

General Meeting September 20, 2020 Zoom format

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm by Jonathan Bowman

Attendance: Jonathan Bowman, Steven McGregor, Judy James, Val Tangen, Pam Coffeen, Diane Haelsing, Deanna Allen, Annie Herberholz, Mary Masten, Gary Masten, Angela Harding, Rachel Cullen, Amanda Ford, Gail Snow, Sarah Kahn, Jacqueline Seigel, and Katrina Jackson.

Report of President: The club finances are in good standing with only a minimal loss due to cancellation of events due to the pandemic.

Report of Treasurer: Darlene electronically submitted prior to the meeting reporting that we have 143 members with one household and four individuals as listed applying to move from associate to regular membership. The current thinking is that the number posted in a report expected posted on the website may risk the club accounts security. The totals are provided at each board member and any member may attend the board meetings.

Members were sent an electronic version of the treasurer's report to the general meeting. A question was raised as to why the club balance total was not posted.

Reports of committees

Water: Deep Lake Water Trial and Flowing Lake Trials were cancelled with venue unable to service our event by governor's decree for COVID-19 safety concerns. Minimal financial losses because the parks refunded our deposits.

Tracking: Trial is January 10, 2021 in Bow. Workers are needed for track layers, flag carriers, hospitality, and drivers. People new to the sport are encouraged to lay tracks because of minimal training need to provide this service to the event. Expenses are anticipated to be higher this year because of hotel costs and track layers and judges may need to drive themselves. Changes in gathering and setup will reflect COVID safety procedures recommended at the time of the event.

Agility: Sarah recommends that Agility be a no go for 2021. For the future may consider looking toward a venue in Oregon. Lately agility events for our club have been a good social event for members, but the outlay of money is large comparative to the small net income or risk of financial loss.

Regional: Will be held May 22, 2020 in Lynden. No financial loss associated with the cancelation of the May 2020 event. The breed judge come highly recommended by her breed judge mentor because JoAnne Buehler genuinely loves this breed and is anticipated to be nonpolitical in her judging. Buehler is on the hosting venues panel of judges, so this save our club a lot of costs for the judge. The venue has at least 6 obedience trials available in 4 days, trick dog will be offered one day as a fund raiser for the specialty event. Other events are offered at the venue which has a lot of grassy outdoor spaces.

Unfinished business: Agility discussion continued as part of the discussion of what does the membership want offered.

New business: Nominating committee chair is Sarah Kahn.

Membership engagement was discussed.

Social media—Judy James explained the guidelines voted by the board to be posted on our Facebook Page. While a long list of social media policy is found in club documents available on the PNWPWDC website, a shorter list was drawn up by Mandy and approved by the board with minor revisions as a suitable short version to address specifically reminders of proper decorum, disallowance of the site to be used for puppy sales, or inappropriate posting of stud dog availability. Board will carry on the discussion to ensure a team of nonbreeders is engaged to continually scan the site to keep all postings appropriate. People using the site will need to agree to the guidelines to continue using the site. Warnings will be given in a respectful educational explanatory tone when postings are to be removed.

New member---Breeder referrals for new pup owners to take advantage of the first year free membership are not being offered by all breeders who are club members. Reasons were discussed including a solution to add a mentoring program at each event to help newcomers become engaged and feel welcome.

At the close of the meeting with 30% of the regular members electronically voting. The following members have been approved to move from associate to regular member status:

Molly & Reinhard Speckhardt

Jill Hughes Richey

Gail Snow

Stevie Viaene

Jacqueline Seigel

Adjournment 5:19 pm