

VAST MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2004

The VAST board meeting opened at 6:45 pm.

In attendance were Suzanne Anderson, Carlene Chandler, Monika Knutson, Jeanne Nixon, Maudeen Martin, John Nunes, Daphne Short, Donna Sprouse, Nancy Tanner, Mary Van Wormer, and Mary Whatley.

Minutes were read.

- Motion to accept the minutes as read.
- Seconded and Approved.

Treasurer's Report was read.

- Carlene and Donna and Suzanne and Monika are working on getting signature cards signed for the VAST bank account and getting the account moved down to Turlock from Manteca.
- Motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Please contact Donna for a copy of the report.
- Seconded and Approved.

Report of Officers/Committees

Fun Match

- November 13th was the last fun match. A great time was had and organizing them is working out to be relatively easy.
- Next one will be January 22nd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. which is a Saturday. Nancy will head it and Daphne will help. Other members have also volunteered to pitch in.
- A pre-novice course will be set up.
- Carlene will put it on the website and Nancy will put in on the clean run and k9news.com lists.
- The next one will be April 2nd or 3rd. Daphne will chair it if we're able to have it.

USDAA/CPE Trial

- USDAA Premium is on the VAST website and the USDAA website.
- We need somebody who is willing to do the food. All who are interested in volunteering are strongly encouraged and needed, otherwise, we will be unable to have food.
- Donna will indicate in the confirmation if food will be provided or not.

- Monika has volunteered to set the breakfast items out for this trial.
- Discussed the possibility of trying to order the food and have someone who's not running a dog volunteer to go pick up the order and bring it down to the field. Will not have food at this USDAA trial.
- We will only have a worker's raffle for the USDAA trial and won't have the silent auction.
- CPE premium is ready to go and will be posted no later than December 13th.
- We have our judges for our trial. We will be doing all games, no standard.

NADAC Trial

- Maudeen sent in the request to be sanctioned. We're waiting to make sure we'll be sanctioned. We're in the process of choosing a weekend.
- Jeanne has a contact who will be notifying her of possible NADAC weekends.
- Currently looking at June 11th and 12th as a possible date.
- We will have the correct equipment available by that time.
- Maudeen will do a mock-up of a premium and email it to board members for input.
- Most members will continue with the same committee positions as for USDAA and CPE.

Membership

- Mary will be continuing to use the greeting letter sent out with the VAST roster to give to new members as a welcome letter.
- Everyone should have received the VAST roster by email.
- Suggested listing new members in the newsletter so the roster doesn't have to continue to be re-sent throughout the year.
- If anyone needs information on new members, email MaryVW@earthlink.net.
- Also discussed a new members packet.
- Numbers-wise we are about the same as we were last year.

Donations

- Last year was donated to the National Disaster Search and Rescue Dogs Foundation, the Delta Humane society, and Pets and Pals.
- Suggested donating 1500.00 again to the above 3 organizations in the amount of 500.00 each.

- We'll be donating 100.00 to the Northern California Border Collie rescue society in honor of Rosie who passed away recently.
- Moved and Seconded. Approved.

Bylaws/Addendum to Bylaws/Current Policies

- By-laws have been passed out and will be emailed out to all the membership for review.
- Cannot be changed unless there's a meeting of the general membership.

NEW BUSINESS

T-Shirts

- Jeanne reported on the status of the t-shirts.
- We have an inventory of 1800.00 plus. We have many extra large shirts, so many that they're not selling. Jeanne suggested donating some to the raffle/silent auction.
- Donna reported on the financial costs of buying and selling the t-shirts.
- Discussed ordering hats or visors and having members pre-pay for them.

Building security

- Discussed changing the locks and issuing building keys only to board members and trainers.
- Discussed possibly looking into renting a port-a-potty. Monika will look into finding out costs associated with this. Donna will get a quote from Sun Valley.
- Also discussed re-evaluating how the field use sign-in system is working. The building has been found unlocked and there have been cases of drinks missing.

Monday night practice

- It has been very inconsistent. It's hard to have monitors commit to being there when only 1 or 2 people show up.
- We need to figure out a better system and how to monitor the field.
- For the rest of the year (until January at least) there'll be no open practices.

VAST Banquet

- Next year we'll need to look at pre-paying for the banquet. We lost money on the banquet this year. VAST pre-paid for members' dinners in order to reserve the facility and were unable to then collect from those members who didn't come.

WEBSITE

- Mary W. and Carlene are working on the new website. If there are any suggestions about what things should be included or suggestions for the site let Mary W. or Carlene know.

Snow Day

- Discussed having the annual snow day.
- Discussed having a beach day as an alternative.
- Will query the membership about what they prefer.
- Also suggested Del Valle lake.

Impressive Leadership

- Carlene and Donna expressed their thanks to everyone for such a great 3 years in office and for such a wonderful club.
- Thank you very much to Carlene and Donna for all that they've done and for such a great job. You've given so much to get VAST started and you are very much appreciated.

Upcoming Events

- February 5th and 6th, 2005 USDAA trial
- March 12th and 13th, 2005 CPE trial
- September 17th and 18th, USDAA trial
- October 22nd and 23rd, 2005 CPE trial

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Short, Recording Secretary