

**Orchid Isle Dog Agility**  
**Minutes From the Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**8-3-2023**  
**Google Meeting Online**

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by President Renee Elliott. This meeting was held online via Google Meet. Board members present were: Renee Elliott, Sean Fendt, Marchand Green, Sandy Leggett, Tamara Brown, and Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen

**President's Report.** President Renee Elliott reported that OIDA had a successful NADAC trial and workshop with Marj Vincent and Jeannie Biggers, and that this meeting today was to debrief both the workshop and trial.

**Secretary's report.** Secretary Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen reported that the minutes of our last meeting are posted on the OIDA website.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Sandy Leggett reported that she will email a final Treasurer's Report for the trial and workshop once all the accounting has been completed.

**Debrief of Workshop and Trial**

Discussion was had debriefing the workshop with Marj Vincent and Jeannie Biggers. It was decided that Mary Jo will create a questionnaire to send to all participants to get an idea of what was helpful or what could be done better for future workshops. It was noted that Jeannie had made extra efforts to work with teams and answer any questions. Tamara suggested giving clear explanation before the workshop of what will be taught, and encouraging participants that they can learn while watching the instructor work with other handlers and their dogs.

Because the workshop was small, the timeframe of the morning workshop was reduced to two hours, and the fee for the day was reduced from \$600 to \$400. Because of this reduced fee, the club had a net profit of \$122 for the workshop. There was a net loss of \$102 for the trial. Therefore, because of the fee reduction, the Club had a net profit of +\$20 for the weekend rather than a loss.

Discussion was had regarding encouraging more people to participate in trials. Marchand noted that Tobi had sent out the notification to Far Flung students. She will follow up with people who had said they wanted to come who did not register for the trial. It was noted that new people are intimidated, afraid to register for a trial. Having the intro level as well as fun runs may encourage them to come.

Mary Jo went over the questions for the online submission of the trial report to NADAC in order to gather input. It was noted that course design made it easy to change courses between classes, as the courses were nicely nested, and that Marj was gracious in explaining of rules and in her judging decisions. Sandy noted how that the Agility Unscrambled software was easily learned by the trial secretary, and that it was a bonus to have Jeannie present to serve as timer, scribe, and scorekeeper all at the same time. One thing that can be improved after Marj's instruction is keeping the flow of teams onto the

field by the Gate Steward so that the judge is not waiting. It also can be announced/clarified prior to any trial that teams are not allowed on any equipment at the field on the days of a trial. This includes equipment that is in the crating area or play area, as well as equipment on the field. One warm-up jump will be provided for warm-up.

### **Old Business**

*Fun-Run/VT.* Sandy announced that a Fun-Run/VT is scheduled for Admissions Day, Friday, August 18. Intro level will be offered in order to encourage new teams to participate.

*Scot Seo Seminar.* Mary Jo announced that Scot Seo is coming October 28-29 to teach a workshop before the AKC trial. He is asking for input on what we would like for him to teach. The following areas were discussed as areas where people need help:

- What to do if the dog is jumping on and mouthing/biting the handler
- How to maintain connection/keep the dog engaged
- How to handle if the dog runs off or starts sniffing
- Start-line stays
- Contacts
- Cues – how to cue to keep the dog on course
- Cues – timing of cues
- Master-level AKC course work for the advanced teams

### **New Business**

*NADAC Trial.* It was announced that there will be a NADAC-sponsored trial at Far Flung September 9-10. Jeff Lyons will be the judge.

**Adjournment.** Mary Jo moved, and Tamara seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

I certify these minutes to be true and correct.



Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen  
OIDA club secretary