

JCAC February Meeting

February 13, 2017

Meeting Highlights

- New business partnership opportunity for JCAC
- New scribe duties draft for review
- New JCAC Jackets Available
- Next meeting: March 13th

Presentation/Business Opportunity

Linn and Jonathan Klein (otherwise known as the parents of Junior Handler Elizabeth who runs black lab Macy) attended the meeting to present a proposal for JCAC.

- Linn and Jonathan were touched by the practice of providing a Junior Handler a piece of equipment once they get to a stage in their training. That inspired them to come to the meeting with the proposal.
- The Kleins are realtors who have previously set up a business partnership with the North Valley Saint Vincent De Paul Food Bank in which they donate to the Food Bank each time a home sells which started with someone from the Food Bank refers a homebuyer/seller to the Kleins.
- Linn and Jonathan would like to offer a similar deal to JCAC. They send newsletters out each month and would ask for the club to send out information about the referral system periodically (perhaps once a month).
- JCAC clarified that the club is not a 501(c), so there are no tax benefits for a non-profit donation federally. JCAC does have non-profit status in Arizona.
- A decision was made to proceed with the partnership. Linn and Jonathan will be writing something up to go out to the Yahoo list.
- Copies of the Klein's monthly newsletter and annual newsletter are attached. These have descriptions of the program with the Food Bank for reference. Information can also be found here: http://www.jonathanklein.realtor/gold_referral

Meeting Opening

- The formal meeting was called to order by President Alice Nicholson at 7:11PM with 6 attendees.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 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.

	January	February
Membership	200	TBD (in flux with renewals)
Checking Account	\$1,516.54	\$4,320.40
AKC Fund	\$9,510.87	\$2,511.03
Jr. Handler Fund	\$1,592.07	\$1,592.09

- A discussion will be held at the AKC meeting regarding the possibility of expending some AKC funds for identified club needs.

Paws for a Wish

- With entry fees, before expenses, the show brought in \$24,300 with \$14,800 in expenses.
- \$8,951 went to the National Canine Cancer Foundation (NCCF), while JCAC received \$471.
- Need to talk to Chris Baldwin (accountant) regarding this donation being tax deductible.
- The main contact for NCCF has changed from Lynn to Sarah Nice.
- There will be discussions about whether the partnership with JCAC will continue in future years or not.
- NCCF has indicated that they are looking to go back to the "big show" format with multiple event types (i.e., luring, dock diving, herding, etc.) rather than just agility.
- This will be a discussion item at the JCAC-AKC meeting as well.

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 purple with white lettering and have a silkscreen logo on the back.

Equipment

- Anticipate the need of a wall jump. Several local clubs have purchased them (TNC, Good Dog, Club Doggie) so it is likely that they will start appearing in USDAA shows.
- Dan Brackney is willing to come up with something that can be used for training.
- We need an equipment day scheduled. Generally hold an equipment day every 1st and 3rd session. Maida will schedule one soon.

Baby Gates

- The expandable white baby gates were lent to Julie Page to help with the Sun City Agility program she is doing.
- Question as to whether JCAC needs the gates back.
- Decision that the club does not need them and to donate them to the Sun City agility program with Julie Page.

X Pens

- All have been painted white.
- They are no longer needed for extreme hoopers, but there has been some discussion that the shape might be used in regular hoopers.
- Decision to hang on to the X Pens, but to remove them from the trailer.

Off site Storage Unit

- We should be able to get rid of some of the equipment in the off site storage unit.
- Some of it could be sold to bring in money for the club.
- Timers and displays.
- Possibly computers.
- Decision that Amy Wood will get the equipment out of storage, photograph it and prepare to list it on Craigslist. We will start with timers/displays and one printer and then determine if others should be done. Amy will send draft to several others for review before posting.

JCAC Needs /AKC Club

- At the time of the meeting there was a belief that there were more funds available in the AKC account than what is actually available. Within the context of available funds, the following discussion was held.
- The AKC meeting is next Sunday (February 26).
- AKC may be able to purchase a training wall jump, or pay for the expenses.
- Perhaps AKC could consider purchasing canopies. We need three more to replace those that are broken. There are good quality canopies (Ozark Trail) at Walmart for \$89.
- If we get canopies, it is important to remove them from the cardboard before the canopies are put onto the trailer (there is no place to discard cardboard at the show grounds).
- Perhaps new lights could be purchased out of the AKC fund. They are costing \$290 per light. Need 24 lights for the working area (not including the parking lot) which would be a total of \$7,200.

