2017 AGM—Pitt Meadows, British Columbia
May 6, 2017

1. Meeting opened at 6:30pm

2. Roll Call (and identification of voting members) and establishment of quorum
   In person – Sarah-Jane Petti, Jeanne Shaw, Lilian Cook, Lorraine Perron, Pat Hunt, Judy Miller, Anthea Young Miller and Dove Cresswell
   Via teleconference - Michelle Rand Shaw and Barb Burgess

   Quorum established

3. Chair's Opening Statement

   Welcome to everyone attending in person and the two people joining via the first ever AGM teleconference. I am so pleased to be back attending the AGM after taking last year off after the birth of my daughter.

   The past year could be best described as the year of technology. The hosting of our website along with the membership and results database was changed in order to facilitate faster communication and updates. This was a larger undertaking than expected. Along with this move, we experienced unrelated paypal issues. The good news is that this is all resolved, and the executive is moving forward with the new programmers to resolve the long standing logic problems with the generation of titles. The patience and understanding of our membership is greatly appreciated.

   You will notice that the website has been slowly updated, catching out of date information, adding missing information in both French and English, and the creation of gmail email addresses ending in @canadianrallyo.ca for all board of directors, executive members, and other volunteer roles such as webmaster.

   I'd like to welcome the new people that are working hard to keep CARO moving in a positive forward direction: Pat Hunt (Ont. Director), Natasha Mathews (prairie director), Sheila Gibbons (document management), Jennifer Oldfield (website); Alexandra Mcgowan (translations)

4. Review of 2016 minutes
   In room and posted on line

5. Acceptance of minutes
   Sarah Jane / Judy
   Passed by those in the room
   Lost connection with one member on teleconference therefore no quorum…waited for last member to arrive….reestablished connection on teleconference.
   Quorum returned….
   Motion carried

6. Reports
   a) Secretary--nothing to report

   b) Treasurer—report on members' section of the website, and copies in room
      Motion for acceptance—Sarah Jane / Jeanne
      Comments / Questions:

i. Why no secretarial expenses? Because no expense report submitted

ii. Why is dog registration expense not income? Because we pay for entering data into database and send out cards

iii. Why are bank charges so high? Because of paypal fees…these are offset by income on other side when we recoup what we are charged

Motion carried

c) Website--Reported by Sarah Jane--updated minutes on website, contact pages updated, French translations added, generally cleaned up. Website is not easy to update….will require large revamp at some point. If you see something that is old or needs condensing, send an email to the Sarah Jane and she will forward to Jen if appropriate.

d) Membership / Dog ID
Info not received

e) Trials
Info not received

f) Judges
Judge number 076 has been given out. 4 shadowing this weekend….1 exam in process; another in the works…..about 40 active judges across Canada

g) Rules Committee
No report from Debbie…working on updated MGH and also a few rules in process….no estimated time for completion….watch fb and news page
Handy for judges to have info sent directly to judges? Consensus from the meeting was 'yes handy for rule changes/clarifications to be sent directly to judges'

7. Old Business

a) More levels (brought forward from 2015)
Request for a level between novice and advanced
This is held up by database issues (logic issues)….this is being fixed (SJ gave examples)….until problems are fixed Bev has to do manual entries and corrections, cannot add more levels until database is fixed.
Are there other programs we could use out there? Yes, but the titling we have, etc would mean any program we use would need to be customized and our old data imported…..so our plan is to fix the issues we have, as that is likely easier.
Action: fix database

b) Can we send in electronic results?…not till database updated
Action: fix database

c) Appendices of forms…database
Action: fix database

d) Removal of SFE in advanced---change to rule as of July 1…..judge will walk by rather than touching....this action was taken by executive…..if someone wants additional changes/modifications, please send email to rules@canandianrallyo.ca or boardofdirectors@canadianrallyo.ca
Action item: Judy WILL send this out to judges

e) Length of time for trial approver to approve trials…..having an @canadianrallyo.ca address seems to have remedied the problem
Action item as before…..update trial app and webpage to state that if you haven't heard back in 48 hours, you should followup

f) Advanced Team when there is no bye dog… allowing the host to say that 'I will allow this person who does not have xyz title to be a bye dog' ….still pending with rules committee

Action: send reminder to rules committee

Motion to have all pending items from 2016 cleared up by the executive in order to clear out old business

Judy / Pat

Motion passes unanimously

g) Versatility Team

"*Each pair side / course must be designed so that one dog/handler pair has either a tunnel or weave to complete and the second pair either completes the obstacle a second time or completes either the Moving Side Step Left or a Fast station"*

Action: This needs to be reworded so that it is clearer for designing judges---will be dealt with in MGH update

h) Moving Side Step in Versatility

There is no Halt Side Step Right Halt for Versatility Excellent

Action: Need a sign and number for this new sign…will be dealt with in MGH update

Can the dog be rewarded dog with touch in higher levels?

Action: will be dealt with in MGH updates

Motion to have all pending items from 2016 cleared up by the executive in order to clear out old business

Judy / Pat

Motion passes unanimously

8. New Business.

a) AGM April 14/15 2018 in Regina….teleconference and hopefully video as well…hopefully at a time that is conducive to everyone across Canada to join in

Sarah Jane's goal that next year is the last time we have to fly people in for a for just a meeting. After this the AGM would be via teleconference etc. Proposal that there be one or two CARO 'trials' and clinics a year where judges can be flown in and help new judges who need to shadow. This use technology would save money because we wouldn't be flying in executive for just a meeting. Comments in the room of 'more fiscally responsible'

b) Pat Hunt—7 new moving signs to be added to the level at CARO's discretion.

Action: Pat has electronic versions and will send on to the executive

c) Proposal to have a veterans' level (shortened course).

Action: Pat will make a formal proposal

d) Anthea sent in note to the board that there are 2 links for distance signals

Action: take note of this in the update for working handbook and on the website

e) Anthea: request to have one link for all handbooks when website is update

Action: please send this info in and will be passed on to Jen, if appropriate

f) Handbook…..put appendixes by exercises themselves (eg. Info about moving down with the sign / explanation for moving down). This would require renumbering or pages OR can the appendices be designed so they could be put in where people?

Action: Will consider

g) Michelle Rand Shaw suggests a Platinum level –5 versatility C Qs…….also been talked about that Bronze/Silver/Gold in teams.

Action: requires database to be in working order

h) Michelle Rand Shaw: is versatility excellent C stream included in masters? Not clear in the MGH.

Motion that the wording of the masters champion and gold be amended to include versatility AND versatility excellent Michelle / Lorraine Passed unanimously

Action: Amend MGH

i) Motion that the certificates of achievement be amended to include a new certificate for CSVXCh (versatility excellent champion) which would be10 perfect scores in versatility Judy / Michelle seconded……would mean amending SVCH to be ONLY versatility
AMENDED TO 'and remove Versatility Excellent portion of the SVCH requirement. Sarah Jane / Lorraine Vote on amendment passes unanimously
Final motion reads: That the list of certificates of achievement be amended to include a new certificate which will be CSVXCh (versatility excellent champion) which would be for 10 perfect scores in versatility and that the versatility excellent portion be removed.
Motion passes

Action: exec will need to decide what to do with someone with SVCh title who has VX legs included in this title

Action: amend MGH

j) Brought up by Julia Schwartz
That an orange version of the start sign be designed for when the dog starts on the right
Judy/Lillian
Motion passes unanimously

Action: Sign be designed

9) Motion to adjourn
Sarah Jane / Judy
Motion passes unanimously

Meeting adjourns at 7:48