



UPCOMING EVENTS

AGILITY TRIAL-Nov. 27-29

Independent Specialty- Dec 3

DEC.20 2020 WC/WCX



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OCTOBER MEETING

Watch your e-mail for instructions on how to access a club meeting which will be held this week.

Happy Howl-a Ween



Trophies and Statistics

It is time to start collecting your statistics and sending them on to Shari Degan. Forms for plaques and trophies are on the club website. Deadline is November 15.

Shari's address is 2801 Saddlebred Trail, Celina TX 75009.

Trophies need to be returned to Dawn Morrill (972 896 8222)

They may be taken to the agility trial.

All Breed Eye Clinic Monday, November 23rd
Lazy Paw's Kennel in Canton Texas

The Clinic will begin at 9:00 am. Owners are requested to arrive 30 minutes prior to your appointment to receive eye dilation. Please bring a mask to wear indoors.

Only those getting tested will be allowed in the building so please bring a lawn chair for your 30-minute wait. Once we receive your sign-up form and check, a confirmation email with directions will be sent. Canton is located 1 hour east of Dallas and 45 minutes west of Tyler.

Bring a copy of your dog's registration form to fill out the OFA information!

A bathroom is available for use.

Please arrive on time. Appointments are scheduled 5 minutes apart, so we want the schedule to stay on track. Volunteers are needed. If you can help this day run smoother, please contact Shari Curran.

Dr. Terri Baldwin is a Board-Certified Ophthalmologist.

To sign up please complete the enclosed form and mail a **\$35 check** to:

Dr. Baldwin c/o Shari Curran
PO Box 699, Canton, Texas 75103

Cut off with be November 7th or when all spots fill!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Phone #: _____

Number of Dogs to be Evaluated: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Breed: _____

Volunteers are needed. Contact Shari if you can help.

2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are to be payable on the 1st day of January of each year.

\$ 20.00 Individual

\$ 25.00 Family

Please make checks Payable to: DFWMGRC

Mail to:

Kathy Felix

5717 Trails Edge Court

Arlington, TX 76017

The Nominating Committee has completed the task of securing capable candidates to fill the following Open positions for 2021-2022. They are as follows:

President - Lesley Pettengill

Treasurer - Donna Gullede

Board Member - Kris Evans

Additional Nominations may be made during the November Membership meeting by any Voting Member of the Club.

Voting will be as usual during the January Membership meeting.

Kathy Felix

Corresponding Secretary 2020-2021

All Breed Agility Trial

November 27-29

Myers Park & Event Center

7117 County Road 166

McKinney, TX

Judges:

Michael H. The

Christie Bowers

Premium and Entry Forms Available at: ntxagility.com

Opens September 30th

Closes November 11th

Independent Specialty

December 3rd

(Followed by 3 days of All Breed Shows, December 4th-6th)

Dallas Market Hall

2200 Stemmons Freeway

Dallas, TX

Specialty Judge: Mrs. Carla Rasmussen-Johnson

Sweeps Judge: Ms. Ann Greenbank

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Superintendent for these shows is:

MB-F, Inc.

DFWMGRC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2020

The membership meeting was by a teleconference call arranged by Shari Degan. Lesley called the meeting to order at 7:04. In attendance were Sherri Farmer, Kathy and George Felix, Michael Ball, Jon Boede, David and Barbara Brown, Ann Burke, Patti Caldwell, Debbie Clark, Nancy Crowley, Anna Curry, Shari Degan, Nancy DuBois, Kris and Dave Evans, Donna Gullledge, Pat Ingram, Kendra Johnson, Marilyn Jones, Janie Jury, Linda Miller, Lesley Pettengill, Rita Robins, Kristin Quigley, Carol Sandusky, Donna Todd, Lynda Williams, and Susan Maurer.

Lesley stated we had a quorum and that we would have more meetings like this one until we had reasonable access to meeting places. She laid the ground rules for this meeting and said we would have another membership meeting October 21st. That will be the Club's 6th meeting, so there will be no change in meeting attendance requirements.

She explained that the board (except Treasurer, Carol Sandusky) had agreed to continue one extra year, due to covid restrictions, **IF** members wanted them to. Or we could just hold the regular election as usual. Sherri Farmer saw no reason for anyone to stay longer than elected for, and thought it would call for a revision of the bylaws. It was decided to follow the normal procedure and have the board election on time and as usual.

Lesley explained that we will not have a Christmas party this year because of covid, CDC restrictions made it prohibitive to hold a CCA in 2020, and that we can't find a banquet room for the Club's Awards Banquet. She said she could, however, arrange to get a Cinemark auditorium for our Club's use and we could have an Awards Ceremony, similar to the Academy Awards, instead of the banquet. She said she wasn't sure yet about serving food. She said Club members could wear formal attire to make it really special. She then asked the membership if they would be interested in doing something like this and there was not much response. Two members indicated they would not be able to attend as January is a busy time for them. Patti Caldwell thought maybe it was the "formal attire" that discouraged everyone. Lesley indicated it was just a suggestion. No decision was made.

