

VAST BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2006

The VAST board meeting opened at 7:35 pm. at Nunes Agility Field in Turlock.

In attendance were Carlene Chandler, John Nunes, Donna Sprouse, Nancy Tanner, Mary VanWormer, Mary Whatley and Maudeen Martin. Nancy Tetrick and Barbara Jones also attended.

This was an abbreviated meeting called by Carlene to nominate candidates for the offices of President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and Membership since Suzanne Andersen, Monika Knutson, and Joy O'Neil had tendered their resignations. A few other pressing items were also to be discussed.

Minutes from the previous board meeting were not read.

Treasurer's Report – no report at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **First Item:** Carlene introduced Nancy Tetrick, Barbara Jones, and Mary Van Wormer and asked if the board wanted to appoint the candidates to the vacated offices (President-Nancy Tetrick, President Elect-Mary VanWormer, Treasurer-Barbara Jones, and Membership-Mackenzie Pester) as a time-saving measure or whether we should ask the general membership to vote. Mary W and Donna spoke in favor of having the members vote on the new officers. Maudeen asked if there would be any conflict of interest with the new officers (or current board members) when voting on issues pertaining to Nunes Agility Field. She explained that if there were any conflict of interests, then it was better to know it before the candidates were elected. A possible conflict of interest could arise if the new officers were getting free use of the agility field or any other “freebies” from NAF. Carlene said that no one (not even she) was getting free use of the field – they were all paying for their usage so there shouldn't be any conflicts. John will abstain from voting on issues regarding the club and the field where the outcome of the vote could impact him financially. NAF has also changed the field/equipment contract – liability waiver by removing Carlene Chandler's, Donna Sprouse's, and Mary Van Wormer's names. The officer candidates were then approved by the Board. Carlene will send an email to the general membership asking if anyone else would be interested in running for office and then will ask for a vote. She will also notify the members of the General Meeting scheduled for Monday, Oct 2 (6:00-7:30 at NAF). There will be light refreshments, some easy courses to play on, time to meet the new officers, and a general meeting.
- **Second Item:** Carlene proposed that we offer any elected officer free entries to all of VAST's trials. These free entries would only apply to the elected officers (not board members-Founders) and could not be saved from trial to trial or year to year. Also, the officers could not work the trial and get free entries to be saved to be used later or transferred to another member. Maudeen asked if this was something that should be brought before the general membership for their vote, since VAST is currently hosting six trials a year, this could amount to a perk of \$600+ (for one dog/free weekend trial) and more for multiple dogs. The board felt we should vote immediately to encourage other members to volunteer for office and the proposal passed with Mary W and Maudeen abstaining.
- **Third Item:** Carlene requested that the board approve the purchase of Acrobat 7.0 since she has been having difficulty with Acrobat 6.0 and needs to do reports for the USDAA trial this weekend. The cost will be approx \$300. The request passed with Maudeen abstaining saying she wasn't sure that buying the new version was warranted and that other things might be affecting Carlene's software problems.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maudeen Martin
Recording Secretary