

VAST Meeting April 14, 2008
Minutes

In Attendance:

Veronica Adrover
Carlene Chandler
Nell Davis
Gailanne Molver
John Nunes
MacKenzie Pester

Ann Simmons
Nancy Smith
Donna Sprouse
Nancy Tetrick
Diane Vargas
Mary Whatley

Called to order at 6:05 P.M.

Approved minutes from the February 12, 2008 meeting, previously read via email.

Treasurer's Reports:

Checking account balance: \$4,789.94

Money Market Account balance: \$10,121.20

Mary Whatley also provided another copy of the 2007 annual report, and has met with accountants Clendinen and Bird to prepare taxes.

Committees:

Membership: stands now at about 35. We will add honorary members per the by-laws.

NADAC: trial May 17/18 is on schedule.

CPE: March, 2008 trial report shows a profit of \$386.31 in spite of low entries. Chair Carlene and Secretary Donna did a great job changing the trial from a two ring to a one ring event. October 2008 trial has judges, and will have six classes a day. Committee members are needed.

USDAA: will be held September 13-14. Two judges are set.

Historian: working on revitalizing the elist. Will extend invitation to people taking classes at NAF to join.

Publicity and Demos: Possible demos to be held August 23 in Mountain House at the Kite Festival, and in October for Strutt Your Mutt in Madera. Discussion about requirements for a successful demo, including venue set-up, number of teams (at least 12), travel time. It was decided to take each request for a demo on a case-by-case basis.

Unfinished/continuing Business:

Donations: VAST donated a \$50 Gift Certificate to the World Team fundraising raffle.

Equipment replacement: we need at least ten easy-up shade/canopies, and will evaluate and replace those that are not usable anymore. Carlene will check the options, including a possibility of working with Jen Mangelos's husband for the best buy.

New Business:

August Elections/nominations: After checking the by-laws, the offices of President and Vice President/Membership are up for election in Aug. 2008, to serve for 2009-2010. The offices of Treasurer, Historian and Secretary will be up for election in Aug. 2009, to serve 2010-2011. (*Note: It was not made clear that the Vice President and Membership duties belong to one office. Nancy Tetrick will correct and contact the interested parties.*) The office of Secretary needs to be filled for the remainder of the current term, which will end in 2009. Possible nominees are Jen Mangelos for VP/Membership and Nancy Tetrick for Secretary. Several possible candidates for president were suggested. A description of the duties of the President will be sent out along with a call for volunteers.

We had a presentation from Nick of Hat Source. He showed T-shirts with photo design options. Gailanne will coordinate with the members and Hat Source to order shirts or other items.

John advised us that the field will be closed on June 14 for a private party. There are groups who are interested in holding an AKC trial in the fall at NAF and would need volunteers to help with the trial.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.