

MINUTES

Haute Dawgs Agility Group Board Meeting

September 11, 2022 | *Meeting called to order by* Debbie Campbell at 7:04 p.m.

In Attendance via Zoom

Present: Acting President Debbie Campbell, Vice President Sandy Taylor, Interim Treasurer and Past President Anna Potter, Secretary Kris Backus, Directors-at-Large Diane Adams, Ann Kitchen, Gail Gomes

Absent: Daniel Edwards

Agenda

1. Brief Overview of Financials
2. Update on canceled trials in 2020 and 2021
3. CPE SpeedWay
4. NADAC – Poles and NATCH ribbon policies
5. Member Meeting – set up committee to schedule and plan
6. Member Participation
7. WAG Holiday Party

1. Brief Overview of Financials

- 2021 - we had a profit of \$4,168.33
- So far in 2022 we are showing a profit of \$3,550.87
- We still have a USDAA Trial, Fun Match, 1 day Speedway trial and a 3 day NADAC trial in 2022. USDAA and NADAC usually make a good profit.
- Tax update - due to a miscommunication with our Tax Preparer the 2019 taxes were filed late. The issue has been addressed but, currently the IRS is behind in its processing and we are in a holding pattern until the end of October.
- Until we get a final outcome on our taxes, we will hold off on any charitable contributions.
- Sandy mentioned that Placer County SPCA is in need of donations due to the Mosquito Fire. Could we donate anything?

MOTION

Sandy moved that we donate \$250 to Placer SPCA.

Ann seconded the motion.

In favor: Anna, Kris, Debbie, Sandy, Diane, Ann

Against: --

Abstain: --

(Note: Gail had not logged in yet for the meeting)

The motion was passed.

Action item: Anna will send a check to Placer SPCA.

2. Update on canceled trials in 2020 and 2021

- To update the Board. In 2020 and 2021 several trials were cancelled but we still paid Rental fees to WAG, Inc. Over time, WAG, Inc. has repaid the fees by reducing the facility rental fees for several of our recent trials.

3. CPE SpeedWay

- We have been and are exploring interest by offering a couple of Fun Matches and a couple of 1 day trials this year. These events are in addition to our already scheduled events. We would like to explore adding a 2-day trial next year, possibly in June.
- Kris said WAG is available the weekend of June 24/25.
- Dan Roy from SoCal is available and can bring his lure machine.

Debbie moved that we get a 2-day trial on the calendar for 2023.

Kris seconded the motion.

Discussion: Anna said to keep in mind that the rental fees for a two-day trial are significant. Kris is hopeful that having the option of lure coursing (Drag Race) would bring in more people.

In favor: Anna, Kris, Debbie, Sandy, Diane, Ann, Gail

Against: --

Abstain: --

The motion was passed.

4. NADAC - Poles and NATCH ribbon policies

- Reduction of costs – The poles and NATCH ribbons cost a bit and take away from the profit of the trial. Debbie would like to get together with Susan and Sue and go over the ribbon policy. What she has seen is that clubs are giving the first pole free, subsequent poles at a cost to the exhibitor.
- Sandy clarified that the number of NATCHes that you can earn has increased exponentially. She suggested that we lay out before the next meeting the list of possible NATCH titles and come to some recommendation on how to award them.
- Diane said that Susan (WAG) is honoring Versatility, all-around, and regular NATCH.
- Debbie said we will table this for now. She will connect with the other clubs and develop a proposal.

5. Member Meeting - set up committee to schedule and plan

- We need a member meeting! Debbie would like to hold a general membership meeting in January – the 2nd week, when there is no competing trial. Debbie is asking for a committee to plan the details: where, what, how, when, what the budget is, etc.

- Ann and Anna offered to be on the committee. Debbie said she would head the meeting committee.
- Sandy Taylor is working on updating the Memorial Board.
- We need to poll board members about continuing terms. This is to be done within the guidelines previously set up which includes written communication. Debbie said that tomorrow she would put a letter out to the board asking who on the board would like to remain on the board for the next two years (2023-2024). She will have the answers sent to the sub-committee consisting of Gail and Diane who will compile them and determine how many slots we need to fill for 2023 and 2024.
- Once the poll is complete, the sub-committee will tally how many board positions need to be filled so that scouting for potential board members can be done.
- Gail Gomes has approached Mary Palumbo about joining the board. Mary is willing but follow up written correspondence still needs to be accomplished.
- Debbie Campbell has approached Joni Grace. As with Mary, follow up written correspondence to Joni still needs to be accomplished.

Action item: Debbie will send a letter to poll members about continuing on the board for 2023-24.

Action item: Debbie, Gail and Diane will work according to the bylaws to get names of interested people to fill the open positions.

Action item: Member meeting committee: Debbie, Ann and Anna

6. Member participation

- Need ideas on how to get more members engaged in putting on the Trials and Fun Matches.
- For a lot of our trials it is the same people who work the trials, and many of them are getting burned out.
- We do not require that a person be a member of HD to be on a trial committee. Does this need to change?
- Ann asked – when we have a disciplinary action needed at a trial, what is the minimum number of members that need to be part of the decision making? Debbie said that the trial chair should be a HD member, at least. Sandy said each organization has guidelines.

Action item: By our next board meeting, board members should come up with ideas on how to get more members involved in committees and putting on trials.

Action item: Debbie will go through each major organization's guidelines on how to handle disciplinary incidents.

Action item: Kris will send Debbie the CPE Incident Report Form.

7. WAG Holiday Party

- Annual Christmas Party - Kris touched based with Susan. Tentative date of Dec. 10th. Susan has not had the time to begin any other planning. Debbie would like a volunteer liaison from HD to coordinate with WAG and Fun Paws.

- From Susan at WAG: "I am looking at the Holiday Party option – I'd like to find a food truck that would work out well. But I have had no time to look into it yet. December 10th is the more probable date. But I have not finalized it yet. If HD and FP want to get me input – that would be good too.

Diane volunteered to be a liaison for HD for this party. Thanks, Diane!

Next Board Meeting: Friday, October 14th at 8 am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.