

Date: August 12th, 2008
Location: Conway Inn
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

Directors Present: Alice Newth – President; Mary Franzoso-Vice President; Dawn Heffernan – Secretary, Mary McCulloch-Treasurer; Sandra Leiser – Member-at-Large; J Doster – Member-at-Large

Directors Absent: Polly Mead

Report of Secretary: No report

Report of Treasurer: Current Balance 5800.00

Equipment Report: Equipment Repair Workdays, Date: 8-30-08 Time: 9:00-3:00 pm
Location is the Roaring Brook Barn, Pizza for Lunch, partial list of what needs to be done power wash, rebuild a table, replace missing wooden cups, triple jump, purchase plastic gates (approx 11 x 40)

This is a fun day and an area the club could use members to assist in many ways.

8-29-08 is a power wash day and J will need some help. Please notify J Doster for details if you are available to help on this day.

Class Coordinator Report : No Report

Agility Trial Committee: Chair:Mary McCullogh; Members: Mary Fran, Mary Lou, Athleen, J and Alice, Trial Secretary is Val

Trial opens: Open August 26, Close Sept 29

Corrine: Food for the trial, Mary Lou: Hospitality,John Heffernan: Ribbons, Mary Fran: Worker Schedule, Delia: Worker Food and Raffle

Substitute judge will be Val

Will post premium on Agile Dogs and Clean Run websites

CPE Website: Mary Mc needs to add Alice's name to the premium and then it will be uploaded, once posted electronically Mary will make copies of the premium to bring to trials.

Old Business:

- A task list was developed to assist the club to identify unmet needs, the task list has not yet made it back to Dawn...
- Val and Elise were notified about the members wishes to have a class syllabus. Both instructors were concerned the syllabus would limit their ability to tailor and individualize the lessons to best meet student needs. The board discussed the feedback from the instructors and will continue the conversation/discussion with the instructors. After discussion at BOD meeting it was decided to talk with Val and Elise about providing more emphasis at the beginning and during classes about the theme or lessons (specific skills) during the classes. The board

recognized the need to follow up with the membership about this ongoing process. Sandra and Dawn will follow up with Val and Elise about the directors discussion related to the syllabus.

- Run Thru Recommendations for the future: Think about the criteria to invite people ie beginners not ready for Run Thrus... Invitation to attend and observe
- Board Bios need to be sent to Dawn and uploaded to the website

New Business:

- ***Save the date flier to be posted on the website*** with several important upcoming events including Equipment Power Wash Day 8-29-08, Equipment Repair Date 8-30-08, 9-1-09 Guilford Fair, and October 11th and 12th Hilltown Hounds Trial
- New Membership Application: The BOD voted in favor of Paul Gaulston's application for membership into the Hilltown Hounds Club. All six BOD voted in favor of his application for membership (See attendance)
- Donation from HH in the amount of \$100.00 to a shelter in memory of Dick Dills. Mary McCulloch to look into to the agency to receive donation based on Dicks wishes if known.
- The board discussed the possibility of website development by Janelle Jorda from WebTechs. Janelle has offered to update HH Website, online registration, pay pal. Sandra will further explore this option and report back to the board. Ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the site were mentioned as potential barriers.
- HH members are encouraged to send photos of their dog and handler team to johnheffernan@verizon.net for upload to HH Website
- A process of how to handle aggressive or potentially aggressive dogs discussed and outlined. When a board member receives a concern about an aggressive dog, all board members will be notified and the following process will be followed
 1. All the known facts will be reviewed (original concern or incident reviewed/discussed)
 2. Instructor feedback elicited and reported to the board
 3. Observation of the dog by an experienced board member
 4. If at any time the dog is determined to be unsafe in class, the handler will be notified and the dog will not be allowed to continue.
 5. If it is determined the dog and handler team needs addition support to manage particular behaviors, the instructors will be informed of the board decision and asked to provide additional support.
 6. Handler dog teams needing additional support may also receive a mentor.
 7. Gates purchased to divide the ring and improve the safety of dog and handlers
 8. The person with original concern will have the opportunity to discuss the decision of the board with a board member. All information will be kept confidential whenever possible.

Next Meeting: September 18th, 7:00pm
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Agenda Item to Carry over: Penalty for late cancellation