

**Orchid Isle Dog Agility Board meeting January 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
**Lukela Field, Hawaiian Acres**

Present: Karen Lukela (Chair), Dawn Bradford, Jeri Byers, John Addoms, Sandy Leggett (Secretary), Tamar Elias (Treasurer).

Apologies: Karen Tanaka.

The meeting began at 8:45 am. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasury report: the club in 2014 had a net loss of \$6090. Around \$4000 of this were unusual expenses that will not re-occur (electronic timer purchase, and costs associated with regaining the club's non-profit status). Separately, fun runs and trials resulted in a net loss of around \$900 in 2014. See budget item below.

A new insurance policy is in place. The insurance company still has to let Tamar know whether the policy covers us during non-NADAC events, as the policy is issued under the NADAC umbrella.

**ACTION: Jeri** to follow up if no progress made clarifying coverage.

Contact information: there is now an OIDA-specific email address, to avoid using a rotating personal address of a Board member. It was noted that the Bank of Hawaii Business account has its own username and password.

**ACTION: Tamar** to confirm with the bank whether signature cards are needed for the new Board members, or a subset of them.

Electronic timer: Dawn has timer parts at home. Karen has the rest.

**ACTION: Dawn** to get timer parts to Karen.

Ribbons: we have a lot in hand. Karen has the high-in-trial ribbon, Bess Jennings has the rest. A sign at trials states that if ribbons are not taken then their equivalent cost will be donated to charity, but this has not been happening.

**ACTION: Dawn** to remove or change sign regarding donated ribbons.

T-shirts: Whatever we have in hand will be brought to the January trial.

**ACTION: Karen** to remind IOU holders for monies due for shirts.

January trial: run numbers are good. Board members must make new competitors feel welcome, and Karen L. encouraged the Board to interact extensively with all club members.

**ACTION: Karen** to check if NADAC trials accept day-of entries or non-competitive runs.

**ACTION: Tamar** to talk to Karen T. about writing checks at the trial.

Bylaws: a significant change voting-in Board members. A new election committee will be put in place by the Board, consisting of three club members of which only one is a Board member. The election committee will identify candidates, count votes and report results to the Board.

**ACTION: All Board members** are to review the amended bylaws that have been distributed by email, and send comments to Karen L.

Budget: Dawn summarized the report of the budget sub-committee, and the suggested ways of reducing expenses and increasing income. There was agreement to the following:

- remove or reduce the trial judge gifts;
- reduce the trial judge stay from four to three nights starting in 2016;
- increase trial fees from \$10 to \$11 per run and increase weekend package cost to \$120 or \$125;
- eliminate \$5 trial vouchers, allow helpers to reject vouchers, and in the future look at reducing compensation to trial support staff;
- discontinue toys give-away at trials;
- increase fun match entry fees;
- increase price of t-shirts (the actual increase depends on adopted style and the purchase cost of new shirts);
- increase the annual membership fee for 2015 to \$20;
- continue raffles at fun runs;

As far as possible these changes will be implemented gradually.

**ACTION: Sandy** to explore OIDA web pages and determine if we can produce these in-house.

**ACTION: Dawn** to let Marchand and Tobi know about changes to be implemented at the January trial.

**ACTION: Dawn** to get t-shirts from Mieke to Karen L, and determine status of last shirt order.

**ACTION: Dawn** to draft letter to club membership explaining the financial situation and the resulting changes in fees etc.

2016 trials and fun runs: the OIDA January event will be a NADAC-style fun run, with video trial runs offered, on January 17 2016. The AKC fun run and annual general membership meeting will be March 6 2016 (Hilo Obedience hosts the AKC trial in April). OIDA's second NADAC fun run will be April 24 or May 1 2016. The NADAC trial will be May 14-15 2016.

Next meeting: Sunday February 15 at 8:30 am at Lukela Field.

Meeting ended 10:55 am.

Amendment February 26<sup>th</sup> 2015

Note that the board members authorized to use the checkbook and debit cards, as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, are:

Karen Lukela  
John Addoms  
Tamar Elias  
Karen Tanaka