

JCAC February Meeting

February 12, 2018

Meeting Highlights

- More volunteers needed for Sonoran Ranch Park Demonstration
- Timer issues have been identified and resolved.
- Battery life tested for use with timers.
- Decisions made on # of judges and format for October 18 through April 19 shows.
- Next meeting: March 12, 2018 @7PM

Minutes

- The formal meeting was called to order by President Alice Nicholson at 7:04PM with 8 attendees.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the January Membership Meeting

Treasurer's Report

	January	February
Membership	192	202
Checking Account	\$3,270.43	\$10,340.74
Jr. Handler Fund	\$2,300.81	\$1,583.70
AKC Fund	\$13.24	\$93.24

- Although the treasurer submitted a report, it is already out of date due to a large number of changes (payments for seminars, shows, etc.) that occurred following the report. The land payment has been made.
- We are consistent on members and money for this time of year when compared to previous years.

Equipment

Timers

- Linda Jacobs has completed the test of the 8 different sets of batteries in the timer.
- During the K9 Cares trial, the battery cartridges were loaded and the battery level was tracked.
- 8 different sets of batteries were tested in both rings, including batteries that have spent a summer in the hot container at the Patch. After 3 days the KIRKLAND batteries still had between 65% and 80% life remaining. The other brands were about the same. The Timer Control Box was used to find out how much life was left in the battery.
- Took readings on Friday, they ranged from 89 to 92% including batteries that had been left in the Con-X over the summer.
- After a 3 day show, the batteries still had between 65% and 80% life remaining.
- Results will go to the chief ring stewards in detail.

- Agreement that for one day trials do not need to change batteries each time.
- Check buttons on timer control before and after the trial. Take the batteries out of any set to check (2 batteries).
- May need to come up with a threshold (perhaps less than 50%) of when to change batteries.
- Using the timer box, press enter button until the check battery reading comes up to check the battery.
- Someone who will be at all of the summer trials will need to check the batteries using the timer box.
- No batteries will be purchased until existing inventory is used up.
- More details on the battery testing done by Linda can be found in the attached document.
- Cards for trouble shooting the timer eyes are in the scribe box.
- Timers were shipped to the manufacturer in Texas, and the following results were found. Pole D, one of the lenses was broken; the rest were scratched up, not reading/seeing very well (like having cataracts). Lenses have been replaced and the springs have been tweaked. They are being sent back to the club.
- In the case of rain, timers need to be taken out to dry out the timers. Keep them near the entrance of a trailer or in a car in order to remember to dry out the timers. Need to consider dew as well. They are put in the trailer overnight, but not in the case at the trials.
- **Thanks to Linda for all of the work trouble-shooting and following through with the solution for this!**

Tunnels

- A suggestion was made to scale back the tunnel towers since most tunnels are now located in the two sheds. This would give more room to move in the ConEx trailer.

NADAC Computer

- JCAC did not have Office on the show computer, so Ann Hammersly found free software and downloaded it to the computer, giving show secretaries the use of "Office."

New Website

- Web is almost ready
- Basic maintenance for WordPress while building Wix site
- Using Wix.com to build- drag and drop format for building.
- New website will be more accessible to mobile devices
- Wix.com is the software being used, it is a 2 year plan with a cost of \$9/month
- Annual waiver form with the membership built- Correction form
- Eventually may be able to pay for membership using PayPal.
- Forms populate Excel automatically.
- Uploaded in Googledocs
- Sylvia is working on the website and will be reachable when she is not in Arizona, but she is physically in Arizona through May.
- See attached report from JCAC webmaster for more details.

Pet Expo

- Is held the same weekend as JCACofGP April trial. (April 6, 7 & 8)
- Booth has been paid for; we need several people to 'man the booth.'
- Sue Boe will make posters with action pictures to display at the booth.

Classes, Seminars and Trials

Saguaro Scramblers

- Saguaro Scramblers wanted to exchange weeks in February, 2019. After much discussion we decided we could not do it.

Class Fees

- Regular class fees have been raised by \$5 per session, but the late fee remains the same; \$10.00.
- Junior handler class fees did not change.

Foundation

- Billie reported that Foundation Class is doing well and has 20 students enrolled this session.

