

JCAC March Meeting

March 13, 2017

Meeting Highlights

- Volunteer needed for weed control at the Patch
- Equipment to be made for purchase at the Patch for new students
- New incentive for assisting with setting up and breaking down at shows
- Open Patch fees now \$5/dog
- Next meeting: April 10, 2017

Minutes

- The formal meeting was called to order by President Alice Nicholson at 7:04PM with 6 attendees.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the February Membership Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The treasure's report was not available during the meeting, but was provided soon thereafter and is included here for reference.

	February	March
Membership	TBD (in flux with renewals)	206
Checking Account	\$4,320.40	\$5,171.39
AKC Fund	\$2,511.03	\$2,511.09
Jr. Handler Fund	\$1,592.09	\$1,592.11

Paws for a Wish/AKC Meeting

- JCAC's AKC club voted to no longer be affiliated with the Paws for a Wish event through the National Canine Cancer Foundation.
- Instead, an agility trial will be held by the JCACofGP AKC chapter which will give 75% of the proceeds to charity
- Thus far, the overwhelming favorite is a charity involved with Valley Fever
- Suggestions submitted will be up for vote at the next meeting
- A possible intro AKC show (called ACT) at the Patch will also be discussed at the April AKC meeting

Merchandise

- Merchandise can be viewed on the Jumping Chollas website:
<http://jumpingchollas.com/merchandise/>
- There are new windbreaker jackets available which can be purchased for \$40.00, but they are not on the website yet. They are water resistant.
- They are purple with white lettering and have a silkscreen logo on the back.
- Goal is to have photos posted to the website. (COMPLETED)

Equipment

Timers

- Intermittent issues with timers continue to be reported.
- Suggestion to have square coasters available to level legs of the timers and have a training session for chief ring stewards.
- Wendy/Roger may have the most experience with the timers perhaps they could conduct the training.
- Training should be opened up to others in addition to the chief ring stewards and offered at the beginning of next season rather than over the summer.
- Decision to purchase coasters to have in the box available for levelling and to pursue a training session on the timers.

Availability of Equipment for Beginning Students

- Billie will be making changes on how to teach “The Value of a Jump” in the Beginner I class. Students will need a jump and a gate for this lesson. Some equipment will be made during Equipment Day in March, the remainder at another Equipment Day later in the year. They will be put on sale for the new students to purchase.
- A sign with items and prices for sale will be posted on the ‘old trailer’.
- Equipment for sale would be stored in the older container, and instructors would collect money.
- Decision to make enough equipment for two sessions and store them in the old trailer. Instructors will be told about the arrangement and will be responsible for collecting money. A sign will be posted on the trailer clearly letting people know equipment is available for sale, with prices posted. The prices will be the higher (non-worker) prices.

Wall Obstacle

- Jeff Arnett will try to work on making a wall obstacle over the summer.
- The goal is to make it for under \$300.
- Obstacle would be able to be used for classes/practice.

Patch Maintenance

Weave Poles

- Four new weave poles have been placed on the Beginner side.

Lights

- Two new LED lights have been placed on the Advanced side of the field, it is much brighter.
- Alex would like to install 14 more lights. They are \$300 each. They would be placed facing the beginner side in the middle and along the sides of the field.
- Anticipate electricity costs will go down.
- Decision Alice will talk to Julie about money and also Alex to determine what price we can get for a quantity and then discuss again in April.

Weeds

- Thanks to Alice, Jim, Linda and Barb for working on removing the weeds at the patch.
- Weed killer has been spread on parking lot.
- Need a volunteer to take over pre-emergent maintenance for the Patch.

Shows

4H Agility Show

- A thank you card from the 4H group was shared with attendees.
- 4H continues to be appreciative of the ability to use the Patch for their event.

Shows Next Season

- Paseo Verde Park has been reserved for November/December/January shows
- Paradise Valley Park has been reserved for the October and March shows.
- Checks still need to be delivered for both locations.
- NADAC applications for Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan will be mailed today
- Working on AKC applications now
- Judges have been scheduled through March of 2018

Food

- Fresh Bar B Que Innovations is willing to provide food and their prices are reasonable.
- Still need to make sure they understand our volume and determine how much variety they are able to offer.

Set Up/Tear Down

- Continue to have difficulty getting assistance with set up and tear down at trials.
- Discussion about providing punches for assistance and the difficulty with defining meaningful work associated with punches
- In the past had worker raffles, with a cash award

- Could have a raffle. Gift certificates for runs provide value to the winner, but cost the club less than a cash prize of equal value.
- Decision to have two worker raffles for each NADAC show. The setup raffle will have 3 certificates, one of which will be worth 4 runs, each of the other two will be worth 2 runs at a future NADAC show. The break down raffle will have 3 certificates, each of which will be worth 4 runs at a future NADAC show. Individuals must be present to win. Chief Ring Stewards, Course Builders and Trailer Transporters will not be eligible for the raffle.

Junior Handler Program

Show

- Junior Handler show will be the 2nd Saturday in February at the Patch with Pam Smith as judge.
- The second day will be open to everyone.
- The double-run format will be used.

Age of Eligibility

- A general discussion was held about very young junior handlers.
- Decision to require new Junior Handlers to be at least 12 years of age. The website will be updated to reflect this.

Classes/Training/Seminars

Classes

- Applications are out for the next session
- Foundation class for August already has 17 people on the list
- Only one distance class will be offered next session, priority will be given to those who have never taken it before.
- Fall session will start September 25th (8 weeks before Thanksgiving)

Number of Class Sessions Per Year

- A recommendation was made to reduce the class sessions per year due to the difficulty finding instructors and lower enrollment.
- Even in sessions with lower enrollment, there are about 150 dogs each session (not including instructors)
- Most classes are paid at \$80 or \$90 per dog.
- Taking a conservative estimate, 150 dogs at \$60/dog would bring the club in \$9,000.
- Reducing the number of sessions would result in taking people longer to get to the point that they can begin competing.
- Decision to leave the number of sessions the same.

Seminars

- Nick Sparks Seminar was cancelled due to Nick's dog becoming very ill, will try to offer it again in the fall
- Anticipate cutting back Stacy Peardot seminars to 8 days next year
- NADAC week, plan to have Paula Goss again with mini trials in the evenings

Open Patch

- At the last meeting a decision was made to charge VT runs per dog rather than per handler. It was an oversight that Open Patch fees were not changed the same way.
- Decision. The amount for Open Patch has been changed to \$5.00 per dog, as opposed to \$5.00 per handler.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42PM.

NEXT MEETING: April 10th at 7PM at Alice Nicholson's home.