

MN 4-H Dog PDC Minutes

Nov. 8, 2003 ~ Scott County Extension Office

Members Present

NW: None

NE: None

C: Leona Hellesvig, Marlene Keller, Karl Reimer, Katie Bjorkman

SW: Cathy & Jeff Steinmetz

SE: Teri Nelson

Members Absent

NW: Tess DeBlieck, Tish Jensen, Laurie Lahman, Libertie Smith

NE: Tana & Vicky Schmalenberg

C: Brenden Roman

SW: Denise Larson

SE: Jennifer Holmseth, Nancy Holmseth, Vanessa Magnus, Rhonda Weis

Extension Educators Present: None

Extension Educators Absent: Jon Hjelm

Center Staff Present: Brad Rugg

Guests Present: Kelly Gentz, Dorothy Brouwers, Martha Diedrich, Anita Beckman, Kris Fischer, Jessica Brouwers

The meeting called to order at 10:45 a.m. by PDC chair, Cathy Steinmetz. Everyone present introduced himself or herself.

Secretary's Report

M/S/C (Marlene/Jeff) to accept the September 6, 2003 meeting minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Karl Reimer

The current balance is \$15,274.39. There are some pending bills, making the approximate balance near \$11,000. The state show had approximately \$14,000 in expenses and made a profit of \$1,000-2,000. We will consider if providing lodging is necessary for the future or not since there was a loss of (\$415).

Supersession

Nancy Holmseth is currently looking for a place to hold the 2004 Supersession. In order for Supersession 2004 to occur we need a location and someone to host it. Washington County could be a free site. Brad will communicate with the group by listserv on the status.

2004 Project Bowls – Tammy Lorch/Kelly Gentz

- Tammy will be the dog bowl coordinator. Both Tammy and Kelly will work on writing the questions. There are no changes to the list of resources.
- Regional Bowls
 - March 6 – Horse Bowl ~ Anoka
 - March 13 – Douglas County
 - March 20 – Carver/Scott County
 - March 6 – Itasca County
 - March 27 – Regional Snow Date
- State Bowl – April 17 ~ Buffalo Middle School - Buffalo

State Show Report – Marlene Keller

The show went well overall. A summary of the evaluations was handed out at the meeting. There was discussion about moving the date for next year. Our first choice would be October 2-3 and the second choice would be September 25-26. There was also talk about the idea of moving the location, however there are not a lot of options that could suit the needs of the show.

We need to come up with a way to get more helpers for setup and cleanup. Brad can get workers for a cost. This year we paid staff to work and they weren't done setting up until 2am. The idea was discussed of having those that camp Friday night help with setup. The incentive would be they could register that night after the work is done and/or possibly get a lunch voucher. People could register for this option so there would be some idea of how many people would be available. It was also discussed that there needs to be signs stating that dogs cannot be in the ring before the show, which includes during setup. Perhaps we could assign counties to help with different jobs, for example making signs. The logistics of this were not worked out.

Marlene is willing to coordinate the show again this year, but she needs coordinators. Denise Larson would be willing to be the showmanship coordinator again. Cassia Drake needs to be contacted to see if she would do the obedience again. Other coordinators needed include Agility, Awards, and Facilities/Equipment. Dorothy Brouwers volunteered to find the equipment for agility. Jeff Steinmetz volunteered to coordinate the exercise/cleanup area again. Cathy Steinmetz knows of someone interested in finding vendors/photographer and will contact her. This year the PDC made \$1,476 (15%) from the t-shirt vendor and we have a 5-year contract with him. There was one other vendor and the PDC made \$25 (10%) from this person. Marlene has a list of job descriptions with a list of responsibilities. It was thought these should be put on the website or listserv so people could see what positions are open. The coordinators must be found at the next PDC meeting!

We discussed the idea of starting the show later on Saturday, but felt we should leave it for this year. It was also discussed whether or not refunds could be given for dogs in season. We decided that no refunds would be given. If we were to allow it, there would need to be a veterinarian signature, along with a processing fee, which would cost the 4-Her more than the entry fee.

Standing Committee Reports

Agility – Leona Hellesvig

- The committee has not met between the last PDC meeting and now.

- Several topics related to the state show were discussed:
 - Youth were not able to see their scores to challenge penalties until after awards ceremony.
 - Possible solutions:
 1. Have 2 scribes to check one another → one sheet is official, other goes in basket for 4-H'ers to look at
 2. Announce scores as each 4-H'er finishes
 - M/S/C (Jeff/Marlene) that these ideas go to the agility committee and show committee so they could discuss the issue and come back to the PDC with a recommendation.

