Canadian Association of Rally Obedience
Annual General Meeting, May 11, 2013
Kelowna, BC

In attendance: Jeanne Shaw, Brian Smith, Bev Hurst, Anthea Young Miller, Judy Miller, Heather Lawson, Terri Martin, Lorraine Perron, Barb Joustra, Andy Palka,

Meeting opened by chair at 7:34

1. **Welcome Message by Chair**

2. **Minutes of last AGM**
   Motion to accept the minutes Jeanne/Brian
   Passed unanimously

3. **Treasurer's Report**
   Motion to accept the report Terri/Heather
   Questions responded to about the minutes
   We have GICs with Scotia Bank
   Fewer expenses this year re: data programming
   214 active members
   4188 dogs registered
   Passed unanimously

4. **Secretary's Report**
   Verbal Report by Jeanne regarding types of questions that arise; Bev clarified that she does the translations into French; executive minutes are posted on the website
   Secretary requested to send an email to membership regarding use of Forum or CARO facebook page (for posting CARO information); questions should go to forum.
   The outgoing email will include links to each of the various pages and when to use them; such as Questions to Forum (http://www.canadianrallyo.ca/mybb/); Official postings on FB group (https://www.facebook.com/pages/Canadian-Association-of-Rally-Obedience/217388045070396?fref=ts);

   Suggestion that the name of the FB group be changed to CARO—Canadian Association of RO

   Motion to accept: Judy/Heather
   Passed unanimously

5. **Trial Approver's Report (reported by Bev)**

   For 2012 there were approximately 4200 runs and 75 trials held and 650 titles Including several Masters Champions. So far in 2013 there have been 1800 runs and 30 trials held and 326 titles including 2 Masters Champions & Supreme Versatility Champions
   So far this year 53 trials approved
   Motion to accept: Judy/Lorraine
   Passed unanimously

6. **Web Report**

   Major changes: addition of RSS feed; restructuring of menu system—horizontal system now, not vertical; mobile friendly (some of the pages are not available on mobile); link on our links page to facebook page; paypal now available; if you have a problem with the website, contact Brian.
   Motion to accept: Jeanne/Barb
   Passed unanimously

7. **Rules Committee Report**

   Decisions around marker for spread jump; wording for training in the ring.
   Clarifications regarding 'dog in stationary position' in team events.
   Clarification of what is a senior dog
   Motion to accept: Brian/Lorraine
   Passed unanimously

8. **Nomination / Election for Treasurer**

   Brian was the only one nominated; seconded by Bev
   Acceptance of this nomination was moved by Lorraine/Barb
   Passed unanimously

9. **Old Business**

   a. Working Level /WPT
      Additional changes were suggested at the judges' seminar regarding the scent discrimination exercise. This will be reviewed by the board.

10. **New Business**

    a. Change to Bylaws, General Division, Section 1: Membership "the wording 'Membership renewals shall be sent out in January of each year' be changed to read ''Membership renewals shall be sent out in December of each year' and that 'Memberships not renewed before March 1st shall be considered delinquent and the names of those persons shall be removed from the membership list' be changed to read 'Memberships not renewed before January 31st shall be considered delinquent and the names of those persons shall be removed from the membership list'.

Move to accept change to the bylaws: Jeanne/Barb
Passed unanimously

b. Veteran Dogs
Suggestion to have veteran division on forms as well as extra time check box on the forms for dogs over 7 years old; Note on forms that concessions are available to accommodate physical difficulties of handler/dog
This will be looked into.

11. Location of future AGMs

Still under discussion

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Heather/Judy
Passed unanimously