

MINUTES

Haute Dawgs Agility Group Board Meeting

October 14, 2022 | *Meeting called to order by* Debbie Campbell at 8:02 a.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 Daniel Edwards, Ann Kitchen

Absent: Diane Adams, Gail Gomes

Agenda

1. Update on USDAA trial
2. NADAC – NATCH Poles and ribbon policies
3. Member Meeting
4. Member participation
5. Board member poll
6. Question on committee member requirements

1. Update on USDAA trial

Anna provided info on the financials for the USDAA trial, and it looks like we will profit around \$4,000.

Anna asked Candy when the next USDAA trial will be, and she said it will be in April, but Candy, who has chaired it, may not be available. She is currently not running in USDAA. There are only 3 people involved in USDAA in our club.

2. NADAC – NATCH poles and ribbon policies

Daniel said NADAC drastically increased the number of titles that have the word “NATCH” in them. He says he doesn’t know of any other club that is giving a pole for all these new NATCH titles. They are only giving ribbons and poles for these NATCHes:

- Regular
- Versatility
- All Around (now called Platinum All Around)

MOTION

Debbie moved that we only recognize the above titles with a pole and ribbon – no other NATCHes will get a pole and ribbon from the club.

Seconded by Anna.

All in favor: Kris, Ann, Daniel, Sandy

Against: None

MOTION

Debbie moved that we follow the policies that WAG and Fun Paws are using: a pole is awarded for first Regular NATCH, first Versatility NATCH and first Platinum All Around NATCH. Subsequent NATCHes in these three categories may be purchased by the exhibitor from the club.

Daniel seconded.

In favor: Kris, Anna, Ann, Sandy

Against: None

Daniel had a follow up: if exhibitors wish to have a subsequent pole, we will let them do so by paying for it. Daniel did some cost analysis, and said the cost is about \$12 dollars. Debbie said \$12 is what WAG is charging.

3. Member Meeting

Ann K. has been looking at places in North Natomas for a meeting room.

No other update. She and Anna and Debbie will meet Sunday to discuss further.

4. Member participation

Ann suggested that we make it a requirement that members are on a trial committee – in a “big” job, or work full time in a trial that they are not in twice a year. Anna said she looked at our roster to see who is involved. There are many on our list who do work at CPE trials. Sandy mentioned that Ready2Run sends out in advance what the upcoming trials are and what committee needs they have. They are more proactive and systematic.

Kris suggested that we have one of the board members be a Volunteer Coordinator. Anna said in the past we’ve had a “Membership Liaison”. That person would send out updates to members of decisions made at board meetings and could also solicit help for trial committees

GOAL:

Identify one board member who can be our Membership Liaison/Volunteer Coordinator.

5. Board member poll

Debbie reported that all current board members have agreed to stay on the board for 2023-2024!

She also reminded us that we have had a vacancy of a 5th director-at-large since Patty Diehl resigned years ago. Debbie asked if we wanted to fill that position. We agreed to do that.

As a follow-up discussion, we talked about the “Training Coordinator” position that used to exist on our board. Anna said that the Board removed this position years ago, and since we cannot (easily) update the bylaws, the change was noted in meeting minutes, as were many other amendments to the bylaws.

ACTION ITEM:

Anna will look for old meeting notes that indicate that the board agreed to not have a Training Coordinator position any more, as well as any other bylaw updates that have occurred in the past.

6. Question on committee member requirements

Debbie reported that USDAA does not require trial committee members to be club members.

NADAC says the trial committee should be comprised of club group members and is the governing body for the trial. Debbie is going to follow up with Chris N. on what the “trial committee” is comprised of. Daniel said he is 99% certain that NADAC leaves it up to the club on whether or not to allow non-members to be on committee.

CPE requires the trial chair and secretary be members of CPE – they do not say they must be members of the club.

The discussion expanded to include disciplinary situations, and which committee members need to be part of the “governing body” for needed disciplinary actions at a trial. It appears each venue may be different.

Kris pulled up the CPE incident report which says the disciplinary committee is comprised of the trial chair, secretary and two committee members.

ACTION ITEM:

Debbie will follow up with NADAC on the “trial committee” definition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.