February Show/NADAC Week

- Every year JCAC has scheduled a week break to enjoy "NADAC" week. This year we struggled to offer something the handlers wanted. The decision was made to offer mini-seminars taught by Roger Coor. Tuesday, and Wednesday open practice was offered, with Roger setting several different courses for distance, contacts, etc. On Thursday night Roger scheduled "Home Games."
- In 2019, NADAC week will be held between sessions 2 and 3.
- Ideas and Homework for 2019 NADAC week. What can we do for (or in place of) NADAC week:
 - A mini-trial?
 - Workshop on Tuesday or Thursday?
 - Suggestion for a seminar, perhaps at someone's home;
 - How to fill out a premium and a question and answer time, what height to jump your dog;
 - Try to do it in September, before show season or at the end of the training for summer shows;
 - Maybe a mini-seminar over the summer;
 - Measuring dogs in Intermediate 1 is happening every week, dogs are skittish being measured;
 - Paula Goss Fri/Sat/Sun seminar, followed by the mini-trial on Wednesday NADAC week so handlers will be ready for the trial.
 - Suggestion for classes offered on Sunday following the Junior Handler Show – dbl format; Regular/chances/weavers
 - Official thank you to Roger Coor from the Club - TBD

Shows

- When first presented, the Intro class was optional to the individual clubs. Now it is mandated that all trials must include Intro. Sign-ups have increased greatly.

Double run format vs. 2 different courses

- Unofficial survey through the Yahoo group asking for feedback on trials over the Yahoo group
 - 18 responses
 - 11 wanted double run
 - 4 wanted 2 ring different courses
 - 2 said either one was fine

One Judge Two Rings – Comments regarding like/dislike:

- More of a community, more time to visit, able to see everyone
- Trials take longer
- January went 2 hours later; ended at 4 p.m.
- Started late due to frost

Two Rings/Two Judges

- Save time with double run format, but it limits the number of class types that can be offered

Location

- At the Paseo Verde location we could have 4 runs on Friday, 6 runs on Saturday, and 6 on Sunday-- could use local judge on Friday
- More investigation is underway, but we may only be allowed to have 3 RVs park at the church due to a Peoria ordinance.
- Paradise Valley location we are limited to 2 classes on Friday because of the workers at this location.

Show	Location and # Judges	Format
October	Cholla Patch- Out of Town Judge (James Bell) 3 nights, 4 runs each night	Double Run Format
November	Double Judge Paseo Verde Park	Double Run Format
December	Local Judge and Single Judge Paseo Verde Park	Double Run Format
January	Local Friday, 1 out of town judge	Double Run Format
February	Single Judge	Double Run Format
March	2 Judges, Paradise Valley Park	Double Run Format
April	Local Judge/Patch	Double Run Format

Seminars

- Should we continue to bring people in for seminars? Yes.
- The Paula Goss seminar did not draw enough people and had to be cancelled. Why? Several reasons were offered: Amanda Nelson fundraiser would draw people away, plus the Cynosport Championships are being held in Phoenix this year, and that also draws people.
- Decision was made to invite Paula Goss back in 2019 as well as Stacy Goudy.

Shows

Communications

- Yahoo is not sending emails out reliably
- More and more information is being provided on Facebook

Sonoran Ranch Park- 67th Ave and Jomax

- Peoria Parks and Rec would be willing to give us the Paseo Verde Park for free for one weekend if we participate with 3 demos on one morning-- March 24th, 15 minutes each demo.
- 3 people volunteered so far
- Need 8 to 10 dogs, need more equipment over
- Put it on Facebook
- No public working with dogs, just demonstrations.
- Same day as 4H trial at the Patch
- May need to bring fencing,
- Worth the club doing in order to save money

Training

- Didn't lose many students from roster between last session and this session
- Lost a few instructors
- 5 instructors for Intermediate 1 – large class
- Intermediate 2 and 3 are small
- 6-7 Junior Handlers are in the Intermediate 1 class
- Billie would like to feature an advance class, non-NADAC skills, but need to teach the instructors -- possibly day time class at the patch
- Reminder to instructors to give announcements at the beginning of classes

Stacy Peardot Goudy Seminar

- Close to breaking even, perhaps slightly in the red
- The seminar was cut from 12 days to 8, worked well
- Lots of out of town people came in because they could do that group of days.

Possible Locations for Trials

- Arizona Horseman's Park, two people reported they encountered snakes there when riding horses.
- NADAC will now allow indoor trials with posts on a trial basis i.e., Top Notch Canines

- Horse track at Prescott has been purchased, watch to see what happens with that location (likely will be expensive).

Joan Maceyko donated ribbons that can be used for Junior Handlers and other shows.

NADAC PAL Rule

- NADAC allows 3 options for leash running
- Default for our club has a person (a leash runner) take the leash to the finish and hand it to the handler so that it can put on dog.
- Option 2 can ask leash runner to put the leash on the ground.
- Option 3 is a PAL - personal assistant leasher, can have a person of your choice taking to the leash to you

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

NEXT MEETING: March 12th at 7 PM at Alice Nicholson's home.