

JCAC September Meeting

September 12, 2016

Meeting Highlights

- Classes start the week of September 26th
- More items needed for Champs basket
- PV Park NADAC Trial October 14-16
- Tunnels ordered for Jr. Handlers
- Tunnel bags ordered for the Patch
- Clean up day at the patch to be scheduled in the near future
- Next meeting: October 10, 2016

Meeting Opening

- Meeting was called to order by President Alice Nicholson at 7:00PM with thirteen attendees.
- ***MOTION:*** A motion was made and seconded to approve the June Membership Meeting Minutes. There was general consensus to approve.

Treasurer's Report

Julie Grant provided information for Alice Nicholson to share.

- Membership is 189
- Debt is \$19,000 less than this time last year
- Funds are \$1,800 less than this time last year
- Some summer monies have not yet been counted
- Anticipate funds will go up with shows coming in October

Junior Handler Program

Becky Gilbert reported out that the raffle at the Thanksgiving show raises money to support the Jr. Handler show in February and to fund equipment for the Jr. Handlers.

Champs

Four Jr. Handlers will be going to Champs. JCAC has sponsored the Jr. Handlers by paying for the entry fees for each Jr. Handler. In addition, each Jr. Handler will be provided with \$100 to spend at Champs. Lisa Hansen will be assisting the Jr. Handlers at Champs.

Jr. Handlers are encouraged to wear their JCAC shirts at Champs.

Equipment

- Jr. Handlers new to agility are provided with PVC weave poles, gates, and jumps

- Once a Jr. Handler reaches Intermediate classes, JCAC invests about \$200 for each Jr. Handler to choose a significant piece of equipment. Most choose tunnels.
- About 5 Jr. Handlers selected tunnels and are waiting for them. Because tunnel orders are infrequent, some have been waiting a long time.
- Currently there is a tunnel order in preparation which would allow 15' tunnels to be purchased at \$175 each

Tunnel Bags at the Patch

Tunnel bags at the patch are becoming aged and are mismatched and often returned to different locations. Linda Jacobs and Amy Wood to organize and label the bags to assist with this issue. Even with the correction, more tunnel bags are needed. This should be done before the October show.

Tunnel Order

Following the Jr. Handler discussion, a recommendation was put forth to order five tunnels for the Jr. Handlers that have been waiting and five tunnels for future Jr. Handlers so that they will not have to wait for a new tunnel order.

- **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to purchase 10 tunnels for the Jr. Handler program, spending a total of \$1,750 from the Jr. Handler account. There was general consensus to approve.

Following the tunnel bag discussion a recommendation was made to purchase enough new tunnel bags to support 4 tunnels on a course. The bags would be a different color than the existing blue bags at the patch.

- **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to purchase 8 sets of tunnel bags at \$40 each for a total of \$320. There was general consensus to approve.

Equipment

- Alex took the teeter from the practice side and will re-surface it. It will be back at the patch before classes start.
- Yvette brought samples of bean bags to the meeting to show. These have been purchased to use around barrels to show the path of the dog. They are in subtle colors (gray/rust) that are light enough to be seen, but not so bright as to be distracting. These will be used rather than cones in future events.
- Ten sets of new cones were purchased, they are dark cones with white numbers.
- The A-Frame that did not sell at the auction has been adopted and a specific price is being worked out.
- Trailers are now labelled by "AKC", "NADAC", and "COMBO" to assist with correct trailer pick-up and putting things into the correct trailers.

Insurance for Trailer Haulers

- The club's insurance will no longer cover drivers who haul the trailers. The insurance covers the trailers, but not the driver vehicles.

- Driver’s personal insurance should cover their own vehicles, but it is the responsibility of each driver to verify that within their personal policies.

Care of “The Patch”

Numbers on Walls

- There are two sets of numbers on the cement walls. The top numbers are used for setting courses (ASCA in particular). The bottom numbers are not needed.
- Consider sandblasting or painting over the bottom numbers. More investigation needed. Alice will take under consideration.

Sign

- Consider a sign on the outside of “The Patch”. A stainless steel sign could be provided for \$250.
- Concern over whether this is permitted by the use permit. Believe that it would be allowed, but plan to double-check.
- Consider using a sandwich board instead. Would have to pull out at the beginning of night and pull in at the end of the night (would be the responsibility of the person closing the gate)
- Would have to be a material that would not erode in the sun, sit next to garbage cans.

Clean-Up

- Alice provided pictures of trees/branches/garbage behind the walls of the Patch.
- An estimate of \$525 was provided for clean-up, chipping and hauling away
- General consensus that we should get more clarity on what they are willing to do (can the piles get bigger?)
- General consensus that the club should do a work day to cut down more to add to piles before moving forward with paying for clean-up

Pre-Emergent

- Lisa Hansen has been handling putting pre-emergent down once each year to help contain weeds around the Patch. This has been successful for the last few years.
- It is about that time of year, but it has to be timed when the area has been watered down (rain).
- This will be done in the near future, but can’t specifically be scheduled. Will try to arrange it for a Sunday (if possible before October 23rd when the uncontrolled leash class starts).

