

**Board of Directors Meeting
Phone Conference
March 25, 2021**

Present: Sonny Mahurin, Patty Koller, Duane Packard, Tim Feddes, Jeff Christiansen, Charles Holt, Brian Jacobs, Lincoln Rogers, Carrie Pottinger

Approval of minutes from the February 25, 2021. Motion to approve corrected minutes by Patty Koller, seconded by Charles Holt; motion carried.

President's Report

- We are good financially and have a good plan for finals. Need to start pushing for sponsorship for Finals.

Treasurer's Report

- \$26,466 in Chase Bank. Will work on the budget for the Finals.

Old Business

- Novice Finals update.
 - Will be held in Cheyenne.
- Finals Committees
- Judges
 - Bill Melvin will judge and will be back.
- Class sizes:
 - Horseback 20
 - Open 50
 - Nursery 35
 - Intermediate 30
 - Novice 20
- Televised runs/live stream. Sonny Mahurin is working on this but very expensive.
- Should have same points for final run in lieu of extra points?
 - Discussion occurred and will decide for the future and also based on what actually is working with the weather.
- Buckle choice.
 - Sonny Mahurin will send drafts to the Board.
 - The Board decided to have prizes for Champion with a vest and chair for Reserve Champion.
 - Banners for Champion and Reserve Champion and rosettes for the remaining prizes with checks.
- Announcer:
 - Board decided that we should have an announcer. Sonny Mahurin will reach out to secure an announcer.
- Schedule
 - Tuesday: Open then Horseback.
 - Wednesday: Nursery then Intermediate.
 - Thursday Open, Intermediate, Horseback.
 - Friday: Nursery, Intermediate Final Field, Horseback Final Arena.
 - Saturday: Nursery & Open Finals, Novice Round 1.
 - Sunday Novice Round 2 and 3.

- This would allow for each class to run while no other class was running.
- Nominations for Hall of Fame dog or Hall of Fame handler, Distinguished Service award?
 - Asked the Board to think about this.
- Canadian Regional put in by Barry Breemersch.
- Futurity for Board approval.
 - If dog is eligible, can they run the futurity and the maturity.

Novice questions to be answered that was sent out by Dottie.

- Do the top two point earning Novices move up at the end of the qualifying year?
 - Yes, due to precedence.
- Are Novice handlers eligible to enter the Horseback class at the National Finals?
 - Board decided that novice handlers cannot compete in Horseback.
- If so, what happens if one should be Champion or Reserve in the Horseback class?
 - Since Novice handlers aren't eligible to enter the class, the question is moot.
- Do the Champion and Reserve in Novice at Finals move up after Finals?
 - Yes, due to precedence.
- Do the Regional Finals Champions earn a spot in the National Finals?
 - Yes, due to precedence.
- If so, is this in addition to the class limit already set, or as part of that limit?
 - Yes, due to precedence. If a handler wins a spot at the Regional, then that spot is allowed over and above the number of entries allowed
- Can more than one Novice handler run the same dog at Finals?
 - The answer is no.
- But, in clarification of Novice point earning;
 - if a trial host allows more than one handler to run the same dog at a trial, only one of those handlers may earn points on that dog in that class, although all of the handlers running that dog will count toward class totals for determining points.

New Business

- Newsletter for April will go out on April 1.

Next meeting will be on April 22. Motion to adjourn by Duane Packard and seconded by Patty Koller; motion carried.