

**ASCNE Meeting – November 11, 2013 at Robin Goodman's in Milford, NH**

- **Meeting was called to order at 12:30pm by President Jean Janotta**
- **Attendance**
  - BOD – Jean Janotta, Gull Gullicksen, Pauli Haggis, Pete Dolan
  - Members – Matt Mason, Robin Goodman, Jen Darlington, Lyn Scribner
- **Secretary's Report – Karen Miller**
  - September meeting minutes were not posted as the September/October newsletter was not distributed so they couldn't be accepted
  - September and November minutes will be posted on the website and a note will be put on ASCNE facebook
- **Treasurer's Report – Pete Dolan**
  - Account balance as of 09/08/13 \$8,459.91 (includes \$140.54 Rescue Fund)

		Income	Expenses	Profit / (Loss)
Harvest Moon Mania (prelim nbrs)	October 18, 19, 20	\$31,259	\$32,501	(\$1,242)
Fall Fling Agility (to date)	November 16 – 17		\$2,250	
Cranberry Classic (to date)	November 9 – 10		\$200	

- Account balance as of 11/03/13 \$9,791.34 (includes \$140.54 Rescue Fund)
- **Affiliate Report – Anne St. Pierre**
  - Anne not present
- **Library Report – Carolyn MacDonald Rancourt**
  - Carolyn not present
- **ASCA BOD Report – Linda Gray**
  - Linda not present
- **Sunshine Report**
  - Sandy Landry – had a stroke a week ago Thursday, will be in rehab for 2-4 weeks
  - Madison Hey (junior handler) –congratulations on being awarded the ASCA Junior Service Award; the nomination was submitted by Deb Keach, read at Nationals, and was announced at HMM
- **Event Updates:**
  - October 18&19&20 – Harvest Moon Mania – Westfield, MA – Peter Kontos
    - 35 entries for Rally!
    - Agility was full with one ring.
    - From a show scheduling perspective, the Red Roof Inn was very full as there was a big dog show at the Eastern States Exposition the same weekend – lots of HMM people there even though it wasn't the 'host' hotel as it was listed in the premium
    - Some agility exhibitors were less than thrilled with Sandra Katzen's personality and said they would not choose to show under her again
    - Issues arose between Mark Gary (Fairgrounds Manager) and ARPH Rep Ken Dwyer. Letter will be going to ARPH indicating ARPH will continue to be invited to ASCNE shows held at the Fairgrounds, but the Dwyers are no longer welcome at this site.
    - Areas for improvement next year
      - Premium: include
        - correct information for hotel and potluck;
        - rules to be used for MVA
      - MVA: run it per rules specified prior to the event – don't change calculations at the event; post ongoing scores in a visible location for participant and spectator viewing and to help increase support for participants; find a way to make the award of MVA a big deal; have a dedicated MVA coordinator responsible for doing scoring; if not going to do it according to identified rules, then don't do it
  - November 9 –Obedience/Rally show – Seekonk, MA
    - Sanctioned; event has closed

