



Membership Meeting
April 9, 2005
5:00 p.m., Fuji Park, Carson City

Officers Present: Cherie Singer, Jane Diamond, Lynn Saunders

Officers Absent: Marie Tobyansen

Members Present: 22 (quorum)

1. OFFICER REPORTS:

VP: Cherie reported in Marie's absence. It is nice that some of our new members are participating in this trial. Membership is holding steady about 60 members – impressive compared to other clubs. Liability Insurance: Ready2Run has a \$2 million liability policy for the parks, etc. In previous years, it has been about \$350, but this year the premium went up to \$1,400. Marie is looking into the situation to determine why and is awaiting an answer from the insurance company. Per Hartford, all other agility clubs are paying about \$500.

TREASURER: Jane reported that with checks for this trial about the club's balance is about \$6,500. Of course, that will go down once we pay this trial expenses. Cherie added that the club is trying to be strict with trial budgets, so that we can ensure the club has enough money for annual donations.

NEWSLETTER: Lynn reported that she will e-mail everyone after the Pepper Memorial Classic for news and brags with about a week deadline for submissions. She then should be able to turn around the newsletter in about a week.

2. AWARDS PARTY RECAP

Cherie reported that dinners ran about \$24 per person for a total of \$3,517; awards came in at \$1,400, which worked out to be about \$14 per person per award (close to the membership dues amount). Cherie put out the request for volunteers for next year's party planning or awards. Anyone interested should contact Cherie. The form developed by Jack and Joanna the previous year, and fine-tuned this year by Cherie and Karin, works very well for compiling information. Lin will help anyone who volunteers with party coordination. The club may be looking for a new venue next year.

3. 2005 TRIALS

Per Debbie Lean, the next trial is currently about 65% full – it closes the day after Pepper. Cherie stated it seems like trial entries are down a little this year, and not sure if it has anything to do with the Gamble change, which means less total runs with the same amount of dogs. The June trial is 35-40% full, and it has only been open a few weeks (closes June 1). All trials were posted twice on the NADAC list.

4. READY 2 RUN BUCKS

The details of the program were outlined in the January newsletter. The objective of the program is to provide more ways that members can help out with trials and to recognize and reward members for their work. Karin Bell is administering the program, and will be distributing the Ready2Run Bucks at the end of each trial. If members want to redeem bucks for a trial entry, they must be sent in with the entry or before the trial closes. Bucks can also be redeemed for raffle tickets.

5. 2006/2007 TRIALS

April 8-9, 2006 (Fuji)

May 6-7, 2006 (Fuji)

June 10-11, 2006 (date pending/location TBD)

October 21-22 (pending NADAC Championships)

Fuji Park is requesting the 2006/2007 dates be reserved now. The Sierra Tuolumne Kennel Club (STKC) has a trial set for June 10-11, 2006 which is the same weekend for which Fuji Park is available to R2R. We cannot have the trial the same weekend as we are less than 300 miles away, per NADAC rules. STKC cannot change the date of their trial due to graduation ceremonies held at their site, the high school. Although we have reserved the date on Fuji's calendar, it is unlikely we will use it. Cherie has discussed with NADAC and they say we can have a trial in California, but not at the WAG facility in Elk Grove. Jeff and Maureen Lyons have volunteered to organize a trial somewhere in California if the club were interested. We also have October 21-22 reserved for 2006 and 2007, but it is unknown at this time if we will use it – it depends on the date set for NADAC championships.

It is essential to the club financials that we hold three trials a year in order to support our donations and annual awards party.

Discussion ensued. Greg Battaglia felt very strongly that the club was formed to provide trials in the Northern Nevada area because there are lots of people who can't or won't travel over the summit to California for trials. People from California that join the club join for other reasons. He felt it would be appropriate for the club to hold a trial in Truckee or South Lake Tahoe, but not over the hill.

Cherie stated that when we formed the club, there was not as much competition as there is now for the Fuji facility. We will look into Truckee sites, but camping will probably be a problem. She suggested that we research the horse facility in Washoe Valley where HA HA has held their Superbowl Party. It has outside restrooms, and is a huge facility that could have two rings. The horses are far enough away so as not to pose a problem. Dry camping would probably be a possibility. Cynthia Kennedy volunteered to look into this.

