raney chair) The board has committed to having a uniform prize for all working events. This committee has requested some guidance from the board as to cost of awards-are we committed to a large inventory?

Policies and Procedures: Ongoing-no updates.

Breeder Contact: There is an open chair position-Johana Matsuda has resigned.

Christmas Parade and Carting: (Patti Pigeon chair) For the past few years the money made from this activity has been donated to the Golden fire department because of the forest fires. There was some discussion as to how that money will be directed in the future. This needs to be discussed at a future meeting. We also need to confirm with Patti that she wants to continue as chair.

Community Service: (Steve Gunther chair) A long term care facility in Lakewood has contacted us. They would like to have a presence 2-3 times per month. They would like to have a strong commitment rather than sporadic visits.

We were contacted by Pioneer Elementary School in Parker to be part of an "Elvis the Newfoundland Day". Terri Desnica and Mark O'Connor attended, and had a wonderful time celebrating.

Steve Gunther and Patti Pigeon went to the School of Mines to a distress with dogs event that was held before finals. The event was well attended and received by more than 200 students.

Chatfield Park Liaison: (Patti Pigeon chair) Water work permits will be issued as your dues are paid.

Draft Test: (Sue Raney chair) Sue reported that everything went very well-even with very wet weather. She thanked the committee and stewards for their hard work, and doing an awesome job. Sue also recognized Terri Desnica and Caspian (Ian) as the 1st DDX qualifier in Colorado. The test had a final loss of only \$150.00 due to several fundraisers that were held. There was also a lot of positive feedback

regarding the judges-especially from the all-breed entrants. (A complete draft test report submitted by Sue Raney is attached.)

Email: (Carol Jefferson secretary) For those who need news sent out to club members, please try to give as much lead time as possible. I try to check the email at least once a day-but there have been internet outages and delays to deal with as of late. Also, depending on your provider, it may take as much as 12-24 hours for you to receive email notifications after they have been sent.

Facebook administrator: (Matt Sidesinger chair) Matt needs feedback from club members regarding current Facebook content. Is there enough-too much?

Fun Match: (Claudia Walters chair) Claudia reported an increase in fees for the Fun Match site regarding preparing the ground inside the facility. The match is scheduled for August 1st.

Equipment rentals were \$400.00 last year. If we find alternatives we can save a lot of money. Borrowing from club members and using tape and pylons were ideas that were suggested. Publicity is on track this year, so we're hoping for a better turnout. Flyers have been distributed to club members to give out at dog events they attend. Lori Moreland has indicated that arranging for judges and stewards is also on track. Sign-ups for volunteers the day of the event will start soon.

Agility Trial: (Patti Pigeon- chair) Terri reminded that we need to follow up to make sure that we have NCA approval on board so that we appear on the AKC schedule. Terri also asked for suggestions for a food truck-the regular food truck cannot be there.

Holiday Party: Lori Moreland has volunteered to host.

Meet the Breed: The event will be held at the Denver show this year.

Membership: (Mark O'Connor chair) Mark reported that there have been about 50 renewals so far, and that your membership will lapse after May31st. Please send your renewal check to Mark for your current dues. In an effort to remind club members, Mark will send a follow up email, and Peggy Lange has offered to call those who haven't renewed. Dues can also be paid via PayPal.

Regional Specialty: (Claudia Walters chair) We are awaiting NCA approval. The superintendent is Onofrio, and the scheduled date is November 5th. The conformation judge is Diane Price, sweeps judge is Pam Rubio, and the obedience judge will be Margery West. Claudia gave an overview of planned events that will be presented at the board meeting that follows. We'll send a save the date email to members, and information will also be included in the Onofrio mailing. There was also discussion regarding a Facebook page that could be opened just for the Regional Specialty, an ad -pending NCA approval may be placed, (Claudia will follow up) and an idea to sell HCNC pens as a fundraiser for this event-and to give to new members..

New Puppy Buyers: Mark has received inquiries from several new puppy owners. A one year trial membership for new puppy owners was discussed.

Fun Day: (Kate O'Connor chair) Will be held June 7th from 11-2 p.m. There will be a potluck, with the club providing soft drinks and water. Vicki Olsen will conduct a CGC test, for which there will be a \$15 charge. Activities will include various goofy newfy games, and obedience and water equipment will be available for try-out. In addition, there will be \$5 feet and ear trims with instruction as a rescue fundraiser.

Sunshine: (Jewel Cody chair) Jewel was pleased to report that more members are communicating information to the committee as of late.

July Water Test: (Mark O'Connor chair) All levels will be tested, and judges are finalized. Entries are open, with 10 entrants to date. An NCA change to the obedience portion of the test will cut down on the time commitment (no group obedience work). Pending board approval, a t-shirt fundraiser will be held to offset expenses. Additional test activities include a Friday night wine and cheese party at Mark's home, and a judges dinner on Saturday evening at the Bistro at Aspen Grove.

September Water Test: (Patti Pigeon chair) Scheduled for Sept 11-13, with three events to be tested all three days. Premiums will be out June 1st.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

High Country Newf Rescue: Steve Gunther is their new treasurer. He gave a report regarding donations that have come into rescue from Wags and Menace foundation, and smile.amazon.com which will donate ½ of 1% of your shopping totals to a designated charity. Additional fundraising information will follow.

Rescue currently has a \$6,500.00 balance in their treasury.

Currently, there are 2 dogs in rescue. Bear is from the Steamboat/Craig area. He has incurred \$1,300 in medical expenses due to a prior injury. Bear is currently in foster care, but chances are good that this family will adopt him. They've adopted from our rescue in the past. A 15 month old puppy mill dog has been surrendered. He is in foster care in Ft. Collins, with a possible placement in the works.

Katherine Payne explained a little about the Wags and Menace foundation, a private entity named for the director's animal companions, which donated to various rescues and animal causes. Steve said he will write an email to membership explaining the Wags and Menace foundation and smile amazon program.

There was some explanation and discussion regarding HCNR. They were initially formed in 2005, disbanded in 2009, and re-formed and became 501.3c in 2013. The board needs to work on bylaws and policies and procedures regarding HCNR as none exist at this time. Sue Raney brought up concerns about the role of our club, and responsibilities to HCNR, and their accountability to our club as we move forward.

Cathy Sands reminded the membership that the bylaws and policies and procedures work that was done previously regarding rescue was not ratified by the NCA, so we will need to start again. Cathy Sands would like to be a liaison between our club and HCNR in part because of her long history with rescue in general. There are a number of issues and questions regarding the workings of the rescue organization.

A rescue report from Melissa Sharp-dated February 14, 2015 is attached.

The next membership meeting is scheduled to be held August 22 or 23, with time and location to be determined. A motion to adjourn was made (J. Levett) at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jefferson-secretary HCNC

(Minutes Approved 11/15/2015)

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