

Minutes of VAST General Meeting 19 March 2007

Present: Nancy Tetrick (chair), Pam Ables, Carlene Chandler, Nell Davis, Barbara Jones, John Nunes, Mackenzie Pester, Ann Simmons, Jennifer Slater, Nancy Smith, Donna Sprouse, Mary Whatley

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Motion made to approve the minutes of the last meeting distributed by email (Nancy T moved/Donna seconded/passed unanimously).

Treasurer's report (Barbara):

- (1) Barbara will discuss with Holly Newman (Bay Team) the mechanics of setting up a PayPal account so that people can enter trials online.
- (2) Checking account balance is \$23,658.11. Barbara presented interim reports for last USDAA and CPE trials. Neither made much profit for the club; for this USDAA trial, NAF received 80% of the profits per the contract; CPE trial was smaller than usual. There was discussion of some of the costs (e.g., hospitality). Barbara will recheck. NADAC financial report from November has not been received.
- (3) Some money should be put in a Money Market account or CD. Motion made for Barbara to contact an accountant in Modesto for advice – Wendy Prather at Clendenin, Bird, and Co. – who did our taxes for 2004 and 2005 (Jennifer moved/Nancy T. seconded/ passed unanimously).
- (4) Barbara will check prices on Quickbooks to help with financial records (Mary: \$129 at Costco – maybe cheaper through the accountants?).
- (5) All 1099's have been sent (total of 11).
- (6) Insurance: If we get one rider to cover trials for the whole year, we pay only one fee instead of one per trial. No decision on who might be responsible for this.

Membership (Mackenzie): Membership year now coincides with calendar year.

NancyT.: Board members should also take office 1 January – elections still in August. Nancy will change the statement of current policies to reflect this.

Historian: Mary Phoenix will continue to keep up the website.

Demos (Nancy Smith): Demo planned for March 30 at elementary school in Turlock.

CPE trial follow-up (Jennifer): We need to work on ways of getting more participation as helpers, particularly from club members. Many of the committee members are getting burned out. Nancy T. will send out a club email, once we're sure the software is (at least mostly) fixed.

Future needs: Carlene: We need to set up an asset account for future purchases of permanent assets for VAST – maybe move \$13,000 to the Money Market or savings account, keeping \$10,000 in checking. Nancy T.: add to it a percentage (50%?) of the net profit of each trial so that all “flavors” of agility are contributors. Donna: Might not be enough – so at the end of each year move any excess checking. Mary: Money Market is better than CD, easier to transfer money quickly to checking.

Motion made: We should keep \$10,000 in our checking account, transfer the balance to a Money Market account at Washington Mutual in Modesto, add 50% of the net profit (if any) of every trial, and at the end of each year transfer any balance over \$10,000 to the Money Market account (Nancy T. moved/Barbara seconded/passed unanimously)

Policy for free entries, gift certificates: Nancy T.: Introduced email from Maudeen asking for no change in NADAC trials. Nancy asked for some consistency with regard to certificates. It was agreed to have \$50, \$25, and \$10 certificates – Mary has files for them. Carlene: People who work a full day (no dog) should get a \$50 certificate whether for VAST or some other certificate. All agreed. There was discussion of how to involve people in setup and teardown - \$25? Committee members – two dogs, two days free. Donna: There should be some discretion for trial chair. Carlene will make an outline of possible policy.

Clothing: Carlene suggested putting together an order once a year, say, rather than having a stock in hand. She will put together some examples for us to look at.

Meeting adjourned at 8.55 p.m. (Jennifer moved/Nancy S. seconded/passed unanimously).