

Paws 2 Dance AGM May 23, 2009



In Attendance

Gail Walsh
Lin MacDonald
Sharon Lunde

Annette Granbois
Jan Hodge
Ray Underwood

Lydia Francescutti
Bonnie Fergusson

Presidents Report

- Acknowledgements** Gail acknowledged everybody for all the work and support during the year.
- Contacts** A South African Freestyler is coming here in September and will be going to the Island. She would like to see one of our lessons.
- Business cards** Lin has created business cards for the club. Let Gail know if you want some.
- Robert's Rules of Order** Should we go over all Old business first and then New Business? We agreed to continue conducting meetings as we have.
- Motions circulated ahead of meeting:
Agreed that whenever possible, items up for discussion at the AGM be circulated to all members ahead of the meeting. This does not mean they should be in motion form.
- Discussion:** Would provide fair time for all members to voice their opinions
Would allow for thoughtful wording
Would allow time for amendments
Would speed up AGM
Understood that some motions will arise at the meeting.

Motion #1: Moved (MacDonald/Fergusson) to make our quorum 5. Carried.

Vice President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Last Report: :	General Fund \$2,005.95
2/10/09	Gala Fund \$2,271.00

Current Balances:	General Fund \$2,043.11
5/20/09	Gala fund \$4,256.00

General Fund

Expenses: Competition & fun match expenses: Gift bags, food, programs, rent, ribbons, prizes, judges

Income 24 Memberships, competition & fun match entries, door admission and raffle

Cheques need to be purchased for banking.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from last meeting.
Moved (Fergusson/Hodge) to accept minutes. Carried

Election of Officers

Motion #2: Moved (Francescutti/ Granbois) that the demonstration chairperson be a member of the executive. Carried

Motion #3: Moved (Granbois/Hodge) that the competition chairperson be a member of the executive. Carried

President: Gail Walsh
Vice President: Annette Granbois
Secretary: Lydia Francescutti
Treasurer: Lin MacDonald
Demonstration Chair: Vickie Phillips
Competition Chair: Vickie Phillips

Many thanks to Marilyn for her hard work as treasurer.

Committees & new items

Bulletin Board: Send photos and little write-ups to Bonnie or Sharon
Bonnie

Demonstration Chair Update:
Vickie

May 30th, 31st - Kelowna. the 30th is a workshop.
June 6th Brookwood Seniors Centre
June 13th SPCA open house in Surrey
June 20th Steveston biscuits tails something or other for the SPCA
June 26th (Fri) Seniors' Drop In center, Ladner
June 27,28 Vancouver Island competition and workshop
July 11, 12th Crittercare Wildlife fundraiser
July 25 Ladner Humane Society pet expo
July 26 Delta Humane Society pet expo
Sept 13th SPCA Paws for a Cause fundraiser
Oct 3&4 US competition
Oct 17/18 Vancouver/Fraser Valley annual pet expo (Tradex)
Oct 31/Nov 1 Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers event (Tradex)

*Some confusion about the June 26 Ladner event

Competition Chair Update:

Building layout	- much better. Good response from competitors.
Music	- need to direct music to audience. New configuration. - need longer cord for second speaker. Or, put music on other side.
No food in ring	- a reminder that food must not be used in the ring during warm-up. Some food was in ring during warm-up. - put a sign up at the ring entrance.

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| Free entry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - certificates not working - prepare chit in envelop to attach to ribbon:
Remit for one free entry into the next Prancing Paws competition. (or Island Fling or Boot-scootin' Boogie) |
| Entry Form | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reminder that only the entry sheet need be submitted - only one sheet per entry. - encourage people to e-mail entries ahead of time. |

New divisions – Lydia

Motion #4: Moved (Francescutti / Fergusson) to create a new category in Musical Freestyle for exhibitors who have attained their advanced title, called Advanced X Freestyle Dog. To attain this title, the handler and dog must achieve 8.5 on four separate occasions with a minimum of two different routines.

Carried

Motin #5: (Moved Underwood/ Lunde) to create a new category in Musical Freestyle for exhibitors who have attained their Advanced title, called Champion Freestyle Dog in order to elevate the sport to its next level. Exhibitors in this category would not be eligible to receive the high overall MF score award. Criteria will be developed and made available to handlers preparing for this category by 2010.

Carried

Motion #6: Moved (Granbois /Francescutti) that we add C-divisions to each level except the advanced level so that if an exhibitor feels not ready to compete at the next level, she could stay at the same level. She would be eligible for ribbons at any competition, but no new title. Anyone could stay at this division indefinitely.

