

Orchid Isle Dog Agility
Minutes From the General Membership Meeting
December 12, 2020
Google Meet Online

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Renee Elliott. Due to the Covid-19 Safer-At-Home policies, this meeting was held online via Google Meet. Board members present were: Renee Elliott, Pattie Cook, Sean Fendt, Sandy Leggett, Marchand Green, and Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen. OIDA general members present were Boeey Garcia, Bob Peck, Dorothy Bowers, and Tobi Feves.

President's report

President Renee Elliott expressed regret that the club has been unable to hold events since February due to the pandemic. She is hopeful that once vaccinations are available, we will be able to do more next year. She confirmed that for 2021, current members that plan to renew their membership will need to fill out the membership renewal form, but that membership fees will be waived.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sandy Leggett emailed a detailed report of the club's finances for 2020. She summarized that due to the Covid-19 restrictions and the inability to host events, the club posted a loss of \$700 for the year. Fixed expenses, such as payment of insurance, Post Office box rental fee, equipment storage fees, county and federal business fees, etc., remain the same. She expressed concern that the club is down to \$1500 in the checking account, but is hopeful that if we can do the OneMind Dogs Seminar, two fun runs, and a couple fund raisers next year, we should break even. She also noted that due to the changeover to a new treasurer, we paid twice this year for some things, such as insurance, which will only need to be paid once next year.

Boeey asked why members cannot pay dues this year. It was discussed that due to Covid-19 restrictions, OIDA has not been able to host the normal events for members during 2020. As a result, members have been unable to enjoy the full benefits of membership. In addition, 2020 has been a financially difficult year for many. For these reasons the Board decided that the club would not charge membership renewal fees for 2021. A letter explaining this is being sent with the membership renewal forms. In the letter, members will also be informed regarding the financial status of the club and of two opportunities to continue to support the club: (1) by giving a one-time donation, or (2) by registering for a Lifetime Membership to OIDA this year.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen reported that the minutes to the last meeting have been approved by the Board—with the exception of the recently added Addendum, which reports on discussions regarding membership renewal held via email after the last meeting. After all Board members have a chance to review/approve of the Addendum, Sandy will post the minutes to the OIDA website.

Reports from Committees

Election Committee

Renee, Pattie, and Marchand comprise the Election Committee. Renee noted nine people in attendance at our General Membership Meeting via Google, which is more than a quorum. The positions open for nomination are: Vice President, Secretary, and two At Large positions. Sean is willing to continue serving as Vice President; Mary Jo is willing to continue serving as Secretary; and Marchand is willing to continue serving in an At Large position.

Renee opened the meeting to nominations from the floor. No nominations came from the floor. Marchand noted that Bob Peck has expressed willingness to serve in an At Large position, and has been nominated by the committee. Mary Jo asked about Annie Craver, who also expressed a willingness to serve. It was noted that her membership in OIDA has lapsed. Sean moved and Pattie seconded to close nominations from the floor. Motion carried. Marchand noted that members may still write in a name on the ballot. After this meeting, Marchand and Linda will mail the ballots.

Events Committee

OneMind Dogs Seminar

Mary Jo reported that the OneMind Dogs Seminar previously scheduled for January has been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. The instructor, Beth Hostetter, has proposed scheduling the seminar for OIDA Labor Day Weekend. Mary Jo heard back from Scot Seo regarding the Oahu participants. Labor Day Weekend would work for them; they have a trial scheduled on Oahu the following weekend. Labor Day Weekend is September 4-6. The proposal is to host the Handling Techniques III Seminar plus possibly an additional half-day seminar. Handling Techniques III would be open only for teams who have completed Handling Techniques II. Anyone may register to audit. The half-day seminar would be open to anyone, within the registration limit. The Board will finalize the schedule and exact dates, pending Covid restrictions, after further communication with Beth. In order to enjoy reduced rates for the seminar, OIDA needs to coordinate the seminar with Beth's trip to Hawaii.

Membership

It was noted that Tobi has printed and prepared the mailing for the membership renewal, which Marchand and Linda will stamp and mail separately from the ballots.

Further discussion on membership renewal revealed six previous members who did not renew membership for 2020, some of which had confirmed that they planned to renew, but the application and fees have not been received. Tobi noted that the By-Laws specify that when membership lapses, the member needs to fill out a new application—not a renewal. It was decided to mail Annie membership paperwork (payment of membership fee required) since she has expressed interest in continuing with the club. The Board will discuss at a later date reaching out to the others.

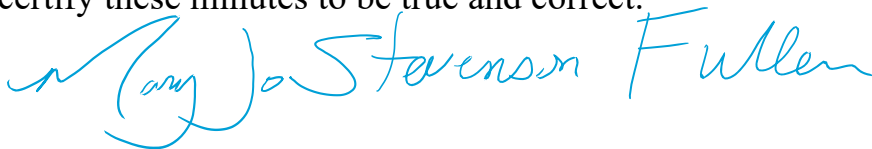
Old Business

New Business

Teri Rolph contacted Sandy for Dorothy's contact information. She is wanting to get something going for dogs on the Kona side. Boeey suggested she contact Teri Hollowell, who leads the AKC club in Kona. Dorothy will follow up with Teri Rolph.

Sean moved and Mary Jo seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

I certify these minutes to be true and correct.



Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen
OIDA club secretary