2018 AGM—Regina, Saskatchewan
April 15, 2018

Sarah Jane Petti, Barb Burgess, Jeanne Shaw, Jen Oldfield, Bonnie Mountenay, Natasha Matthews, Sheila Gibbons, Lorraine Perron, Judy Miller, Joyce Baker, Donna Lewis, Roberta McKenzie, Tanya Strom

Via Teleconference and video:
Michelle Rand Shaw, Julia Schwark, Joan Richards, Brenda Zeng

1. Meeting opened at 7:00pm

2. Roll Call (and identification of voting members)
   Quorum (1/2 exec + 6 voting members) was met….all executive present and 7 voting members

3. Chair's Opening Statement.
   Welcome to all those attending both in person and on the phone. The executive are grateful to KAOS Dogsports for all there work organizing the AGM.

   I would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Carry the Kettle First Nation, the Gordon First Nation, the Muskowpetung First Nation, the Piapot First Nation and the homeland of the Metis People.

   As I enter my 13th year as a member and as a judge, I am filled with gratitude for the rally community that has been built through CARO. With the increasing number of dog sports and organizations, I appreciate that we continue to have a thriving organization with engaged, talented and enthusiastic members and clubs.

   With the competition and recent release of the Master General Handbook, the executive looks forward next to a review and update of the Working rules and to a survey to get input from member on the next activities. I'm excited about the future possibilities of new titles, new exercises, new levels and apps. We will be looking for member input and contributions, so stay tuned.

   A big thanks to the executive, to the board of directors and also to Alexandra McGowan, our volunteer translator, to Debbie Dacosta, on the rules committee, and to Jennifer Oldfield who works on the website.

   So, welcome! Let's get this meeting going!

4. Review of 2017 minutes
   Minutes were available in the room and posted online

5. Acceptance of minutes
   Sarah Jane/Judy
   Passed unanimously (in room and via phone/video)
   No discussion

6. Reports
   a) Secretary –Jeanne
      No report
   b) Treasurer--Barb
      copy of financial statements available in the room and on the website

Sarah Jane/Lorraine motion to accept

Additional information from Barb:

--Revenue for 2017 lower than previous year…might be timing difference, but not major difference

--Agm for 2018 $2000 higher than 2017

--2018 higher for website because of the programming for the database, etc. and $860 for shipping administration items from Ontario to Calgary

No questions from those present or on phone or video.

Passed unanimously (in room and via phone/video)

Additional verbal report from Barb:

Financial situation looking forward

We have eliminated $500 a year storage from past year boxes (now stored in Barb's basement).

The administrative position now covers all the expenses of administration (issuing certificates, entering dog results, etc). This helps to define it as a contract position rather than an employee position and CARO is invoiced through Barb's corporation. This will reduce CARO certificate costs by 26% for postage, etc. In past years, there were more certificates printed than titles earned because of errors and reprintings needed. Now, each certificate is reviewed each time for name, dog name and address changes or errors. This means that we don't have to reprint as many certificates. In the last year, 18 were reprinted rather than the over 100 of previous years. Changes to the database have also reduced errors.

Questions regarding programming….

Why are some judges not showing up on the dB on the computer but ARE on the mobile site……response: programmers are investigating because everything appears to be set up correctly.

What is being used for programming….this may explain why the mobile site is correct.

Where is the programming being done? It is now done out of Calgary; it was a side business for someone in Nova Scotia and we had difficulty getting changes made. Natasha 'may' be interested in helping (she is a programmer by trade).

c) Website--Jenn

Jenn does her best to keep up and at present it is up to date at present it is up to date with what she has received. She constantly finding and removing old/irrelevant information. He goal is to always post news page information to the facebook page

d) Data Entry / Trials

2017--added 84 new members which is approximately the same as in past years

317 new dogs were registered

98 new dogs in first 3 months of 2018

2017--75 trials held

2018—to date 48 trials have been booked (not necessarily held yet)

f) Judges--Judy

Judge Number 81 has been issued. We have about 40 active judges

Last year: 4 people shadowed at AGM and 3 had completed their basic exam and another candidate from 2017 completed the written exam

This way of shadow judging is better than before (ie, shadow judges outside the ring with Judy)

g) Rules Committee—Debby

No report

The change to the station "halt call front while running" was a recommendation from the rules committee

Please email the rules committee with suggestions. At the executive level, we clean up language and clarify language but bigger rule changes/suggestions need to go to the rules committee.

6. Old Business
    a) Much was on 'hold' while the database issue was cleared up. We can now move forward with new ideas/titles/etc. A survey will be sent out to ask the membership what they want us to go forward with. For example, the request for level between Novice and Advanced—we are now in a position to start looking at this again
    b) Removal of Stand for Exam: This was changed July 1, 2017
    c) Length of time it takes the trial approver to approve trials. There are more tweaks necessary for this page and with the forms….if you don't hear anything from the trial approver…check in
    d) The issue about bye dogs not being available in team was addressed in most recent rules. If they have an individual title at next level up, they can be a bye dog. There has also been clarification of what exercises are needed for versatility team.
    e) The Moving Side Step Left in Versatility has been changed to Halt Side Step Left Halt when dog is on right, to keep it in line with the equivalent Novice exercise.

