

**Orchid Isle Dog Agility**  
**Minutes From the Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Saturday, December 28, 2019**  
**At the home of Renee Elliott**

The regular Board Meeting, which was held at the home of Renee Elliott, was called to order by President Sandy Leggett on Saturday, December 28, 2019, at 10:20 a.m. Members present were: Sandy Leggett, Marchand Green, Sean Fendt (2020 member), Renee Elliott, and Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen. Board members absent were: Linda Deehr and Pattie Cook (2020 member). This was the final board meeting of the year.

**Agenda:** The agenda for this meeting was previously distributed via email, and approved without additions.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November General Board meeting were previously distributed and approved via email. They are posted and available to view on the OIDA website.

**Financial Report for the Year:** Marchand Green, acting treasurer, reported that OIDA currently has \$2,246.82 in checking, and \$2,884.37 in savings, for a total balance of \$5,131.19, as of December 27, 2019. It was noted that eight to ten people have not yet paid membership dues. The club suffered a loss of \$647.05 in putting on the November trial and seminar. This loss was balanced by income from the October Fun Match and membership dues.

For several years OIDA has not deposited to or withdrawn from the savings account. Because of this inactivity, the bank will begin deducting a service fee of \$5.00 per month from the account. To avoid these fees, Sandy, as incoming treasurer, will begin regularly transferring money between checking and savings. This transfer cannot be done automatically, or it will also be subject to monthly fees.

**Elections:** Marchand reported that 44 ballots were sent out; 26 ballots were returned. All proposed board members were elected by the membership body. Note: only one member was proposed for each position on the ballot. There were no write-in votes recorded. Sandy will send an email announcing these results to the OIDA membership.

**Handover of board and other duties at year end:**

Tobi Feves will continue overseeing the membership roster and the receiving of new member applications.

Sandy Leggett is willing to continue overseeing the club webpage and Facebook page, unless someone else wishes to do so.

Sandy Leggett is handing over the President responsibilities to Renee Elliott.

Marchand Green will hand over treasurer duties to Sandy Leggett.

Renee Elliot will hand over Vice President responsibilities to Sean S. Fendt.

Annie Craver will hand over the Secretary responsibilities to Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen.

The Directors At Large will be: Marchand Green, Linda Deehr, and Pattie Cook. Currently there are no committees.

**Membership Renewal Status:** OIDA currently has 34 members who have paid membership dues for 2020, plus 10 more who have not yet renewed, so there is a possible total of 44 members. Tobi sent out reminders to those who have not yet renewed their membership.

**Lessons learned from November NADAC trial and workshop:**

It was a difficult weekend. There was miscommunication regarding the judge training session for Friday afternoon. As a result, the afternoon was spent training others who were interested in learning to set courses. Note: the formal NADAC judge training is called a "Clinic." The judges did comment, however, that they were impressed with Mary Jo, and suggested that she may be a good prospect for setting courses for future NADAC video trials.

The cost of workshops and trials was discussed. Members enjoyed the "double-run" format for the trial. It was noted that the "double-run" format is not an option for video trials (VT).

Sandy distributed a handout from Marj Vincent and Jeannie Biggers regarding the requirements for NADAC Sanctioned trials vs. VT. She noted a change in trial rules in item 4 of the trial handout: the Sanctioned Trial premium must use the NADAC official template, and must be approved by NADAC six weeks prior to the trial. Premiums cannot be made available to the public prior to NADAC approval. Sandy noted that the requirement for using the NADAC form is not specified on the website or on the downloadable instructions for the trial secretary. Rule changes are only available on the NADAC blog for trial secretaries, where a log-in with password is required. Each NADAC club is supposed to have a representative on the blog. Tobi is

currently a member of the trial secretaries blog. It was decided that Sandy would contact Tobi, and then Amanda about adding one of OIDA's current Board Members to the log-in site.

It was noted that Marj Vincent, in particular, was very clear and very good in her instructions and in her judging of the trial. OIDA would like to have her back again.

Marchand commented that she did not mind serving as the trial secretary, and that she volunteers to be the trial secretary for future trials, VTs, and fun matches. OIDA will not be pursuing the training of local NADAC judges in the near future.

### **Looking forward to a new Decade**

**January 12 – Sunday – Annual meeting, introduce new board, FunRun/VT.** Sandy suggested a VT with a hoopers run for the January 12 Fun Run/VT/Annual meeting, and volunteered to organize the VT, including creation of the premium/flyer. Marchand volunteered to do the secretarial work for the VT, and to do the course setting. OIDA has invited Terri Rolph to have a booth to do dog massage and other specialized training at the event. As for location, Karen's field may not be available. Sandy will contact Angelic regarding the possibility of using her field on that date. Angelic has previously expressed willingness for OIDA to use her field.

Sandy mentioned that Linda had made the point that OIDA should not make future plans without a confirmed field, since the status of Karen's field is unknown. It was noted that Lisa D. also has a field, but that parking is limited. There is also the possibility of the HPP community field, but this would require hauling equipment to the site, plus, the field is not fenced and is expensive to rent.

**February 16-17 One Mind Dogs Seminar:** Currently, 7 people have registered as handlers with their dogs for the seminar. This means that there are only 3 working spots remaining, as the limit is 10. Five of the seven teams have already sent in paper forms and paid the registration fee. Mary Jo will send out an email to let people know that there are only 3 spots left for handling, but auditing spots are unlimited.

**April 25-26 Scot Seo Seminar:** Mary Jo reported that Scot wishes to teach beginner teams in the morning, and advanced teams in the afternoon for the weekend. Training for beginner teams on Saturday will focus on connection, reward system,

and sequences with an emphasis on the front cross. Scot noted that many of our people are utilizing rear crosses, but that better information can be communicated by the use of front crosses if the handler can get into position. He also wishes to do some training with acceleration/deceleration drills. On Sunday, he would work on contact behavior, and lead outs for start line and table.

For advanced teams, he would focus on how to strategize to run an Excellent/Masters course successfully, with an emphasis on execution of the plan. The teams would run a JWW course on Saturday, and a Standard course on Sunday, with several sequences in each course.

**Flyball boxes:** Mary Jo reported, with a video demonstration, that one box is completed (except for painting), and that the second box is in process. Cushioning mats for the pedal have been ordered, but have yet to arrive. Bob Peck has built 4 Flyball jumps. Sandy commented that Flyball may be a new sport for OIDA in 2020.

**Field and Equipment Storage:** As noted above, the availability of Karen's field for storage and events is currently unknown. Moving of equipment back to members' homes was discussed. Marchand will contact Karen regarding her field.

### **Suggestions for other events in 2020**

Sean noted an effort to get local UKI judges, and that prospective judges must be observed by two different existing judges for two trials before they can be certified. He suggested that if it fueled getting more on-island judges, it might be worth the expense to bring in a judge in the fall to observe local judge trainees. Kukini is also looking to host a trial. Sean, Renee, Marchand, and possibly others are interested in being judge candidates. Eileen has offered to chair a UKI trial for OIDA. Angelic could judge UKI trials hosted by OIDA if it is not the judge training/observation trial.

Sean also noted that Angelic's field has a large covered area, which helps with summer heat.

### **Other business:**

Insurance is due – Marchand will take care of it

Porta Potty for the trial weekend (4 days) was \$136, which is a reasonable price.

**Next Meeting:** It was noted that the board needs to meet in person or via email before the January 12<sup>th</sup> event. It was decided to communicate via email.

Marchand moved to adjourn the meeting. Renee seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

I certify these minutes to be true and correct.

Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen  
OIDA club secretary