

In Attendance

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Club Business

Treasurer's Report - Lin

- Has opened a Canadian account, a US account, and a PayPal account.
- Total current assets: 9,751.86 (Includes Gala fundraiser money)

Motions

- Change of membership fees: \$25 for locals and \$20 for affiliates
We heard several people voice concerns that affiliate members must pay as much as the local members and that local members receive more benefits.
We are presuming "more benefits" means "voting privileges."
(Moved MacDonald/seconded Vickie) to raise local membership fee to \$25 and keep affiliate membership fee to \$20.

Passed

- P2D membership for competition
(Moved Strick/seconded Fergusson) to make membership to Paws 2 Dance mandatory for competition.

Passed

(Moved Walsh/seconded Strick) that all divisions (except training and masters divisions which are optional).must be offered at all Paws 2 Dance competitions.

Passed

Note: The hosting club must inform membership at that time the Premium List is sent out whether the Masters division will be offered or not.

The training division is offered only when there is enough time. If this is not a concern then it should also be clarified to the members when the Premium List is put out. If time is a factor, the availability of this division should be announced immediately after the closing date. In such cases, members may enter before by filling out the Premium List as though it was being offered, then pay at the competition.

Score Sheets

- New versions were used at BSB 10. Judges found they were easy to use and speeded up the process. They will be put on web site. An "Overall" sheet is ready to use in the event that the competition has three judges.

Clarifying Divisions

- A relook at Veterans class.
 - If someone enters in Veterans, as it now stands, they can not compete in any other division.
 - no motion made since now we have C classes for those who are not quite ready to move up but who may be ready in a while.
- Name change for Novice X:
 - unfortunately, it is a bit confusing, but at this stage, it would be even more confusing if we changed the name.

no motion.

Web Site

- demo page - on web site
 - suggest we have a demo page. List of events ahead of time to plug in.
 - we must add Vickie's name to contact for demos.
 - Gail will check with Nick to be sure we have all contact names on web page.
 - Gail will send out a note to affiliate members inviting them to send demo information for the web.

- new format: Nick has been busy updating the site and adding Gala information.
Gala poster, demonstrations page, sponsorship page, products to sell
- Selling off the web site: branded T-shirts, Agenda: Thirty-day block/ other side, dog treats recipe.
Would be something we could do multiples of. Would have to produce minimum of 10.
Lin is happy to start working on that one and has already set up a paypal account. Supported by members.

WAG

- Should we publish it more often?
Lyd would prefer to keep it twice a year, but send bulletins of events in between.
- Deadline for Winter edition: December 15.

Membership e-mail List members@paws2dance.com

- Thanks, Nick and Lin, for setting this up.
- Please reserve for Paws 2 Dance – related topics only.
- If replies don't have to go back to everyone, please reply to sender only.

Photo Cache Site <http://paws2dance.smugmug.com> Password to view: Dogs (case sensitive)

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Recent Television coverage

- Check Global TVBC.com. click on videos. click on Mike McCardell.
- Lyd has sent follow-up letter to McCardell, thanking him for exposure and giving him some information about the gala.
- Joan has put part of the McCardell video on the Smugmug site.

Calendar of Events for 2010: Dates not confirmed. Hopefully, dates will be confirmed soon so that we do not overlap.

March 20th	Video Day (Emerald City)
April 10th	P2D.....BSB # 10
April	Whistler
May	Seminar #1, Langley, BC
June	Island Fling, Garage-Sale fundraiser
July	Golf Tournament fund-raiser
August 28	Gala rehearsal
August	Training Workshop with Ray at Alice McKay
Sept 4t and 5th	WCFO NWBB
November 5	GALA
November 6	Paws 2 Dance 10 th Anniversary Competition. Bell Center

Upcoming Demos

- LMDF: Sunday, November 1st at TradeX. Around noon. 30 minutes plus more.
Passes to be picked up at door. Room: most certainly. Tents: okay. She will clear the table from the back wall. Arrive early: 10 – 11
- Queenspark Care Home: Saturday, November 14th. 2:30. Will need mats
- West Van Adult Day Care: Monday, December 14th. 1:30. Mats not needed
- Fleetwood CareLife: Monday, December 21st. 2:00 and 2:45. Will need mats.