- Nice prices donated by Jen and Denise Darlington
- November 10 – Breed show – Seekonk, MA
  - Sanctioned; Sharon Ruppell sent email looking for workers
- November 16&17 – Agility Trial – Westborough, MA – Joey Mason
  - There are 247 runs on Saturday and 204 on Sunday so far. I do have maybe 50 more entries coming in that I know of, so we will be close to my estimated budget for 500 runs. I sent out some emails asking people to come and lucked out, so those are the ones I'm waiting on. An unexpected USDAA trial popped up in Conn., so we lost some entries to that. Confirmations have gone out to all.
- 2014 calendar updates / notes
  - March Cattle Clinic with Cindi Hayden
    - Matt looking to change dates from March 29&30 to March 22&23
    - There may be a second cattle clinic in April; tentative dates are April 12 & 13; not yet determined if this clinic will be an ASCNE sponsored event
  - July 18,19,20 – Maine Stock Trial – will not be ASCNE sponsored
    - Matt has heard from Laura Hamer that there will be a stock trial in Maine on this weekend, but it will not be an ASCNE sponsored event
    - According to Laura, the Maine group is going to try to start a new ASCA affiliate up there (due to the distance and lack of ASCNE memberships in their area). If they are able to do that, they will do an ASCA trial. If they are not able to put things together by then, they will do an AHBA trial as they have already hired Jan Wesen for July.
  - August 9&10 – Stock Trial
    - Linc Keiser approached Jean at HMM to ask about having a stock trial at Lynette Millville's in August (as Matt is taking this year off).
    - He was told to submit the request with proposed budget to the Board
  - Discussion points on stock 'stuff'
    - Will there be enough entries to support all the trials? Stock entries fees are not insignificant.
    - Rachel Vest noted at HMM that the high number of entries at HMM is not common in the rest of the country
    - Matt said the remainder of the country has more options for sites to hold events but everyone struggles with getting good stock for trials. New England is fortunate to have safe and consistent stock – sometimes a little too dog broke, as noted by some judges.
  - November 2 meeting
    - Matt offered to host the meeting at his house
  - 2014 Proposed Calendar on website needs to be updated – Jean will update and send to Robin.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **New Members:**
  - The following were accepted as new members:
    - Linda Barden – sponsored by Emmy Adasiewicz and Francine Guerra
- **Volunteer Positions Opening Up for 2014 – Jean**
  - Newsletter editor – no one has stepped forward; Jean to send something thru ASCNE-I
- **Build Agility Program – Pauli Haggis**
  - Pauli noted that at the September meeting Mike Kurdzo asked about what was being done to increase participation in ASCA agility trials. She suggested that perhaps Mike should be encouraged to put together a proposal and submit it to the Board.
  - Jean said that the January agility group did get donations from Clean Run for record keeping books that they are going to give out to new agility competitors.
  - Jean wondered whether all agility committees should agree on certain things – i.e., cost of Pre-Novice runs (in January they're free, to date there has been a fee that has been different at different events, ...), giveaways, ...

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Membership Applications – Dottie Duclos**

Applicant	Sponsors
Courtney Bell	Anne St.Pierre
11 Burdean Rd.	Keli Gaunt
Windham, ME 04062	
ASCA #119265	

- **2014 Elections – Jean**
  - Thanks to the 2013 nominating committee: Gull Gullicksen, Joey Mason, Kathie Chouinard
  - Slate of officers presented
    - President - Art Landry
    - Vice President - Gull
    - Secretary - Karen Miller
    - Treasurer - Kathie Chouinard
    - Affiliate Rep - Pauli Haggis
    - Board of Directors - Kathy Buckley, Michael Kurdzo, Carol Landry, Diane Menard
  - No additional nominations were received during the meeting from the floor
  - Ballots will be mailed
- **Proposal for New Arena at Westfield Fairgrounds – Pete Dolan**
  - There were discussions at HMM about the potential of building a second large stock arena (225 x 125) in the area currently used for the duck arena. The duck arena would then move to the paddock next to the current arena.
  - This would allow
    - more cattle runs, assuming more cattle could be obtained
    - could also be used for the started sheep runs as they are typically judged by a different judge
    - finishing up earlier
  - Noted that everything ran very smoothly this year and stock finished quite early (3:30, 4:00, and on Sunday everything was finished and torn down by 4pm)
  - Matt noted that if additional stock is obtained from different places that it might increase the need for more 'paddocks' in order to keep the stock separated
  - The Fairgrounds would take down the existing sheds (leaving the back up as privacy fence), 2 trees, move a light pole, and straighten out the existing chain link fencing. However, they do not want permanent fencing on either end to accommodate horse trailers for horse shows held at the Fairgrounds.
  - Pete is putting together a diagram and cost proposal to submit to the Board for flexible arena ends (panels and posts that would be put up/taken down when needed for a stock trial).

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Robin Goodman and Jean Janotta

