

PAWS 2 DANCE AGM MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2007

In Attendance:

Shirley North (President)
Gail Walsh (Vice President)
Kathy Pawson (Secretary)
Marilyn Knipp (Treasurer)

Barbara Hanson
Annette Granbois
Lydia Francescutti
Ray Underwood

Vickie Phillips
Joan Strick
Anne Reiland
Jean Dawson

Vice President's Report - Gail

Presentations: Gifts were presented to outgoing executive members, Michelle Dodgshon, Shirley North, and Kathy Pawson.

Sign: A 24' x 6' sign would have cost over \$150. Gail's husband Nick has procured a blank sign. Gail will purchase lettering and create a Paws 2 Dance sign.

Privacy Tent for Demos: Vickie has donated a tent.

Dressage Inquiries: In clarifying a query about dressage judging, Ray confirmed that Heeling forms the foundation of any dressage work.

Chat List: Barbara has agreed to moderate the Chat List, "Western Freestyle." Gail suggests that we all join and make use of this service to stay in touch and share news about musical freestyle and dressage with members and with dancers from around the world.

Secretary's Report - Kathy

This will be my last report. I have been Secretary for this club since the very first elections in 2000 and am now ready to hand over "the bible" to the new Secretary with my best wishes. I trust she will find everything in order and enjoy an evening of light reading as she traces the club's history from the beginning. Get ready for Volume II.

Premium List Changes

It was necessary to make some changes to the Premium List for our April 2007 competition. For the sake of expediency these changes were made prior to consulting the membership. I will read the changes into the minutes of this meeting and open this item for discussion.

Juniors

In consultation with Ray and Shirley, I made changes to the "Juniors" Division. Previously it did not have a title attached to it. Juniors should be judged the same as Novice (with the judges making allowances for age). Once they have earned their title they can remain in Juniors, if they want, until they are ready to move up to Novice or until the age of 16.

I removed the sentence "with the exception of juniors, competitors may compete in this division in two competitions with only one routine in each competition" to make this strictly a Juniors Division. I also removed "this division is suggested for competitors who have never been in a competition before." The title will be FDJ (Freestyle Dog Juniors). If we allow adults to compete here we would have to have two separate titles (Pre-Novice and Junior) and have to make another separate division for the adults (Pre-Novice). I believe adult competitors should be able to enter directly into Novice without the need for a Pre-Novice Division.

Please compare the following:

Changed from:

PreNovice/Juniors (Division 1 individual, Div. 2 pairs, Div. 3 teams)

- o Music time 1.5 - 2.5 minutes.
- o Dogs may be on or off leash or any combination thereof.
- o This division is suggested for competitors who have never been in a competition before.
- o With the exception of juniors, competitors may compete in this division in two competitions, with only one routine in each competition.
- o Juniors may compete in this division until their 16th birthday.

Changed to:

Juniors (Division 1 individual, Div. 2 pairs, Div. 3 teams)

- o Music time 1.5 - 2.5 minutes.
- o Dogs may be on or off leash or any combination thereof.
- o Juniors may compete in this division until their 16th birthday.
- o Competitors in this division may not have competed at the intermediate or advanced levels.
- o Juniors, however, may compete with dogs that have competed at higher levels.
- o When a competitor has achieved two scores of 5.0 out of 10.0 or more, at two different competitions they will have achieved their title for this level.
- o After achieving a title for this level, Juniors may elect to move up to a higher level division or may continue to compete in this division until their 16th birthday.

Canine Dressage

I removed Canine Dressage Intermediate, as it is not being offered at this time and it will likely be changed before being offered. The music time has been revised to 1.5 to 3.5 minutes. This was suggested by Ray as he feels it takes longer to show heeling than FS moves.

Veterans

Veterans Class has been added for dogs 7 years of age or older who have achieved either a Novice A or Novice B title. Music time 1.5-2.5 minutes. Dogs may be on or off leash or any combination thereof. Once entered in this division, competitors must remain in Veterans and may not compete in any other division. When a competitor has achieved two scores of 5.0 out of 10.0 or more, at two different competitions, they will have achieved their title for this level. Competitors may compete at this level indefinitely.

