

VAST meeting 2/12/08: Meeting called to order @ 6 p.m. by Nancy Tetrick, President.

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes was made by Donna Sprouse, seconded by Nancy Tetrick.

Publicity & Demonstrations: Nancy Smith, Chair, not in attendance.

Nancy Tetrick stated that to her knowledge there were no definitive plans for the immediate future for demos.

Nancy Smith will keep us posted for any upcoming opportunities.

Trial Chair Reports:

Carlene Chandler, USDAA Trial Chair, spoke on behalf of the recent VAST USDAA trial was a success. The USDAA Profit & Loss report to date for that trial was reviewed and discussed. Final accounting and report was pending at the time of the meeting.

Mary Whatley spoke on behalf of the NADAC committee since no official representative was present. To her knowledge the dates and the judges were in place for the May NADAC trial.

Donna Sprouse, CPE Trial Secretary, spoke on behalf of the upcoming VAST CPE trial to be held on March 8/9, 2008. It was decided to postpone the closing date for entries until 2/25/08, to allow for more entries via advertising at the WAG CPE trial February 23/24.

CPE Fall trial dates are set for October 11/12, 2008.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Whatley, Treasurer, see attached report.

Discussion was had regarding filing of taxes which will be May 2008.

Historian: Veronica Adrover

Ideas to connect with more club members were discussed. Ideas included using e-list updates vs newsletters, and focusing on new member introductions to list a few.

Veronica Adrover inquired about obtaining a list of NAF student emails who are not currently VAST members.

It was felt that more outreach needed to be made to welcome new members and invite potential members. Veronica Adrover was nominated to revitalize the *govast elist*. In the end, revitalizing the *govast elist* was favored over the newsletter which most meeting attendees viewed as being too problematic.

Membership: Mackenzie Pester

Currently there are 30 VAST members. The current membership roster that Mackenzie presented was reviewed.

Discussion was held that all VAST members should encourage new VAST membership as well as encourage lapsed members to renew.

New business:

Donation to the Jim Basic/Mick Clean Run ad for \$40.00 was approved. It was noted that any excess monies collected for this ad will be forwarded to the Canine Cancer Research Fund.

John Nunes reported the rent for the storage building which also includes the parking lot and driveway access had been raised to \$300.00 a month. Since this was presented at the end of the meeting, it was decided to continue the discussion regarding the impact the increased rent had on VAST and to vote on the best course of action via email discussion.

Next General Meeting: "Club Social" on Monday, April 21, 2008 @ 6 p.m.

In attendance (alphabetic order):

Veronica Adrover
Carlene Chandler
Gailanne Molver
John Nunes
Mackenzie Pester
Donna Sprouse
Nancy Tetrick
Mary Van Wormer
Diane Vargas
Mary Whatley

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