

Paws 2 Dance General Meeting

April 10, 2011

In Attendance: Gail Walsh, Karen Eskilson, Lin MacDonald, Jan Hodge, Lydia Francescutti
Jean Dawson, Debra Hampton, Anne Grue, Sharon Lunde, Bonnie Fergusson, Ann Reiland
Grazyna Pstrong, Ray Underwood, , Alison Trinkaus, Joan Strick, Joyce Johnstone

President's Report: Gail welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Vice President's Report: Karen had no report at this time.

Secretary: Lydia read minutes from last meeting. Moved (Joyce/Jean) to accept the minutes as read.
Carried

Treasurer's Report: Lin outlined our current finances:

\$15,037 in Canadian Account	\$1723 in US account	\$66 PayPal (memberships)
Total: \$16,829	Total liabilities: 1,009.99 (Signage)	Total Equity: \$15,819.92

Elections:

President: After serving on the executive for eleven years, Gail would like to step down.

Nomination (Lydia/Gail) of Karen Eskilson Elected

Vice President: Nomination (Lydia/Lin) of Debra Hampton Elected

Secretary: Lydia Francescutti has agreed to stay on Passed

Treasurer: Lin MacDonald has agreed to stay on Passed

Demonstration Chair: Jan Hodge has agreed to stay on Passed

Show Chair: Lyd will step down. (No nominations at this time)

Egyptian Show:

Ray: Rehearsals have started. We'll do main blocking and bring others in as quickly as possible.

Will be a dancer. Story more complex. Be patient with Ray. Synopsis coming soon.

Lin: Set design is really close. Visuals will be up soon. We won't have riser for the rehearsals.

Practice stepping up and down a foot. Step will be 18" deep. Riser: 4'.

"Egypt" page is regularly updated. Accounts and Choreography pages up. Check it over.

- Individuals will have to work on their own. Some Tuesdays with Ray available.

Saturdays available.

- Let Lin know when you are unavailable.

Fundraising for Egyptian Show:

Workshops

- Michele Pouliot is happy to come back and has been penciled in for September 2012.
- Tina Humphries, Sandra Davis, Diane Kowalski have declined

Other

- Fashion Show (Ella's/Costumes) With dogs. Sharon will investigate.
- Training DVD: For those starting out. Ray has 2 instructional DVDs.
- Gift Cards (Safe Way, Save-On Foods – would need money up front. Retail – no money needed)
- Garage Sale, June 18 (need to set up Friday night. Preferably outside. Small flyers to advertise in neighborhood, Papers, Craig's List. Lyd will talk to Terry re. promotion.
- DVD (have made \$500 in profit) about 30% people having problems. Problem based on master. Trying to do it electronically. Lin will set up to buy DVDs on website.

- DVD: sometimes you will get a better copy if you use a digital master. Lin will call the DVD place to investigate a different DVD version. Some people have had trouble with sensitive machines. DVDs work fine on computer. Take some DVD's for sale at demos.
- Another Raffle – one big one rather than two.
- Agendas – for Christmas
- Ray will start soliciting large companies for sponsorship.

Promotion:

- brochures: need to start. Need title, synopsis. Coming soon.
- Karen's son, Ken, would need the original digital version to create promotional clip

Comportment: Moved (Lyd/Ray) to replace the existing comportment policy with the following, more stream-lined one.

Complaint

If a complaint is made to the executive regarding the comportment of a member or member's dog by a member or non-member; or, if a member fills out an incident report, then the following steps should be taken.

- a letter would be sent to the person lodging the complaint saying Paws 2 Dance would investigate the situation and deal with the matter appropriately.
- the comportment committee (Ray + two other members, one of which must be on the executive) would investigate the situation, treating the persons involved with respect. The person against whom the complaint is lodged would have the opportunity to present his/her view of the incident without prejudice and would also treat the committee with respect.
- if required, the committee, working with the person involved, would draft a plan of action to resolve the problem.
- if the dog in question is deemed to pose a risk for any other handler or dog, then the club members will all be apprised of the situation and members will be encouraged to take steps to avoid problem situations.
- The complaints regarding comportment will not be included in executive or general minutes but in a separate file, and the record of that incident will be expunged after two years.

In short:

- Provide a means of filing a complaint (letter, incident form)
- Acknowledge complaint
- Investigate
- Formulate and carry out strategy
- Inform others if needed.
- keep record

General Comportment

- If at any time a member feels that his/her dog may become aggressive in any specific situation, that that member should let other members know.
- Once dogs enter the site for **class, demonstration, or competition**, they must be under the handler's control. Ie. Keep dog on leash until in the ring.
- For demos or other occasions when visiting the general public, handlers must make sure dogs are calm before approaching audience.