Cherie wrapped us discussion by asking anyone who has any ideas, please let her know. The club will research the options and bring the choices to the club for a vote.

Regarding volunteers for 2006 Trial Chairs and Secretaries; Carol Lamb has volunteered to secretary the May trial.

6. SUMMER PICNIC:

The site at Prosser Reservoir we used last year is only available in September. Last year it was held in September and it was very cold. The site used in 2003 is available, but is not good for camping. If we found a location we like for a trial in 2006, perhaps the club could host a Fun Match, instead of a Summer Picnic, to try it out. However, with the costs for facility rental and equipment it may not be financially feasible. Hidden Valley or Washoe Lake State Park might work for a day Fun Match. The club will look into some dates for Washoe Lake State Park (camping is possible) – although we need to consider there is no shade, and extreme wind is a possibility.

7. Donations for 2005

One of the most important objectives of the Ready2Run club is to make donations to charitable causes. The Board got together in January to create the 2005 donation schedule:

\$750 to Sacramento SPCA

\$750 to Pepper Memorial Classic

\$750 to SCAF

\$500 to Noah's Wish – helping dogs affected by Tsunami (organization based in Placerville) – donation will depend on our financial situation at end of the fiscal year

\$500 to Reno SPCA

The officers would like to possibly expand the 2006 Donation Schedule to include High Sierra Animal Rescue in Portola, as we have 5-6 members from the Portola area.

The donation to the Q cup Sacramento SPCA was questioned. In the past, we have had lots of members involved from that area. This is not something we have to do every year, and will be reconsidered for 2006.

It was questioned how the club determines what organizations it makes donations to. Cherie explained some decisions are generated by need, some by what funds are available at the end of the fiscal year. If any member has an organization they would like the club to consider, please submit that recommendation to the board.

8. CPE

The club has received notification to renew their CPE membership. Cherie gave a brief history (a more detailed account can be found in the January 2004 newsletter): Ready2Run started as a NADAC club but became a CPE club after Lin and Greg –and Bruce and Marj Vincent - brought CPE to the area. Ready2Run held one trial in Elk Grove in 2003. The club planned to do a CPE trial June 2004, but the club voted to do a NADAC trial instead. Reasons varied (i.e. NADAC would bring in more income, some didn't want R2R to do CPE at all – 95% voted for NADAC trial). At the time, we decided to hold off on whether R2R would do any more CPE trials. A major consideration is the equipment differences.

R2R does not have CPE equipment available (i.e. slated A-Frame) if we chose to remain a CPE club, and mdt-AA does not own such equipment anymore. There has been some discussion as to whether CPE will make slats optional, which appears not to be the case. Another concern has been that when Quicksilver became a CPE club, CPE did not give R2R any indication that they were going to allow another CPE club in our area as per their rules set out by CPE. It probably

wouldn't not have made a difference to the decisions that R2R has made but Cherie and other officers have felt that CPE has not treated us respectfully. However, lots of R2R members do CPE and enjoy CPE and we support them in their efforts like we do any member who participates in multiple venues... but we started as a NADAC club, and it was the consensus among members that we should go back to our roots and do only NADAC trials (do one thing and do it well).

MOTION: (seconded and approved) to not renew CPE membership. A verbal vote was taken. It was the unanimous decision of the members present to not renew CPE membership. Joanna Ambroz abstained.

Motion that the club bylaws be changed to make R2R a NADAC only club was tabled because we want to amend Bylaws for other reasons. The board will bring all bylaws changes back to club to approve.

It was noted that the club made \$450 made from CPE tracker cards last year. Since we no longer will be a CPE club, it was suggested that somebody can take that on, continue to charge, and donate money to another cause. If someone wants template, and agrees to give money to charitable cause, they should talk to Cherie.

An alternate revenue-generating project might be a NADAC "Q" Tracker – Greg and a few others have made up a form. Jeff Lyons will mock-up one up to see if we think they might be something useful for club members that may want to purchase it.

Submitted: Lynn Saunders, Secretary
April 13, 2005