

Paws 2 Dance Executive Meeting

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

In Attendance: Karen Eskilson, Sharon Lunde, Lin MacDonald, Jan Hodge, Lyd Francescutti

Competitions:

Dressage: Clarification needed for which division a competitor can start in. Originally, the dressage committee thought competitors could start in any division but would have to include all required elements at each successive level. After one or two competitions, judges realized they simply could not handle watching for all of those elements. Ray said he wanted to be sure everyone had the basic novice moves (back heel, side passes).

Novice 3 has all three of those elements. Upon consultation with Ray, we feel Novice 3 should be the prerequisite for Intermediate divisions.

Puppies at events: as it stands now 4-month-old puppies are allowed entry to building and/or training division at events, but many people indicated that even younger puppies would benefit. After considerable discussion, the executive decided they would not be putting a motion forward at this time for puppies younger than 4 months to be allowed entry in competitions.

Protocol:

For issues which come before the executive that require discussion, the issue will be discussed by the entire executive and responded to by the president.

Boot Scootin Boogie 10th Anniversary:

The executive discussed ways in which they could support Emerald City with their 10th Anniversary celebration.

Fun Match: Karen will check with Gail re. costs of the Langley facility which is available August 14th. At next week's general meeting, we will determine if there is enough interest for this fun match. For future reference: Sullivan Hall charges \$400 for the day. Meanwhile, we'll check with curling rinks. Sharon's horse ring will be updated soon and would make a good outdoor fun-match facility.

Mail voting: for a logical mail-voting process that will enable all members to participate, the executive proposes the following format for proposals affecting working rules and bylaws (Paws 2 Dance Constitution):

- Any member can send a proposal to executive
- The executive would send the proposal out to membership and ask for discussion – setting a limit of seven days for discussion.
- upon considering the discussion, the executive, along with the original proposer, would compose the motion and send it out. Executive would ask for any amendments – seven-day limit.
- The motion would be amended as necessary
- The motion would be sent out to all members for vote – seven-day limit
- The results would published and the constitution amended

Comportment - Karen will send executive format and cover letter for discussion.

***Shadows of Eternity* aka Egyptian Show:**

Show Budget: Lin has prepared the budget for our next meeting.

New charity to support. The executive has found four organizations they think would be worthwhile to support. The consensus was that the organization should be more “dog” oriented, as local as possible, and have a positive public image. Other members are invited to make other suggestions. We will decide at the general meeting.

- dog respirators for firefighters. Donation would go toward outfitting local firehalls with pet-respirator kits.
- Police dog protection gear. Donation would go toward outfitting local Police K-9 units with protective vests.
- PADS: Pacific Assistance Dogs for assistance for disabilities other than blindness. www.pads.ca
- LAPS: Langley Animal Protection Services, a no-kill animal rescue society that works hard to place pets in good homes. www.lapsbc.ca

Fundraising:

Garage Sale: profit - \$630

Michelle's workshop - date confirmed: August 11/12. Location yet to be determined.

Safeway and Save-On Cards in the fall.

Demo report & upcoming demos

Jan has been extremely busy organizing 8 demos so far and setting up several more for the summer. Honorariums have totaled \$1635.

Upcoming events:

July 9/10: Critter Care Sat: 12:45; Sun: 1 p.m.

July 12, Tuesday, noonish: BSC

July 20: Fairhaven United Church, 2720 East 48th Ave. Vancouver, 1:30

July 25: Crofton Manor, 41st Ave. Vancouver. 2 p.m.

July 26: Fairhaven, 7557 Sussex Avenue, Burnaby, 1:30

August 16: Youville Residence, 4950 Heather St. Vancouver

August 20: Tapestry, UBC.

September 16: Friday. Kinsmen Adult Day Care, Richmond. (return visit)

October 6: Langley Adult Day Program, Langley.

October 12: Pleasant View Care Home, Hurd St. Mission

Two pending: Honoria and Inglewood

Whistler Dog group day conflicts with another demo so we can't do it this year.

Have not heard from sponsors who donated enough to warrant a demo.

Karen suggests acknowledging sponsors at other demos and letting them know.

Business cards & travel expenses re: demos, etc

Executive proposes to reimburse Jan 50¢ per kilometer plus toll-bridge fees for checking out the facilities.

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- this issue is late. Waiting for a couple articles. Will be out by end of the month.