

Orchid Isle Dog Agility
Minutes From the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Saturday, March 14, 2020
At the home of Sandy Leggett

The regular Board Meeting, which was held at the home of Sandy Leggett, was called to order by President Renee Elliott on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at 10:10 a.m. Board Members present were: Sandy Leggett, Marchand Green, Sean Fendt, Renee Elliott, Linda Deehr, Pattie Cook, and Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen. OIDA member Karen Lukela was also present.

Agenda: The agenda for the meeting was distributed, and is reflected in the report below.

President's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sandy Leggett reported that the net gain for the club since the beginning of the year is \$106.75. However, there is an outstanding check for the rental of Kukini field, which was used for the OneMind Dogs Seminar. Once that check is cashed, the club will be in the negative column, down \$105. The club made \$400 on the OneMind Dogs Seminar, and netted \$290 on the Fun Run. However, many yearly expenses have been paid: \$540 for insurance, \$190 for the P. O. Box fee, \$71 for DCAA Business, \$35 for Webpage renewal, \$50 for NADAC membership, etc., for a total of \$1000.75 of expenses that cover the whole year. We may not need to continue the Carbonite back up, for which we pay \$90 per year. Taxes are still pending. The savings account balance is \$2,879.51.

Secretary's Report: Sandy did the minutes for the January meeting since secretary Mary Jo had not been present. Included in those minutes were the current list of Board Members, which the bank needed in order to update the OIDA account. The minutes are posted on the webpage. Sean moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mary Jo seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Seminars

OneMind Dogs: Mary Jo reported that the OneMind Dogs seminar was well-received, judging from the response of the participants. The Oahu participants are grateful to be included in the event, and look forward to being included in future OneMind Dogs trainings. The people who audited the seminar found it to be very helpful as well, and commented that Beth is an excellent teacher. Angelic, who audited, is running the courses with her students, passing along the information gleaned.

Instructor Beth Hostetter will be returning to Hawaii next January, and has offered to give OIDA the same discount that she gave this year if we schedule a seminar that coincides with her trip. She proposes teaching Handling Techniques III on Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31. If we were to want additional short seminars, she suggests Thursday, January 28 for three seminars, with a day off on Friday, then the Handling Techniques III on the weekend. Alternatively, Friday morning, January 29, could be used if OIDA wishes to add just one additional seminar. The additional seminars that she proposes are: How Dogs Learn (for handlers only—no dogs), \$20 per person; Better Rewards (teams), \$40 per team; Focus, Motivation, Enthusiasm, and Drive,

\$70 per team. Handling Techniques III includes the following techniques on four courses: Course 1: Double Lap Turn and V-Set, Course 2: Reverse V-Set and Flick, Course 3: German Turn, Twist, Helicopter, and Tight ROTDL, Course 4: Turning Back From a Tunnel and Flip. Handling Techniques II is prerequisite for handling a dog in Handling Techniques III. If we hold the seminar in connection with her Hawaii trip, we would pay Beth the discounted price of \$200 per working team and \$100 per auditor. She requires a minimum of 6 working teams and has a maximum of 10. There is no limit for the number of auditors.

Sean moved to proceed with the OneMind Dogs seminar for next January. Renee seconded.

Everyone was in favor. Mary Jo will let Beth know that we wish to hold Handling Techniques III on the proposed dates. She will put out a survey to all the participants of Handling Techniques II in order to discover interest in the other short seminars, and let Beth know about including one or more of the additional seminars once a decision has been made.

Scot Seo Seminar: The seminar is scheduled for April 25-26. Scot wishes to teach novice dogs in the mornings, working on motivations, reward system, and skills, such as the front cross and acceleration/deceleration, on Saturday, and contacts with 2-on/2-off or running on Sunday. In the afternoons, he wishes to teach the advanced dogs, with a jumpers with weaves course on Saturday and a standard course on Sunday. The focus for the advanced class will how to strategize and execute handling for a Master's-Level course. Students can register for both levels, if qualified. He aims for at least 4 dogs, with a maximum of 8 per class. Karen will hold the Seo seminar at her field. Sandy will let Angelic know we will not need her field that day so that she can plan for her regular classes. Renee will make Scot a gift of the leash he has been wanting.

Reports on Fields

Karen's Field—no update. She is still in the process of figuring out drainage problem.

Her field may be available if we plan well in advance.

