

# **State 4-H Dog Development Committee Meeting**

**Casper, WY**

**October 3, 2009**

## **Agenda**

1. Review State Fair
  - a. Educational Activities/Workshops
  - b. Date and location
2. How did changes we make have effect?
3. Dog Quiz Bowl- report
4. Where are we on the guide line books- ID form
5. New items and concerns
6. Address the parking lot concerns from last meeting
7. Judge's Training- State Team

Chair Geoellen Stretesky called the meeting to order 9:12 am.

Introductions: Vicki Smith, Geoellen Stretesky, Carrie Jo Calvert , Johnathan Despain.

## **Review State Fair**

**Agility:** Suggested having two collapsible folders each for scores, i.e 200 slot, 199-197 slot, 196-193 slot, etc. This would allow quick placing after looking at time. This also would allow placings for one height and while runs for next height occur.

Jump Height Cards- Reminder of what is the purpose of the card? Causing issues with entries, time, at State Show. Remind educators done by May 1<sup>st</sup> and dog must be 1 year old as of that date. Do not check at state fair but youth should have in hand in case of need of controversy. Suggest youth keep with vet, shot, and other personal records they bring to shows.

Vicki moved to have jump height changed for levels 2-6: eliminate "Over 22 inches" and change 16-22 inches to Over 16 inches. She noted it's a dog safety issue. Carrie Jo noted that historically we have been using AKC Novice Standards in the past. AKC has evolved and created a "preferred" category and kept the "standard" category. 4-H has evolved as well to existing ones. It was agreed to change the following:

Level 1- Pause Table height is 8 inches for all dog heights.

Level 2- Become Level 2 &3 and change the Jump Height and Broad Jump Width for dogs Over 22 inches to be same as dogs 16-22 inches.

Level 3- Become Levels 4, 5, &6; change the Jump Height, Broad Jump Width, and Pause Table Height for dogs Over 22 inches to be same as dogs 16-22 inches.

Unanimous decision to remove see-saw obstacle from agility. It was noted that NADAC has already removed it and indications are that AKC is moving that direction. Also be safer for dogs and less equipment for counties to purchase.

Updated Score Sheets and Dog Agility handouts. Vicki again noted her disagreement with Level 4 disqualifying run instead of being a Major Fault for knocking off a bar and shared that it is a demotivation for youth. Geoellen noted we can look at the numbers after another year to determine if change is warranted.

Moved to ask State program to purchase Clean Run software for use. Suggested that state purchase and provide each county with plastic template and Clean Run Course Sourcebook #1 by Annie Pyle of 300+ courses and consider awards of subscription of magazine for agility award winners.

Suggested using form from Minnesota 4-H in counties. Superintendents use and send to judges requesting rally and agility courses information prior to fairs and shows.

**Check-In:** Suggested that notes indicate all youth must “register” by picking up armbands between set times and check their classes. Suggested to have armband table and separate “problems” table for calling educators on any additions/deletions of entries. Should be manned by 2-3 people with cell phones and change of entry forms.

**Facilities:** New arenas are too small for agility. Indoor won’t work if the horses are present in barn and show occurring at the same time. Check to keep horses out of arena next to dog show arenas.

**Opportunities:** Discussion on educational workshops for 30 min each over 4 topics at a “booth” at the state dog show. Pre-vet students possibly could do things on first aid, transferable diseases to humans, proper grooming and washing, etc. as topics taught twice during the show. Group thought it was positive idea on and Carrie Jo will help in coming up with presenters.

Johnathan shared desire to have a state training team provide opportunities for teens and volunteers. Delivery methods could be face-to-face, Adobe Connect, or video blurbs. Carrie Jo suggested sending team out with video to capture footage for any topics taught use the footage for creating specific pieces. Dog Show mechanics, proper equipment and safety, Start-to-Show, “qualifying”, etc. They suggested pursuing this from by the State Office.

**Rally:** Need to purchase another set of jumps.

## **Obedience**

Carrie Jo will help us fix the score sheets for agility score sheets. The issue was raised about soiling in rings isn’t consistent as a rule. Group decided that to be consistent at the state level, soiling in the ring is a disqualification.

It was suggested that all score sheets be printed with NCR paper so youth get a copy of score sheets to take with them and show can keep a copy.

## **Showmanship**

Score sheets will be used to help youth grow. It will take a few extra minutes but the educational value will be worth the effort.

## **Dog ID Form**

Discussion about experiences with dogs. It was suggested to redo the form using Natrona's old form as a guide. They reiterated the value of identifying the animal for scores, advancement, etc. Ownership should be identified, columns on the back and agility jump height.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

<b><i>Action Items:</i></b>
Show- Two, labeled, collapsible folders in Agility Box.
Show- Johnathan remind educators about permanent jump cards and process.
Handout- Remove See-Saw from Agility Levels handout and any where else listed in publications.
Fairbook- add line to Agility about single entry per level per dog similar to listed under obedience.
Software- State purchase Clean Run software.
Counties- provide course book and drawing template to each county.
Counties- provide to counties copy of Minnesota 4-H judges course request form.
Show- Rally needs a set of obedience jumps.
Show- Need for an additional rings (wood)
Show- Score sheets printed using NCR paper for duplicates.
SF- Hole cut in pipe fence so access from "hill" to show rings.