Shows

Double Run Format

- Recently inquired about how much we make on shows and whether entry fees needed to be raised. Do not need to do that for NADAC shows at this point in time.
- Last year we looked at doing a double-run format on Friday for the December show. NADAC indicated we could not do that. This year clarification was provided that if there are 3 sets of courses, a double run format cannot be used. If there are 2 sets of courses then the double run format is allowed.
- The double run format allows us to end much earlier, particularly on Friday.
- Consider doing the whole show in a double run format. The A/B rings that JCAC is accustomed to using will work with double run.
- We are able to run Elite to Intro in one ring and Intro to Elite the other ring.
- Double runs would allow for 8 runs on Saturday.

Church Donation/RV Parking

- The church next to the Paseo Verde Park gave permission to use their parking lot for RV Parking. Following the last show we were able to donate \$900 to the church (this included all 5 shows). The donation is tax deductible for the club.

Top Notch

- The price for use of Top Notch facility will be going up. Currently it is \$525 per day, but it will be raised to \$650 to \$700 per day.
- Golden retriever club has decided they will pay.
- JCAC needs to decide about how to make up the difference in the expense.
- Could charge more for each run, or could reduce the incentives (group deals for show). This was the more popular option during the meeting.

Jumping Bucks

- Sometimes people are using enough jumping bucks to cover all or a significant part of their entries.
- Should the use of jumping bucks be limited?
- Really want to continue to encourage people to work at the shows.
- Decision not to limit the use of jumping bucks at this time.

Scribe Guidelines

- Because the trial secretaries have been having such a difficult time receiving accurate reporting from scribes at the most recent trials, 'Scribe guidelines' were drafted for use with scribes at the show (these can be found as an attachment to the minutes).
- Suggestion to add to the top of the scribe guidelines a step to "Review the hand signals and make sure you know what they mean. If you are not sure, ask the judge before the class starts."
- Suggestion to have a white label added to the scribe sheet to indicate the name of the scribe and the name of the timer. This will assist in following up with training on any issues.

NADAC Chairperson

- As of April 1, 2017, Chris Nelson will become the official NADAC Chairperson, as Sharon has relinquished duties to Chris.

Seminars

- Sharon Nelson will be giving Novice and Advanced Seminars, Feb. 14 – 16 before heading east.
- The Nick Sparks seminar may need to be cancelled unless more people sign up.

Behavior Issue at Shows/Denial of Entry

- At the last show a team was ejected from the show following aggressive behavior demonstrated by the dog against its handler as well as another dog. The incident was written up as part of the show report. The dog was biting at the handler in the ring, dragging the handler on the ground out of the ring, and lunging at another dog.

- This was the third show where this dog had had issues with aggression.
- Unfortunately, this is a safety issue for the shows and a liability issue for JCAC. The club has the right to refuse entries.
- MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to refuse any further entries to NADAC JCAC shows for “Phoenix”, the doberman pinscher handled by Betsy Gilpin. The motion passed unanimously.
- Should Betsy complete training to assist with reducing the aggression in “Phoenix”, she may petition the club to consider entries at some point in the future. This does not prohibit her from entering a different dog, however.
- The AKC club will address this issue as to AKC shows.

Classes/Training

- The Patch is being used 4 times per week for morning classes, as well as evening classes.
- Jean and Matt Porter are both running classes in the mornings.
- Adding the second distance class has helped. No one was turned away this session. There are 7-8 students in each class.

Junior Handler Classes

- Billie has been handling the Junior handler classes at her home.
- There was a time when Billie received money for holding the classes, but that has not been the case recently.
- Billie would like some compensation for the cost of running the classes (lights).
- Follow-up with Julie on what the amount had been in the past. It may have been \$125/session.
- Junior handlers pay \$45 for 8 week sessions and there are two 8 week sessions.

Foundation Class

- Ilyse Stern will take over the duties of Foundation Coordinator at the end of this season.

VT Runs

- Discussion was held about the price of VT runs.
- Decision. The amount for VT Runs has been changed to \$5.00 per dog, as opposed to \$5.00 per handler.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44PM.

NEXT MEETING: March 13th at 7PM at Alice Nicholson’s home.