

Paws 2 Dance Annual General Meeting + Gala Meeting

July 4, 2010

In Attendance:	Gail Walsh	Annette Granbois	Lin MacDonald	Vickie Phillips
	Lydia Francescutti	Ray Underwood	Bonnie Fergusson	Joan Strick
	Karen Eskilson	Alison Trinkaus	Sharon Lunde	Jan Hodge
	Joyce Johnston	Tristan Underwood		

Item	Discussion
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President's Report Gail	Gail thanked everyone for their commitment toward the gala and encouraged us to continue working toward something we will all be proud of.
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Secretary's Report	Minutes of last meeting
Lyd	Society's form: Lin will take care of it on line.

Treasurer's Report	<u>Treasurer's Report</u>
Lin	\$28,899.32 (current assets total) - \$26,813.53 CDN Acc't - \$2,021.23 US Acc't - \$4.00 Petty cash - \$60.56 Funds awaiting deposit Fiscal year just passed. Lin will do the taxes now. Lin would like a tax accountant to check it over. Gail has someone who could do it. All bills are paid. Fund-raising: we've raised over \$31,000 Projecting another \$9000 from tickets. We're probably sitting at around 200 tickets sold. Membership: 49 paid members. 11 not paid. 6 are pending (cheques in the mail) General funds: \$3000

Elections All positions open. Annette will be stepping down. Others will run again. Karen Eskilson nominated for Vice President. Accepted. Elected. Gail, Lin, Lydia, Vickie were all elected for another term. Annette was thanked for her years of service as Vice President. Because of the Gala, she will continue on in an advisory role on the executive until after November 7.

Demo Report
Vickie

Upcoming Lower Mainland commitments:
Thursday 8 – Care home in Vancouver
Saturday and Sunday 11/12: Critter Care in Langley
Sunday, August 22: Renal Rodeo, At Danny Virtue’s ranch, in support of children with kidney disease. Although immediately after a long day of rehearsal, may provide good promotion.
Friday, August 27, Princeton Fair.
September 12, SPCA Paws for a Cause
Tradex: October, details TBA
December 23: Care Home
Tickets for Vet and demo. Dance one evening at their school. Mid-October?
Ray: make sure it is a good experience for the dogs.
Vickie was thanked for her hard work this past year coordinating the Cloverdale rodeo demos, booking sites, juggling dates.

Gala Report Ray	It's time to move beyond the mechanics of the routine. Now we have to crank it up a bit and turn it into a show. We must pay attention to detail to make something good into something great. Lin won't be able to write everything down. It's time for all of us to catch the details at rehearsals. We may not have a second chance to go over the details. Keep the right attitude and you will be thankful for it on the night.
Competition Vickie	Vickie and Annette have worked on the details and budget for the competition Judges: Ray will find and train the judges Prizes: Ribbons, trophies, and prizes will not be ordered until entries are closed. Order of competitions: Wait till we have entries to determine best order. Use kite-flyers at intermission Photographer: ask Sheena. Videographer: Karen Decorations: Gail will ask her theatre contact who often rents flowers for productions Raffle and gift baskets: Items needed. Give to either Annette or Vickie Competition gift bags: looking for ideas, items Special dancers at the end: Ray and Pepsi; Michele and Listo. Moved (lyd) to increase budget. Ray suggested we hold off of determining exact budget until closer to the event when we know number of entries. Projected budget: \$8274.00
Fundraising	Bling – Annette (see treasurer's report) Gone very well with number of parties. Will hold a mark-down sale for members. A good opportunity for gifts for relatives. Sponsorship – Going well. Lin is keeping track of donations, Nick is putting them on site, Joan is adding them to the program. Gala gear – Lin is thinking of creating some custom gala gear with <i>the Escape the Darkness</i> logo. Send ideas to Lin.
Gala Lin	Rehearsals: important to attend Set design: Stan will start off with sketches. New member, Heather VanOene has volunteered to help with the painting as she has experience in set painting. Locations for painting: Alison and Frazer Health are looking at some possibilities. Set painting – Everybody needs to pitch in. Time TBA. Aim for August 1
Raffle	1st prize: Diana Ponting pastel (\$1200) 2nd prize: Pearls (\$1050) 3rd prize: Travel basket? (\$100) Opening date: July 25th at the Island Fling Closing date: November 7, 16:00 at the <i>Dance the Skies</i> competition, Bell Center, Surrey Number of tickets: 500 Price of tickets: \$5 each Winners will be drawn out of a drum, in front of competitors, at the competition. Drawer: Connor Doran, kite flyer. Lin will procure license and tickets.
Advertising	Magazines: <i>Pet Connection</i>. Perhaps Wenday Wallace could write an article for <i>Dogs in Canada</i>. Bonnie has CKC rep name. Gail will approach journalist for possibility for an article.

City of Surrey: Lyd has written a letter asking for promotional space (transit shelters, city website, poster cylinders) and is waiting for response.
Radio/Television: start contacting first of September
moved (Jan/Bonnie) to put one ad in *Pet Connection* and one in *Dogs in Canada*.
Passed.

- Printing Programs - needs 4 weeks lead time. Joan has started on program. Wait till Sept. to determine number. Joan is waiting for 2nd photo shoot.
Posters: Large: Could order soon but not put up for a while.
Small ones needed as well. (for stores, hospitals, etc.) 8.5 x 11"
- Dogs in Car For the Gala, Ray's security club is donating their time for parking-lot security so that competitors or spectators from out of town will be able to leave their dogs in their cars for the 2 hours of the performance in a reserved, protected area.
- Island Fling July 25th.
Judges: Ray, Lyd. Shadow judges: Gail, Arlene, Tristan
Mats: Annette will haul over to the island.
Gail will take pastel painting; Lin will set up a Gala information table.
- Motion Moved (Jan/Lin) to create a sunshine fund for the Lower Mainland group and to collect \$10 per year per local members. Passed
New Vice President, Karen, will be in charge of this fund.
- Gates: Gates. Easy to use at home.
Moved (lin/ Joan) to buy enough ring gating to make a ring.
Shipping/taxes: about \$1000. Would weigh 117 pounds. Members could use and store. Passed
- Performance clinic Cancelled for this year.
- Rehearsals: August 21 at the Bell.
Sept. 18, October 9: Alice McKay: 11:30 – 3:30

Gail adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.