### **ASCNE 2013 Calendar of Events**

- January 6 – meeting – Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA
- January 12&13 – Agility Trial – Hamden, CT – Wendy Richmond
- February 2 –Obedience – Seekonk, MA
- February 3 – Breed – Seekonk, MA – Karen Miller
- March 3 – ROM banquet, Log Cabin, Holyoke, MA – Lecia Whitlock
- March 16&17 – Rescue Show – Breed – Silver City Canine Training Center - Taunton, MA
- March 30&31 – Agility Trial – Manchester, NH – Kathy Fretz
- April 6&7 – Cattle clinic with Cindi Hayden - Webster, NH – Matt Mason
- April 21 – Intro to Herding – Lebanon, CT – Tenley Dexter
- April 20&21 – Obedience & Rally – Seekonk, MA – Kathy Buckley
- April 27&28 – Stock clinic – Webster, NH – Matt Mason
- May 5 – Obedience & Rally – Goshen, CT – Claudia Reed
- May 11&12 – Agility Trial – Seekonk, MA – hosted by ActUp Agility – sanctioned by ASCNE
- May 25&26 – Agility Trial – Contoocook, NH – Jean Janotta
- June 8&9 – Agility & Breed – Westfield, MA – Keli Gaunt
- June 15&16 – Stock Trial – Portland, CT – Linc Keiser
- July 7 – Meeting – Raymond, NH – Jean Janotta's
- July 19&20&21 – Stock Arena/Farm Trial – Prospect, ME – Diane Menard
- August 3&4 – Obedience & Rally – Seekonk, MA – Kathy Buckley
- August 10&11 - Stock Arena/Farm Trial – Webster/Salisbury, NH – Matt Mason
- August 12&13&14 – Stock Clinic with Marti Parrish – Webster/Salisbury, NH – Matt Mason
- August 17&18 – Agility Trial – N. Smithfield, RI – hosted by ActUp Agility – sanctioned by ASCNE
- September 8 – meeting – Pomfret Center, CT – Bill King's
- October 18&19&20 – Harvest Moon Mania – Westfield, MA – Peter Kontos
- November 3 – meeting – Canterbury, NH – The Landry's
- November 9 –Obedience/Rally show – Seekonk, MA
- November 10 – Breed show – Seekonk, MA
- November 16&17 – Agility Trial – Westborough, MA – Joey Mason

### **2014 Proposed ASCNE Calendar**

- January 5 – meeting – Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA
- January 11&12 – Agility – Hamden, CT – Wendy Richmond
- February 1 – Obedience – Seekonk, MA - ??
- TBD: February 2 – Breed – Seekonk, MA – Karen Miller??
- March 2 – ROM banquet, Log Cabin, Holyoke, MA – MaryAnn and Joe Stoddart
- March 15&16 – Rescue Show – Breed – Taunton, MA – Sue Winters
- March 22&23 – Cattle clinic with Cindi Hayden - Webster, NH – Matt Mason (new dates to be verified)
- March 29&30 – Agility – Manchester, NH – Jean Janotta/Chris Carlson
- April 12&13 – Cattle clinic with Cindi Hayden – TBD if this will be ASCNE sponsored
- April 19&20 – Obedience & Rally – Seekonk, MA – Kathy Buckley
- April 27 – Intro to Herding – Lebanon, CT – Tenley Dexter
- May 2,3,4 – Stock Trial – Sturbridge, MA – Diane Menard
- May 4 – Obedience & Rally – Goshen, CT – Claudia Reed
- TBD: May 10&11 – Agility – Seekonk, MA – hosted by ActUp Agility – sanctioned by ASCNE
- May 24&25 – Agility – location TBD – Jean Janotta
- June 7&8 – Agility, Breed, Obedience, Rally – Westfield, MA – Keli Gaunt
- June 14&15 – Stock – Portland, CT – Linc Keiser
- June 29 – Meeting – location TBD
- TBD: July 26&27 - Agility – Manchester, NH – hosted by Bo-Gee Agility – sanctioned by ASCNE
- August 1&2&3 – Obedience & Rally – Seekonk, MA – Kathy Buckley
- TBD: August 9&10 – Stock – CT – Linc Keiser
- TBD: August 16&17 – Agility – N. Smithfield, RI – hosted by ActUp Agility – sanctioned by ASCNE
- September 7 – meeting – Brooklyn, CT – The Haggis'
- September 13&14 - Stock – NH – Art Landry
- TBD: September 20&21 – Breed – ME – Anne St. Pierre
- October TBD – Harvest Moon Mania – Westfield, MA – Peter Kontos
- October 31-Nov 8 – ASCA Nationals – Bryant, TX
- November 2 – meeting – West Salisbury, NH – Matt Mason's
- November 8 – Obedience/Rally – Seekonk, MA – Kathy Buckley
- TBD: November 9 – Breed – Seekonk, MA - ??
- TBD: November 15&16 – Agility – Westborough, MA – Joey Mason