

PAWS 2 DANCE GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2007



In Attendance

Gail Walsh (President)
Annette Granbois (Vice President)
Lydia Francescutti (Secretary)
Ray Underwood

Kathy Pawson
Bonnie Ferguson
Ann Reiland

Vickie Phillips
Joan Strick
Reg McDonald

President's Report

On the club's behalf, Gail sent well wishes to club members who have been ill or needed medical care this year. Bonnie, Pat, and Glenda are all reportedly doing well.

TradeX Website: Gail offered to send new information and photos to the Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers' Association since their website had contained out of date information. The LMDF have accepted the new material and up-dated their website. Gail included photos which showed the dogs in action.

Modern Dog Magazine: A journalist has given Gail a number of questions about freestyle. She has answered them and will send to us her responses. Gail will find out if and when the article will appear.

New Member: Welcome new member Reg McDonald and her Border Collie, Shaila. Reg will be joining the Saturday classes.

Video Night: a smashing success. Gail thanked members for attending.

Vice President's Report

Sound System: Paws 2 Dance wants to maintain a high level of performance at every competition and demo. When the music is inadequate, as sometimes has occurred, the performance loses its impact. Perhaps the club should acquire a portable sound system to use as back up for the competition system, and to take with us to demonstrations.

One option, a Sony Boom Box model CFD-G770Cpk, all one piece, is reputed to have the highest output. However, it uses batteries which drain quickly if the system is used at a high volume, is not a top-quality system - so will not stand up well to weather or rough handling. Also, when new technologies enter the picture, it may become obsolete.

A second option, suggested by Ray, is a 100 or 200 amp *Acoustic* or *Keyboard Amplifier*. Advantages: Volume is not an issue. It is built to take a rough handling. It can be used with any existing systems (CDs, personal music devices, microphones) and would take any future systems - as they would just plug in. Issues: it is more expensive.

Moved (Ferguson/Phillips) that the club purchase a *Keyboard Amplifier*.

Passed

Bonnie will research costs and get back to the club before any final decision will be made. Meanwhile, the club has access to boomboxes owned by different members that we will take to demonstrations.

Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance (April 14, 2007):	\$1,007.57
Income from carpets, DVD sales, Competition, Bellingham Demo, Membership Dues:	\$2,168.52
Expenses: Competition, flowers/cards, mats:	\$ 891.36
Current Balance:	\$2,284.73

Secretary's Report

☐ Discussion arising from April 14 Minutes:

- Gail still has sign. Reg, a sign painter, will finish it off.
- Both Vickie and Gail purchased privacy tents for changing at demos. Gail's is easier to use.

- Chat Line: Barbara has been unable to get started. Ray will check with Shannon re. handing over. They may have missed the e-mail.
- Judges' Score Sheets: Tweaked ones were used at last competition. Alternative ones are ready in the event one judge is unexpectedly missing.

□ Discussion items arising from Executive Meeting and Member Input:

Eligibility of Club members to vote and stand for executive: Currently is one year, not three as reported.

Moved (Ferguson/Strick) that new members have full voting privileges.

Passed

Further discussion: all members at the meeting felt the one year membership before being on the executive should remain so there was no motion to change. New members are welcome to serve or head any committee.

Job Lists:

Moved (Granbois/Underwood) that the wording regarding Job Lists be changed from "*all members must hold a show committee job and a yearly job*" to "*All members are strongly encouraged to hold a show committee job and a yearly job.*"

Passed

FLASH Award

Moved (Pawson/Ferguson) that recipients of the FLASH award be given a keeper representation and that the FLASH award itself be kept with the club.

Passed

Further discussion: Joan will produce a colored certificate with a photo of the FLASH award on it and the recipients will be awarded, at the competition, a framed certificate. Gail will be responsible for having the FLASH award engraved.

Moved (Granbois/Knipp) that all Paws 2 Dance members be eligible to receive the FLASH award.

Passed

Members felt that the FLASH award should continue to be awarded once a year at the Prancing Paws event so no motion was made.

New Awards

Moved (Money/Ferguson) that a high "Dressage" award be presented to the competitor with the highest score in dressage.

Passed

Moved (Money/Ferguson) that a "Versatility" award be presented to the competitor with the highest combined score of Musical Freestyle and Canine Dressage.

Passed

Prizes

Moved (Knipp/Granbois) that the three major awards – Combined High in Musical Freestyle, High Canine Dressage, and High Versatility – be awarded a prize of *one free entry* into a future Paws 2 Dance event.

Passed

□ Discussion arising from member input:

Training Division: A member is pleased with the addition of the training division but wonders why it is limited to five entries.

