

High Country Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2014

Board Members Attending: Claudia Walters, Mark O'Connor, Lyle Payne, Carol Jefferson, Steve Gunther, Matt Sidesinger, Lynn Kitch (by phone), Katie Sidesinger, Katherine Payne, Lori Moreland, and Sue Raney (by phone).

The meeting was held at Hounds on the Hill in downtown Denver. The minutes from the previous board meeting were read and approved.

President's Report: Claudia reported that transition is still in process. No club materials have been received from Megan Morrison the previous club secretary, including minutes, correspondence, or club archive materials.

Lyle has received some materials from Melissa Lundgren, the previous club treasurer. Those materials were received on November 15, 2014.

Matt reported on progress for the club website and facebook page. Progress is being made in the area of updating the administrative access to both. The website information is also being updated.

Katherine Payne also addressed the board to change the application for membership, (i.e. the rescue donation in the membership application be removed due to questions regarding tax deduction questions).

Secretary Report: No correspondence was received. A new email account has been established for the HCNC secretary. This will allow all communication and records to be accessed in one location that can be passed onto the next secretary with only a password change. The new email account is hcnsecretary@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report: Lyle reviewed materials received on 11/16/14 from former treasurer Melissa Lundgren. There is currently no paypal account as the previous account was in Melissa's name. Lyle will investigate getting a new account set up for the club. There is a current paypal account set up for the rescue organization through the club. Banking status: Mutual of Omaha is now Centennial Bank. Lyle is working through the process of getting himself and Claudia on the signing list for the club account.

Committee Reports:

Ad hoc Regional Specialty: Claudia reported that using the Pueblo show location for our next regional specialty is a possibility, and is planning a conference call in the next few weeks with the entire committee.

Ad hoc Uniform Awards committee: This committee has not met, but will meet prior to the next board meeting.

Ad hoc Bylaws committee: A list of topics the need to be addressed/discussed have been developed.

-Utah needs to be added to include them as voting members.

-attending general and board meetings by teleconferencing.

The process by which changes to the bylaws occurs is as follows: 1. Board approves changes 2.Changes are approved by 75% of the general membership at a general meeting. 3. Changes go the NCA for approval.

Awards Banquet: Karen needs information regarding the budget for the awards banquet. She is making progress with the arrangements, and will send criteria for awards to the general membership.

Breeder List contact: no report

Christmas carting and parade: There was no report from Patti, but a motion was made for HCNC to sponsor parade and carting in Golden this year. (M.O./S.G.)

Community Service: There is no current committee or chair. Steve Gunther is considering serving as chair.

E-Mail Distribution: There is a new email for contacting the secretary to distribute club communication. The new email is hcnsecretary@gmail.com.

Facebook: Melissa Sharp is being removed as administrator, with Claudia and Matt being added.

Fun Match: The fun match has been popular in the prior years. Early marketing of the event is key. Terri Desnica (by phone), would be willing to mentor someone who is interested in chairing the event. Terri said she would be the marketing person on the committee as well. Claudia volunteered to chair, and Lori Moreland will also serve on the committee.

NCA Agility: Terri Desnica (by phone) reported all arrangements are ongoing.

Newf Spring Fling: No chair or committee yet. An opportunity to participate will be posted on the Facebook page.

Health Clinic: This event will be held in conjunction with the Spring Fling.

Holiday Party: The invitation has been posted on Facebook, with an email blast to be sent out as well.

Meet the Breed: No spots are open this year.

Membership: Mark has concerns that the wait period to become approved as a member is too long, and that this issue needs to be addressed in the bylaws revisions. The waiting period is currently 60 days.

National Ads: No updates to report.

NCA Regionals: (Discussed previously in the ad hoc Regional Specialty report.)

Puppy Buyers Welcome: no report

Fun Day and Picnic: no report

Rescue report: (by phone) Dogs in Rescue- 1. A female came into rescue and was placed in foster care. The foster family has decided to adopt. (The paperwork is still being done.) 2. Another dog, a male, is currently in foster care.

Melissa Sharp reported that the 501c3 status for rescue has been approved. She also reported that the rescue bank account is being moved to a bank in Albuquerque, NM.

Discussion and questions from the board regarding rescue followed Melissa's report. Are there documents stating how rescue works? (Melissa responded that she will send information as it becomes available.) As a club, we want a close relationship with the rescue organization. Discussion is ongoing regarding how that relationship can work as we continue to move forward. Claudia will follow up with an email to Melissa Sharp regarding records and getting a copy of their charter and bylaws.

Newsletter Editor: Lynn K. needs the template to move forward. Dates for distribution include January, April, July, and October. Lynn will send an email to club members asking for news.

Nominating committee: Will get together after Dec. 1st, there is not a full slate yet. Lyle has already sent an email to the general membership, and will follow up with another to seek members who would be interested in running for an office.

Official Club Contact: no report

Policies and Procedures: (under unfinished business)

July Water Test: A motion was made (M.O.) that we approve Roger Frei and Bethany to judge the entire July water test. The motion was seconded (M.S.) and unanimously approved. There was an additional motion made to approve Dwight Gordon, Lorrie Littleford, and John Pearson as alternates. The motion was seconded (M.S.) and unanimously approved. Mark will send out judges acceptance letters. Lynn Kitch is an additional member of this committee.

September Water Test: Patti Pigeon has submitted a budget- but no judges named as of yet. The board will follow up when proposal is complete.

Water Clinic: No chair as of yet. A post on the club website and Facebook page will follow to let membership know of this opportunity. Lyle will investigate how the club's insurance covers practice and clinics as well as events, (there is a question of coverage).

Webmaster: Matt reported that the 2nd site is down. Our official website is now hcncnews .org.

Draft Test: Sue Raney has submitted a list of 12 potential judges for the spring draft test. Katie

Sidesinger had an objection to John Jackman. Discussion followed. Lyle made a motion to accept the list as written. It was seconded, (M.S.) The motion passed. (Aye, L.P., C.J., S.G., M.S.) (No, M.O., K.S.) (abstain L.K.)

This budget includes entries for the advanced draft test, which is a new event for the NCA.

Committee Appointments: Steve Gunther made a motion, which was seconded by Lyle Payne to add Claudia W., Terri D., and Lori M. to the fun match committee; and Matt S. to the Facebook committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business: Regarding the Bill Espander suspension, the board discussed the information that was available. Lyle has broken down Bill's response to the board regarding his suspension, and found that several points made were regarding timelines set forth in our bylaws not being met by the former board. Very little information regarding these proceedings is available to the current board. The consensus of the board is that we need to be respectful of all parties involved as we move forward, but that Bill deserves a response to his concerns by the current board. A letter will be drafted to send to Bill by Lyle and Claudia. A review of our club's policies and procedures, and the NCA bylaws in this area could be helpful in avoiding similar problems in the future.

Policies and procedures and bylaws update. The most recent work done in these areas is not available to the current board, so it appears that all work regarding them will be new. Discussion followed. The board will make sure that the most recent version of our bylaws are posted to the club's website. (Currently an older version is posted.)

New Business: Awards for the upcoming awards banquet were discussed. A motion was made (S.G.) and seconded (M.O.) to adopt the policies and procedures list of awards revised Jan. 2011. It passed unanimously.

The next board and general meetings will be held on February 15, 2015 at a location to be announced at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jefferson-hcnc secretary