7. Old Business from LAST year (2017)
    a) There was a teleconference for last year and this year at the AGM

    b) Pat Hunt (ON director) suggested signs and the addition of a veteran's level. This can now be addressed if people want (please let us know—we will add it to the survey)
    Action item: Add Pat's suggested signs and idea of veteran's level to the member survey
    c) Anthea's concern that there were 2 links for distance signals has been resolved
    d) It was suggested that the appendices be added to the actual exercises where relevant—the executive chose not to do this with this rewrite of the MGH
    e) Versatility Excellent C stream was clarified for the Masters Champion and Gold
    f) Michelle Rand Shaw suggested a platinum level. This can now be considered be cause the database is fixed
    Action item: Add this idea to the member survey
    g) Julia Schwark suggested an Orange "Start" for versatility when starting on the right….this has been added along with an orange "Finish" sign

8. New Business
    a) AGM has not yet announced for next year. This is because we will have an in person AGM along with a sponsored trial in even number years, while odd number years there will be video and teleconference AGM. In those years (odd number), CARO will be sponsor 2 trials with a judges' clinic. CARO will pay for clinician fee (hotels, travel and shadow judging stipend, etc) and club will pay for judge itself. We believe that this will help create cross connections across the country

The club will choose the clinician with approval by executive. The clinician may also be the judge in ring or the shadow judge (ie, there may be two people or one person). This allows flexibility for the club in who they want to bring in and also allows the executive to make sure that the clinician/shadow judge is an appropriately experienced judge. It might be one person doing all 3 roles or may be 2 people. There were concerns expressed about what might happen if it is one person doing all 3 roles and these are acknowledged but the club can decide.

So next year (odd number—2019), there will be 2 CARO sponsored trials and teleconference/video AGM
The year after (even number—2020) will be fly out AGM (with teleconference/video for people who can't make it) and the regular 'AGM trial'

Question regarding the "rule" that judges must attend a clinic every 2 years –is this a rule, or a suggestion and how can it be a rule when travel is so expensive. Response: yesterday's seminar was videoed. The hope is that we can put this on YouTube. This was followed by a question about where there can be a

teleconference or some other tech support (FB live, google hangouts), especially with the 2 clinics and AGM. The Executive will discuss what else can be done to make judges clinics more accessible for judges across the country
Action Item: Add to the survey—how do judges want to receive information from judges clinics.

Attendance at judges seminars is not officially tracked. It is on an honour system. We could make it more formal if that is what judges want, but if the requirement is every 2 years, then maybe the requirement needs to be changed or needs to have some ability to 'watch' it through technology

Question from the teleconference: would judges seminar be available to members? Exec needs to make decision…but likely **Action item: Decision to be made**

Question from the floor: Could we consider a judges' fb group so that discussion can happen between judges more easily and across the country. We may need to poll judges separately as we don't want to exclude judges who don't look at fb…. there is technology out there that should be used……

Judy used to send out questions to judges and then cut and paste answers and send them out as well. This is good, but not 'interactive'.

Would be good to be able to post video as well and get comment.
Action item: Poll judges about what they want

b) Thank you to everyone for helping with election 51% of members voted and Judy is re elected as vice prese Thank you also to Debby for stepping forward

c) Items from the floor

a. Julia: regarding working level: one person can run different levels in different exercises-- 5 exercises as far as CARO payment. But what about if the person only wants to enter ONE exercise (ie, "I just need to get this rookie q). Is there a way of paying CARO for just one exercise? **Action item: Good point, how do we deal with this?**

b. Julia: regarding working level: Do we need more levels for those dogs who have completed expert in one exercises. Perhaps like a C stream so you can build the Qs in expert for an additional title or …individual exercise titles or?????????? **Action item: we will look into this.**

c. Clarifying back up 3 steps—3 human steps (dog and handler will back up a minimum of 3 steps—wording need to be clarified to "3 human steps and dog has to stay in heel position") **Action item: clarify wording in MGH**

d. Need clarity on performance of the broad jump. If the dog attempts it and ticks the plank, should be 5 faults (ie equivalent to knocking a bar) vs the NQ for walking plank— **Action item: change the wording in the deduction page to read that the -5 is knocking the bar and/or ticking broad jump plank.**

e. There will be a document on the website that gives all the changes (so handbook doesn't have to be continuously updated) **Action item: create document**

f. Can there be a way of documenting on the website the passes for working level for easier tracking by members? Perhaps put in the name of the station rather than station number so it can be sorted easily by handler. Suggestion WT1, WT8 rather than all the subsection number. Perhaps this can be done on the regular C stream Qs as well, because they too are difficult to track.
Action item: look into this

g. The requirement for a dog to be handled by immediate family. This was originally a requirement to prevent professionals from handling dogs…but this has never happened! People have multiple dogs and would like to team them…..can someone else run one of

the dogs?….**Action item: motion that the executive discuss the dog/owner requirement only for team levels Judy/Michelle Passed unanimously**

h. There is not always a bye dog at a small trial that meets the requirements as they stand. Can the person who is competing chose to have a bye dog from a lower level if nothing else is available? This would be the last available option. **Action item: this change will be made to the MGH by executive**

i. Can we just open up the 'handler' issue so that anyone can run someone else's dog? Can we make it inclusive? **Action item: The executive will look at opening this up past team (item g)**

j. Is there a possibility of a Judges class? So that a judge can run their own course if there is another judge available to judge them? **Action Item: Executive to consider this.**

9 Motion to Adjourn
Sarah Jane/Sheila passed unanimously at 8:43