

VAST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2006

The VAST General meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. at Nunes Agility Field in Turlock following light refreshments and practice courses set up for the members to run their dogs.

In attendance were Nancy Tetrick, Mary Van Wormer, Maudeen Martin, Barbara Jones, Mackenzie Pester, Veronica Adrover, John Nunes, Carlene Chandler, Donna Sprouse, Rossean Hunter, Pam Ables, Betsie Corwin, Nancy Smith, and Debbie McVay.

The officers were introduced: Nancy Tetrick-President, Mary Van Wormer-Vice President, Maudeen Martin-Secretary, Barbara Jones-Treasurer, Mackenzie Pester-Membership, and Veronica Adrover-Historian.

Minutes were read.

- Motion to accept the April 27 and September 12 board minutes.
- Moved and seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Donna/Barbara

- Donna reported that the checking account signature cards have been changed to add Barbara Jones and Nancy Tetrick. (Barbara, Nancy, Donna, and Carlene are authorized to sign checks).
- Barbara asked for 30 days to review and reconcile the bank statements and become familiar with the checking account software before presenting a treasurer's report.

Membership Committee Report – Mackenzie

- Mackenzie will arrange to get the membership information from Joy O'Neil (past membership chairman) and will be prepared to give a report in 30 days.

Historian's Report – Veronica

- Veronica will take pictures of members and their dogs and will work on posting these pictures and a short history of VAST on the web site (www.govast.org)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

USDAA Trial – Sept 23-24 -- Mary VW & Carlene

- Mary Van Wormer thanked everyone for a great trial
- Carlene reported that the gross income was \$14,925, expenses were \$10,978.76, leaving a profit of \$3,946.24

CPE Trial – October 14-15 –

- According to the latest information from Jennifer Slater (Trial Chair) and Jeanne Nixon (Trial Secretary), the trial is on track and almost full.

NADAC Trial – November 4-5 – Mary Whatley

- We are waiting for NADAC to approve the trial premium and then will post it on the VAST web site. We will be signing the contract for NAF (field/equipment rental) for one ring today.

Publicity Report – Nancy Smith reported:

- As part of her duties, she strives to alert the community about agility opportunities, i.e., agility trials, training opportunities, etc. She does this through newspaper articles, radio interviews, and even television coverage of our trials. She asked if the members want to continue using posters to advertise our upcoming trials – the members in attendance expressed an interest in using the posters. Nancy also uses business cards (VAST) to give people agility information. She requested more cards and Veronica will design a template and submit it for use.

- Nancy also schedules demos at community functions when requested. In fact, several members recently participated in the demo at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Turlock. There were many children and adults in attendance and everyone oohed and aahed over the dogs.

Fundraising Committee – Mary Whatley

- Mary is also known as the “Raffle Lady” and has secured donations and purchased items for our agility trials. She talked about how it was becoming more difficult to obtain large/business donations since they receive so many requests from various organizations.
- Each trial has a raffle budget of \$150. A discussion followed that some trials may decide (at the discretion of their trial committees), not to have a raffle if it became too labor intensive.

UNFINISHED/CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Contact Jennifer Slater to see if she has any information about adding wheels to the A-Frame to make it more easily moved (this topic had been discussed at previous board meetings).

NEW BUSINESS

- First Item: There was some discussion about whether to retain the President-Elect name or go back to the Vice President designation for that elected position.
- Second Item: Next board meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and add their input. Nancy Tetrick will get the meeting date posted on the web site.
- Third Item: Carlene brought up a last minute item about whether the Feb USDAA trial should be a VAST trial or whether VAST would like to give this trial date to NAF to run. Carlene said an alternate course of action would be to negotiate a contract with NAF for a percentage of the profit instead of a fixed rental amount. She said that NAF was not making enough money to pay for the upkeep of the field and equipment and that instead of raising the rental fees for all the VAST trials, if the trial committee was free to negotiate a percentage of the Feb USDAA profits for NAF, then the rates for the Sept USDAA trial, both CPE trials, and the two NADAC trials would remain the same.
- Nancy Tetrick asked if this could be discussed and continued at the next meeting, but Carlene said that the sanctioning paperwork had to be submitted to USDAA (in fact it was already late). Nancy Smith asked for clarification and thought that a percentage was a possibility, but she'd like to recommend that the people involved in the negotiation should include one VAST member and one elected officer (the president) in addition to the trial chair/secretary. A brief discussion followed about trial chair's/secretary's power and their accountability to the club. A motion passed that the Feb USDAA trial would pay NAF a percentage of the profit to be negotiated by the trial chair/secretary—for the Feb USDAA trial this would be Carlene and Donna.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maudeen Martin
Recording Secretary