

Paws 2 Dance Annual General Meeting

July 9, 2017

In Attendance

Ray Underwood	Lin MacDonald	Lydia Francescutti	Joan Strick
Lucas Bennett	Annette Granbois	Jane Douglas	Linda Barclay
Debra Hampton	Jean Dawson		

Elections

- President – Ray Underwood
- Vice President – (goodwill person/sounding board)
- Secretary – Lucas Bennett
- Treasurer – Lin MacDonald
- Demo Chair – Linda Barclay

Financial Report - Lin

- Balance: \$4300 approximately. Account is high because all memberships in. Costs for competition will be coming up. This upcoming event will be more expensive than usual as we are paying flight costs for judge.
- We have lost some long-time members.

Dance the Skies - Lin and Lydia

- Entries: We won't know till after Tuesday. What is minimum entry for event?
 - We could cover some costs by running a fun match after Saturday's event. To enter fun match, you don't have to be a P2D or WCFO member. \$10 for five minutes.
 - Lyd will send notice out to everyone we know and get a sense of numbers
 - Ray will do demo
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- Tasks

Task	Lead	Assistants
Pre Event Recorder Score Entry	Laura Olsen	Lyd
Program and Advertising	Lyd	Jane
MC and Music	Ray	Tristan
Between Performance	Ray & Lyd	Vickie, Karen
Videographer	Lucas	Jane (possible)
Photographer		Ray will ask Shannon Jane will try Chris Paul
Ring Stewards	Jackie	Jane, Debra, Annette,

Judge's Assistant	Debra on Sunday	Lyd on Saturday
Ribbons and Prizes	Annette Combined over 2 days	WCFO sends medals
Special Awards	Lyd	Jane
Registrar		
Snack Table	Linda	
Judge's Lunch	Linda	
Dinner organizing	Annette	Celebrate at Annette's BBQ - Cost to be determined. Immediately after fun match/awards
Decorations	Lyd	
Participants' Bags	Jane, Lisa	
Fund Raiser. 50/50 License	Jackie	Lin will acquire license
Set Up	Lin	Lyd, Debra, Annette, Ray, Lucas, Dale
Take Down	Lin	Lyd, Debra, Annette, Ray, Lucas, Dale
Score sheets filled out	Debra (Friday night)	
Titling	Lyd	Ask entrants

Boot Scootin' Boogie

- Will close entry August 18 – same time as Rally Free. Earlier than usual.

Paws 2 Dance competitions

- Ray suggests having numerous mini competitions.
- We would try for one year and then reassess.
- Rationale
 - Competitors become very nervous at main events
 - Performance nerves are reduced through competition
 - Dogs and handlers would have more competition experience, would title faster; therefore we would have more competent dogs at an younger age.
 - this system would create well-seasoned competitors
 - We have a ready venue at Annette's: quick set up.
 - would be a place for dogs that are finished
- Would require a change in mentality – not to pass but to improve.
 - would not work if people went in just to pass to the next level

- pass or fail. You would have a score. No, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.
- Rules would have to change to accommodate competitors.
 - say you pass at the novice level, you could stay in the novice level until you feel you are ready for the next level. You may just want to improve your score.
 - should enter up to a week before (just name and division)
 - Entrants could stay in same level as long as they wish. Once they enter a higher level, they may not go back.
 - we would have one judge for every mini competition.
- We could call our big competition (*Prancing Paws*) the *Canadian National*.
- Concerns:
 - Islanders would probably still want to host Island Fling and ECK9 would probably still want to host BSB. We'd have to be careful not to take away from their events.
 - We would still need judges.
 - we could water down participation in Prancing Paws
- Ray will come up with a first-year proposal.

Judges

- Beth Yim from Island is new judge.
- I will send an updated judges' list to Ray. Change in protocol. Once dates are known for the year's events, Ray will send the events to all the judges who would then let him know for which ones they will be available. He will slot them in, making sure each has a date and ensuring a variety of judges for the competitions.

Demos

- Ray has a care-home demo. Linda will let locals know.

Adjourned 1:30.

Notes to send out to members:

- Vice President needed.
- Registrar needed for *Dance the Skies*
- Prizes – set a limit