



MINUTES OF CNASA MEETING September 27, 2015

Meeting chaired by Shawna Wiebe was called to order on September 27, 2015 at 4:30 pm Central (6:30 pm Atlantic).

Online attendance by Shawna Wiebe, Shannon Coles, Angela Slauenwhite and Lee Anne Kelly.

Missing: Rhonda Shewchuk, Melissa O'Reilly, Caroline Carrier and Carly Smith

Minutes: Draft June 2015 minutes had been emailed to Board members for review prior to this meeting. Angela motioned the June 2015 Minutes be accepted as is, Shannon seconded the motion; all in favor. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report (Lee Anne):

I met with Nicholas a couple of weeks ago to get an idea of what we want for a web site, it took a little while but the domain was transferred over so he now has access to that and will soon have a draft site for us to review. He is going to build it so it's compatible for tablets and phones. It uses Word Press for modifying content, which is super easy. I asked him to basically go with information on the old site and we can start with that for modifications, edits, etc. Fresh, but not losing information members are familiar with. There will be one "check out" feature no matter if doing a new member application or a renewal. He's going to try to make it easier to navigate without having to drill into multiple layers. He showed me the basics of Word Press and it's very similar to using MS Word. We can have individual passwords for accessing the member area instead of single one shared by all. Aside from that, no new correspondence received by me except a CKC statement which I scanned and forwarded to Melissa.

Treasurer's Report: No report has been made available. Payments for memberships and newsletter ads need to be confirmed.

Old Business:

PayPal: The account is now accessible by Shawna. Angela is going to see about learning the various feature available on PayPal and if can be utilized more for transactions.

Puppy Pkg: Shawna would like to get this completed soon so it can be distributed to the Membership. Sharing files via email is the best method, with a goal of having information submitted over the next couple of weeks and a distribution date of November 1st. Shawna will re-send the list of articles to the BOD; it was also suggested to ask for member input as a way to get people involved with the club.

Nationals: PEI and NS do not seem like ideal locations for 2016. The Halifax Kennel Club has to find a new venue so plans cannot be made until perhaps 2017. Shannon suggested Manitoba may be the best option, but also looking ahead to 2017. Manitoba Canine Association (MCA) holds the second largest outdoor show in Canada, with many Specialties taking place. The goal is to plan a Regional at MCA in 2016, and then a Nationals for 2017. Potential location will not be announced until details are firmed up. Fundraising needs to start to help cover the cost of ribbons and prizes. Ideas are 50/50 draws at all-breed shows, using Mom's Pantry, silent auctions and rubber ducky throws.

Being able to cost share a judge with an all-breed club is of benefit, but a breeder judge would be more desirable to hire. Lee Anne will search the archives and compile a list of possible judges for consideration. She will also ask the Membership for suggestions.

PayPal might be able to be used for Nations instead of setting up a bank account. Shannon advised Rhonda was once a chairperson for Nationals and should be contacted so she can advise of what and how to do things.

Bank Account A second person should be added to the bank account; the President and Treasurer are normally the choices for signing authority. Information needs to be verified with the bank to see who is currently named on the account.

Communication General discussion took place on how timely responses are important for Club business to move forward. Delays typically happen due to logistics and the various time zones, and it's important all Board members keep on top of messages and respond as soon as possible. We all have busy lifestyles and if any one of us ever feels overwhelmed or needing help, please don't hesitate to send a message out. We all work together for the benefit of the club.

Directors: The need for new Directors was posted in the Newsletter and another notice can be posted on the facebook page. According to the by-laws the Board can appoint someone to the position until the regular term ends. Ontario membership will be reviewed and selected member will be asked to consider the position.

Shawna moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lee Anne. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm Central (8:45 pm Atlantic).