

Orchid Isle Dog Agility
Minutes From the Meeting of the Board of Directors
1-12-2024
Google Meet Online

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by President Sandy Leggett. This meeting was held online via Google Meet. Board members present were: Sandy Leggett, Bob Peck, Tamara Brown, Meghan Jerolaman, Marchand Green, and Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen.

President's Report. Sandy Leggett opened the meeting as the newly elected OIDA President. She reported that the online election went well with a similar turnout as with paper ballots. Out of thirty-three invitations sent, twenty-two voted, which is 67 percent. There were no write-ins or challenges for any position, and no one requested a paper ballot. Sandy expressed thanks for Sean organizing, running, and covering the cost of the online election. She let the Board know that Sean requested a change to the bylaws which state that the ballots need to be sent out within three days of the General Membership meeting. He is requesting that it be changed to three working days to avoid the rush to get the ballots out if the meeting is right before a holiday as it was this time, being on December 23.

Marchand noted that OIDA previously had the General Membership Meeting in October along with a trial or fun match. Mary Jo confirmed that minutes from previous General Membership Meetings on the website are dated in November. The Board discussed having the General Membership Meeting earlier, in October or November in order to avoid the Christmas rush, noting that there is a trial scheduled in November this year.

The election results are as follows: President—Sandy Leggett, Treasurer—Meghan Jerolaman, Director at Large—Tamara Brown. Continuing Board members include the following: Vice President Sean Fendt, Secretary Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen, and Directors at Large Bob Peck and Marchand Green. Bob will be moving to the mainland in the Spring, at which time the Board will appoint a replacement to cover the remainder of his term.

Secretary's Report. Secretary Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen reported that the minutes from the annual OIDA General Membership Meeting were sent out by email. The minutes were approved, and have been posted to the OIDA website.

Treasurer's Report. Sandy reported that she is in the process of handing the Treasurer responsibilities over to Meghan Jerolaman. She moved the spreadsheets to Google in order to give Meghan access. They plan to go to the bank on Thursday next week in order for Meghan to sign a signature card and gain access to writing checks. They will also request an OIDA debit card. The previous card had been canceled for lack of use. She will also be giving Meghan the log-in information for all of OIDA's online sites. Information will be shared securely and selectively, giving Board Members access to some information, and Meghan access to all.

Upcoming Events. Sandy reported that OIDA has scheduled two trials in 2024, one in March and one in November. She has sent the Premium for the March trial to NADAC for approval. Stefan Elvstad is scheduled as judge. Karen Lukela will be the Trial Chair. Michelle Escobar and Shasta Fox have volunteered to help on the day of the trial. In conjunction with the Agility Trial, Alecia Elvstad will be presenting a nosework workshop. Sandy will work with Alecia in creating the Premium for the workshop. Marchand mentioned that HOTC has scentwork classes, and said that she would present the workshop information to the class. She noted that last year, the workshop was designed for dogs and handlers who are experienced in nosework. She suggested possibly having the workshop divided so that dogs new to nosework can also participate. Sandy noted that Renee Elliott is also starting a scentwork class at Kukini. Mary Jo noted that dividing the workshop into a novice and an advanced section would give the possibility for more dogs to participate, since enrollment is limited to 10 per workshop. Sandy will discuss this possibility with Alecia.

The Roger Coor NADAC trial will be in November. Tamara has volunteered to take the lead for this trial; Mary Jo has volunteered to help Tamara learn the Trial Secretary job. Mary Jo noted, for clarification, that the Trial Secretary works with NADAC in securing the date, submits the application and premium, communicates with the Judge, prints the run order, oversees the collection of results, and submits results and other paperwork to NADAC after the trial. The Trial Chair oversees everything that happens on the day of the trial and coordinates volunteers to cover various positions.

Sandy mentioned that we would also like for Roger to conduct a workshop in conjunction with the trial. The Board has previously discussed the timing of the workshop, but has not arrived at consensus. Roger is willing to teach the workshop either before or after the trial. Mary Jo will refresh the previous email exchange regarding the workshop for the Board to review the options and come to consensus. Tamara asked what Roger specializes in for workshops. Sandy and Mary Jo noted that he is good with all aspects of agility, and that last time he

focused on distance handling. He has unique methods of teaching. He had handlers skipping around the field in order to demonstrate what it was like for a dog to change leads. He also promoted the idea of using the off-side hand in certain situations for cuing the dog.

Other New Business. Tamara suggested that when sending emails that the subject line can be made specific to make it easier to know which email chain it is or which subject is being discussed.

Summer Workshop. Sandy asked if the club would like to present a workshop, perhaps from Scot Seo, during the summer. Mary Jo noted that there is a break in Agility League mid-August to mid-September, which would be a good time to have a workshop. Meghan asked what the vision is for presenting workshops, whether it is as a service to get new dogs involved, to give members something to do, or to make money for the club. Mary Jo presented the vision as being to help handlers and dogs in developing skills for agility, and that the club does not normally make money on workshops. OIDA does wish to get more dogs involved. Meghan mentioned that she knows handlers on the Kona side who may wish to come to events. Bob suggested that for the sake of getting new dogs involved, OIDA should ask the novice handlers what they would be interested in. It was decided that Meghan and Tamara would poll the novice handlers and promote an August workshop to them and the people on the Kona side. Sandy noted that OIDA has previously done demos at local events, and asked that if Board members hear of an event that may be interested in including an agility demonstration, to let her know. It helps the people in the community see what their dogs are capable of, and may spark interest in agility.

Coordination with HOTC. Marchand asked if OIDA coordinates events considering the HOTC schedule and breaks. Sandy affirmed that OIDA does attempt to schedule events that do not conflict with other agility events, but that she is not aware of the full HOTC schedule. Marchand will send the Board the updated HOTC schedule.

Focus on Novice Dogs. Bob noted that at the previous fun run the novice dogs had to wait a long time before being able to run the course. He suggested that for a fun run, even though the set-up is more difficult on the day of the trial, that perhaps we could begin with the novice dogs to get them engaged right away. He also mentioned that running four rounds of Regular Agility made for a long wait since each dog in one level had to run the course 4 times before any dogs of the next level could run. The rest of the Board agreed that 4 runs of Regular is too much for one day. Mary Jo suggested that if the Regular course were the last course to be

set, it could be left of the field for VT in the opposite direction at a later time. This would also get everyone involved sooner on the day of the Fun Run.

Sandy asked if Mary Jo could calculate and email a projected time schedule for courses/levels for future fun runs or trials, noting that she had accurately predicted the schedule for previous events. Mary Jo agreed to do this when needed.

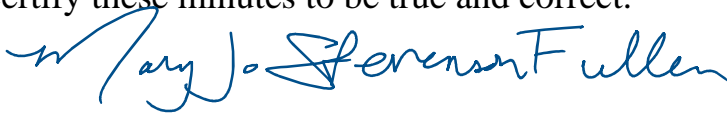
Sandy summed up the meeting with the following action items:

- Sandy will give Board members necessary log-in information for online sites.
- Sandy and Meghan will meet next week for the transfer of Treasurer responsibilities.
- Sandy will ask Alecia regarding having two skill levels for the nosework workshop.
- Mary Jo will recirculate the email regarding Roger Coor's workshop.
- Tamara and Meghan will survey novice handlers regarding the August workshop.

Adjournment. Marchand moved, and Mary Jo seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

I certify these minutes to be true and correct.



Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen

OIDA club secretary