



HOUSTON DACHSHUND CLUB

Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 8:10PM by President Nancy Colson

Members attending: Nancy Colson, Karen Murray, Joyce Young, Patricia Mims.

Guests attending: Mark & Melissa Sworab, Thelma Garcia

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report:

No correspondence received since last meeting.

The membership listing has been reported to the AKC for 2011 in the electronic format the requested.

The Tax Return for 2010 has been filed electronically and instructions for these annual filings have been sent to President Nancy Colson and Treasurer Karen Murray to be included in the Treasurer's binder recently prepared by Janice Finney.

Treasurer's Report:

Given by Karen Murray – bank balance is \$****.** CD's are located at Chase Bank. Books were audited by Patricia Mims and Karen Murray prior to this meeting and everything was found in order. The Treasurer's records have been officially passed to the new Treasurer and new signatory cards will be taken care of shortly. Also Karen will take the necessary steps to get the address corrected on the Chase Bank CD's so that mailings are coming to her.

Old Business:

Show Committee – March 18, 2011 Show

Janice was unable to attend due to a business conflict. She sent the following email report:

“Trish, I won't be able to come to the meeting. I have a dinner meeting that night. The only thing that I can tell you is that I will bring the judges gifts, trophies, certificates that you mailed, judges are driving in, credit card was called in for judges hotel room, inside and outside stewards confirmed, judges confirmed. You or Karen have the other trophies and set up. I will get water, drinks, and handwipes/towels for judge. “

Challenge Trophy Certs have been prepared by Trish Mims and Janice has them.

There was a potential issue with the Judge whose husband was hospitalized. We received notice from her late the day of the meeting that her husband is out of the hospital and she will be able to fulfill her assignment.

Audit Committee: (Janice Finney, Patricia Mims and Kellye Slatton)

Janice Finney and Kellye Slatton were not in attendance. A brief audit of the books was undertaken by Patricia Mims and Karen Murray, incoming Treasurer. Everything was found to be in order and the Club Books were officially handed over the Karen as incoming Treasurer.

Field Trial Committee: (Ken Hagmueller, Nancy Colson, Trish Mims, Kellye Slatton and Gloria LaTour)

Nancy Colson will request Gloria LaTour to contact the Kirbyville grounds owner and confirm our dates of October 2011 so planning to begin on that event.

Club Documentation Committee: Janice Finney, Chair

The binders prepared by Janice and delivered at the January 2011 meeting were passed on to Patricia Mims for review. Karen Murray will also give the documents a brief review and they will be delivered to the individuals holding the various offices for use.

Club Communications:

Ken Hagmueller suggested at the last meeting we set up a yahoo group for membership communication and possibly a Facebook page

to post club events and make our information more public. Members in attendance agreed that these ideas would make communication among membership easier. President Nancy Colson instructed Secretary Patricia Mims to get these two things set up.

Trophy Chairman:

President Nancy Colson contacted Gloria LaTour to see if she wished to remain as Trophy Chairman. She did not and Nancy asked Trish Mims to take over the responsibility. All trophies and ring equipment were delivered to Trish at this meeting. She will see that the items are cleaned and ready for display at the upcoming show.

New Business:

Earthdog Equipment: Recommendation to the club from Patricia Mims - Tejas Earthdog Club has disbanded. I have contacted them regarding the potential purchase of all their tunnel liners and trailer. They have offered \$500 for the lot. They have a full set of liners and trailer in good condition and trailer in good condition. The cost to purchase this package new would be in the range of \$2500 - \$3000. Even if HDC doesn't start doing Earthdog right away this would be a great purchase for the club at an unbelievable price. Patricia Mims and Elizabeth Ellis are both willing to store the trailer. The club currently has four licensed Earthdog Judges as members, Patricia Mims, Kellye Slatton, Ken Hagmueller, and Sandi Myers. Patricia Mims has also willing to pursue the license of ED tests for HDC at the point that the club decides it's time to go forward licensing for this event. The other judges have indicated a willingness to help in this effort as well.

Even without immediate licensing, these items could be used for fun days or training days which would include terriers as well as dachshunds. DFW charged \$20 per dog at their last training day. They had about 15 dogs there. A couple of play days would pay for this equipment easily even at \$10 at dog. Earthdog in this area will make some money – DFW doesn't have the best outcome on profit because the terrier owners in that area do not participate at the same level they do in the Houston area. The old Tejas membership have said their real preference is for another club in the area to purchase the equipment and start offering tests so that this area of competition will still be available in our area for both dachshunds and terriers.

The club may not pursue licensing this year but it would be a beneficial thing for the club to pursue – both income wise as well as being able to offer another event for our breed – and terriers in this area. My recommendation is that we purchase this equipment for the \$500 offered by Tejas Earthdog Club.

After discussion, Joyce Young moved that this recommendation be accepted and Karen Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Membership Roster: A new membership roster has been prepared by Secretary Patricia Mims. It will be distributed electronically to the membership.

Honorary Membership: Patricia Mims recommended that the club bestow and Honorary Membership on Helen Carlin – long time member of the club. Joyce Young moved that the recommendation be accepted and Nancy Colson seconded. A certificate will be prepared and sent to Mrs. Carlin by Secretary Patricia Mims. Motion Carried.

Animeals on Wheels: Karen Murray offered to deliver food to the SPCA for anyone wishing to personally support this effort to provide dog food for elderly people. Several members did offer personal support. Patricia Mims moved that the club donate \$50 to this effort. Joyce Young seconded. Motion Carried.

New Membership Applications:

Thelma Garcia's membership was read for the third time and she was unanimously voted into membership.

Crys & Brags

Nancy Colson – Feb 2011 Farmerville Field Trials

Simone won NBQ Saturday and Absolute on Sunday to become DC DoRae Solo Mademoiselle ML

Joyce Young – She is 76 today! Happy Birthday Joyce!

Crys Brags and Raffle earned \$7

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Mims, Secretary