Then Lesley mentioned the "Friends of DFWMGRC" Facebook page. People we don't know are abusing it and making posts about their litters in a roundabout way. The Board agreed at their September meeting to have this page available only to members of DFWMGRC and members of other GRCA Clubs. Shari Degan removed the people who shouldn't be there.

Lesley called for committee reports:

Treasurer's Report: Carol explained profit and loss statement of our cancelled 2020 March Specialty. Barbara Brown reminded the Club that if we had reimbursed entry fees, it would have cost \$1300 on top of all our other expenses, so the Board decided to just reduce entry fees for the 2021 March Specialty and maybe do something extra like another pizza party. We followed FWKC's guideline in determining our reduced fee by using the same percentage of reduction as they did. DFWMGRC will charge \$21 for every entry (obedience and rally included). FWKC will be charging \$25 for every entry.

Agility Report: Shari Degan said DenTex gave us their agility date this year, for this year only, so DFWMGRC will have a trial on their date which is Thanksgiving weekend, (in addition to our regular trial). We will use their equipment and Shari got a football team for the ring crew.

December Specialty: Jon Boede is Chair. David Brown reported that everything is ready to go, but there will be no hospitality and no food allowed on the floor this year. The upstairs concession WILL be open each day, including Thursday. Barbara reminded the Club to enter early since entries are limited this year to 2400 per day. Entries open on Tuesday, October 27th at 11:00 a.m. and MB-F is the new superintendent. Premium List will be at Infodog.com.

March Specialty: Patti Caldwell is Chair. She reported that the 2021 March Specialty is basically a rollover of what the 2020 March Specialty was supposed to have been, and David has made necessary changes to AKC paperwork. Ted Eubanks, from Dallas, is our judge and is not charging a fee. Kemah Plusk is sweepstakes judge, Patti is ring steward and Dick will be handing out armbands. Kathy Felix, Ann Burke and Linda Miller will be doing hospitality and Kathy Felix is raffle chair. We will be using trophies that were intended for last year, and Patti said they are REALLY nice.

WC/WCX: Donna Todd reported that birds have been ordered. The date is December 20th at Frick's property and volunteers will be needed.

Nominating Committee: Carol Sandusky reported she has a committee which includes, Donna Gullledge, Nancy Crowley and Susan Maurer.

Obedience: Terry Thornton was absent. Sherri Farmer said we will have obedience and an all-breed rally with the March Specialty.

Trophy Committee: Shari Degan asked that members start submitting information for trophies they are applying for.

Lesley opened the floor for discussion.

There was a lot of discussion about the bylaws concerning board elections and about distancing at an awards ceremony. Pat Ingram asked about getting trophies back to Club. Shari Degan said they could be brought to Agility Trial in November. Dawn said she would come to the trial to pick them up.

New Business:

Linda Miller asked for the Club to consider contributing to the Southern Handler's Charity League and to Lone Star Dog Obedience Club. Lesley said she had researched Southern Handler's Charity League and didn't think money going to them or Lone Star Dog Obedience Club was in keeping with the intent of our bylaws concerning donations. It was decided that the request be turned over to our Fundraising/Distribution Committee (Shari Degan and Kris Evans). Then the report would be presented to the Board and then to the membership for a vote.

Sherri Farmer brought up having a CCA. It was denied for 2020 due to covid restrictions and keeping in compliance with CDC guidelines and governmental restrictions. Kathy Felix also explained that in May, when it was first mentioned, the Board was concerned about the virus hindering attendance. Lesley asked Sherri to present it to the Board and the Board will discuss it for a possible event in 2021.

Sherri Farmer asked if we were going to have to wait until covid was gone before we could have one. She mentioned that now AKC is having dog shows and they have found a way to do it safely and asked if the Club could do the same thing with a CCA. She said it required no more contact than a dog show. Shari Degan suggested to her to check with GRCA to see if they are allowing them right now. She said, as far as she knew, there had not been any CCA events anywhere during the pandemic. Anna Curry said we could even have it outside. Lesley and Carol both said to send a presentation to the Board and the Board will look at it.

Michael Ball offered support for doing a Zoom meeting next time. Lesley took him up on his offer and appointed him IT Liaison to the Board. Lesley mentioned that October 21st was our next scheduled membership meeting, and both agreed they needed to do a "test run" before that date. Sherri Farmer mentioned that the GRCA Annual Meeting was the 21st, so that date might not be a good one. And Michael said the 22nd was not good for him.

Marilyn Jones mentioned another option that she was familiar with, Google Meet.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Did so at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brown, Recording Secretary

DFWMGRC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 8, 2020

The Board met via teleconference, set up by Shari Degan, at 6:15 p.m., just prior to our general membership meeting. Lesley Pettengill, Shari Degan, Carol Sandusky, Kathy Felix, Kris Evans, Nancy DuBois, and Barbara Brown were present.

