

Paws4Fun Agility Club

Minutes of Board Meeting

July 24, 2022

Present: Carolyn Heide, Esther Vriese, Ian Cranstone, Rachel Denny, Erin Moore, Sandy Gummesson, Catherine Woolham, Vania Richardson Boulet, Roxanne Harrington (recording secretary). Regrets: Jane Rocchio, Kristy Nguyen, Janet Parks.

Meeting called to order at 2:30 pm.

Additions to the agenda – Trial Secretary Report – Carolyn Heide

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2021 – Tabled

**REPORTS:**

**President** Catherine Woolham – no report

**Vice-President** Vania Richardson Boulet – Osgoode demo went well, was fun and the parade had 10-12 dogs. Catherine mentioned there was a mix-up with Kemptville and then discussion ensued with points being how would you do both, the importance for PR and the upcoming International Plowing Match. Catherine will contact the IPM.

**CARO Coordinator** Vania Richardson Boulet – there has been 1 trial and it went well but overtime. There were a lot of runs and it was a warm day so there were some forfeits. (47 ran but there were 60 entered). Following discussions were for indoor facility possibility, a possible seminar for “working” to get the word out, CARO has changed the signs and the costs to re-do, the donation from CARO of the 6-foot tunnel, another virtual trial in October and the positive response of the name tag printing for ribbons.

**MOTION:** Moved by Vania to purchase a ribbon printing machine for the club. Carolyn Second. Unanimous. Carolyn will investigate this purchase.

**Facilities Director** Ian Cranstone – mentioned that the upgrading of the ‘contacts’ is in progress but still delayed by the lack of ability to attain the glue for the rubber. He is also trying to find canopies for the two existing shelters (may have to look at the US) and has purchased the sides and ends. He purchased a jumper cable for the battery boxes and mentioned the possibility of looking at new shelters for ring 2 and ring 3, at an approximate cost of \$700-\$800.

**MOTION:** Moved by Ian to purchase 2 new shelters with tie downs, anchors etc. for ring 2 and ring 3. Catherine Second. Unanimous.

Vania asked about the new sandbags and Ian explained that the fuzzy side is faulty. Discussion about their purchase, transport and that they will be delivered to be repaired and returned.

**Treasurer** Carolyn Heide – Report attached. Carolyn mentioned accessible money (\$22067.57) and discussion followed with mention of money for year end to cover rent, condition of some tunnels, inspection of various equipment and suggestion of purchasing new tunnels.

Carolyn stressed that incoming cheques must be made out to Paws4Fun Agility. Discussion about cheques, e-transfers, pay-pal and possibly dispensing with dual signature requirement.

**MOTION:** Moved by Carolyn to change the bank account to no longer require two signatures and make appropriate amendments to the bylaws. Ian Second. Unanimous.

**Webmaster** Carolyn Heide – apologies as there was no time to do it.

## **Paws4Fun Agility Position Statement July-21-2022**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Target Min Balance</b>
Chequing	\$22,164.71	\$1,000.00
PayPal	\$2,441.26	\$500.00
Cash Box	\$322.50	\$100.00
Outstanding Income*	\$0.00	\$0.00
Outstanding Debt**	(\$3,480.87)	\$0.00
Savings	\$1,619.97	\$1,000.00

**Accessible funds: \$22,067.57**

\* Monies received not deposited yet

\*\* Cheques outstanding

**Trial Secretary** Carolyn Heide – August is the last drive through trial, and it will be the last one. Discussion about the sign up and schedule, and August trials going forward. Carolyn mentioned that there are special Snooker ribbons ordered; if competitors achieve 59 points in Snooker, they will receive a special rosette from Paws4Fun. There will be Snooker at the August trial and there are 10 ribbons ordered.

**Trial Director** Sandy Gummeson – the first two trials went well. Ribbons were ordered but there were errors in production, so they have been sent back and are being corrected. We hope to have them by August.

Sandy mentioned there are old ribbons ordered previously and we may want to consider reducing stock. It should be discussed at a future meeting what will happen and how to consider the options (throw away, no paper, no red/yellow).

**Membership** Esther Vriese – mentioned that there are 17 new members this year and one mid-season family membership. Discussion with various points and questions raised; member with reactive dog wants to stay with club, is there a question on membership form about how applicants hear about us, losing money if members don't pay for missed volunteer time and don't renew membership, volunteer time and discounts for trials and classes, can booking system show history of who comes to use fields.

