

Paws 2 Dance Executive Meeting

April 2, 2011

In Attendance: Gail Walsh, Karen Eskilson, Lin MacDonald, Jan Hodge, Lydia Francescutti

Comportment: This proposal will be put forth as a motion at the General Meeting

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.

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.
- For demos or other occasions when visiting the general public, handlers must make sure dogs are calm before approaching audience.

Prancing Paws:

- entries slow in coming in. Extend three days (April 12) to allow for entry form issues. Lyd will print out a few forms for next week. Lin will bring some forms Tuesday night.
- Lunch: Lunch will be provided. Variety of sandwiches, salads, vegetable dishes, fruit, beverage. Pay \$10 when registering. Morning snacks 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. Anyone with items they would like to donate should bring them to the general meeting next week.
- 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)

Dressage Team/Pair Division:

- e-mail from Lenore asking about team division in dressage.
- Ray is really keen. The executive will meet with Ray to thoughtfully create the divisions.
- Goal: to have ready for the Island Fling – June 4th and 5th.

Divisions: This proposal will be put forth as a motion at the General Meeting:

At the Novice level, Pair or Team entries would be considered as “Novice” not “Novice A or B”

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. Need a planner.
- George Preston Building? We would need to decide a few months in advance.
- Gail may be able to procure a site in downtown Langley. Reasonable prices. Gail will investigate.
- The fun match afternoons at the Brookwood Hall have been successful. Suggestion: run these every first Saturday of the month.

Fundraising Workshops

- WAG would like us in August. Jan will send a letter asking for clarification.
- Diane Kowalski or Michele Pouliot. Try to book now. March for one, August for one, both 2012.

Other Fundraisers:

- Safeway/Save-on cards (Lyd will bring paperwork next week)
- garage sale – June 18.
- Jan suggests a club-generated training DVD.
- 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.

Video DVD for promotion:

- Karen’s son, Ken, would need the original digital version.

Promotion:

- brochures: need to start. Need title, synopsis. Coming soon.