Carried

Prancing Paws:

- entries slow in coming in. Extend three days (April 12) to allow for entry form issues. The on-line form process did not work for everyone. 31 intended.
- Lunch: Lunch will be sold. Variety of sandwiches, salads, vegetable dishes, fruit, beverage. Pay \$10 when registering. Morning snacks and beverages included.
- Photographer: We will arrange for a number of people to take photos. A photo-tent will be set up outside where people can take flash photographs.
- Auction: We will have 6 items (some baskets, some large items) for auction. We will put minimum bids on the bid sheets. We will keep items if minimum price is not reached.
- With Gail's help, Karen will complete the welcome bags for participants and judges. Lyd will complete the volunteer gifts.
- Prizes/awards: Typo on premium: no medals for participants. (That was for the Gala event) Annette is assembling ribbons and prizes.
- MC: Jan
- Technical Judge: Heather Lawson Artistic Judge: Julia Byrnes
- Dressage judges: Heather Lawson and Ray Underwood
- Registration: Ann Grue
- Photographer: Nick, others
- Videographer: Ken
- Ring Stewards: (Anne, Grazyna)
- Promotion: Distribute flyers (copy on-line) Some hard copies in dog places.
- Admission: by donation
- Dinner afterwards: Lyd will check out Cork and Cookhouse Pub in Cloverdale, highly recommended by Anne.
- Music: computer Needs someone computer – savvy. Lin will train.

Dressage Team/Pair Division:

Moved (Jean/Debra) to create pair and team dressage divisions. Carried

- e-mail from Lenore asking about team division in dressage.
- Ray is interested in creating team or pair divisions for dressage. A committee (Ray, Lyd, Debra, Gail) will meet to create criteria for the divisions.
- Goal: to have ready for the Island Fling – June 4th and 5th.

Brace:

- A "Brace" division (one handler, two dogs) has been suggested many times.
- Would be in Musical Freestyle first. We will investigate and consider for future. Input welcome. We want to encourage quality of product. We will look into a structure that will meet the needs.
- Please let P2D know if you would compete in Brace should there be a brace division.

Divisions:

Moved (Lydia/Annette) that at the Novice level, Pair or Team entries would be considered as "Novice" not "Novice A or B" Carried.

Rationale: difficult to determine if pair or team should be "A" or "B" when some members have previous titles and others are first-timers.

Fun Match Different Venue:

- Possible date for Fun Match; August. Gail will arrange.
 - Gail has found a site available Saturdays and Sundays for \$35 per hour Near Tisol on the Langley Bypass.
 - Late September/October.
- The fun match afternoons at the Brookwood Hall have been successful. Suggestion: run these every first Saturday of the month. Start in May.

German Shepherd Available:

Well-known obedience dog trainer, Sharon Stevenson, has rescued a three-year-old German Shepherd from a neglectful situation. She has had him for three months and under her care he has turned into a beautiful, mild-mannered, well-behaved dog who gets along well with other dogs.

She thinks that he will soon be ready for adoption, but is wanting to be sure he is placed in the right home. She has not worked with him around children so would prefer a home without young children. He thrives on long walks. He is not bred for work so would make a good pet rather than a competitive obedience or freestyle dog.

Brookwood Senior Centre

- tickets available for the Variety Show, May 7th.
- Susie Francis would like to see a dog in the show. Sharon has volunteered to perform.
- members are reminded to pick up after their dogs.
- Signage update: Lin has modified the signs once again. Waiting for approval. Cost was lowered because of adjustments to the sign. BSC members are really pleased with P2D's efforts on their behalf.
- Spring clean up: Monday, April 18. 8 a.m.
- Thanks for help with weeding. Ongoing help needed in keeping place.

Demos: Jan thanks members for support and is sending information regularly. Dates are also on on-line calendar.

* the more bodies on the floor, the better the show.

- April 21: need mats. Is there something that you can touch mats with to reduce static? Let's investigate.

• Cloverdale Rodeo: Jan will not be there. Vickie will look after show. Please send bios to Jan soon.

Jan will ask Vickie to ask Cloverdale about selling DVD.

Modern Dog: will be a dressage article in summer edition.

Acknowledgement: Sharon Lunde thanked Gail for all her years of hard work.

Next General Meeting: Sunday, July 17.

Meeting Adjourned :12:30