

OIDA General Meeting March 6th 2016

The meeting was held at Camelot Farms field in Papaikou, prior to a fun match. The meeting started at 8:00am.

The President introduced the Board members who were present. The Membership Chair put Kathy Hintz's application for membership to the members present, and Kathy was accepted as a member.

The Outreach committee of Karen Lukela and Dawn Bradford were introduced and members were asked to notify them of upcoming events. It was suggested that OIDA contact the Rotary Club and Hilo Downtown Association, both of whom would be useful for outreach activities.

The current club President thanked the previous President and Treasurer, Karen Lukela and Tamar Elias. Karen Tanaka was thanked for creating the beautiful baskets for the lucky drawing. Thanks were expressed to Bess Jennings for taking on the OIDA web pages.

The President reviewed the events calendar for 2016 and provisional events in 2017. In the next two months there is a UKI trial hosted by Kukini, a CPE trial by BIA, a NADAC trial by OIDA, a UKI trial by OIDA, and an AKC trial by HOTC. This is a great time for agility enthusiasts to try different types of agility.

It was noted that the OIDA board is open to new things, and members were encouraged to bring proposals for new events to the board. Proposals should include cost and the personnel involved/needed.

The Treasurers reported the balance of accounts. Many expenses have been paid in advance.

New business

By-Laws revision: The President described how the intent of the Board is to simplify the new membership process by this revision. Removal of the general membership vote was to simplify the process and not, for example, to increase board control. John Addoms described how the Club had a large group of new applicants in recent months. The current by-laws process is not clear, for example it is not clear what "publish to general membership" means. Last year new member applications were listed on ballots that were going out for the Board election. The current proposal of having the Board voting-in members is consistent with the existing by-laws and is what is done at many other clubs. The process would also be timely.

It was asked how the HOTC do it. Tobi answered that the applicant has to take 3 classes, have 2 sponsors, pay dues, and they are then accepted (although it is not known whether this is what their by-laws state). It was suggested that a middle ground would be to notify members by email and let members comment, also by email. This would not be a vote, but would allow members to pass on information to the Board. A proposal was made that words could be added stating that members can comment and give information to the Board on new members. Words to the effect that "the membership has the right to advise Board".

Some members feel that the proposed wording does exclude current members from accepting new members. There was a suggestion that it would be better to open the acceptance or otherwise of new members to all existing members, instead of having the decision be made by the Board.

There is a vote underway on the proposed revision, members were encouraged to email the President, Tobi, with their comments and suggestions. It was stressed that all voices and opinions are important and will be heard.

The President requested that members volunteer to help at trials, to solicit sponsorship by local businesses, and to take on the T-shirts ordering process. Mieke Inouye is willing to give advice to the new T-shirt person, as she handled the last order.

The meeting ended at 8:30am.