

**Ready 2 Run Membership Meeting**  
**May 2, 2009**  
**Fuji Park, Carson City, Nevada**  
**Approx. 6:00 p.m.**

**Final April Trial Numbers Report**

Jeff presented the final numbers from our April trial in Santa Rosa. Projected earnings were \$1000, actual was \$1800. Total number of runs was 765. The final budget will be posted to the list.

**2009 Membership Update**

Cherie presented the membership update since Sara was unable to attend. We have 61 memberships for a total of 85 members.

**2009 Budget Report**

Lynn distributed copies of the 2009 Budget including pie charts to members who were not at the Santa Rosa meeting. The two pie charts represent R2R Income and R2R Expenses and are also available in the files section on the list. The charts show most of the club's income comes in through trials and most of the clubs expenses are trials, insurance, awards and donations. Some trials will have greater expenses and/or less income than others so it's important to look at the entire year over all rather than individual trials. Our goal is to have fun and at least break even at year-end.

**The Super Trial Update**

Karin updated us on the Ready 2 Wag Super Trial accompanied by Susan Rapillius who is an R2R member and owner of WAG. Karin has emailed all clubs in the western states to get the word out. Many activities are being planned for the middle of the week including a chiropractic and massage seminar, dog sitting (for those who want to engage in other activities) and possibly herding. Members were filled in on the background of the Super Trial: many members have been attending Championships for the last several years; with Champs being held in the east this year, it seemed like a good opportunity to provide this onetime event; WAG already had a NADAC trial on the calendar so this is an extension of that. This will also provide a good opportunity to earn points for Champs in 2010, scheduled to be held in the west. Cynthia expressed her concern about the impact that the Super Trial will have on other trials in the area. In particular, HA=HA has been impacted in previous years by Championships and Cynthia had been hoping that this year they would benefit by Champs being held in the east. Cynthia also expressed her opinion that the Super Trial should have been subject to a membership vote prior to plans being made.

**Donations**

In April, the Membership ratified \$1300.00 for donations by vote. This was the same amount as last year. Members are encouraged to submit suggestions. Cynthia suggested SCAF, NADAC Rescue and Pepper. It was pointed out that there are issues with NADAC not being a nonprofit yet and some other issues with SCAF (that is being researched). Sandra asked about the process for making suggestions and it was recommended that members send an email to the officers listing the reasons why we should consider that particular organization, keeping in mind that historically we have tried to keep most donations local.

**Newsletter Status Report**

Sheila raised the question to the membership if we want to continue with a newsletter next year. Currently Sheila includes everything that people send her into the newsletter to avoid anyone feeling

that they have been left out. While it was generally agreed that the newsletter is the face of the club to outsiders, there was disagreement as to what should be included. Some members prefer a more “bare bones” approach and others enjoy the “just for fun” stuff. Cherie made the point that currently with all the photos, the newsletter is a huge file to download. It was suggested that we offer a “text only” version but with the program currently being used, the text and photos are linked. Cherie is also looking into improvements to the website that might include roving photos. Maureen made a motion to form a newsletter committee to discuss R2R communications, including the newsletter and the website. Natalie seconded the motion. Sheila indicated that although she would go along with whatever the club decided, she was not comfortable with a committee approach as everyone has their own ideas of how things should be done. It was discussed that this could be an email committee, the purpose of which is to get a consensus of opinion. A vote was held and the motion was carried by a majority. Any members interested in being on the committee should email Sheila.

### **Fuji Park**

There was a discussion of the new set up at Fuji Park and how it personally affected members. In general, most members were pleased at how well the new set up worked out although there are a few things we may do differently the next time. Lin pointed out that next year we only get two dates at Fuji and that we shouldn't put all our eggs in one basket.

As chair of the June trial, the decision as to whether to hold it at Fuji or UNR is ultimately up to Cherie. She suggested that in the future we should use UNR but she recommended that we do this June at Fuji since the premium is already out and the UNR site is more expensive the judge is coming from back east so travel expenses are high. She suggested that the next year we hold the June trial at UNR or another site. Lin indicated that she prefers Reno and Greg mentioned that MDT was well received at UNR. One concern expressed about UNR was the lack of shade and the possibility of it being warmer and less breezy during the hot summer months. Greg's efforts were praised for putting his reputation on the line in obtaining the site at UNR. An informal “show of hands” opinion poll indicated that the majority of members supported Cherie, and to go ahead with this year's June trial at Fuji.

### **2010 Trial Schedule**

Release of April date to AARF! – Two years ago R2R held its first trial at Santa Rosa with the agreement that it would be turned over to AARF. Jeff and Maureen have built up NADAC in the area and are now ready to take over the trial. R2R is now turning over the date to AARF.

St. Patrick's Day trial – Sharon Nelson wants March to continue to be a NADAC month at Elk Grove and will continue to put on fundraisers if necessary but would prefer that the local clubs step in and take over those dates. R2R has put together a St. Patrick's Day party there for three years now and we can have that date at Elk Grove for a trial. Greg objected, saying that R2R was founded as a Nevada club and someone later changed the bylaws to read that it is a Nevada and California club. Cynthia brought it up that the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser weekend has always had a R2R feel to it and since so many of us are there anyway we might as well take the date. It was pointed out by others that not everyone will be pleased with every location. In general, the idea of the March trial was well received by many.

**The following members (31) were in attendance:** Greg Battaglia, Lin Battaglia, Karin Bell, Sherry Dodson, Ron Dulco, Sally Dulco, Bobbie Eddy, Johnna Embree, Ginger Firestone, Linda Fuller, Alix Ginter, Murrelet Halterman, Cheryl Hart, Sandra James, Cynthia Kennedy, Mary Kapner, Steve Kapner, Rod Langston, Jeff Lyons, Maureen Lyons, Sheila MacDonald, Gwen Marsh, Barbara Meyer, Susan Rapillus, Lynn Saunders, Cherie Singer, Sean Singer, Kaitlyn Smith, Monica Smith, Natalie Smith, Donna Waugh.