Back Gate

- The locks on the back gate cannot be used for a number of reasons—they are stiff and the height makes it difficult to see the locking portion.
- Scott will be talking to Alex about drilling new holes.
- After the height is fixed and they are loosened up, and the clean-up is done, the club can use the gates for taking dogs to the bathroom.
- Trash cans will need to be put by the back gates.

Website

- New Blogs on front page
- Working on getting instructor Bios posted
- Need jump cart video to be posted to website and write-up (pending action item for Amy Wood)
- Wendy Wells will be putting the show calendar on the JCAC website.
 - See meeting materials for full list of shows and classes.

Intro at Shows

- Clarification has been provided that if a show offers intro, it must offer intro for all classes
- It is possible to run intro first in order to allow for easier set up between days of a show, for example:
 - DAY 1: Regular Elite, Open, Novice, Intro
 - DAY 2: Regular Intro, Novice, Open, Elite
- When doing this, it should be very clear in the premium.
- Reminder that intro is differentiated from novice in the following ways:
 - Fewer obstacles
 - No discrimination tasks
 - Regular does not include weaves
 - Weavers only has one set of weave poles rather than two

Show Logistics

Email Entries

- Email entries have been accepted for summer shows, but some individuals email entries and then do not show and do not pay.
- Work is done by the trial secretaries, and in some instances, payment is made to NADAC for these entries.
- Summer shows have not had hard fast deadlines, but even with regular shows that have the deadlines with late fees, email entries have been taken.
- Discussion regarding whether email entries should continue to be taken or not.
- General consensus that email entries should still be taken, but that language should appear in the premium about email entries and a commitment for payment. This should also be reiterated in the emails back from show secretaries.
- Consider sending a bill when someone has not paid and did not show up for the trial.
- Alice will ask Ann Hammersly to craft language for the premiums and follow-up emails, something to the effect of: "Emailed entries will be treated as binding. Payment will be due to JCAC regardless of whether the participant attends the show or not. Any individual who emails an entry, and subsequently fails to pay for that entry, may forfeit the right to register for future shows until the balance is paid in full."

Summer Shows

- For summer shows, workers do not receive punches. There were no issues with workers (leash/gate/timer/recorder) during summer shows.
- Summer show secretaries do not receive pay, just one dog entry.

Food

- Some concern has been expressed that at recent shows there has only been one food option rather than offering choice or at least one alternative to a main dish.
- Suggestion that the vendor be contacted with this feedback.

Trial Secretary Post to NADAC

- NADAC would now like to receive PDF copies of premiums.
- The PDF copies will be made available on NADAC's calendar for folks who find shows in that manner.

Show Etiquette/Suspension

- Reminder that dogs must be on leashes at NADAC shows. There have been reports that some individuals have had dogs off leash around other dog crates after repeated reminders. Reminder that having a dog off-leash can lead to being suspended from the show.

Membership

- Membership cannot currently be paid through PayPal.

Champs

- This year Champs will be held in South Jordan Utah September 29 through October 2 (for more information: <http://www.nadac.com/Championships.htm>)
- Additional items are needed for the Arizona Champs basket.
- Alex has provided weave poles to include.
- Traditionally JCAC has put some money towards the basket items. This year that will be handled by using monies generated from the Champs practices.
- There are about 17 people and about 24 dogs attending Champs this year from Arizona.
- Next year Champs will be in Illinois the last week in September.

Marketing

- Ilyse Stern reported that a supply order was done prior to the close of last season, in good shape to start this season.
- Ilyse will be selling at upcoming shows.
- Merchandise can be viewed on the Jumping Chollas website: <http://jumpingchollas.com/merchandise/>

Seminars

- Sharon Nelson is willing to come provide a 2 day seminar at JCAC. The cost would be \$350. The seminar would be followed by a NADAC fundraiser (which would be a trial).
- Initially there was discussion regarding this occurring in November of 2017, but Billie recently spoke with Sharon about the possibility of conducting this in February of 2017.
- There was general consensus that February of 2017 would be better than November.
- Billie indicated that 16 to 18 have expressed interest in the seminar.
- A February timeframe would mean that Paula Goss would need to be rescheduled. Billie has reached out to her regarding this possibility.

Paws for a Wish

- History: At one point in time Wendy Hultsman put on an event called “Wags for Wishes”, which benefitted the Make a Wish Foundation. When Wendy could not support the event while doing her real job, a transition to a new event – Paws for a Wish – occurred through a partnership with National Canine Cancer Foundation (NCCF). Through the years new ‘management’ ran the event with fewer attractions, less and less attendance which dropped the income, and eventually dropped to an agility trial. It is possible that post-retirement, Wendy may do something with “Wags for Wishes” which is trademarked.
- Paws for a Wish has not been bringing in much money. The event has not been successful in getting the public out to attend.
- Need to determine whether canine cancer plans to rebuild or whether they are heading towards discontinuing their involvement.
- This year, it seems that it will be scaled back to just agility (which has been an AKC trial).
- The AKC JCAC chapter supports continuing the event in 2017 and then revisiting what happens in future years.
- In the past, JCAC receives 5% and the remaining money is split between Make a Wish and Canine Cancer.
- The event helps the club connect with the community and provides a good name for the club.
- Billie is willing to chair again in 2017.
- Clarification is needed on whether this is a Canine Cancer event or a JCAC event. If it is a JCAC event, then JCAC could still operate it as a fundraiser and donate money to the organizations.
- General consensus to continue with 2017, clarifying roles and then to determine what happens in future years.
- Billie will meet with Lynn and Gary to clarify roles, etc.
- JCAC should consider future years in February, following the 2017 trial.

