

Ready 2 Run Meeting
April 4, 2009
Approx. 6:00 p.m.
Lyttle Cow Palace, Sonoma Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa CA

Club Policies & Procedures

Jeff explained to the members that the officers are elected to act in the best interest of the club so that the club is not required to conduct all business by membership vote. All club information is posted to the files section of the Yahoo list or on the website. To address the concerns of some members that want to have more opportunities to be kept up-to-date on club business and to discuss at membership meetings, we will have a membership meeting at every trial this year.

To address rumors about the costs associated with the Santa Rosa trial, it was emphasized that we are a non-profit, and although we paid \$1500 for Santa Rosa facility, since the club is a non-profit, if we put on a trial, have fun and camaraderie, promote the sport of agility, and don't lose money, we are consistent with the club's mission statement. Even if we were to lose money on a trial, as long as the club's year-end bottom line is acceptable, the club is fine. The club's decisions may be different than a for-profit business might be. We have been spoiled by the very low price that we have been paying for Fuji Park (\$238 per weekend). With the recent changes at Fuji regarding camping and RV's we are currently looking into other venues and may need to adjust our thinking regarding costs. It was noted that we still make an average of nearly \$2000 per trial, and the Santa Rosa trial is no exception because of the donation of equipment by AARFI, and other methods of cutting costs elsewhere.

Jeff discussed the moderator policies of the list. To date, only two emails have ever been rejected; one was factually incorrect, the other was a repeat of a previous post. In both cases the moderator contacted the individual poster privately to discuss why the post was inappropriate and welcomed a follow-up post.

2008 Recap Report

All of the club's finances have always been open for any member to review. In 2007 all the information was gathered and put together in one document by Lynn Saunders. All officers have been provided with printed copies and the 2008 Recap Report is available in the files section of the list.

Membership Update

We currently have 59 memberships for a total of 83 members. We added two new members today which brings our new total to 61 memberships, 85 members.

2009 Budget

Lynn provided members with a summary of the 2009 budget presented in the form of two beautiful pie charts representing R2R Income and R2R Expenses. The handouts will be available in the Files section of the Yahoo list.

Super Trial Report

Jeff explained the background on the Super Trial: Ready 2 Run has had a very strong representation at Champs the past few years in Gillette, WY. Since this year's Champs are so far away in Tennessee, initial discussions began to take place at last year's Champs about R2R and Susan & Dave of WAG (R2R members) joining together to create a 10-day event so those not making the trek to Champs this year (including other west coast agility handlers) would have an fun opportunity to "play agility" for an extended time closer to home. Initial conversations with several R2R members that attend Champs were very favorable to pursue the idea.

The Ready 2 Wag Super Trial will consist of two consecutive weekends (including full days on both Fridays) with two days in the middle of the week having evening classes. Monday and Thursday will be off days. This will be a total of 40 runs in 10 days. This is adding one 3-day trial and the four classes on the two middle days to the existing NADAC calendar, as WAG always has a NADAC trial in September.

This will be a great jump start for those considering attending NADAC championships in 2010 which will be held somewhere in the west. All expenses and proceeds will be split down the middle between R2R and Wag. Entry pricing will be reasonable with some creative packages being planned. Karin is looking for input on activities to keep everyone occupied during the week. Some ideas include doggie massage/chiropractic, lectures, and seminars. Other plans may include showers for tent campers and a commemorative Ready to Wag T-shirt. Bobby Eddy made an observation that people staying for the entire week could take day trips but would have to consider what they should do with their dogs if the day trip did not include them. Cherie Singer suggested that doggie day care could be provided at the site in Elk Grove . This suggestion was VERY well received.

Donations

A motion to budget \$1300 for donations was voted on and carried by a majority. This amount is the same as last year. Where to allocate specific donations will be discussed at a later date and members are encouraged to submit suggestions.

Ready to Run Bucks Program

Trial Chairs and the officers decide when to award bucks for "above & beyond." Cherie suggested giving trial bucks to Lynn for putting together the 2007 and 2008 Year-End Recap Reports and the members agreed.

Gift Certificate Program

Members were provided with a handout showing all gift certificates issued for 2009. This distribution reflects what has been the club's standard operating procedure for several years. The handout is also available in the Files section of the Yahoo group list.

Newsletter

Sheila, as editor, has been given artistic license in creating the newsletter as has been the case for all previous newsletter editors. Since the minutes and financial information is provided in the files section of the list it not necessary to duplicate them in the newsletter.

Updates

2009 Trial Jobs - Almost all jobs have been filled except we still need people for raffles.

Sierra Cup Challenge - Entries are down and it remains to be seen if it will continue in the future.

Awards Party - Our awards party will be in October in conjunction with our October trial. Gro Aasgaard (R2R's Canadian member) is judge. Rental on the building at Fuji Park went from \$250 to \$675. Cherie and Lynn are looking into other sites. Although the building at Fuji is very convenient we will have to weigh the pros and cons when we have more information about alternatives.

The following members (21) were in attendance:

Cindy Bell, Karin Bell, Betsie Corwin, Patty Diehl, Sherry Dodson, Bobbie Eddy, Friederike Harshbarger, Jeff Lyons, Maudeen Martin, Sara McKinley, Barb Meyer, Jill Murdock, Candy Oman, Katrina Parkinson, Gene Ross, Marj Ross, Lynn Saunders, Cherie Singer, Sean Singer, Natalie Smith, Diane Szczepanski.