

Dog Committee Meeting 1-26-07

Those present included:

Shelly Devoss	Sweetwater	Tamara Drake	Washakie
Kristy Warden	Sweetwater	John Devoss	Sweetwater
Debby Matlack	Natrona	Snadra Rodeck	Teton
Goellen Stratesky	Natrona	Chris Wheeler	Sweetwater
Peggy Symonds	Crook	Pam Flitner	Big Horn
Jessica Newberry	Carbon	Lori Keits	Fremont
Tracie Camp	Carbon	Carri Jo Calvert	Fremont
Rindy West	Campbell	Johnathan Despain	State 4-H Office

Meeting was called to order Carrie Calvert, and Johnathan Despain. Johnathan discussed several things including: there is a need to form a state committee that will be formed via an application process, there is a need for donations and leadership. He also discussed the positives of the program.

Minutes from the last meeting were distributed. As follows:

Vaccinations for dogs-OK

Dog Rule Book-Moving forward on this.

Rally Obedience-Will discuss this later.

Judges Clinic and Judges List-OK-Clinic for this past year fell through.

Obedience Rules-Note the way it reads now (see 3 and 6).

Resolutions and Recommendations-Johnathan asked for an idea of how everyone feels about concept of conformation. Everyone is in favor of having conformation.

Accordingly, the group felt comfortable in keeping conformation in the dog program.

There is a need for education. Discussion on judging. There is a need for written dog rules and policies and dog parameters. (Awards, recognition and groups). Educational component is a must.

Numbers from the WSF Dog Show past Three Years:

	Showmanship	Conformation	Obedience	Agility
2004	24	88	77	88
2005	?	90	64	108
2006	31	72	54	104

Johnathan has asked others about how they feel about the dog program, including Youth at YLC. They stated that Rally would be awesome. How does this committee feel?

Rally:

Equipment issues-rules-what does it mean to the whole program? Sweetwater county did Rally-Ribbon only class in 2006. It worked and cost approximately \$250.

Questions were raised on how to qualify. Johnathan stated that we need to be clear about what that means for the program. With costs, etc. Discussion on developing Rally with certain components. Johnathan explained what Rally is. It is a cross between agility and obedience. It is similar to programmed ride in horse. Johnathan got a consensus that all at this meeting were in favor of rally of some form. Carrie suggested that due to time limitations at State Fair there could be a possibility of replacing first year obedience with Novice Rally Obedience.

Discussion ensued on if Rally should be allowed beyond Novice Rally Obedience. There was a suggestion about there being too many variables for doing Rally. Another suggestion was to do first year Rally youth completely then do On Leash A, Rally, etc. for exhibition only. Do regular dog obedience classes.

Johnathan will get out applications for committee/job descriptions by the first week of February. This spring discussion will take place with the new committee.

The Wyoming State 4-H Dog Agility Guidelines:

Note additions in this section from last year. Note change: No Dogs Under One Year of Age by May 1st, may....

There is a need for all counties to be on the same page.

Changes:

The wording on course familiarization will be as follows:

Chris Wheeler-M/S/A Obstacle walk thru for handler and dog will be held on Levels I, II and III will be held before completing with one obstacle contact.

Level 4-Add qualifying score of 175.

M/S/A –Dog Handler will be disqualified for jumping over obstacles with dogs on levels 2-6.

M/S/A – Dog Walks- Level I and II the dog walk and A Frames must be 1/s of the standard level of what they are for 3-6.

M/S/A –Dog Walk height for Levels I and II will be 2 ft. The A Frame height will be between 2.5 ft. and 2'10". The Dog Walk height for Levels III-VI will be 4 ft. The A Frame height will be within 1" of 5'6".

M/S/A – To retain current Rule #2 and not change it. RE: Obedience before Agility.

M/S/A- First year obedience will be deleted from the program.

M/S/A – Add Rally Novice A and B to Wyoming State Fair Dog Show.

M/S/A- Rally A is for youth who have never participated in obedience before. Rally B is for youth who have participated in obedience before at any level.

Next meeting Spring of 2007.

Meeting adjourned

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