

JCAC October Meeting

November 14, 2016

Meeting Highlights

- Holiday party at Kelly Quinn's (RSVP if you are attending, and use GPS to get there)
- Submitting an application for a show is a commitment to pay
- Next meeting: Right before the Holiday Party: December 10th at 5:30PM

Meeting Opening

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

Treasurer's Report

Julie Grant provided information for Alice Nicholson to share.

- Membership is 195
- Checking account is currently \$3,864.50
- Junior Handler Fund is \$400.05
- AKC fund is \$9,510.60.
- Monies from a previous seminar, recent video runs, and the next session of classes are not included.

Merchandise

- Merchandise can be viewed on the Jumping Chollas website:
<http://jumpingchollas.com/merchandise/>

Equipment

Xpens

- Xpens have been difficult to see for dogs, handlers and judges during Extreme Hoopers. Recommendation to change the appearance of the pens.
- Surveyor tape used once. This may make the XPens look like a jump, maintenance of adding and removing the tape each time would be time consuming. Tape may flap in a breezy situation.
- Spraypaint would be ideal. White paint would show up against all surfaces.
- **Resolution:** Mike Hansen will spray paint the Xpens white before February which is the next time they will be needed.

Timers

- There were issues at one of the shows with timers working intermittently. As a result of this, a number of “best practices” for timers were identified.
- Timers should be level
- The battery cartridges (they hold the batteries inside of the timer rods) have been replaced in order to ensure good contacts for the batteries. Note that these are inexpensive, so this should be evaluated as a potential fix if there are problems again in the future.
- Move timers slightly away from obstacles for clear line between the two timer poles.
- Move the first obstacle back slightly from the timer.
- In the event of rain, make sure timers are dried out completely after the trial in which they may have become moist.

Generators

- Linda Jacobs changed the oil and sparkplug on the generator.
- The club may want to have it maintained professionally every couple of years.
- There has been some confusion over who is responsible for gasoline for the generators at shows. Some believed it was the trial secretary, some believed it was the chief ring steward and some believed it was the trailer monitors. [See also section on Chief Ring Steward Role]
- Resolution: Trailer monitors will be responsible for making sure there is gasoline for the generators in the trailer.

Carts

- Joe Kalisak replaced cart tires with hard rubber wheels. We will evaluate how they are working in terms of mobility and longevity.

Trailers

- Several trailer tires are low.
- Joe/Jeff/Wendy were contacted about the tires.
- There is a new compressor that can be used to fill them.

New Tunnel Bags

- Wendy has the new tunnel bags and they will be at the Patch prior to the next trial.
- The new tunnel bags will be located in the common trailer because they will be a different color which will be easy to differentiate. This way they can be used for both AKC and NADAC.

Tunnel Storage

- There are nineteen 15 foot tunnels with 4” pitch
- All 4” pitch tunnels have been marked as 15 foot or 20 foot and should be stored in the shed on the advanced side
- The 6” pitch tunnels should be stored in the container or the shed on the Beginner side.

Equipment Rental

- Turns and Wraps will be borrowing 5 tunnels for their summer shows.
- Equipment will be returned before the JCAC show in October.
- Turns and Wraps rents equipment for \$50/show from JCAC.

Speculation on New Equipment

- Although nothing is published to this effect, there have been rumblings that the viaduct obstacle seen at the USDAA Cynosports may work its way into USDAA as a replacement for the collapsed tunnel.
- If it does find its way into USDAA, the club may want to invest in a viaduct. (A viaduct is a jump that has depth like a wall. An example is shown below.)



Seminars

- Sign up for the Stacy Peardot seminars has been slower. They are one-third to half full at this point in time. This may be related to the increased availability of training from Stacy in Arizona. We need 8 people to break even on the seminar.

Classes

- Email reminders have gone out regarding the next classes. Billie sends follow-up emails to those who have not registered for a next class by the 7th week of the current class.
- Next foundation class has 18 confirmed. Two others have received follow-up phone calls. There are 6-7 on the waitlist.

