



Annual Meeting

March 26, 2023 The Ville Cooperative

Members Present:

- Bev McTavish, Jeri Piercy, Anna-Leigh Snyder, Melissa Murphy, Marilyn Lacey, Megan Ashworth, Elizabeth Wilson, Kelly Hogg, Ashley Belding, Meghan Shaw, Ariel Dillon

Welcome and Last Meeting:

- Anna-Leigh welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were not read over as they were previously emailed out for everyone to read.
- Moved by Kelly seconded by Marilyn, that we accept the minutes. Carried

Financial Report:

Melissa went over the financial report. As of March 2022 we had a bank balance of \$29,445.93. We had an income of \$31,433.60 coming from classes, memberships, equipment sales, training and trials. We have spent \$25,691.34 on equipment/repairs, trainers, the cost to host trials, field/barn rental and insurance fees. This has left us with a bank balance of \$35,188.19 as of March 26/2023.

It was moved by Jeri seconded by Meghan S. that we accept the report of the treasurer. Carried.

It was recommended we invoice members/students for unpaid expenses (TNT/classes) and all thought this was a good approach going forward.

Membership for 2023/2024 season due by March 31, 2023. People who have not paid by April 15 will be deleted from the Kapers private Facebook page.

Website/Social Media:

Facebook:

- We have been asked if non-Kapers/non agility events can be posted on our public Facebook page. It was agreed that if an event did not conflict with any of our own events that we allow non-Kapers/non-agility events to be advertised on our public Facebook page, as we have members who compete in different dog sports.
 - It was moved by Bev seconded by Megan A. that we allow the posting of other dog related events on our public Facebook page as long as they did not conflict with our events. Carried.



- Pin Kapers upcoming trial dates to the top of the public Facebook page so everyone is aware of the dates when posting about other events.

Website:

- Leah has done up two new forms for the website. One for those interested in classes and one for those interested in a membership and have previous experience in agility.

Instagram:

- A member asked about creating a Kapers Instagram account. Decided, let's utilize the Facebook page more before we start another Kapers social media channel.

Education:

Jeri reported that the students in weave class are all doing great, and that they only have one class left.

It was suggested we charge a \$50.00 deposit for the use of the 2X2s for students taking weave class. This would be refunded upon the return of the 2X2s by a specified date in the fall and without any damage.

- It was moved by Melissa and seconded by Ashley that we charge a \$50 refundable deposit for the use of the 2X2s for weave class attendees. Carried.

Jeri said Anna-Leigh will be teaching Intro classes Tuesday evening, and Melissa will be teaching Advanced class on Wednesday evening.

Field/Barn:

Anna-Leigh has emailed Shawnee, about the field rental, but has not heard back yet.

No date has been set yet for the equipment pack up/cleaning or the fence set up, but an email will go out beforehand.

Watch for emails going out about helping with moving equipment for mowing. Eric will be mowing in 2023 season.

It was suggested we put up signage saying private property/members only and/or cameras are in use to keep the field/equipment safe and avoid non-members/untrained dogs from using equipment and potentially getting hurt.

- It was moved by Melissa seconded by Kelly that we put up signage/cameras at the field.



It was suggested to change the barn signup sheet from 7 people spaces to 5 people spaces. This will be implemented next fall.

Equipment:

We have a new set of weave poles coming from Steve Borda. Need to paint the poles. Decided to paint 6 of the poles solid red. Leave 6 white.

We need 2 x 15' (\$508.50 purple) tunnels and 2 x 20' tunnels (\$562.50 Red). They will be purchased from Run It Dog Agility Equipment as Canadian Open stock, which will give us a discount on regular pricing.

- It was moved by Jeri seconded by Meghan S. that we purchase 2 x 15' tunnels, and 2 x 20' tunnels. Carried.

It was decided to order 12 more sets of sandbags, 6 purple sets, and 6 red sets.

Tunnel bag plates/spikes - order 8 sets to cover 4 tunnels. These are great for trials to hold tunnels in place.

New wobble board and tippy board are done and at the barn.

It was suggested we purchase a protective cover for the new tire.

It was suggested we purchase dedicated weight bags for the teeter. Salty Dog has a teeter bag we can order. Current plan is to buy dog food storage bags from the dollar store to fill with rocks to use as weights for the jumps.

A-frame still needs to be taken to Sussex for repairs, Meghan S. said she has a trailer that the club could use to haul it there, Bev and Melissa both said they would be able to haul it when the snow melts and Meghan can access her trailer.

Trials:

We were asked if we would like to make a donation to Regionals again this year. It was decided we donate the same amount as we did last year, which was \$375.00

- It was moved by Ashley seconded by Meghan S. that we make a donation of \$375.00 to Regionals. Carried.

Meghan has volunteered to collect volunteer prizes again this year for our trials.



It was decided to not have any food offered at trials going forward.

It was decided to change the Q-pon format from paper to card stock and make their size closer to a business card. Melissa will make the new format.

Top Dog prizes - Keychain for starters, Hat for Advanced, and glass with etching for masters - Meghan Shaw will make the glasses.

Meghan S. will be our trial secretary for the June trial (June 2-4, 2023) and Anic Vermette from Quebec is judging. Anna-Leigh will be our trial secretary for the September trial (September 16-17, 2023) and John Willis from Ontario is judging.

Aaron Froude volunteered his time to inspect the field and equipment for AAC last fall. It was suggested we give him a free entry for one dog for our trial.

- It was moved by Melissa seconded by Jeri we give Aaron a free entry for one dog in our trial. Carried.

Patti Borda has offered to time or scribe all weekend in exchange for free entry for one dog in our trial.

- It was moved by Elizabeth seconded by Bev that we allow Patti Borda to time or scribe all weekend in exchange for free entry for one dog in our trial. Carried.

Brittany has suggested a fun match in May to help prep for the trial season, having a jumpers and standard run, 2 minutes per run, cost would be \$10.00 per run. Proceeds from the funmatch will be donated to a local charity.

- It was suggested Monday May 22, 2023 as a date to host the fun match.

Meeting adjourned.