Paws 2 Dance Meeting

Tuesday, September 29 and Saturday, October 17

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Competition (2010)

- Vickie will chair.
- We were thinking of setting early deadlines for ribbons and prizes but we won't be able to until we know how much money we will have.

Gala

- Gail met with Brookwood theatre department and they are gung ho to support us:
 - make-up
 - dog handlers
 - stage hands
- Brookwood is putting on "Grease" this year and it would be good if we could all go one night to support them, lend them our jackets, and our jukebox.
- Set: Lin
 - Lin has built a model of the theatre and our sets. She showed us the sets and explained the mechanics.
 - Script, music, and choreography:
 - Ray played the music and described the choreography. Lydia read the narrator's part.
 - Training:
 - Ray will need to meet with individuals, small groups, and large groups. After Ray meets with an individual or a group, we will then practice without Ray and then meet again once we have the routine shaped up.
 - Ray will squeeze these sessions in when he can. Since the 7:00 team will not be starting a new routine before the Gala, that time slot will be used for Gala rehearsals. Individuals may also use their weekly private sessions.
 - Cost: Individual: \$55 for one hour. Two: split \$60. Three: split \$60. Four or more: Split \$80
- Justin and Enzo filmed the meeting.
- Fundraising as of September 29: \$9408.27
 - report - Annette \$7666 total \$3456 on the Bling
 - Seminars: \$1600 Garage Sale: \$1100
 - Demos: \$652 Miscellaneous: \$500 +

Fund Raisers Part II (October 17)

- Raffle Draw: Tuesday at the hall. Over \$1600.
- Safeway/Save-On cards: Lydia will investigate and front. Members please let Lyd know how many cards of each denomination you require.
 - Could make \$1200 if we purchase \$20,000 worth of cards. Will know more details later.
- Merchant Gift Cards: Karen will head this up. Photo-copy. Check with friends. First round deadline: November 13
- Garage Sale: Head organizer? By committee. We'll pick a date in June.
- Cash For Gold Party: this Thursday, October 22nd at Lydia's.
- Michele Pouliot: Lin will organize for sometime in May.
- Web Sales: Lin will work on this with Nick and Karen
 - Send recipes or dog tips to Karen and Lin
- Sponsor Package: waiting to hear from accountant re. tax number. Must set a deadline.
 - Added \$250 and \$100 sponsor boxes as Bonnie suggested, and contact information.
 - No-one seemed to like the companies assigned. New contacts will come out on a different e-mail.
 - Companies need not donate cash: If they can offer product (prize items, media air time) we would give them same credit and acknowledgement as cash donors along with a receipt.
 - Donor button has been added to our web page.
- 5th Avenue jewelry: Lin's hairdresser has offered to host a party for us. Would mean we would have to provide the guests.
 - Lin will keep this option open for sometime in the spring.
- Mary K: Annette will go ahead with this and purchase \$150 starter package. Will be up and running for Christmas.
 - We can invite the island and Washington members to participate.
- Bling: Still have merchandise. Time for Christmas shopping. Will be at the Gold party.
- Fun Match: not till summer. Ray will critique routines in front of everyone. (\$900)

- Small donations: \$20 from two friends. (put their names on tickets)
- grant applications - Lin has completed one grant application to Surrey. Five organizations gave us reference letters within three days of asking.
Vickie delivered. We are waiting for response. Lin will send one to Langley shortly and is looking for others. If anyone sees possible grant opportunities, let Lin know.

Proposed Budget for Gala weekend: Lin presented and provided us with copies. Copies available for those unable to attend.

Ticket prices: Adults: \$25 (we would see \$20.82. (10 or more: 15% off – any group or combination of groups)
Seniors and Students: \$20 Group discount
Children 12 and under: \$10
Block tickets: lower service charge. Consignment sales: we would have to hand in 3 days prior to event.
Competition Admission:
- \$5 (\$1.50 goes to Bell)
- \$2.50 if you have your ticket stub (\$1.50 goes to Bell)

Vendors – How much should they pay? Sharon will investigate how much they charge and will be contact person.

Publicity – Gail and Joyce have both done some of this already. Joyce and Gail will continue to work together. If anyone sees a potential publicity option, let Gail and Joyce know.

Programs – Joan will investigate and head up this area.

Costumes – Annette and Ray are working on designs and mock ups. Joan will assist Annette with the sewing.
Shoes: something that can be dyed to match the costume.

Bell Center Tour: Tuesday, 1 p.m.