

Minutes of OIDA meeting
Sunday September 27 at Lukela Field

Attendees: Sandy, John, Dawn, Karen T, Karen L and Jeri on phone. Apologies from Tamar.

Meeting began 9:11 am. Minutes of last meeting, sent via email from Karen T, were approved.

Treasurer report: The club bank account balance was presented.

Thank you notes will be going out for the fun trial. The fun run brought in \$350. The raffle brought in \$100 profit, with good participation.

The recent judged trial had great volunteers, especially those without dogs. We do need to watch the number of people under the field tent especially in rain. The scribe should be switched out for breaks so they can focus when on duty. The steward can help the trial chair with task assignments. Very bad weather led to cancellation of the last run on second (last) day of the trial. As stated in premium, there will be no refunds. For the next trial, it would be helpful for the trial Chair to know who gets paid and when.

The Hawaii Island Humane Society will hold a fun day at Keaau on Saturday October 24 from 8am to noon. OIDA will have an agility demo at the small park.

ACTION: Karen L. will check whether we can use the humane society dogs for the demo, and get details on the size of the small park.

There was discussion regarding refunding trial entry fees for medical reasons, and whether these should be cash or vouchers. Vouchers are useful for keeping funds in the Club, though they should have a two year expiration date. Best to track voucher value if only partially used, changes to voucher face value need to be noted for treasurer. The refund policy needs to be reworded to take into account valid reasons for not attending, such as medical reasons for handler or dog.

Karen L. had been to Lisa's field. It is nice, but parking could be an issue. It is fenced, with gates. An empty lot across road may be available for parking. Probably will have to be limited to small events. Need to check on what equipment she has. It is close enough that Karen can take equipment there.

John suggests we could use the HPP community center for trials. Schutzen trials have been held there. We could try it out with a fun run.

ACTION: John will get details on use of the HPP community center.

The OIDA Website needs work. We have volunteers, however it would be preferred to have a board member oversee any development.

ACTION: Karen L. will talk to the web page volunteers (Toni, Micki).

Elections need to be held for the President and Treasurer positions. Karen has approached some members about serving on the board, but not had a good response to date. We need to get members more involved. Fun matches are enjoyed by the members. Do we need more instructors? OIDA used to offer foundation class. Would need to work with the commercial instructors for balance.

There is a need to re-evaluate the goals for OIDA. It may be helpful to meet with the original board.

ACTION: Karen L. to approach original board regarding a meeting.

We should proceed with arranging the 2016 events.

ACTION: Jeri and John to move forward with organizing the May trial.

Meeting ended 11:21 am September 27 2015.