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PREZ'S MESSAGE

Last month I posed some questions concerning the technical difficulties of running an obedience trial under the restrictions of COVID 19 safety concerns. This month I have some answers based on the experiences of clubs in other parts of the country. It is nice to know that our dog sports can resume safely. The following are some of the procedures successfully followed by clubs currently holding trials.

1. A COVID waiver is attached to each entry and must be signed to acknowledge that the club is not responsible in the case of illness.
2. For indoor shows one door is used for entry and a second door is used for exits.
3. For the most part masks are required while in the show environment. Masks may be removed while the exhibitor is under judgement at the discretion of the judge.
4. No food or drink is offered or sold.
5. Indoor buildings are disinfected at the end of each day.
6. In Novice and Open no stewards are in the ring. Figure eight chairs or pylons are placed in the ring and remain in place.
7. The dumbbell is placed on a tray by the exhibitor and the exhibitor retrieves it and replaces it. The tray is disinfected between exhibitors.
8. The ring has an entrance and a separate exit.



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9. A 'tree' for hanging or a chair for the leash is placed just outside the ring and the exhibitor places and retrieves the leash for all classes. These are disinfected between exhibitors.
10. Utility stewards use a tray with tongs for placing scent articles or wear gloves or sanitize between exhibitors.
11. Gloves for the directed retrieve are also placed on a tray and placed with either tongs or gloved hands.
12. Armbands with rubber bands are placed in envelopes with the name of the exhibitor on a separate table for the exhibitor to pick up.
13. The exhibitor still goes to the table steward to check in after picking up their armbands.
14. Qualifiers are brought into the ring and stand 6 feet apart and placements are announced. Ribbons are collected at a separate table.

The goal has been that at no time is personal equipment handled by those working at the trial. Fewer stewards make it easier to round up a working crew and some are hoping that a few of these procedures become permanent. Though there are certainly inconveniences and perhaps a little overkill in spray disinfecting it has been seen that most exhibitors have a good attitude and are just happy to be back enjoying their fun sport!

WSOTC might consider putting on a practice show for members only to see how we might transition to a safe Spring Trial in 2021. Anyone up for it?

Terrie



CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Nancy Light

Audit/Budget: TBD

Awards: Nancy Light & Holly Krohn

Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby

Insurance: Sue Cox

Membership: Rhonda Forman

Newsletter: Elizabeth Soule

'C' Match: Terrie Sato

Programs: vacant

Property & Inventory: Don Rennick

Tracking: Marta Brock

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CLUB UPDATES

EVENT UPDATES

Diane Baumann Seminar - Moved to June 2021

Alex Robinson Seminar - Canceled until 2021.



Curious about AKC's current guidelines around holding events for various sports?

While actual events are likely still a ways off here in Washington, you can read AKC's suggested best practices linked below to find out what to expect when we are able to hold events again.

[Click here for Obedience and Rally](#)

[Click here for Agility](#)

[Click here for Tracking](#)

You can find the links for all the sports on this page of the AKC website:

<https://www.akc.org/press-center/covid-19-updates-from-the-american-kennel-club/>



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Board Meeting

September 15, 7pm
Zoom

General Meeting

September 29, 7pm
Zoom

Link will be emailed a few days before the meeting

Tracking Test

November 29
Either JBLM or Jan Wesen Farm

2020 Trial Entry Refund Checks

If, as a result of the cancellation of our 2020 obedience and rally trials, you received an entry fee refund check and have not yet cashed it, please do so immediately.

If you don't intend to cash it, please let Sue Cox know so she can credit our checking account and not keep carrying the check over as outstanding for the next year. Your donation back to the Club is appreciated! Thank you so much!!