Esther mentioned that she doesn't mind chasing members to get payment for missed volunteer time and she is working on getting an updated membership directory with current volunteer hours sent out shortly.

**Training Director** Erin Moore

#### **Classes at Paws and Effects, winter 2021-2022**

- Over the winter session we ran:
  - 2 classes and 2 practices per week.
    - 8 foundations students
    - 18 in supervised practices
    - 5 rally-obedience participated in the winter classes.
  - twice a month jump grids sessions
  - 4 half day workshops
  - 4 half day fun matches
  - 2 online courses
- Winter training had limited success. Challenges included: lack of instructors, last minute cancellations due to weather, cost of space and availability of the space since it was shared between multiple groups.

#### **Classes at Taylor Road, spring / summer 2022**

- We are just finishing our first 8-week session of classes outside. During session 1 outside we ran:
  - 5 foundations classes per week. 17 students participated
  - 3 higher level classes per week. 14 students participated
  - session 2 to begin in early August with 6 classes running
    - 2 foundations
    - 2 beginner 1
    - 1 beginner 2
    - 1 pre-starter / starter
  - 4 half day workshops already completed, 2 more planned for early August
  - foundations fun match planned for August 7th

#### **Instructors**

- We have 10 instructors this season.
- All the instructors led by Michele Guillet have worked together and finalized the new curriculum. We are currently using it and will make adjustments next winter is necessary.
- We have held a half day foundation instructor training and an all instructors training led by Stephane Lafonde.
- Early summer 2023 training for instructors to be provided by Kandy Dumm.

#### **Future training plans**

- Student and member fun match planned for September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Hoppers class to begin in September. Instructor is Rachel Denny. Rachel needs some specific equipment to run these courses. Her estimated cost of the equipment is \$925. Looking for Board approval to spend money on hoopers equipment.
  - Touch and go mat \$225
  - 3 pop up barrels \$200
  - 12 hoops to be built by Rachel \$200
  - 2 hoopers tunnels (80cm wide, and 1-2m long) to be built by Rachel \$300
- No plans for winter classes this coming year. Challenges included: instructor availability, weather, lack of interest from the club members and general workload.
- Winter 2022-2023 training plans include:
  - no classes or workshops in December, January or February
  - twice a month 3 hour practices open to all members in November, March and April at SilverDawn. Cost would be \$10 to be paid directly to SilverDawn.
  - possibly run the online courses again if there is interest.
- Spring / summer 2023 workshops: Stephane Lafonde.

**MOTION:** Moved by Erin to spend approximately \$1000.00 to purchase hoopers equipment for the club. Carolyn Second. Unanimous.

Carolyn suggested considering no training in December, January and February to allow for shut down and time off. Discussion concerning winter activities and money collection. Will come back to this consideration.

**Communications Coordinator** Kristy Nguyen – no report.

**Valor Coordinator** Janet Parks

VALOR (Virtual Agility League)

2 of the 4 scheduled VALOR events this season have taken place.

\$15/member, \$20/non-member per event. 9 members are participating, no non-members.

IDAL (International Dog Agility League)

Events are ongoing, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, May through October. Some cancelled due to weather. Courses remain setup on Thursday to accommodate schedules and dogs who needed quieter environment.

\$5 for member/\$10 non-member per course.

Approx. 15 dogs on the team (all P4F members), 3/4 attend the Wednesday group event, the rest run independently Thursdays.

Volunteer hours are submitted for participants who help with course set-ups for both.

Will determine whether to run these events during winter when the time comes, depending on venue, club decision about winter events, etc.

Erin suggested a purchase to rubberize equipment in puppy ring due to some concerns from foundations instructors. Discussion concerning options available or purchasing new as an option. Erin will investigate purchasing new and as step 2, Ian will talk to Steve concerning re-decking.

Ian mentioned there is still a new dog walk on its way but unsure of its arrival time. It will have the ability to drop down 2-feet.

**K9 Kup Coordinator** Catherine Woolham – mentioned clipboard purchase.

Catherine stressed that there are always no retractable leashes on the property. This is a Club policy, and it is mentioned in the introduction to all classes.

**Volunteer Coordinator** Rachel Denny – mentioned that there have been two trials and that volunteers are short these days and she sees the same familiar faces. She mentioned the importance of doing something special for those volunteers that are always here. Perhaps there should be a presentation at the AGM. Brief discussion concerning gift options and volunteers.

Meeting ADJOURNED 4:20.