

Paws 2 Dance, General Meeting(Local), Sunday, October 2nd, 2011

Meeting called to order: 10:40am

In attendance:

Karen Eskilson	Jean Dawson	Deb Hampton	Sharon Lunde
Gail Walsh	Jan Hodge	Joyce Johnstone	Lin MacDonald
Anne Grue	Tristan Underwood	Ray Underwood	Grazyna Pstrong
Nina Green (arr. later)			

Report of President:

-none

Report of VP:

-Sharon introduced the idea of getting First Aid equipment (human) and having Vickie give a seminar.

Members had some concerns:

- felt Contact info should be kept on person rather than given to someone because of privacy issues
- concerned about laymen using and interpreting information from machinery. Would like Vickie to come explain to us how we as non-medical personnel could safely use this equipment
- in future, should ask St. John's Ambulance to attend large competitions and suggest that all Clubs do the same, and enjoin their members to carry proper contact info. (Lin will create a form that each person could print and carry with them)
- all Competitions should list or post prominently the nearest Hospitals, Vets and other Emergency info

Dog First Aid:

- Lin presented information on 3 companies who could provide us with a group Dog First Aid course. All 3 would take 10+ hours with costs running between \$120. and \$140. per person. A few people who have taken those courses do not feel they were totally useful. As an alternative, Vickie, who is in the process of creating a more user-friendly Dog First Aid course/ Kit and manual would offer the Club a substantially reduced rate in return for us acting as Beta testers and giving her honest feedback to help with her public launch. Lin will send out a separate email to find out how many people would be interested in that.

Report of Treasurer:

- We currently have \$15,460. in the bank and all outstanding bills have been paid. (Since she ran this report, Lin has since purchased fabric for Egypt show which is not included here)

Report of Secretary:

-N/A

Report of Demo Chair:

- Jan's report regarding the Demos is included in the Minutes from the Executive meeting of Sept. 28

-the November 25th Demo has requested a Christmas Theme. Jan asks if people could please consider revamping their current Routines to Christmas music, or dusting off older Christmas routines

-Meet and Greet's:

- well received. At this time we do not have another one scheduled but will plan on having them every 2 months or so as 'Refreshers'. Members will continue to work with Lina as Grazyna requests

-Auditions for Tradex:

- will be held Tuesday, October 18th at 7pm
- people should plan on doing them 'in Costume' to present the whole package
- Lin will prepare a sheet with a space for 'Entertainment Value 1-5'
- more than 1 routine per person is acceptable
- let Gail know who will be doing the Auditions and how many routines
- Lin will be requesting all the music by the Sunday prior
- it is not necessarily the top 7 routines that will get asked to do Tradex but rather the 7 that work together to make the best package to present ourselves in a really good light

Old Business:

Fundraising: Seminars: (links to websites included)

-[Michele Pouliot](#):

- we currently have the Brookwood Seniors Centre booked but are looking for a larger venue
- BSC space would allow us to only have a max of 16 working dogs (as per Ray)
- Sharon checked the Brookwood Hall down 200th – no Dogs
- Sharon will investigate a Montessori school she knows of
- Agriplex Grooming Building?
- **Can we please get suggestions from other members?** The Executive has run out of ideas.
- Needs to be roughly 1/3 larger than BSC, and available for both Saturday & Sunday

-[Cassandra Hartman](#):

- Lin has contacted her and she would be interested for spring 2013
- we would need 17 people to break even (at rate of \$250 for Working spot)
- if we can find a larger Venue, there is interest

-[Ray Underwood](#):

- Ray has offered to give a 2 day seminar (our choice of topics) and waive his fee
- could be done at Brookwood Senior Centre
- possibility for spring 2012?
- possible suggestion was a combined Dance and Dog workshop?

New Business:

-Discussion on Lydia's proposal regarding a Brace Class in Freestyle

- although he is interested in it and several people now have 2 dogs, Ray has concern that class may not be taken seriously; people just take 2 dogs into a class because it looked 'cute'
- better choice might be to begin with Brace classes in Dressage where they could be structured

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50am