

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from the March 4, 2007 meeting / ROM banquet held at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Holyoke, MA.

Members Present: Jean Janotta, Dottie Duclos, Pete Dolan, Gull Reidy, Brenda Dean, Kathie Chouinard, Lyn Scribner, Susan Winters, Kaylene Scotton, Dennis Witham, Karen Miller, Lorretta King, John King, Donna Hakala, Diane Johnson, Andy Johnson, Eileen Kurdzo, Michael Kurdzo, Val Jakubowski, Wendy Richmond, Jonathan Hoadley, Aline Hoadley, Mary Ann Stoddart, Joe Stoddart, Nancy Gagnon, Robin Goodman, Dianne Barrett, Lecia C. Whitlock, Antonia Lake, Fran Swanson, Jackie Owens, Eileen Scully, Cathy Bakke, Terry Andrews, Jan Marcotte, Carol Landry, Art Landry, Linda Noll, Matt Mason, Barbara Barreiro, Sue Schroeder, Kate Viles, Lisa Howard, Mary Lambert, Stevens Parr, Sharon Parr, Margaret MacDonald, Diane Menard, Donna Dickinson, Kathy Bishop, Janet Benson, Ken Benson, Elyse Phillips, Marcia Welch, F. Chamberlain, Cindy King, Bill Pechka-King, Pauli Haggis, Bill Haggis, Peter Hinkley, Kathy Peloquin

Guests present: John Barrett, Jessica Davis, Sue Gervais, Steven Phillips, Jack French

President Jean Janotta called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm after a scrumptious meal, educating quiz and raffle.

- **Secretary's Report – Gull Reidy**
 - Minutes from the November meeting were accepted as printed in the New England Aussie Newsletter.
 - Minutes from the January meeting at Canine Mastery were accepted as printed in the New England Aussie Newsletter.
- **Treasurer's Report – Dottie Duclos**
 - The treasurer's report was approved as follows:
 - February agility trial - preliminary report - entry fees \$8108.50, expenses \$5310.42, profit (estimated) \$2798.08; \$900 was raised for Nationals/FInals
 - Regular funds - \$23,065.40
 - Rescue Treasury - \$2,740.54
 - Nationals Account
 - as of 1/7/07 - \$10,307.02
 - receipts - class sponsors, etc. deposited \$13220.00, class sponsors on hand \$770.00, bumper stickers on hand \$10.00, paypal test \$0.17
 - expenses - stamps \$7.80, sheep deposit \$500.00
 - balance as of 3/4/07 - \$23799.39
- **Affiliate Report - Sheila Dolan**
 - Sheila read the reports since October. All the reports can be read on the ASCA website (including the outrageously stupid).
- **ASCA Board of Directors Report - Linda Gray - representative not present**
 - Linda had forwarded to ASCNE-I the motion stating that when sending in for DNA testing a copy of the dog's registration or the litter registration (for puppies) must be included
- **Committee Reports**
 - Juniors - Cindy King – working on the rule books
 - Obedience - Mary Ann Stoddart - The obedience committee is talking about allowing the direct send in Utility. There is a motion to change to a moving broad jump, and they are looking into a Novice Honor dog to do sits and downs with a single Novice entry so the entered dog can qualify. There is talk of resurrecting the proposal ASCNE made years ago of allowing non-regular classes with limited entries.
 - Stock - Bill Pechka-King - They are working on clarifying the rule book and working description.
 - Tracking - Sue Schroeder - They are making a qualification form for "in house" judges and outside judges.
- **Library Report - Cindy King**
 - The library was available

- **Sunshine Report - Jean Janotta**
 - Robin Prouty's father passed away on Friday, March 2
- **Event Updates:**
 - Agility trial - February 17 & 18 - Amherst, NH - Jean Janotta - The site was wonderful and there were no issues. Jean thanked Lyn Scribner and Pete Dolan for the raffles which raised \$550 for the Nationals. Food donations added \$180 and Gridley's Agility Bumper Stickers raised \$170, bringing the total raised to \$900. This went to sponsoring three Agility Finals classes in the name of ASCNE's Awesome Agility Exhibitors. Also thanked were Lyn and Diane Johnson for running the cafe all weekend. Other clubs have requested bumper stickers to be sent so they can sell them and Pete will be bringing them to other trials in the area.
 - Winter Warm Up and Rescue Show - March 16, 17 & 18 - Taunton, MA - Brenda Dean / Sue Winters - still need one breed judge, helpers and items for the Chinese Auction
 - Spring - Tracking Clinic – If there is interest, one will be planned; contact Celeste Kelly
 - Cattle clinic with Cindi Hayden - March 31 - April 1 - Webster, NH - Matt Mason - clinic is full, flyer is on the website
 - Sheep trial with Jim Hartnagle - April 28 - 29 - Matt Mason - there are 7 spots available, flyer is on the website
 - Stock trial - May 19 - 20 - Lebanon, CT - Tenley Dexter & Janet Benson - two trials a day, judges Roger Stevens and Jim Bergert - flyer is on website
 - ASCA Agility trial - May 26 & 27 - Contoocook, NH - Jean Janotta, flyer is on the website
 - Bob Vest sheep clinic - May 31 - June 2 - Gaylordsville, CT - Tenley Dexter, flyer is on website
 - Bob Vest cattle clinic - June 8 & 9 - Lebanon, CT - Tenley Dexter - flyer is on website
 - Summer Colors of Harvest Moon - June 8 - 10 - Auburn, MA - Peter Kontos - Obedience and Conformation
 - Bob Vest sheep clinic - June 10 & 12 - Gaylordsville, CT - Tenley Dexter - flyer is on website
 - Stock trial - June 23 & 24 - Matt Mason - judge Rick Hardin
 - Moose-a-Mania - July - has been cancelled for 2007, will be ASCA agility when it resumes in 2008
 - Stock trial - August 11 & 12 - Webster, NH - Matt Mason - flyer is on website
 - Tracking test - October
 - Breed and Obedience - November - Seekonk, MA - Sharon Ruppel