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 11, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Terrie Sato, on Aug 11 2020 via Zoom
Present—Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Janice Bergman, Sue Cox, Neil Evans, Karen Snee
2. **Minutes** - Minutes from the 7/6/20 Board meeting were approved as printed in the Canine Post
3. **Report of the President** - Thank you to the Audit/Budget committee for meeting so promptly. The budget is not unexpectedly sobering. I would like to acknowledge; Don Renneck, Karen Snee and Betty Winthers for their work on this project.
4. **Report of the Secretary** - No report
5. **Report of the Treasurer** - Sue read balances for all accounts. She reported that there are still Trial refund checks outstanding.
She also is preparing the roster to send to AKC
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Agility - Nancy said wouldn't see a contract with Fun-Fur-Paws until October,
 - b. Membership - No report from Rhonda. Terrie said that she will hopefully get rest of membership paperwork on Friday from Susan.
 - c. Seminar - Diane Bauman - Nancy said she has taken information to a few training classes.
 - d. Hearts and Flowers- No report
 - e. Tracking - Marta reports the committee is working hard, trying to get JBLM but it will most likely be at Bow
 - f. 2021 Diamond Anniversary - Sue is working on it. Terrie had a suggestion for some kind of sticker for car.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. Dedicated E-mail - Board decided to start with a general Information one to go to Nancy and a membership one to go to Rhonda.
 - b. Sportsmanship Award - Terrie has received it and will make plans to present it to Jill
 - c. Budget- Board discussed budget and ways to bring in some money to replace cancelled events
8. **New Business**
 - a. Facebook - Sarah and Terrie are co-administrators. Posts must go thru them.
Things discussed as acceptable; upcoming events, equipment for sale, rehomes/rescue for dogs. Not acceptable live animal sales-puppies etc, personal opinion rants.
Board approval needed for offers of non members classes
9. **Meetings**
Board - September 15th 7:00 via Zoom
General - September 29th 7:00 via Zoom
10. **Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Terrie Sato on July 20, 2020, via Zoom

Attending—Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Janice Bergman, Neil Evans, Karen Snee, Betty Winthers, Bev May, Arlette Davison, Catherine Soule, Elizabeth Soule, Lynn Grinnell, Rhonda Forman, Ingrida Robinson, Jill Petersen, Martha Jordan, Janice Gunn, Laura Burns, Reggie Gausman, Holly Krohn, Guest- Haley Eisenshtadt

2. **Report of the Board** - The Board is working to get a dedicated e-mail for our website with the help of Elizabeth Soule. This will hopefully stop some of the spam e-mails that appear to be from officers that have been plaguing our members. We have appointed our annual audit/budget committee and they will be facing some challenges with many unknowns based on this year's cancellations of activities.

3. **Report of the President** - Welcome to all our guests to our meeting and for the program after the meeting with Diane Bauman

4. **Report of the Secretary** - No report

5. **Report of the Treasurer** - Sue is working on the yearly report and says we are going to lose money this year. Sue reports that the audit/budget committee will be meeting on July 21st.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Membership - No report
- b. Spring Trial 2021 - No report
- c. Hearts and Flowers - No report
- d. Agility - Board approved to change the location of the trial to Fun-Fur Paws
- e. Seminar - Diane Bauman -June 12-13 2021- No report
- f. Tracking - No report
- g. Diamond Anniversary - No report

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

9. Good of the Order

- a. Chuckanut Dog Training Club has cancelled their trials
- b. The AKC is allowing titles to be earned with three passes under one judge through Dec 2020
- c. Betty Winthers reported that the Palm Spring show has been canceled
- d. Sue reported that they are unsure if there will be a judges seminar in the area

10 Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary



Celebrations!



Laura Burns + Brian

This summer we welcomed a new English Cocker Spaniel puppy to our pack: Quinlan's High King, "Brian" (named after Brian Boru). Brian will be active in tracking, obedience and conformation, along with dabbling in other sports, but right now his main pursuits seem to be terrorizing his uncle Robbie and anticipating his next meal. I am so excited about all the new adventures we will have!

Celebrations!



Terrie Sato + Hobbs

Grouse Creek's The Natural BN SH, earned a SH after his name by completing his Senior Hunter title at the Oregon Hunting Retriever Club's hunt test at Sauvie Island on Aug. 16th. With temperatures in the high 90's the judges wisely included water in both the land and water tests and Hobbs acquitted himself well in all requirements. The tests were conducted in relative COVID safety and I am thankful to the Oregon club for allowing us to finish our title. Hobbs is owned, trained and handled by Terrie Sato.

Celebrations!



Arlette Davison + Breyá

Breyá earned her AKC Rally Novice Title with top scores in Virtual Rally!

1st leg: Qualifying score, 96

2nd leg: Qualifying score, 100

3rd leg: Qualifying score, 99

Celebrations!



Betty Winthers + Quik

I entered my Papillon puppy (Clearlake MGL-ISLE Nestle Quik of VW) in the AKC Virtual Show last week. He won First in the Puppy Toy Group and is eligible to compete for Best Puppy in Show!

What are you and your dog(s) celebrating? Send in a photo and caption or short story to Elizabeth at souleea@gmail.com



Dogs in ACTION



Elizabeth Soule + Eli

Eli practicing his long distance recall!
Trilliant Don't Fence Me In
Photo by Mervin Johnsigh

What does your dog LOVE to do? Send a photo of your dog in action to Elizabeth at souleea@gmail.com! It doesn't need to be official—training photos welcome!