

Dog Project Committee Meeting

Minutes

September 11, 2012

Attending: Debbie Lane, Laura Lachenmyer, Kelly Rheault, Kalle Cross, Joe Cross, Kandia Cross, Kellie Eldridge

I County Fair

- A. Deb & Shannon said they have some kinks to work out on what exactly they need at the superintendent desk but that they definitely have it ready for next year
- B. Overall we all had a great experience, parents, leaders & kids alike
- C. We would like a microphone on the judges though when they talk to their classes at the end and give awards so that the audience can hear
- D. We all loved our judges – Tim & Linda -again at Fair and are sad to see them go
- E. Deb would like to contact Tim & Linda and ask if they had recommendations on judges they might know who judged with the same care in the a of 4-H, as many judges do not judge in a 4-H style and instead lean heavily towards AKC
- F. We all enjoyed the Team and pre-novice Brace class – we would like to encourage more of that next year and perhaps run those classes even earlier with Deb or Shannon judging them – as County only contests
- G. We are also encouraging members to do a novice brace class if possible as that can actually go on to State
- H. It was suggested to have a poster board kept up during the dog show that showed class placings as they were tallied by the clerk so people could check in on that as they come and go from the show
- I. The Cross family has discussed High Point for dog with Candi, bringing up questions that all of us have had
- J. We will be further instructing our kids on how to be very specific in their presentations and educational displays to allow their points to go towards high point
- K. But we all still agree that dog is not comparative to other small animals in that not only do we not have as many county event award opportunities, but because of the unique nature of the dog program, we do not have the ability to have breed classes with those awards counting towards a small animal high point
- L. We would like to look further into the possibility of separating the dog high point from small animal in the similar way that horse has it's own separate high point
- M. Master Showmanship was enjoyed by our dog handlers this year and they said the small animal members seemed very helpful and friendly. However, during the event the dogs and their handlers were forgotten outside while the awards were announced and passed out. ☹

II State Fair

- A. The pre-novice obedience judge was one we would like to possibly see at County Fair – somebody needs to find out her name
- B. The showmanship judge was not recommended because of her heavy leaning towards AKC, personality and dog handling Fair – somebody needs to find out her name
- C. Consensus was that it was quite long this year
- D. Deb will get with Candi about the possibility of Rally-O at State Fair this next year

III 2012-2013 Year

- A. Laura Lachenmyer is starting a new club in Bend – there is no truth to the rumor that Kellie elbowed her out of her club in Redmond!!! ☺
- B. Tami Rheault is heading up the Mutt Strut event this weekend in Bend with an eye to promote the dog program in particular within 4-H
- C. Candi asked us to come up with more ways we can promote dog 4-H in the county as it should be one of the largest project areas

- D. Kellie did caution that we really need more 4-H leaders first. As a family inquiring about dog 4-H is oftentimes not a 4-H family already and if they are turned down because of lack of leaders, we may lose them entirely. And also, for the safety of our few clubs, we cannot overload the current dog leaders.
- E. Currently the dog 4-H clubs are: Deschutes Desert Dogs (Kellie Eldridge), Laura Lachenmyer's new club, Dogs R Us (Is Lisa still doing it?), La Pine dog club
- F. Kellie suggested a forum of some kind to generate dog leaders – a workshop specific to the project maybe?