- Judges will be ready to present the competition awards and competitors will be anxious to hear how they have done.
- Many members have ferries to catch or other travel issues.
- The event is first and foremost a competition, not a training session, so to end with a prolonged training session somehow doesn't seem right.

Paws 2 Dance Board: Just a point of clarification: All Paws 2 Dance members are invited to display their titling photographs on the Paws 2 Dance display board once we have it up in the training facility.

Contact List: updated list needed. Please let Jean know if you have any changes to your numbers.
cjdawson@uniserve.com

Demonstrations Report - Vickie

-TradeX LMDF: October 27, Saturday. 45 minutes at noon. We have dressing room. Vickie will clarify about dogs in entrance. Annette will ask Analise if she wishes to MC again. Let Vickie know if you can demo.

- The Cloverdale Stampede has asked us if we wish to perform at the 2008 Stampede, in a fenced-in area in the parking lot. First they asked how much we charge, then they said they couldn't pay us because they were a non-profit organization. Vickie will ask them if they would trade 3 performances (one per day) for the Alice McKay building for our fun match and competition.

- Pet Expo at TradeX: They want to know if we want to rent a table.

- Video: Nick has volunteered to put together a video of clips from our performances to send to various organizations. Members agree it is a good idea.

Other Business

- Raffle Baskets: Sharon has volunteered to help Annette with the baskets. Annette has purchased several baskets for a reasonable price. Annette has some items for the baskets. Someone (Annette?) will send out a call for other items. We raised a few hundred dollars from baskets last year. Vickie will bring a large box to the training facility for collection.

- Dropping local membership: Gail voiced concern that while world wide membership in Freestyle is growing, our club is shrinking. We discussed ways of generating new members:

- host a clinic for beginners (basic tricks)
- find a practice venue - apart from Ray's classes
- add a "workshop" to our demos and advertise it ahead of time
- Rent "Rent a Ring" at the Agriplex and advertise we would run a beginner workshop
- Investigate running a Parks and Rec class (but floors would be difficult)
- Devise a "lesson Plan" for a beginner's trick workshop (Bonnie has friend who used one)

Bonnie will investigate some sites for availability for extra practice.

- Sunshine: Add a sunshine person to our job list. (to send cards/gifts as needed)

- Title Tracking: Joan would like to streamline and revise the tracking process so that information would be easier to input and searchable (members would be able to find highest score ever or other informtion). Everyone agreed that this was a good idea.

- Inermission entertainment: executive forgot to mention that Tristan would be available to perform an indoor kite routine if we wish. The lad is amazing. Response?

Job Lists: Let Gail know which of the following you would be interested in.

YEARLY

Fundraising:	Annette, Sharon, Vickie
Demonstrations Chair:	Vickie
Fun Match Chair:	Lydia
Title Tracker:	Joan
Web Master:	Gail and Nick (Honorary Member)
Contact Numbers:	Jean
P2D Bulletin Board:	_____
Photo Album:	_____
Judge Trainer/Recruiter	Ray
Newsletter:	Lydia
Sign Maker:	Reg
Chat List Administrator:	Barb
Sunshine:	_____
Club Hostess	_____

SHOW COMMITTEE JOBS

Show Committee Chairperson:	Vickie
- oversees all planning - main liaison for show site (booking) - creates budget - arranges post competition get-together	
Show Committee Assistant	_____
- oversees all committees - acquires floats for admission and raffle - is responsible for site set up and take down	
Premium List organizer	_____
- ensures all show information is posted - includes directions to hotels and show site	
Show Secretary	_____
- gathers entries, creates schedule - sends information to judge's host, program creator. - sends confirmation and order to entrants - sends results to title tracker and all members	
Awards and Certificates	_____
- chooses and acquires trophies/ribbons - sets up awards tables - creates participation certificates	
Programs	_____
- creates show program	
Pre-show flyers	_____
- creates flyer with show information - sees that it is copied and distributed at dog shows	
Judge's Host	Lydia
- creates judge's sheets, score sheets, timer sheets - sees that judges are paid, invited to dinner - looks after judges' equipment and refreshments	
Decorating	_____
- Purchases flowers if needed - oversee awards, raffle, judges' tables - create/locate signs and put them up	
Volunteer Recruiter	_____
- recruits volunteers for the following - 1 timer, 2 scorekeepers - 2 ring stewards - 1 announcer/MC (or 2 if needed) - registration table person - admissions person - music person and assistant	
Photographer	_____
- arranges for photographer - ensures area for photographer is available	
Welcome Bag	_____
- collects items, prepares bags for registration table	
Media/Promotions	_____
- contact media for coverage if needed	