Carried

Ray suggests contacting Island people to see if they would like to implement these new divisions in June as they would be particularly handy at two-day events.

New Overall Judge's score sheet – Lydia

Motion #7: Moved (Francescutti/Underwood) To use the new judges' sheets for Artistic Impression and Technical Merit for all events and to create a new Overall Judge's sheet that would work with these two, to be used in the event that the entry is big enough to warrant a third judge. The sheet would have two categories: Artistic and Technical, with a performance standard for each level. Each category would be worth 5 for a total of 10.

Carried

Discussion: Many members favor 3-judge system. Currently, two completely different sets of score sheets (2-judge or 3-judge) are being used. Judges have indicated that the new sheets are easier and quicker to use. Current overall sheet partially covers some of the elements on the old sheets but also covers elements not on the old version, and has six different elements to assess - with values of 1, 1.5, or 3. A score sheet with 2 categories valued equally with performance standards would be easy for judges to use.

Hosting clubs prizes for competitions – Annette

Recommendation that hosting clubs be required to provide first-place prizes only (in addition to ribbons for first, second, and third). Hosting clubs could provide second and third-place prizes if they wish.

Becoming a Society/Incorporation – Lin

Motion #8: Moved (MacDonald/Fergusson) that Paws 2 Dance be reconstructed so that the Lower Mainland Members are the Home Base Members and Club. The members out of the Lower Mainland are Affiliate Clubs and members.'

Carried

A new Paws 2 Dance Canine Musical Freestyle Society Bylaws and Working Rules will be e-mailed to all club members on a separate e-mail.

Motion #9: Moved (MacDonald/Francescutti) to incorporate Paws 2 Dance.

Carried

Our official society name will be **Paws 2 Dance Canine Musical Freestyle Society**

Gala

Fundraising – Annette

In total, we have raised almost \$6000 and paid for the computer and raffle gifts.

Garage Sale:

Members park in back. We'll need fencing for demo Everything would be outside if the weather cooperates. If it rains, then the sale and demo will be held inside. Members are encouraged to come and bring along family and friends to help out.

Vickie in charge of food

Gail will put ads in local papers, Buy and Sell, Craig's List

Annette will photo-copy flyers for distribution in Langley

Lydia will create gala flyer to distribute at sale

We will set up inside on Friday and put tables out early Saturday.

We will do demos periodically during the sale.

Annette will send e-mails to all members re. items for the garage sale – final reminder.

Giftware Sales: We still have considerable product. Would anyone care to host a party?

Pearl Raffle: Prize for selling most tickets.

Bonnie will look into Newf club cruise raffle.

Golf Tournament: in summer. Annette will have Russ check to see what dates are available. \$20 for round of golf, beer, hamburger. We could charge \$40.

Sharon has procured \$300 for the Gala fund from "Design a Move" home staging and will bring details.

Gail will investigate the dishcloth sales

Lin has found an ice-cream cake fund raiser.

The Gala Performance: Ray

Ray is moving along with music and choreography.

He needs to know which of the local members wish to perform on stage and which don't.

He will choreograph something for anyone who wishes to perform. Ray will send out an e-mail to that effect this week.

Anyone wishing to perform will have to make a commitment to be properly trained.

Dogs on leash are fine.

If you would rather not appear on the stage, there are many vital roles off-stage that handlers could participate in.

Re. Jake and Pepsi: With Joyce coming back, Ray will change twins into triplets. If something were to happen to one of the dogs, the whole premise would not crash.

Charity: A portion of the proceeds will go to a charity.

Some possibilities:

Noah's Wish, SAINTS, Critter Care, Katy's Place
Richmond Animal Protection Society, BC Guide
Dogs for the Blind. Langley Animal Protection
Society.

Motion #10: Moved (Underwood/Fergusson) to name Critter Care as our charity of choice for the gala. Carried

Vickie will have to ask them for permission to use them on our Gala advertising.

Stan (Lyd's husband) will do a program/T-shirt logo. He will have it ready by September

Web Page:

Need pictures of the people (portraits)

Thomas needs information.

We can use any Bell Center photos or information.

Chilliwick: Have flies (scenery, not the things that buzz around the room): They are quite dark. We are welcome to borrow them.

Need a chart:

What needs to happen - choreography, training, proofing,
costumes

When each aspect should happen.

Need a flyer for the fall for the gala.

Need to raise our profile. Ray will approach Joyce who is excellent at promotion. Gail has already made several contacts and will relay t his information to Joyce if she decides to take the position on.

Re. Justin Turcott: we should find out more about his documentary.

Moved (Corabel/Odie) to adjourn the meeting.

Carried