Shows

Paseo Verde NADAC

- Paseo Verde Christian Church has allowed the club to use their parking lot for overflow and RV parking. The church graciously has asked for a voluntary donation in return. Suggestion that a portion of the monies collected by JCAC for RV parking be used for this donation.
- Three to four spaces will be blocked off for Nakia's food vendor truck. She has covered previous shows and will continue to either cover the shows herself or have an alternate worker cover the shows.

Trialing Etiquette

- We need to reinforce proper behavior surrounding the gate at shows. Check in and move out of the way to allow others access to check in. Only the next 3 dogs should be in the gate area once runs have begun. Be on the line and ready to go – just general trialing etiquette that can be encouraged by the general membership!
- Trial participants are required to treat all volunteers with courtesy and respect.

Payment Regardless of Attendance, i.e. e-mail entries

- In follow-up to discussions at previous meetings, Ann Hammersly crafted the following language regarding the obligation to pay for runs.:
“Payment must be made promptly. Withdrawing from the show after the closing date or failure to attend the show without withdrawing DOES NOT EXCUSE YOU FROM PAYING. The club has expenses for every dog entered by the trial secretary and every run that is on the books at the start of the show. Failure to pay required fees will exclude the exhibitor from future Jumping Chollas shows.”
- Motion: A motion was made and seconded to adopt the language quoted above. The motion passed unanimously.

Judge Gifts

- Judges that work trials for JCAC on multiple occasions may or may not want the same gift (i.e. a shirt) multiple times.
- A short discussion resulted in the decision to leave judge gifts to the discretion of the Show Chair.

Assistance with Set Up and Break Down

- There have been issues with not enough hands to help set up and break down shows.
- This has been particularly difficult with the smaller shows.
- There needs to be more of an effort to have people assist in setting up and breaking down.
- An email will go out to the general lists encouraging assistance.
- The Paseo Verde location will allow for an earlier set up than Paradise Valley which may help somewhat.

Chief Ring Steward Duties

- The Chief Ring Steward Duties document needs to be modified.
- CRS will not be responsible for ensuring there is gasoline.
- Punches for assisting with set up are at the discretion of the CRS.
- More review will be necessary.

Trailer (Auto) Insurance

- The current level of auto insurance for the trailers does not comply with the state requirements for uninsured and underinsured.

- Motion: A motion was made and seconded to increase the insurance to come into compliance with the state uninsured and underinsured requirements for the club trailers. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Session at the Patch

- Craig Coonrad has volunteered to open the Patch for practice sessions.
- Craig is a NADAC judge who recently moved into the area.
- Care needs to be taken that these sessions are not held on Sundays... or if they are, they are sufficiently later than the CU class so that no one is arriving early enough to interfere with that class.

Holiday Party

- The holiday party will be held at Kelly Quinn's on December 10th
- The party is potluck
- Membership pins will be provided to members of JCAC who have been with the club for 10 years.
- It is important to GPS Kelly's new house as it may be difficult to find, particularly in the dark.

Maintenance of the Patch

- Investigation of the cost of a second trash can was done by Alice. It would cost an additional \$14 per month. A second trash can will not be added. JCAC still has the option to occasionally request additional pick up when needed.
- Scott will be replacing the feet of the gates.
- A small identification plaque will be placed on the Patch wall.

Yahoo Group

- Some have been having difficulty accessing the yahoo group.
- One suggestion is to enter groups.yahoo.com and delete any additional portion of the URL which auto-populates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

NEXT MEETING: December 10th at 5:30PM prior to the club holiday party at Kelly Quinn's home.

New Action Items:

- Billie to set meeting regarding foundation class with Sue and Myra.
- Ann Hammersly to coordinate with other trial secretaries on incorporating new language regarding payment.
- Chief Ring Steward Duties to be modified and distributed.
- Trailer tires to be filled with air.
- Mike Hansen to spray paint Xpens before February.