

General Membership Meeting November 2, 2016 (DRAFT)

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Renee Morgan. Members in attendance: Renee Morgan, Bryan Morgan, Candace O'Connor, Lee A. Wood, Angelica Gauges-Honda, Cindy Udarbe, Cheryl Laudert, Nicki Stewart, Polly Divens, Wendy Uzzell, Rebecca Gatterdam, Ron Gatterdam, Sue Acquistapace, Becky Hammond, Elizabeth Pollen, Carole Petersen, Angela Major, Dianne Marshall, Kathy Powell, Michaela Krohn, Linda Schertz, Lori Kunz

1. Minutes approval: there were no September minutes to approve. **Due out:** They will be sent via email for approval at the next meeting.
2. Treasurer's report attached. \$5k will be moved from the agility account to savings. There was discussion regarding the consistency of restitution payments and the pay-off timeline. **Due out:** Sue Acquistapace will contact the lawyer for a copy of the agreement.
3. Those who attended the Halloween party were thanked. All are looking forward to the Christmas Party (discussed during new business).
4. A. AKC requires we submit a list of all members every year by member and not membership (i.e. household membership). As of this meeting, we have 157 individual members and 127 memberships. The AKC information regarding officers is out of date. Candace updated one site. **Due out:** Becky Gatterdam needs to fax a list of new board members to AKC. **Due out:** Carol requires a separate memo on club letterhead with new board officers to send to the State of Alaska.

B. All October trial entries were from Fairbanks. Entry levels were very low but the event cleared \$500. New AKC rules allow every club to hold 12 trials a year. Next year trial information has been provided to AKC. Agility classes are full.

C. Next year's show will be at the Fairgrounds. There will be an increase in parking fees. The budget projects a positive net of \$2.2k. The show committee expects a capital expense next year which will include \$2k for trailer repairs from the general account. Will also request \$500 for new breed ring signs. The May show will have 4 shows instead of 3; 2 shows will be on Sunday along with the Puppy Extravaganza. Veterans will be on Monday. Sue needs 1 Alaska Airlines companion fare ticket to pay for judges travel. **Recommendation:** Polly Divens suggested adding requests, such as for companion fares, to the newsletter. The show committee is still waiting for AKC event plans and for AKC to post the judging panel for the full weekend (Saturday and Monday are posted).

D. Tracking is taking a rest after a busy year. Two judges are under contract for next year; they may also have a third. The event committee will be coming together.

E. Two more weeks of non-agility fall classes. Rent went up by \$5/hour. The club pays by the hour, not day. Total cost is \$40/hour which is \$10 less than what the fairground charges other customers. The fun match made \$510; total cost was \$400 bringing in \$110 to the positive. Polly Divens asked if we were paying more for less space given the extra equipment stored in the building. We are paying the same. Spring classes will remain at the Fairgrounds and will only be held on Saturdays. Utility and Open Obedience classes will be combined. All conformation classes will be combined. Rally classes will be combined.

K9 Puppy and CGC will be combined. There is an opportunity in February to host a seminar with Gratia Stewart at a cost of \$100 per attendee. The committee will consider a summer class on Wednesday evenings. The committee is researching other options for next year to include discussions to use Susan Sampson's facility and/or Beth Frank's. Susan's facility may accommodate holding two classes at one time given its size (40x100).

F. The newsletter will go out in January. Wendy Uzzell would like to include a calendar of events for the year. **Recommendation:** discuss the Barnes and Noble dog event in the future for potential liability issues given the amount of non-event related dogs in the store.

5. New Business:

A. Budgets presented as provided. Summary of accounts provided. Only income to the general account is memberships. Liabilities include other required payments. **Note:** Becky Gatterdam needed to revise the May Show Budget as provided. Bottom line budget for 2017: Expenses - \$99,137, Income - \$109,129, Savings - \$96,000 (+). Expenses not included in the budget provided: May Show trailers covered storage (\$250/year); Events including Halloween party, CGC, others parties and events. **Due out:** Costs provided are too low and need to be revised.

General Account approvals required: new computer (as capital and not expense) and storage of May show trailers. Sue made a motion to approve \$600 for a new computer, \$500 for storage of trailers and \$2k for trailer repairs; Diane seconded. Discussion: whether the \$2k for trailer repairs should be added to the general account (affirmed). No further discussion. **Decision:** Unanimous approval.

May Show approvals required: budget as presented including \$200 for show steward/helper lunch. Wendy made a motion to approve, Diane seconded. Discussion: May show committee anticipates making \$2.2k; grounds expense will be ~\$200 less than initially planned in the budget. Catalogue expenses are included as part of Baray expenses. Short discussion regarding difference in budget provided at board meeting and proposed at general membership meeting. Final product was a result of May show committee and preferences. Lively discussion ensued regarding appropriateness of using committee funds to provide lunch for volunteers. Some questioned the dedication of volunteers needing a free lunch (tracking provides meals, agility does not). Others questioned how we could ask members and non-members to work that hard and not provide them lunch; considered it an inexpensive way to say thank-you. **Decision:** Unanimous approval.

Tracking approvals required: budget as presented. Polly Divens motioned to approve; Michaela seconded. **Decision:** Unanimous approval.

Class committee approvals required: budget as presented. Nicki Stewart motioned to approve; Wendy seconded. Discussion: budget is being adjusted. **Decision:** Unanimous approval.

Agility approvals required: budget as presented including \$1k for agility seminar to provide a \$25 discount for club members only. Michaela motioned to approve; Diane seconded. Lively discussion followed regarding the "subsidization" of seminar fees for members. Others considered it no different than providing free lunch during the May show. Agility

enthusiasts felt it was a viable request given the amount of funds the agility committee contributes to the club's Savings account. **Decision:** 18 yays, 2 nays.

B. Account audit: all receipts have been received. No action required.

C. The Christmas Party will be held on December 18, 2016 from 3-6pm at the Pioneer Park Civic Center Blue Room. Awards must be received by November 7th. Irene will accept pictures for the rainbow bridge slide show. Potluck dishes will be according to last name (list to be provided). Instead of a Chinese Auction, a silent auction will be held. Request that all members bring items for the food bank and rescue mission. Every donated item will receive "money" to use as part of the auction.

D. (added). May Show Committee: Becky Gatterdam presented a cost comparison of capital budget and expected profit of the Ice Park versus Fairgrounds over the next few years. The Fairgrounds remains a more financially viable option. The May Show Committee made the decision to remain at the Fairgrounds into the future. Discussion followed.

The meeting concluded at 8:30.