

State 4-H Dog Development Committee Meeting

Buffalo, WY

January 17, 2010

Agenda

1. Minutes
2. Old Business
3. New Items

Chair Geoellen Stretesky called the meeting to order 7:30 pm:

Introductions: Geoellen Stretesky, Terry Stretesky, Jessica Flanagan, Carrie Jo Calvert, Johnathan Despain.

Old Business

Review of minutes and requested changes. Johnathan double checked the committee's desires. All were corrected and will be posted to the web and emailed to all 4-H Dog volunteers via the 4-H software. Geoellen shared a fax from Vicki Smith regarding changes to scoring in Levels 4-6. The minutes from the October meeting indicated the decision to wait until after this year's state show to determine how many are being affected at the State Show.

Johnathan noted Clean Run software will be purchased, counties will be receiving agility resources mentioned in the minutes and score sheets will be available with NCR duplicates, per the last committee meeting.

Carrie Jo will fix the obedience score sheets. Discussion was had about the difference between our Novice and Graduate Novice categories. Suggestions mentioned were adding a figure 8 off leash or a recall over a panel jump to distinguish them. It was decided that Graduate Novice will change "heel free" to "heel free then Figure 8", replace "Drop on Call" with "Recall over Panel Jump". Score sheets for Graduate Novice need to reflect that for the Long Sit and Down the "handler needs to be out of site".

New Business

It was noted that AKC has changed 10 of their signs for Non-Regular Rally. Since 4-H doesn't offer non-regular rally, it was agreed to change the 3 signs for regular that 4-H supports. The changes will be fixed by Johnathan online for signs 27, 34, 48A and communicate with John Iske, the Superintendent of Rally at the State Show.

Johnathan reiterated the check-in process and it was consistent with others recollection of having separate tables (one for check-in with designated times and one for changes/help).

Johnathan noted concerns about current ownership versus training issues. Lively discussion occurred around need for changes to the current Dog I.D. Carrie Jo noted the wording around “sole training” to reflect intent. Geoellen shared the Natrona County form for discussion. Changes were suggested to be made and Johnathan will get the form out to all counties ASAP. New ID form created and suggested to be used during the 2010 4-H year and they can remain on file for multiple years. It was noted this will reduce paperwork in future and allow more youth to participate.

Johnathan was asked to clarify organizational structure and eligibility of the State 4-H Dog Show.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Action Items:
SF- Clean run ribbons need to be given out in agility.
SF- See if SF has a portable sound system that could be used on the road focused on the youth and parents and away from the show rings.
SF- Hole cut in pipe fence so access from “hill” to show rings.
SF- Big fan available for moving of air under a “cool” tent
SF- Judge’s packet have to be sent to each judge with a 4-H explanation, maps, OUR rules, score sheets,