Finance – Karl Reimer

- The agility judge's training had a profit of \$4.80.
- Obedience/Showmanship judges training had a profit of \$231. Someone donated the cost of the building, which is not included in the finances at this time. That approximate cost is \$324.
- Supersession 2003 – Made \$1,125 in entries, but overall had a loss of (\$292).
- It was discussed if the PDC should invest some of its money. The committee wants to be conservative since it's not their money. It was discussed that the most conservative thing would be a CD (certificate of deposit) and we could put some into stock. The amount to be invested was discussed to be \$6,000. Brad will ask the auditors, Ann and Betty, from the 4-H Foundation. No decisions will be made at this time until the PDC hears back from the 4-H Foundation.

Judges Certification – Marlene Keller

- There are 4 members to this committee: Cassia Drake, Ruth Foster, Leona Hellesvig, and Marlene Keller.
- The following individuals were recommended for Provisional Status:
 - Patricia Campbell – showmanship
 - Larry Reese – showmanship
 - Laureta Marshall – obedience/showmanship
 - M/S/C (Marlene/Jeff) to accept the above mentioned individuals to Provisional Status.
- The following individuals were recommended for Certification:
 - Laurie Brahma – obedience
 - Katie Folkstad (Donbeck) – obedience/showmanship
 - Laureta Marshall – obedience/showmanship
 - M/S/C (Marlene/Jeff) to accept the above mentioned individuals for Certification.
- There was a discussion about decertification of judges that had not attended training in 3 years and/or provisional judges that had not moved forward in 3 years should drop their status. These positions would normally expire in June 2004. Since there is not a judges training until fall, these individuals should maybe be in a grace period. The judges committee needs to address this issue and come back with a recommendation to the PDC. Either way, these individuals need to be notified by the judges committee.

Obedience/Showmanship – Marlene Keller

- The committee has presented what they feel is the final draft of the showmanship rules for the PDC members to review. The PDC members have had several opportunities to review and make suggestions regarding these rules. The committee wrote down the recommendations from today and will make final changes. The goal to vote on these rules is January 2004.

New Members

- The executive committee will look at the structure of the PDC before the next meeting. They will also look into creating one application for the PDC and all standing committees.
- Terms that are expiring December 2003:
 - N: Libertie Smith (Y), Tish Jensen (V)
 - N: Tana Schmalenberg (Y), Vicky Schmalenberg (V)
 - C: Karl Reimer (V)
 - SE: Teri Nelson (V), Vanessa Magnus (Y)
- Applications from:
 - C: Jan Brule (V), Kelsey Brule (Y)
 - SE: Anita Beckman (V), Dorothy Brouwers (V), Jessica Brouwers (Y)
 - Obedience/Showmanship Committee: Tammy Lorch
 - M/S/C (Marlene/Katie) to accept all applicants into vacant spots with extra applicants filling “other” districts that are open, to fill a full term. The Executive Committee will look at the guidelines of the membership structure.
 - M/S/C (Marlene/Katie) amended the motion to include accepting Tammy Lorch onto the obedience/showmanship committee.

Election of Officers for 2004

- M/S/C (Marlene/Katie B) to cast a unanimous vote for Cathy Steinmetz for chair.
- M/S/C (Teri N/Leona) to cast a unanimous vote for Jessica Brouwers for vice chair.
- M/S/C (Cathy/Marlene) to cast a unanimous vote for Rhonda Weis for secretary. She was not in attendance, but the committee is hoping she will accept the position.
- M/S/C (Marlene/Teri N) to cast a unanimous vote for Karl Reimer for treasurer, but he will not have voting privileges since he is not a PDC member. The audit committee recommended that this position could be filled by a non-member without voting privileges. The Executive Committee will reword this change to be implemented into the by-laws in the future.

Other

- The idea of having ribbons for the top 10 at the state show was brought up and discussed. This was turned down at this time.

2004 Meeting Dates: (No longer mailed out, only posted on website)

- Saturday, February 7 – 10:30 a.m. ~ recommended Jordan
- Saturday, May 1 – 10:30 a.m. ~ Site TBA

- Saturday, November 6 – 10:30 a.m. ~ Site TBA
 - Please be sure to RSVP to the Center if you will be at the meetings so they can plan appropriately. This ensures they order enough meals.

M/S/C (Jeff/Katie B.) to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Kelly Gentz, Fill-in Secretary