



MINUTES
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
March 15, 2011

President's Report

Barb Meyer had several subjects that needed to be addressed before the next Ready 2 Run Membership Meeting at the March 19-20, St. Patrick's Day Trial. They were discussed by the Board and the results are as follows:

- 1. The Newsletter** - Sheila MacDonald is the new Editor. She has sent out several requests for submissions and received scant response, so she has little from which to compile a newsletter. One more request will be made for submissions and if there is no response, we will discontinue the newsletter until there is interest.
- 2. Increasing Attendance at Trials** - The economy and gas prices have resulted in the numbers of entries being less at our trials. In order to attract more participants, Cynthia Kennedy agreed to contact Carson Dog Sports to see if we could post information about our events at the facility and also on their website. She will also send that information to Quicksilver Agility Club's membership, and be sure that HA=HA members are aware of our events. Cynthia encouraged R2R members to support HA=HA in turn, as they are also a NADAC club and there is little expected of their membership in the way of work. Their luncheons and play days are lots of fun and it's a very nice club. Cynthia has heard that HA=HA will have rubber contacts for their trial this year.
- 3. Premium Pricing** - Cynthia Kennedy brought up this issue again, and asked that we consider tiered pricing. She was reminded that our software won't accommodate this, and it was the general feeling that R2R's entry fees are in line with other clubs' and as low as possible. This is an issue the board disagrees on and not only are our fees in line (or lower) with other clubs, but we have gone out of our way to create excellent package deals.
- 4. Ready 2 Run Tenth Anniversary Celebration** - Plans are being made to honor this milestone at our June trial.
- 5. Hospitality Chair Payment** - Currently, the Hospitality Chair (HC) is getting \$20 for the job. Since that job is not getting many takers, there was a discussion over increasing the payment. Cynthia suggested that the (HC) get a one-day trial entry, but that hospitality be increased to other snacks throughout the day and just not breakfast. She suggested this as a way to get rid of

the raffle, and that most people would still volunteer without there having to be a raffle, but would feel appreciated with a table of refreshments and snacks. This suggestion was voted down by Barb, Cherie and Jill. They felt a trial would be Spartan without a raffle, and that we already had an excellent trade system in place with other clubs in exchanging one-day trial certificates. If we were to do away with the certificate trading, it might give a general perception of R2R not being a generous club. Currently we are exchanging trial certificates with mdt/AA, Haute Dawgs, Fun Paws, BARK, HA=HA, WAG, and ESAG. We may also exchange with AARF and RCA. It was decided to raise the Hospitality Chair's payment to a one-day certificate.

6. Membership Meetings - We will have Membership Meetings at the March, May, and June trials.

7. Awards Party Options - It was asked on the club's Yahoo Chat List what they would like for the 2011 Awards Party. There are many options from the site of the trial, to the location of the dinner, to the type of dinner, and the length of time devoted to reading the dogs' title certificates. There have been many responses, and they'll need to be compiled in order to make a decision. Cherie Singer is the Chair of the October trial and is also working on options.

8. Donations - Cynthia asked about the \$100 Toys for Tots donation that was made in Dec. She felt it wasn't the club's responsibility to donate more to a non-dog charity when so many of us had already supported it with personal donations. She was reminded that this wasn't a donation made on a whim. The club had voted to donate to Toys for Tots. She then went on to say that she felt the club should only be supporting the Pepper Sampson Memorial Classic, as this charity was started by the club's founders, Greg and Lin Battaglia, and most of us have a personal affinity for that charity. She felt that with the economy in its current state, that it would be better if the club wasn't as philanthropic, and instead, tried to keep entry fees as low as possible. She was reminded by Cherie Singer of the club's By-Laws and that giving to charity is one of the club's stated missions. We are not a 501 3© organization. This discussion brought up the question of how much the club was going to donate and by what method - a percentage of net, or a certain sum? That will need a club discussion. According to Cherie, 25-25% is more realistic than the 10% that was discussed. Last year we budgeted \$1,300 for donations, but spent \$2,050 due to an increase in our donation to PSMC. If we make \$1,000 a trial in profit, that is $\$250 - \$350 \times 4 = \$1,000 - \$1,400/\text{year}$.

9. Payment for Putting Up and Taking Down a Trial - Currently the payment is \$5 in R2R Bucks. Cynthia suggested that this amount is too small for the time and effort involved. It is under consideration to increase that amount to \$10.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Murdock has adjusted the current budget and it will be ready for the membership meeting. The changes made to the budget involved a \$100 increase in the cost of equipment rental per trial from mdt/AA for a total increase of \$400/year, and a decrease of \$700 in expenses related to the June trial. Last year, this trial was at RTEC. This year it will be at UNR, and it is \$700 less in rental. Last year we had a \$400 loss in our budget reckoning, but with the move to UNR of at least one trial, this loss should not happen in 2011.

The forgoing Minutes were prepared by Cynthia Kennedy, Secretary.