Classes

- Beginner 2, which has been one of the larger classes, only has 2-4 people registered.
- The biggest class for this session is Intermediate 3 which has about 17-18 people.
- There are 21 registered in foundation right now, with a waiting list for next session.
- Class manual drafts have gone out to instructors, major changes include:
 - Teaching the transition from the contact board to the contacts using an approach which uses much more operant learning.

- Will try this method this year, then evaluate effectiveness.
- Distance for Intermediate 3 was viewed as too difficult for the level of the students, this has been changed to make it more approachable.
- Any activities with collapsed tunnels have been removed.
- Removed any exercises in intermediate to wrap away from the handler with barrels. This is due to the change in NADAC which has led to only 2 barrel performances: wrap towards the handler (180 or 270) or pass by the far side of the barrel.
- Instructors should receive their assignments tonight (9/12/16)

Meeting Materials:

- Appendix A to the minutes shows the List of Upcoming shows and Class Schedule

NEXT MEETING: October 10th

Previous Action Items:

- Amy Wood to write a short article on the video training on how to load the jumps on the jump cars and send out the link to the training video [**OUTSTANDING**]
- Linda Jacobs to purchase new cones [**COMPLETED**]
- Wendy Hultsman to donate small flags for use in bonus boxes.
- Yvette Cook to purchase shower door squeegees for use on tables in the winter.
- Yvette Cook to provide information from Rover to Wendy for posting on resources portion of the website. [**COMPLETED**]
- Julie to send Amy Wood membership list for minutes distribution. [**COMPLETED**]
- Julie Grant/Amy Wood to work on cleaning up master membership list. [**COMPLETED**]
- Responsibilities of Show Officials to be posted on the website. [**COMPLETED**]
- Julie Grant to make changes for Alice Nicholson to become a signatory on the club accounts and to remove Wendy Hultsman. [**COMPLETED**]

New Action Items:

- Linda Jacobs/Amy Wood to organize and mark tunnel bags in a manner in which pairs can be found and there are bags in trailers for shows.
- Alice Nicholson to follow up with the Tree company to ensure that clean up would include everything and to arrange for a work day.
- Wendy Hultsman to order Jr. Handler Tunnels and Tunnel Bags for the patch.
- Alice Nicholson to ask Ann Hammersly to draft language to include for show secretaries regarding email entries and payment due.
- Wendy Wells to put show calendar on JCAC website.
- Alice Nicholson to double-check on the impact of a sign related to the use permit.
- Billie to meet with Paws for a Wish partners to nail down 2017 plan and to determine level of commitment/role for the future.
- Alice/Amy to track a discussion point on Paws for a Wish for the February or March meeting.
- Alice to talk with Billie about altering the menu for the food vendor.

Appendix A: Class and Show Schedule

CLASS CALENDAR

September 26 – Beginning of Class session 1

November 17- Class session 1 ends

November 28 – Beginning of Class session 2

February 2, 2017- Class session 2 ends

February 6, 2017 - Beginning of Class session 3

April 6, 2017- Class session 3 ends

April 10, 2017- Class session 4 begins

June 1, 2017 – Glass session 4 ends

TRIAL CALENDAR – REVISED 9/14/2016

October 14-16, 2016 – JCAC NADAC trial at PV Park

October 22-23, 2016 – JCAC AKC trial at PV Park

November 9-13, 2016 - Cynosports at WestWorld

November 21, 2016 – JCAC Beginner Agility test at the Patch

November 22, 2016 – Fun Run at the Patch

November 25-27, 2016 - October 14-16 – JCAC NADAC trial at Paseo Verde Park

December 16-18, 2-2016 - JCAC NADAC trial at Paseo Verde Park

January 10-12, 2017 – Stacy Peardot Advanced level seminar

February 7, 2017 – Stacy Peardot seminar on Ground Work and Commitment

February 8, 2017 – Stacy Peardot seminar on Side Changes (Front, Rear and Blind Crosses)

February 9, 2017 – Stacy Peardot seminar on New Trends in the Agility World

February 11, 2017 – JCAC Jr. Handlers NADAC trial

February 13, 2017 – JCAC Beginner Agility trial at the Patch

February 14, 2017 – Novice Seminar with Sharon Nelson

February 15-16, 2017 – Advanced Seminar with Sharon Nelson

February 17-19, 2017 – NADAC Fundraiser at the Patch

March 3-5, 2017 – JCAC NADAC trial at PV Park

April 8-10, 2017 – JCAC AKC trial with the Golden Retriever Club at TNC

April 14-16, 2017 – JCAC NADAC evening trial at the Patch