

**Dog Project Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**November 9, 2010**

**Attending:** Todd Williver, Anne Geser, Kelley Salber, Kellie Eldridge, Patrice Anderson

**I Awards Proposal**

- A. We liked the idea of a perpetual trophy with additional recognition for GC & RGC Showmanship
- B. Utility is actually an obedience level and should be treated as such (like pre-novice, novice, grad-novice, etc.), it is just very rare that we get kids and dogs at the Utility or Open level
- C. We thought in the past that the Rally-O judge gave a C and RC, but perhaps there was no trophy/special award for it
- D. For now, we think Rally-O should have a C and RC ribbon, as well as blues, reds and whites
- E. We had a difference of opinion on "RETURN" ribbons – Anne liked them and thought they would help make sure the showmanship judge got the correct kids notified to return to the ring and that it was worth recognizing the achievement of a call-back
- F. Kellie thought that the "RETURN" ribbons...while it is an honor to go back into the ring, that it was more like the judge was just weeding down the class so he/she could look more intensely at fewer kids (it was an honor, but a smaller honor, as it is still the same class)– that it was creating too many ribbons and not making the GC and RC as special as it should be....it makes showmanship much heavier in the ribbon categories than obedience
- G. We really liked the High Point award idea as we understood it: that kids can accrue points during the year for activities (see following) and can add their points for County Fair ribbons to come up with a High Point winner – we think it should be a Jr, Int & Sr champion award with an overall GC award (that way a younger kid who is gung-ho and hitting every activity and getting the most out of it, can beat an older youth who may think they can just accrue points for longevity in the program)
- H. Activities that we thought should be included for High Point: Previous record book judging, 4-H Fun match participation, Dog judging contest participation, County presentations, Idea Fair participation (with an extra point for teaching a class), Educational display, Canine Good Citizen Certificate, county dog clinics, 4-H community service, other 4-H activities (HDLR, public speaking, OSU events, etc.), & special points for county ribbons and champions, etc..... But to what degree do the clubs have input, like for instance if a club member led and arranged a tour within their own club?

**II Fun Matches**

- A. Dogs R Us is still looking in Feb and Deschutes Desert Dogs looking in May, waiting to hear from Deb about AKC availability and then checking with Candi about fairgrounds availability
- B. Kellie got a clarification from Todd about youth under 4<sup>th</sup> grade being able to participate at fun matches – so far, 4-H members must abide by rules that only 4<sup>th</sup> graders and above can handle dogs at a 4-H event (which is what a fun match would still be even though open to the public). Youth younger than 4<sup>th</sup> grade but NOT in 4-H would fall under the fun match guidelines we discussed this past year (ie. Must be safe, able to control an appropriate animal for the size, age and ability of the youth)

**II Fair & Equipment**

- A. Todd wanted to make sure that everyone knew we had the trailer and that we are now more mobile in setting up dog shows, fun matches and other dog events needing the 4-H equipment

- B. With the help of Deb Lane, Todd put together a huge file on Rally-O and sent it to Vicki Avery who was very appreciative and working towards getting Rally-O shown at State Fair – possibly as an exhibition this year
- C. Patrice Anderson asked why showmanship is the required class for County Fair and not obedience
- D. Kellie and Anne gave several reasons – State Fair rules, showmanship as a class is meant to exhibit the dog, youth and knowledge of the youth (it covers more of what 4-H is about than the obedience class), and they acknowledged that it can seem scarier to a youth because of the class size and the relatively thin show lead but a dog that cannot be safe on a show lead should not be at Fair – there is the option of the First-time show class for all ages (more of a workshop type of class with only a participation ribbon)
- E. Kelley Salber brought a great judges list and distributed it around – she gave us a lot of good ideas for new judge blood

**IV Next Dog Project Committee Meetings**

- A. Tuesday, January 11th at 6:00 in the North Sisters