

Paws 2 Dance General Meeting

January 13, 2013

In Attendance

Karen Eskilson, Gail Walsh, Lin MacDonald, Lydia Francescutti, Joan Strick, Jan Hodge, Joyce Johnson, Ray Underwood, Tristan Underwood, Annette Granbois

* **Attention All Members: SHOWCASING ENTERTAINING MUSICAL FREESTYLE**

- P2D invites members from the island, the states, and other provinces to participate in a night of canine musical freestyle in the Lower Mainland this coming fall.
- We plan to stage a high-quality production featuring musical freestyle individuals, pairs, and teams. This wouldn't be just a standard demo. We would have stage lights and high-quality sound at a modest theatrical venue.
- If you think you might be interested and want to find out more, let Lin know. lincobc@gmail.com

Brace

The discussion has been excellent. The voting will start this week.

Lower Mainland Items

Correspondence

- A thank-you card was received from Big and Small Pets thanking P2D for their demo
- A thank-you letter was received from SAINTS for the \$2000 donation

Practice Updates

- P2D Tuesday night sessions have been moved to Monday night, effective January 21, in order to accommodate a new group, the Surrey Square Wheelers, to the hall. BSC thanks Ray for rearranging his schedule to make this possible and all P2D members for being so accommodating
- Ray will be offering a new class starting January 21st. The class will focus on handler movement and style but dogs will be required. Each session will run for 12 weeks and each session will focus on a different style. Starting time: 7:15.
- One way to reduce performance anxiety is to practice with others watching, something that we haven't done much at Brookwood Senior Centre. Ray encourages us to sit in on each others' private sessions. If, on any occasion, the handler feels he or she would rather not be watched, then the others could wait in the lounge. The added benefit of this practice is being able to listen to Ray instructing a variety of handlers at a variety of levels.

Presentation to Brookwood

- P2D presented \$1000 to Brookwood in front the bank of mirrors installed by Lin, Joan, Gail and Lyd.
- BSC president Bonnie Hartup thanked P2D for the donation and for agreeing to move practice night.

Treasurer's Report - Lin

- Brookwood membership fees of \$30 are due. If you train at Brookwood, you need to be a member. Drop in fees: Members who take 15-minutes lessons each week or the equivalent should prepay \$45 for the year. For all other classes, put \$2 into the can.
- Paws 2 Dance currently has assets of about \$8000. A little over \$1000 will be spent on finishing up the mirror installation and paying Brookwood membership fees.

Demo Update - Jan

- Jan will no longer be able to be the Demo Chair. Gail has agreed to field calls for future bookings and Joan has agreed to coordinate demos during the week for demos that have already been booked. We have agreed to limit demos to one Residential Facility per month, freeing time to do other demos.

- Karen presented Jan with a collage gift. Many members voiced their appreciation of the work Jan has done over the past few years as Demo chair.

Group training sessions Saturdays, 2 – 4 pm

- **January 26th – Session 1: full ring size, gates simulating ring entrance**

Entrances: Party in the ring. Handlers may use toys

Building Drive: Speed Warm-up

Level of Distraction: Low (some applause, some movement outside ring)

- **February 23rd – Session 2: two rings simulating small space, people sitting inside ring**

Entrances: when things go wrong at start. Breaking pose, leaving ring, restarting

Building Drive: Default moves at any time

Level of Distraction: Moderate. (Audience motions to dog, moderate applause, some chatter)

- * **March 30th – Session 3: full ring size, gates all around**

Entrances: Party just in from gate and once after first segment. No toys, just handler play

Building Drive: starting near end of the routine. Big party, leave ring, treats. Repeat.

Level of Distraction: High. (Dogs in crates in hall. Individuals walking. Changes in music volume)

- Anyone with specific problems they would like to see addressed (e.g. scraping noise from chairs) let Lyd know ahead of time.

Fun Match

- A new facility has opened up at TNT which would be ideal for a fun match. We would bring gates and our own sound system.
- Lin will find out if April 13th is available. (Whistler Dog Fest is April 20th)

Prancing Paws Competition, May 4th

- People are needed to volunteer to be ring stewards, scribes, score-keepers, registrars, admissions.
- We will hold a silent auction, and are seeking five or six items.
- Let Lyd know if you are available for any task or if you have items for auction or if you would like to organize the auction.

Fund Raisers

- Members voiced interest in repeating the Neufeld Farms fund-raiser this spring
- G&H Grocery stores are offering 10% for gift cards with a minimum \$1000 gift card purchase.

WAG

- Gala edition will be out next week.
- Lin suggests adding bits from the Judges' Handbook to each edition

General Meetings

- Attendance at general meetings has been poor lately. Please advise the executive: Do you have any ideas to increase participation?

Paws 2 Dance Executive Meeting

January 6, 2013

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

Treasurer's Report

Assets: \$8108.69

Haven't bought curtains for the mirror or hardware yet.

Total Includes some Brookswood fees.

Fees for Brookswood are now due.

Membership fees: \$30 (only if you use the hall)

\$45 lump-sum drop-in fee (only if you take 15minute privates at the hall – all others \$2. per visit – can pre-pay in lump sums)

A 140-member square dance group would like to use BSC hall Tuesday and Wednesday nights, 7 – 10. Ray will poll members who train Tuesday night to see if they can train Monday nights instead. The addition of this group would make a huge difference to BSC as it would mean new, active members and a financial boost.

Demo Update: Jan Hodge

- With regrets, Jan is stepping down so we need a replacement to make the bookings.
- Lyd happy to help with set up and music but need contact person.
- Gail will field calls until someone agrees to come on board.
- Karen will contact members individually.

Show Update:

- Presentation of cheque to Brookswood at our GM January 13.
- Joan has created a great summary of the show
- Lyd will work on display boards – one easy-to carry foam board (Lin will print out the collages) and photos for the wooden frame for more formal displays.

Prancing Paws

- Annette is donating snake bracelets for goodie bags and an expensive necklace for a silent auction.
- We haven't explored other venues so should stick with Alice McKay
- Show Chair? We may chair by committee and have a list of tasks by next meeting.
- Show Secretary - Lyd

Show Case of Talent

- Ray suggests we plan for a performance at a good venue: Tristan's school, a small theatre, etc. for sometime next fall.
- not a big theatrical production – individual routines, group routines, etc.
- we might invite members from the island or Washington to perform
- club would have to be prepared to possibly lose some money (to pay for Venue)

Brace

- We will send Heather's proposal for brace divisions in both Freestyle and Dressage out to full membership for discussion and vote.

Group Sessions/Fun Match

- Lyd has worked out some ideas with Ray (\$2 drop in fee – not just honor system)

- TNT facility is possibly available for rent. Lin will investigate using it sometime in the near future for a fun match.
- Gail will keep us apprised of a new facility coming available this year.

Fund Raisers

- Neufeld farms: we will ask members what they think about running this fund-raiser again – possibly later this year or a year from now.

Elections

- Jan has officially stepped down. Lyd would also like to step down. Members are encouraged to participate on the executive.

Upcoming Meetings

- Executive: April 3 11:15
- General: April 7th depending on Whistler 10:45

- Executive: July 14 11:15
- General: July 21st 10:45

- Executive: October 6 11:15
- General: October 13 10:45