Dream Hawaii Studio Field—Renee and Mary Jo visited the field last week. It is located at 1009 Ahuna Road, and is the property of Pomai and Brandon Barteloma. OIDA became aware of the field when Sandy's husband attended an event at Dream Hawaii, and noted the nice, flat field that may work for agility events. Pomai holds classes at Dream Hawaii to prepare young people for performances and pageants, and is a personal friend of Mary Jo.

Renee and Mary Jo noted that the field is very large and fairly flat with some small divots that could be filled. There is room for three agility fields and plenty of parking area. Pomai offered a container to store OIDA equipment so that the equipment would not need to be brought to the field for each event. This location with the bonus of a container in which to store OIDA equipment, vast parking area, more than ample field space, as well as a covered studio area seems to the Board to be an almost ideal situation for a more permanent solution for a location for OIDA events. One drawback is that it is only fenced on three sides: there is no fence at the entry to the property, however the property is behind Pomai's parent's house, and is not right next to the road. There is no fenced-in ring.

Renee reported that since Pomai has never rented the field for an event like this before, she did not know what to charge. Renee informed Pomai of what we pay for Angelic's field, and she was agreeable to that. It was suggested that Sandy could write a proposal for renting the field and

container if the Board wishes to pursue this option after visiting the property. Plans were made for the Board to visit the property next Thursday afternoon.

Lisa's field—Sandy, Marchand, and Mary Jo visited Lisa's field and reported that it is totally fenced in. There is a tree in the middle which can be removed if necessary. Lisa is very willing to work with us. She would require all dogs to have proof of current vaccinations, as she is a breeder, and brings her puppies onto the field. There is no place to store equipment and no access to bathrooms. Parking is limited. Some street parking is available. The street has more traffic than expected.

It was suggested that should we enter into a more permanent relationship with Dream Hawaii Studio for storing equipment and hosting events, that a letter should be written to Lisa to thank her for her willingness to share her field with OIDA. Her field is still a very good option.

T-shirts—Sandy reported that Renee's husband and Sandy created a t-shirt design with Teeter, orchids, and a dog. There is also a possibility of partnering with HAHA for 15th anniversary t-shirts for both clubs. HAHA has Ingrid, a professional designer, who can design the t-shirt.

New Business

Fun Match and VT Run: It was decided to schedule a Fun Match/VT Run for Saturday, June 20. Sandy and Renee volunteered to Co-chair the event. Marchand volunteered to be the event secretary. It was suggested the event could be held at Dream Hawaii to see how well the location works for OIDA events.

NADAC Trial—Sandy suggested bringing in a judge for a regular NADAC trial in order to take advantage of the "Double Run" format, which is not allowed at VTs. She suggested contacting Koralee from 4-Paws Dog Training in Canada. Koralee states on her website that she does Pet Therapy Work. She is a new NADAC judge, and is willing to stay at someone's house if she is brought in to judge a trial. The Board decided to have Sandy contact Koralee for the possibility of having her come to judge a trial in September or October of this year.

UKI Trial—Renee stated that Eileen has offered to chair a NADAC trial for OIDA. Angelic could judge. The trial could be held at Angelic's field in the Fall. It was discussed that that as far as a budget for a UKI trial, the club would like to at least break even. It was noted that October 3-4 is slated for Andrea Dexter Seminars at Far Flung , and November 15 is Kukini's UKI trial/fun match.

Post Office Keys—Marchand got two more keys for the club PO Box. The box is at the Hilo downtown location: Box 10149, Hilo, HI 96721. A key was given to Sandy as Treasurer and to Mary Jo, as Secretary.

Membership—It was announced that Tobi sent out reminders to members who have not yet paid membership dues for 2020. We currently have 36 members who have paid, with 7 former members from last year who have yet to pay.

Marchand moved at 11:43 a.m. to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

I certify these minutes to be true and correct.



Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen
OIDA Club Secretary

ADDENDA

On March 18, 2020, the Board communicated via email and decided to cancel the upcoming Scot Seo Seminar because of the current Covid-19 health crisis, the President's and Governor's directives for slowing the spread of the virus, and out of concern for Scot's health, considering that in order to come teach the seminar he would need to travel through airports and on airplanes, risking infection. The Board hopes to reschedule this seminar, as well as any other event that may need to be cancelled, after the Covid-19 pandemic is under control in Hawaii.

Submitted by: Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen

