

# VAST Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2020

**Attendance:** Rene Meyer, Toni Duralski, Mary Van Wormer, Diane Vargas, Nancy Tetrick, Veronica Adrover, Karen Overstreet, Ree Anderson, Arlene Stanford, Denice Swatzky, Sara Rhodes, Rhonda Sancibrian, Tom Clarkson, Carlene Chandler

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President, Rene Meyers at 12:05 at Nunes Agiltiy Field in Turlock, CA.

**Minutes:** Veronica Adrover made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2019 meeting. Sara Rhodes seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** - by Rene Meyers

- Vast checking account has \$6800.21 after the quarterly payment for the container.
- Feb 2020 USDAA trial- VAST made \$2887.38 and we had 87 handlers with 807 runs.

**Committees:**

**Membership-**Denice commented that VAST currently has 28 members.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to comment on

**New Business:**

**VAST Board positions up for renewal for 2021-2022-** All 4 Board positions are up for renewal. They will needed to be filled in order for the club to continue. It was suggested to run the club as a committee, however this cannot be done and maintain our non-profit status. After discussion about the club and the board member roles Sara Rhodes volunteered to run as President. Rhonda Sancibrian volunteered to run as Secretary. Karen Overstreet said that she would volunteer to run as Treasurer but could not take over the position until she retires in April 2021. Rene said that she would stay as treasurer until April, 2021 and Karen took over. We are still in need of a Vice President. Members said they wanted to discuss the positions and meet again in a couple weeks.

**Club Viability-** This was discussed with conversation above on filling board member positions. The club needs to make at least \$3515.48 a year to cover our basic costs for the container, insurance and taxes. Currently USDAA trials still need to have limited entry because of COVID and to keep everyone as safe as possible that is in attendance. There was concern that because of limited entrance VAST wouldn't make enough money to cover costs. Other ideas were discussed to help raise money for the club. We discussed fun matches, nosework ORT, USDAA@home. Everyone present said they would be willing to help out at these things to support the club. Carlene and Mary will look at the NAF calendar to see what weekends are available for a fun match. Other members said they will check around to see if there is a location that we could have an

ORT nearby. USDAA@home may not be viable due to cost but we will look into that further as well.

**VAST Feb 2021 trial-** After discussion it was decided that we would go ahead with the Feb 2021 trial and see how things go. Toni will see if she can find local judges so that we wont have the extra expenses for traveling. The club will not be able to compensate people like normal due to the restrictions. Toni and Rene have been talking to Rachel Sanders to see how she has been able to put on her USDAA trials. Carlene and Mary said that the rental fee would be discounted to \$500 a day to help reduce costs. We will need all club member to step up and help with the trial. Rene and Toni will talk to karey and try to figure out what classes to offer and if there are classes that cost less to run. They will also talk to Roger Ly about using his new gate app at the trial as it seems to be a big success.

**Follow up meeting:** Vast will have a follow up meeting on the weekend of Nov 14/15 (TBD) to get the Board positions situated for the new term. Discuss fun matches, ORT's and the Feb trial.

**VAST Holiday Party-** Due to COVID and restrictions on gatherings, etc the club decided not to have our normal Christmas party this year. We may have a Christmas or new years fun match instead where we can all safely gather.

**Meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.**