Orchid Isle Dog Agility
Minutes from the Meeting of the Board
4-2-26
Google Meet Online

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m. by President Sandy Leggett. This meeting was held online via Google Meet. Board members present were Sandy Leggett, Donna McClung, Michelle Escobar, Sean Fendt, Shasta Fox, and Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen.

President's Report. President Sandy Leggett welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Secretary's Report. Secretary Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen confirmed that Sandy had uploaded the minutes from the previous OIDA Board meeting to the OIDA website.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Donna McClung reported that OIDA has a balance of $2,421.34 in checking and $2,808.29 in savings. The only deposit this year has been $180, which Donna believes is from membership dues.

Board Membership. Sandy reported that Shasta Fox, who was elected to fill the remaining year of a vacated At Large board position, will be moving to the mainland April 23. Sandy noted that OIDA is not required to have three At Large board members, and suggested that OIDA does not need to appoint someone to fill Shasta's position. Instead, a new board member to fill that third At Large position can be elected during our regular elections at the end of this year. Shasta volunteered to continue attending board meetings online until OIDA finds a replacement. Mary Jo supported that idea, noting that Shasta's input and insights are valuable to the club. It was decided to leave the position open until elections, and that Shasta is welcome to attend Board meetings online when she can.

Activities and Events. Sandy noted that OIDA does not have a field and that available times at Kukini field are limited due to Agility League. When planning events, OIDA also needs to consider scheduled events at Far Flung, avoiding conflicting dates. Sandy has received requests for NADAC events. The Board discussed the possibilities. Mary Jo noted that since each Agility League course runs for two weeks, and since an extension is always possible, the Agility League schedule should not be a hindrance to scheduling OIDA events. The Board members were open to the possibility of holding a couple NADAC VT/Fun Runs this year. Donna suggested including the intro-level courses for people new to agility. Shasta and Sean both mentioned that they know people who are new to agility who may be interested in coming. Discussion of these events was tabled until a later date in hopes of finding a leader to organize them.

Aloha ʻĪlio property and classes. Sandy reported that Aloha ʻĪlio, at whose location she and Marchand Green have been teaching beginner agility classes, has been trying without success to sell their property and secure a new location. Because the property is for sale, Sandy does not think it wise for OIDA to heavily invest in creating an agility field there. It was suggested that an interim solution might be to seed the flat, rocky area with grass seed in hopes that it would grow and make that area suitable for running agility.

Discussion was had regarding remuneration to Aloha ʻĪlio for use of their property and equipment storage. Sandy noted that she and Marchand are currently teaching two classes on Saturday, with four handler/dog teams in each class. Each handler pays $15 per class, bringing in a total of $120 per Saturday. Giving Aloha ʻĪlio 25% of the income would total $30 per Saturday or around $120 per month; 20% would be $96 per month; 10% would be $48 per month. It was discussed that maintaining a collaborative relationship with Aloha ʻĪlio may be preferable to a purely transactional arrangement. Michelle noted that OIDA could have a simple presence at adoption events to showcase agility. No formal proposal was made during the meeting.

Other ways of sparking interest in dogs and agility were suggested, including the Fourth of July parade in Volcano and the Annual Puna Christmas Parade.

The topic of compensation for our agility teachers was discussed. To avoid tax implications, compensation will be in the form of OIDA-Bucks (credits toward future events or purchases). Sandy proposed via email a possible $30 per class, or $20 while classes are small. These amounts were discussed. When asked from the treasurer's perspective, Donna deferred, stating that Sandy and Marchand would be more knowledgeable than she as to the amount to compensate them. Mary Jo reminded that at the previous meeting, Marchand noted that HOTC teachers volunteer to teach classes without pay. Mary Jo suggested that Sandy speak with Marchand and decide together what they think is reasonable, then present it to the Board for approval at our next meeting. Further discussion was tabled until then.

Membership. Sandy noted that since OIDA has no scheduled events this year, we are not providing any benefits to members. She suggested OIDA could waive membership fees for current members for next year, give members free t-shirts, or offer them credit toward a future event. The Board discussed possibilities. Michelle and Shasta noted that they are members because they believe in OIDA and love what OIDA does for people and dogs—not because they are expecting a benefit. Mary Jo suggested a solution would be to put together an event, such as the VT/Fun runs previously discussed, or a workshop, offering members the standard discount.

Workshops with Scot Seo or OneMind Dogs were suggested. Mary Jo noted that Beth from OneMind Dogs had not confirmed her availability, but had previously said she could come to the Big Island at the end of 2026 or beginning of 2027.

Sandy noted that Karen Lukela is in the process of bringing agility equipment to the Aloha ʻĪlio property for storage and use by OIDA for agility classes or events. Sandy noted that this equipment is worth thousands of dollars and suggested offering Karen a lifetime OIDA membership as an expression of appreciation. Everyone agreed to give Karen a lifetime OIDA membership, payment being waived in consideration of the use of the agility equipment.

Fast CAT. Donna reported that she went to Oahu and Maui for Fast CAT events, and that there is much involved in holding these events, including the necessary equipment and technology, as well as multiple volunteers at each end of the course. It is more labor-intensive than she thought. It would require a large outlay of money to get started, a location large enough to accommodate the course, plastic fencing, and AKC certification. She noted that Orchid Isle Dog Fanciers and HOTC are meeting to discuss bringing the event to the island, and that the leaders on Oahu and Maui are willing to help us get started if we have a suitable location and volunteers. The Board will discuss Fast CAT again after the Dog Fanciers/HOTC meet.

Timers. Sean Fendt reported that he is almost finished rebuilding the OIDA timers. He has all the parts, and will work on it shortly.

Adjournment. Sean moved, and Michelle seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

I certify these minutes are true and correct.

Mary Jo Stevenson Fullen
OIDA Secretary