

JCAC April Meeting

May 8, 2017

Meeting Highlights

- Officer nominations are in, voting next month
- Foundation class has been restructured
- JCAC looking for a cool place to make equipment before October
- Tunnel order for the club under consideration
- Next meeting: June 5, 2017 (First Monday)

Minutes

- The formal meeting was called to order by President Alice Nicholson at 7:00PM with 6 attendees.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the April Membership Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The treasure's report is shown below:

	April	May
Membership	207	207
Checking Account	\$6,892.05	\$737.67
AKC Fund	\$2,631.19	\$4,736.85
Jr. Handler Fund	\$1,952.18	\$1952.26

Merchandise

- Merchandise can be viewed on the Jumping Chollas website: <http://jumpingchollas.com/merchandise/>
- Windbreakers have been selling well; not many left.
- A new coordinator is needed as Ilyse Stern has taken on the role of Foundation Class coordinator.
- The merchandise coordinator must be a member of the club.

Logo

- JCAC has been working on finding a new logo.
- A high school class directed by Deanna Mooney engaged in creating ideas for a new logo which was a wonderful exercise, but did not result in a logo that will work for JCAC needs.
- Need to have a simple and clean logo that can be used on a variety of things.

Equipment

Equipment for Sale

- Equipment in the trailer (on the beginner side) - 4 weaves or 1 jump are for sale at \$10.00 each. Prices are also listed on the door.

Equipment Day

- There is a need for 25 jumps and 25 gates for the new Foundation Class, and they need to be made before October.
- Because temperatures will be very hot in September, Maida is looking for suggestions of some place cool to build the equipment.
- A 3 car garage with air conditioning would work – or someplace that could accommodate 25-30 people while making equipment.
- Notice to be sent out to the ListServ asking if anyone has such a resource available.

Tunnels

- The club has 4 inch pitch tunnels and 6 inch pitch tunnels. (The pitch is measured by the distance between the ribs in the tunnel.) The 4 inch pitch tunnels should not be used on the beginner side as they are show quality. Classes being held on the beginner side is more likely to result in treats and other smells inside the tunnels which should be avoided in show conditions.
- Wendy is working on a potential tunnel order. After one day, there are already 11 orders. There must be at least 50 tunnels in the order to have them shipped from Canada with the price break.
- There are 3 tunnels (two 15 foot and one 20 foot) that are no longer usable (broken ribs, hole, etc.) that have been placed in the old container on the Beginner side. These will be auctioned off in case someone wants to repair them for personal use.
- Discussion was held about the needs of the club with respect to the tunnel order. There was general consensus that some tunnels should be ordered, but different ideas regarding the best blend of tunnels for the order.
 - One strategy would be to replace the 6 inch pitch tunnels on the Beginner side with 6 inch pitch. They are easier to move and less expensive.
 - Another strategy would be to only purchase 4 inch pitch tunnels. They are what would always be needed for shows and may last longer.
- Light colors are important on the Beginner side, and yellow would be the desired color.
- A determination needs to be made on how many tunnels the club has and how many are needed. (Turns and Wraps currently has 8 show tunnels on loan from JCAC.)
- Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

Patch Maintenance

- The tunnel shed has been repaired (Thank you Ron Boe!)
- The new LED lights are in place. Next year we will look to do the rest of the lights and the parking lot.
- The floor is weak on the shed on the beginner's side of the Patch and will be checked.

Foundation Class

- Ilyse Stern is taking over as coordinator of the Foundation class. Three major instructors have retired from teaching Foundation after ten years. Ilyse is working on ensuring there are enough instructors for the upcoming year.
- There are several shifts that will occur in the new foundation class. The focus on the class will be about building a relationship between the dog and the person and forming a partnership.
- An effort will be made to reduce the amount of time in lecture during week one, and to do demonstrations of what folks are working towards.
- The new format will include 2 instructors at each station, one who focuses on the obstacles and one who focuses on conduct (Controlled Unleashed).
- Each station will be broken into substations. For instance, at one station there will be the in and out gates and the figure 8 gates; another station would have relax/massage, taking the leash on and off and ping pong.
- Anticipate using long lines with tunnels.
- The A Frame will not be used in Foundation. Students will start using it during Beginner 1 class.
- It will be important that all the teachers commit to teaching according to the curriculum in the manual, using the same methods. This will also have impact on the classes which follow.
- Instructors in classes following Foundation will be given directions and information on any changes to their classes (if any) at a later date.
- Students will not be tested at the end of the class with the NADAC Beginner test. Instead, they will be asked to demonstrate 4 things they have learned with their dog and provided with a certificate of merit.

Pet Expo

- Pet Expo went well, several folks expressed interest in the club. At least one person who made contact there has reached out to sign up for Foundation.
- JCAC will be represented at Pet Expo again in 2018, possibly with an agility demonstration by the club.

Regional Show

- Sharon Nelson has announced that there will be a Western Regional show in Reno Nevada October 12-15 since so many people in the west will not be able to get to the Championships in Ohio.
- Premium will be posted Wednesday on Facebook.
- The dates conflict with JACAC show on October 13-15. JACAC will consider changing their date by a week depending on feedback from membership.

Summer Schedule

- Yvette will be posting the Summer schedule over the weekend.

Officers

- Nominations for officers have been made for 2017-2018. They are:
 - President: Alice Nicholson and Yvette Cook
 - Treasurer: Julie Grant
 - Training Director: Billie Rosen
 - Secretary: Amy Wood
 - Members at Large: Sue Boe, Ann Hammersly, and Ilyse Stern
- Voting will happen at the June meeting. Voting will be done in person with a secret ballot, however if you cannot attend in person, votes by phone will be accepted at the meeting as they were last year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

NEXT MEETING: June 5th at 7PM at Alice Nicholson's home. Note that this is the first Monday of the month in order to allow people to attend who otherwise might be leaving town for the summer.