Kathy Felix asked that the individual names of the board members be added to the September 23rd Board Minutes.

Lesley pointed out that since the October 21st meeting will be the 6th required meeting by the Bylaws to receive a trophy, we will not waive the meeting requirements in order to qualify for a trophy.

Lesley told Kathy her preference regarding membership applications was to return applications, with check, until applicants could actually attend a meeting in person. She said we need to meet them and get to know them before they are voted on. She suggested that Kathy contact those applicants when we do have a personal meeting to invite them to attend.

Lesley mentioned the Board's agreement to serve an additional year, or we can hold elections as usual. Will ask membership.

Linda Miller had asked Lesley for our Club to make a donation to Lone Star Obedience Group and to Southern Handlers Charity League. Lesley said she would respond to that at the meeting.

Carol gave a detailed Profit & Loss report on our 2020 March Specialty that was cancelled.

Carol, Nominating Committee Chair, said there will be a Nominating Committee meeting Monday. Members, beside Carol, are Donna Gullledge, Nancy Crowley, and Susan Maurer.

Lesley said she would ask the membership if they would be interested in an awards ceremony instead of the customary banquet. She said she could get a Cinemark auditorium for our use and do a presentation similar to the academy awards. Shari had said there was no way to get a banquet room because of the covid rules.

Lesley said she would do a roll call at the teleconference membership meeting and then explain the process to everyone before the meeting starts.

Shari Degan would remind the members of the agility trial over Thanksgiving weekend and the regular trial in February. Also, the WC/WCX is December 20th. Shari also said she would pick members for the Trophy Committee who were not receiving a trophy so that the recipients of the trophies would not know until the presentation. She said she would also try to select members for the committee who have a hard time attending meetings.

Lesley said the subject of holding a CCA would probably come up at the meeting, but there was no discussion by the board at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brown, Recording Secretary

The Board has reviewed a Club member request to donate \$500 to the Lone Star Obedience Club and \$500 to the Southern Handlers Charity League.

Upon consideration of the request, the Board turned to the Bylaws for guidance and direction.

Art 1, Section 3 states in part "no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations or income to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual. The Club does not exist to promote the commercial interests of its members."

The Board understands that several Club members also maintain membership with the Lone Star Obedience Club. The Board believes donating to Lone Star would create a conflict of interest and give an improper impression to other local breed clubs. Never in the history of the DFWMGRC has the Club donated money to another breed / obedience club. Case in point, when the Bluebonnet Obedience Club was failing, not one club donated funds to resurrect it. It should also be noted that no club has ever donated money to DFWMGRC.

Lone Star will be hosting a Fast Cat event in 2020 so the Board is perplexed as to why donating Club funds to this organization is even warranted or necessary.

Along those same lines, research of the Southern Handlers Charity League, originally incorporated in Louisiana 2005, was previously known as the Bayou Kennel Club of Louisiana - a breed club. This organization is currently not in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State. Further, with the name of the organization changed, the group is mainly comprised of professional dog show handlers whose main objective is to get dog shows back up and running. While the Board applauds such seemingly noble intentions, one would be naive to think so as it is also a collective of individuals with a self-serving objective given the income of professional handlers have been severely curtailed by Covid.

And finally we arrive at the section of the Bylaws concerning distribution of Club funds.

Miscellaneous or General Standing Rules. Section 2 "distribution of Club funds as donations in support of non-profit entities which promote societal use and recognition of dogs and which further canine health. Examples include, but are not limited to, The Golden Retriever Foundation and/or similar organizations, service dog organizations, and rescue groups. The Board will consider recommendations from the Fundraising & Distribution Committee of an annual amount not to exceed 20% of the prior year's Club net income for distributions to such organizations."

The true spirit and intent of donating Club funds is to further the improvement and life of dogs, with specific attention to Golden Retrievers. The Board does not believe either organization serves specifically for the benefit of dogs.

Moreover, the Club is prohibited from distributing any type of donation as the 2019 Club net income operated at a LOSS of \$4,334.30. As such, the Club is prohibited from considering any donation.

Based on the above, the Board has unanimously agreed to reject the Club member's request to donate Club funds to both the Lone Star Obedience Club and the Southern Handlers Charity League. Submitting a vote to the membership is unnecessary as the request does not meet the requirements as set forth in the Club Bylaws.

Art IV, Section 1 "General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board."

In an effort to create goodwill and a positive relationship with other clubs, the Board would welcome and invite the Lone Star Obedience Club or the Southern Handlers Charity League to work a DFWMGRC Club sponsored event, such as our upcoming agility trial, for monetary compensation. Certainly this would be a win-win for both parties.

On behalf of the DFWMGRC Board,

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Lesley Pettengill, President