

Minutes for the January 8, 2017 meeting at Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA

The meeting was called to order at 12:25pm.

Attendance

Board members - Anne Hubbard, Gull Gullicksen, Michael Kurdzo, Kathie Chouinard, Lee Prager

Members - Lisa Andrade, Dianne Barrett, Elyse Phillips, JoAnn Griffin, George Griffin, Kathy Buckley, John Andrade, Deb Keach Tomes, Susan Winters

Guests - Julie Parker

Secretary's report

Robin posted the minutes from the November meeting where the newsletter can usually be found. A couple of copies were available if anyone needed to read them.

Lee Prager made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, Dianne Barrett seconded. Motion approved. Dianne Barrett made a motion to accept the Secretary's report, Michael Kurdzo seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report - Lee Prager

Beginning balance (11/16/16) of \$30,000.23. November 12-13, 2016 rally and obedience trial made \$204.70. The November 18 - 19, 2016 agility trial had a profit of \$687.73. Balance on January 8, 2017 is \$30,409.03. A donation was made to Pauli Haggis - \$1010 from the tunnelers run at the agility trial and \$150 from a 50/50 raffle at the rally/obedience trial.

Lee also mentioned that one of the agility judges we had last year asked for two checks, as she donates her judging fees to ASHGI.

Kathie Chouinard made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Kathy Buckley seconded. Motion approved.

Affiliate report – Michael Kurdzo

(With Pauli recovering Michael has agreed to be the Affiliate Rep) ASCNE's affiliate paperwork has been sent back to ASCA for 2017. There are currently six motions before the ASCA board. These can be found on the ASCA website and comments can be sent to the executive secretary.

Library report - John Andrade

The list on the ASCNE website has been updated. John had three cases of items with him for anyone that wanted to pick up something.

ASCA board report - no one present

Sunshine report – Anne Hubbard gave an update on Pauli Haggis' condition. Pauli is in a rehab center in W. Hartford and can receive visitors. The latest report was that Pauli should be going home in a few weeks. There was a card for people to sign.

ASCNE will be making a donation for the passing of Don Dean. Discussion on where, looking into the ASCA Foundation, or epilepsy research, or rescue. Kathie Chouinard and John Andrade will decide.

Peter Kontos' grandfather died.

Event updates

November 12-13 obedience and rally - Dianne Barrett said there were more non-Aussies than Aussies entered.

November 19-20 agility trial - went well, food was great

2017 calendar - Robin has fliers for the January agility trial, January rally & obedience show and go, February rally & obedience trial, March conformation shows, and May obedience trials all on the ASCNE website. The May one day in CT is obedience only this year.

All chairs should check the dates are correct.

Agility judges are - John Raymond for January in CT, Gary Shippley for May in CT, Chuck Klein for COS, and Darrell Warren for HMM

Act Up is not having the August ASCA trial this year. There was talk of can ASCNE hold the trial in Aug. Facilities were discussed - there will be a new sports facility near Canine Mastery, the facility in Uxbridge was mentioned but it does not have a/c. Some members are looking into this.

The flier for the ROM banquet is on the website, don't forget to RSVP. If you are getting a title bowl then Nancy Gagnon needs the information by 1/16.

Anyone getting a performance, achievement or versatility ribbon needs to get the info to Susan Winters.

We still need locations for the Sept 10 and Nov 5 meetings.

ASCA bylaws require we have at least one "educational" event a year. Stock clinics usually take care of this, but we could also do a health clinic, or something else. Deb Keach Tomes had her rats for intro to barn hunt after the meeting. Rally or obedience try its were also suggested.

Kathie Chouinard made a motion to accept all the reports, Anne Hubbard seconded. Motion approved.

Old business

Member applications – There was one application at the November meeting. The 30 day comment period will be up on Jan 16.

Nationals exploratory committee

There was not a lot of response from other clubs to partner with ASCNE to run a nationals. No one has volunteered to be the overall chair. ASCNE is dropping the idea of hosting a nationals. We discussed ASCA's role in running a nationals and whether ASCNE should send a letter to ASCA suggesting they take a more active role in running a nationals - such as doing the paperwork and legwork, etc. It was also wondered if there were secretarial services that could be hired.

Banners - Michael Kurdzo will proceed with getting a couple more banners to display at events. It was asked if we could have another show stand for win photos. Lee Prager will look into the design of the one we store at Westfield to see how difficult it would be to build.

Bylaws review - Anne Hubbard

Anne will be sending a draft of suggested changes to Kathie and Dottie. Most are things like spelling, clarifying terms, or consistent language. A significant change suggested was to allow

members not residing in New England to be on the board. Anne is checking to see if this is included in the Articles of Incorporation. Another point is current forms of communication - are we allowed to use Skype, etc. The plan is to have a list of changes ready for discussion at the ROM meeting. A club vote to accept the changes cannot take place until after ASCA has approved changes.

Open positions

Newsletter editor - Jessica Davis has agreed to give the newsletter a shot. If you have any brags or news, please get it to her by Jan 22.

Sue Schroeder is looking to step down from agility ROM coordinator. We need someone new for this position.

Francine will chair conformation at COS, she would like a co-chair.

Course director at HMM - no one has stepped up this year so we will not have stock at HMM in 2017. There was discussion on using another stock trial to count towards MVA, but it was decided to not have MVA this year either. Anne Hubbard will chair a task force to look into the question of stock at HMM and the MVA award after 2017. Please contact Anne if you are interested in helping to find a solution for holding stock trials at HMM.

New member applications - Dottie Duclos

No new applications

ROM rules

Jean is updating the policy book as it has not been done for a while. Some things being clarified are: ROM ribbons are for Aussies only. New title bowls are for any breed owned by an ASCNE member. In agility we also do the ACE program, stock includes Farm and Ranch trials, obedience is all titling classes (which now includes Beginner Novice and Grad-Novice).

Rescue donations

In the past we have given gift cards to foster homes. There was a question about recipients also being an ASCNE member or benefiting local dogs, but we will donate to ARPH in general. It was voted to donate \$500 to ARPH, put \$200 aside for Deb Keach Tomes to apply to rescue needs, and give Deb a \$100 gas gift card for her travel for rescue.

Meeting adjourned 2:02pm