Divisions

The divisions have been renumbered to accommodate these changes.

Competitors Rules and Guidelines

Last year I added "Dogs must be on-leash or crated when not competing." This year I added "or in a designated practice area."

Suggestion

I would like to suggest that "someone" (perhaps the new secretary) should update the judging guidelines, divisions, and titles documents.

Positions

The *title tracking* and *dog registration* positions are open. I will forward the documents to whoever takes this on. The dog registration forms are directed through our website. Nick can change the recipient for us.

We have received 6 new registrations; 4 from the Island and 2 from Carolyn.

Treasurer's Report - Marilyn

We have \$1007.57 in our account. We made over \$500 through Vickie's cookies, the fun match, new memberships and the Pet Expo Booth. Thanks to all participators.

Expenditures have included setting up an account, carpet rolls to restore the rolls of carpet in order to sell them, the bulletin board, Vanguard Insurance, Rental for the competition venue, and new Mats.

Still owing Lydia for mats \$391.88

Mats were purchased for less than anticipated. Membership fees and Competition fees are coming in. Club could pay Lydia off right now and still have enough money to cover competition expenses.

President's Report - Shirley

New Members: Welcome new members Kathie Black, Anne Reiland, Juliana Skelhons, Shelley Denton, Monique Anstee and Joan Ethier.

Thank you to Michelle, Gail, Kathy, and Marilyn for all the support over the years.

Elections

Treasurer: Marilyn
Secretary: Lydia

Vice President: Annette
President: Gail

Report on Fun Match - Lydia

Set up: went smoothly. 40 minutes for new mats (including removing packaging)

Mats: Looked excellent. Performed well. Deep-tread runners should be discouraged.

Dog's nails should be trimmed. Very little scuffing to mats. Should be wiped down for dust before event begins.

Sound System: User must read page 12. Gary will be able to assist music person.

Atmosphere: Since the aim was to proof dogs, noise and dogs in area were encouraged.

Warm up Area: Will use Lydia's mats for expanded warm-up area.

Take Down: 20 minutes.

Score Sheet Tweaking - Lydia

Exhibitor Number, division, passing score made more prominent.

Time of routine deleted; time violation added to "Disqualifications."

(Lydia will create a timer's sheet so that timers can record times)

A scale for each value, indicating a passing mark for Novice, Intermediate, and

Advanced has been added to each criteria space to assist judges.

All values and criteria have remained the same.

Score Sheet Alternatives - Lydia

(Moved Lydia/Seconded Joan) that in the event that one judge cancels just before an event and a replacement judge can not be procured, that an alternative set of score sheets - one Technical Merit; one Artistic Impression - be used. Carried.

Ray has approved the values and Lydia will make up a generic set to be kept in the Paws 2 Dance Judges' box as back up for emergency situations.

Demonstrations - Vickie

Whistler Pet Fair: April 21 and 22. Accommodations TBA.

Bellingham Breed Dog Show: Wednesday, May 2.

Winery Strawberry Fest: June 17.

Richmond: July 21

Contact Vickie if you wish to participate.

Show Jobs - Vickie and Gail

Set Up: 8:30. Registration: 10 - 11:30. Practice: 10:30 - 11:30.

Doors Open: 11:30. Start: 12:30

All members encouraged to assist with set up and take down.

Taking things to venue:

Annette: Mats and raffle baskets

Lydia: fencing, warm-up mats, cooler, easel, board, judge's box, score sheets.

Shirley: music system, signage, stop watches

Gail: flowers, table cloths

Vickie: cash box, raffle tickets, clock, bags, buckets, water bowls, odds and sods.

Barb: Ex pens

Music: Pat Moore (Gary will coach).

Judges: Artistic - Julia Byrnes; Technical - Lia Bijsterfeld; Over-All - Shirley North.