OLD BUSINESS

- **New Members**
 - The following were accepted as members: Michele Betit, Stephanie Brown, Sharon Concannon, James & Deresa Helems, Jan Marcotte, Kathy Peloquin
- **Submission of Show Expenses – Jean Janotta**
 - Submission of show expenses for an event are due to Dottie no later than 30 days after the event, or you will not be reimbursed.
- **2007 ASCA Nationals - Augusta, NJ - September 29 - October 6, 2007 - ASCAGOLDENJUBILEE.COM - Pete Dolan**
 - Pete started things off by saying "To put things into context - in 7 months and 2 days we will be watching Best of Breed, the last event of the Nationals".
 - We have contracted for all the stock.
 - On January 22 the class sponsorship list went up on the website, 1/2 of the sponsorships have been filled. The Conformation Invitational and Finals are the areas hurting for sponsors.
 - We have about 10% of the total money needed.
 - If anybody has any sponsorship ideas (big or small) tell them to Sheila. Sheila has a form letter for soliciting sponsorships.
 - Karen has done an awesome job on the website and feel free to tell her that.
 - There is another chair meeting March 11 at the Benson's in CT. The main topics will be finalizing trophies and ribbons and how to get Karen Miller set up for receiving entries. The bulk of the entries will be received between June 1 and July 16. We may need to buy a copy machine as all entries and coupons will go to Karen and then the individual coupons (RV, banquet, etc) will have to go to each appropriate individual.
 - We received the \$1500 check from ASCA.
 - Pam Parker (Miss Trinkets & Trash) is looking to set up a store on the website.
 - Entries and RV money defray a large part of the cost. Part of the budget does include what we have to pay to the fairgrounds for the RV camping.

- Pete's rough figures are: income - \$221,000 expenses - \$204,000
- \$90 was raised at the ROM banquet from the sale of bumper stickers
- **ASCNE website – Jean Janotta**
 - Jean thanked Mary Ann Stoddart for having done the website for close to 10 years. She also thanked Robin Goodman for taking over the website. Email Robin with any suggestions or corrections.
- **ROM – Special Awards – Jean Janotta**
 - Jean read the new proposed ROM requirements for Special Awards
 - Keep Versatility as is - would require Stock and Conformation plus 1 other venue (tracking, agility, obedience)
 - Change Performance - would require Stock plus 2 other performance venues (tracking, agility, obedience)
 - Add Achievement - would require at least 3 venues (conformation, stock, tracking, obedience, agility)
 - After asking for any discussion, a motion was made and passed to accept the new ROM Special Awards Proposal
 - A motion was made and passed to remove the points wording out of the Versatility and Performance Awards definitions.
 - Mary Ann would like to step down as the ROM Special Award Coordinator, so we're looking for a volunteer.
- **ROM – Inclusion/Exclusion of Pre-, Post-, and National Events – MaryAnn Stoddart**
 - Mary Ann made a motion to withdraw her September proposal to not allow points earned at Nationals, and pre and post National shows. Her reasoning for the proposal was because of the way ROM conformation points are calculated (1 point for each for each dog beaten) and how one win of a National class could obliterate several wins at the local level. The motion was passed.
 - Refer to the item under New Business regarding Conformation ROM.
- **Honorary Membership Committee – Jean Janotta**
 - Jean has been underwhelmed with people that want to join an Honorary Membership Committee. Please think about joining this committee.
- **New Membership Secretary**
 - Jean thanked Kathie Chouinard for being the New Membership Secretary for the last seven years, and welcomed Dennis Witham into the position.
- **AKC Conflict of Interest Policy**
 - Has been lifted for everything

NEW BUSINESS

- **2007 Pictures – Kate Viles**
 - Kate had her laptop with photos she has taken at various ASCNE events during 2007.
- **Conformation ROM –MaryAnn Stoddart**
 - A motion was made and accepted to create a committee to review/revise/rewrite the current ROM Conformation Rules.
 - If you're interested in participating, please contact Jean Janotta ASAP. The desire is to have the new rules in place for the beginning of 2008.
- **Announcement of ROM Results – MaryAnn Stoddart**
 - Mary Ann proposed that ROM results be announced at the banquet and not before. All agreed this was a good idea to add to the suspense!
- **Membership Applications - Kathie Chouinard**

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60 Depot St	Kate Viles
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Junior

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.

Rounds of applause for Mary Ann and Joe for the banquet and Pete for making the weave poles.
New title bowls and ROM ribbons were presented.

The next meeting will be July 8 at Silver City Training Center in Taunton, MA.

Respectfully submitted,
Gull Reidy, Secretary