

Orchid Isle Dog Agility
Minutes From the Meeting of the Board of Directors
11-8-2022
Google Meeting Online

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by President Renee Elliott. This meeting was held online via Google Meet. Board members present were: Renee Elliott, Bob Peck, Pattie Cook, Sean Fendt, and Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen. Also present was OIDA member Shasta Fox, who will be helping organize the upcoming Fun Run.

President's Report. President Renee Elliott reported that OIDA had a successful NADAC trial in September. She also welcomed Shasta Fox, who will be co-chair for the upcoming Fun Match in December.

Secretary's report. Secretary Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen reported that the minutes of our last meeting are posted on the OIDA website. Prior to posting, they were approved via email by the Board. The only thing that changed in the revision was the spelling of FarmTek.

Treasurer's Report. Renee reported that Treasurer Sandy Leggett, not present at the meeting, will email the Treasurer's Report to the Board. This report will be appended to the minutes.

Report of Committees.

Election Committee. Renee volunteered to head the Election Committee. She reported that we need two more volunteers to be on the committee. Shasta Fox volunteered to help on the Committee. Mary Jo clarified the details of what the Election Committee does:

- Makes calls to all OIDA members to identify members willing and able to accept nomination to office
- Nominates candidates for office at the general meeting
- Mails out ballots
- Receives ballots and counts votes
- Reports results of the election to the Board.

Fun Match. Renee announced that Bob Peck and Shasta Fox will co-chair the upcoming Fun Match that will be held in conjunction with OIDA's annual year-end membership meeting in December. Discussion was had regarding a date in

December for the Fun Match. Dates are limited because of activities scheduled by HOTC and other clubs. It was decided to hold the Membership Meeting and Fun Match on Saturday, December 17, pending approval by Angelic Ebbers, who owns Kukini Field.

Discussion was had regarding courses to run at the Fun Match. It was decided to have a NADAC-style VT/Fun Match, with courses being selected from the course offerings for December posted on the NADAC Website. Bob and Shasta will choose a course set for double run of Regular, Chances, Jumpers, and Tunnelers. This selection will give courses that can be run by all levels.

Bob pointed out that Sandy has a template for the flyer that they can use in making the announcement flyer. Shasta will email Sandy regarding the flyer template. Bob and Shasta will design the announcement flyer, then after presenting it to the Board for approval, will ask Sandy to email it to the email list. Mary Jo mentioned that the announcement of the Membership meeting must be made to the Membership at least 10 days in advance. Renee asked Bob and Shasta to include the announcement of the Membership Meeting on the flyer.

OneMind Dogs Seminars. Mary Jo reported that OIDA's OneMind Dogs Seminars with Beth Hostetter are scheduled for February 3-5, 2023. The half-day seminar will be on Friday, February 3; Handling Techniques III will be on Saturday-Sunday, February 4-5.

The half-day seminar will be 2.5-3 hours long, with a maximum of 10 working teams. Discussion was had on whether to have the seminar Friday morning or Friday afternoon. Friday afternoon was selected, as it may present better opportunity for people who work on Friday or who are coming from off-island to attend. The afternoon session would run from 1-3:30 p.m.

Discussion was had on which topic to choose for the half-day seminar. Previously, the Board had discussed the possibility of having Beth teach a Distance and Layering seminar. However, because of the previous Distance seminar with Jeff Lyons and proposed continued training with Jeff regarding distance, other options for Beth's seminar were explored. Mary Jo presented detailed descriptions of the other seminars Beth has offered to teach in a half-day format. Topics include "Distance and Layering," "Back to Basics," "Timing," "How Dogs Learn," "Better Rewarding for Better Understanding," and "Connect, Commit, Cue." It was decided to ask Beth to teach Distance and Layering. Bob will follow up, also, with

Jeff Lyons for costs and logistics of future small-group, semi-private lessons with him for continued distance training.

New Business

Bylaws Revisions. Mary Jo reported that due to the desire to make the voting process easier for future elections, it had been proposed that we revise our Bylaws to provide the possibility for online voting. In reading the current Bylaws, she noticed several other areas in the Bylaws that have brought confusion in the past or potentially may be unclear to future Board Members. She previously emailed the Board the proposed changes that would bring clarification to the current Bylaws, and that would change the voting procedure to include online voting.

Mary Jo also pointed out that according to the Bylaws, the Club is to elect Vice President, Secretary, and one or more Directors in odd-numbered years, with the President, Treasurer, and one or more Directors being elected in even numbered years. At present, we are doing the opposite: in 2022, we are electing Vice President, Secretary, and two Directors. It was discussed whether it had always been done in the opposite years, and what might be done to rectify the situation.

Mary Jo went over the proposed changes as well as the reasoning behind each. She encouraged the Board to read on their own the proposed revisions, and to express through email their approval or discussion on these revisions, noting that a decision made before our Annual Meeting in December would enable the Membership to vote on the proposed changes on their ballots this year so that OIDA might be able to have online voting as an option next year.

Adjournment. The meeting was prematurely closed by timing out on Google Meet at 12:59 p.m. Via a follow-up email, Renee mentioned that we did not discuss the proposed March NADAC trial with Nosework seminar. Follow-up on this and other new business will be done via email.

I certify these minutes to be true and correct.



Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen
OIDA club secretary

