

Members present: Chris Levy, Tom Levy, Karen Houle, Lita Long, Christine Cameron, , Bethany Davis, Rhonda Silveira (guest).

Chris called AKC Club Relations that morning and asked our status on the licensing approval process. Their response was that they were working on it and would try to provide updates since it's nearly 8 weeks since we submitted our proposal, and they had originally told us it would be 6-8 weeks.

Chris said she had talked to the President of Peninsula Dog Fanciers Assoc when they were set up next to each other at an AKC Scent Work trial. He gave her some good ideas and also later sent her their income and expenses to help with estimating for a budget. One of the things he mentioned was that they really tried to get good judges for this last show and their entry was up about 100 dogs. They switched from Onofrio to BaRay this year and received \$10,000 more from BaRay at the end of the show than they had the previous year with Onofrio. They were super pleased with BaRay. Chris talked to the Mt. Baker Show Chair about BaRay and they are also very happy with them.

Chris has collected income/expense statements from the Covered Bridge Classic and Peninsula DF, with Chintimini still to come, and she is using those to develop a budget in spreadsheet format to help us figure out costs and prioritize expenditures and what we can or should charge for (e.g. RV parking, grooming, entry fees).

The group discussed the process for choosing a date as quickly as possible after AKC informs us of getting our license to hold shows. Christine Cameron and Bethany will keep a running list of shows in OR, WA, & ID. Anyone hearing rumors of date changes should inform them. Very shortly a group will again meet with the fairgrounds to find out which buildings are available when. They provided that list to us 2 years ago after we visited them, but of course, that was too early.

Rhonda found out that the HUT (which is merging with the Oregon Shuttle) will be dropping people off at the airport, not the Holiday Inn as it has in the past.

**Reports on action Items from the March meeting:**

Assigned	Action Items	Comments/Resolution
Sally	Sally - talk with Holiday Inn first about judges hotel, follow up with others nearby shuttle drop-off.	Sally talked with them, but they want a date, so has put that off.
Sally	Sally - get a list of hotels that take dogs	
Karen	Karen - find a good hotel near PDX for judges flying out Monday morning	The Radisson seems to be the best, and it has a restaurant.
Tom	Tom - contact NW Dog Show Parking to see if they will have time for us, or put us on their list of "potential" clubs	Tom talked with Karen Stenlund and they are willing to do it.
Christine Ca..	Christine Cameron - ask BaRay and Onofrio for bids	BaRay provided a bid. Onofrio needs a date first.
Lita	Lita - check into prices of rosettes and propose costs for rosettes for as many awards as we can afford.	Lita has been gathering prices.
Christine Ca.	Christine Cameron - open up conversations with specialty clubs about having specialties with us	Christine has been contacting specialty clubs in OR, WA, & N. CA asking what would bring them to a show. She will send Chris their comments.
Sandy M.	Sandy M - collect business cards and recommendations from members on vendors	No report. Chris has some business cards for her.
Lorene	Lorene - contact Sally Johnson about being Vendor Chair	No report.

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Kim	Kim - Check with NADD about offering dock diving	No report.
Karen	Karen - Check with Chintimini KC about offering FAST CAT	CKC will get back to us. They're interested, but are doing a lot of other shows, too.
All	Check with your own specialty club about moving to SFKC weekend or your parent club about a regional specialty	
All	Check out vendors at shows, get business cards and give to Sandy M.	

### Recommendations to the Board

Two other clubs (Chintimini KC and Peninsula DF) have compared Onofrio & BaRay bids and both said the comparison came out about even. But because of the good recommendations give to us by several clubs, the group voted to recommend to the Board that the club hire **BaRay as our superintendent**.

**How the club selects judges** was discussed. The group agreed that the Judges Selection Committee should be comprised of 3 people who can hire judges for multiple years. So if it's agreed to hire a particular judge, and they can't judge for the first year they're asked, they're hired for the first year they're available. Karen and Chris emphasized how difficult it is to get good judges, try to take the input of any specialty clubs, and fit all the judges into a reasonable budget. And how hard it is to know what airline flights are going to cost. Chris suggested maybe we could give the committee and dollar figure and they would try to hire judges who would fit under that figure (estimating judges' expenses). The members and specialty clubs would be asked for suggestions and the Judge Selection Committee would take it from there.

Discussion centered on whether we should provide **dates on the flat ribbons**. (All major prizes must have dates.) This will depend on who is doing the flat ribbons (private or super), and whether there would be a price break for no date. No recommendation so far.

**How grooming would be set up** in relation to the rings. All agreed that grooming should be close to rings if possible. We could put 2 groups of 4 rings in the center of Jackman-Long and have grooming on either end. Several mentioned problems with ringside crates being left long after a breed is done. This is an enforcement issue. Christine mentioned that some breeds need to be able to groom at ringside – that they must stay on a table waiting to go in. This is especially true of people who bring multiple dogs.

Chris & Karen emphasized that we can **develop a good judges contract** now. They will both work on that.

Whether we need a **moratorium on judges** judging before our show was discussed. We concluded that it will depend on our show date and what shows precede ours. That needs to wait for later.

Who should be **able to show at our shows** was discussed. The group concluded, that while we need our members to work, they should also be able to show except for those who are in direct contact with the judges which would be the Judge Selection Committee, Judges Hospitality, and the Show Chair. Also possibly the Obedience/Rally Chair.

The group agreed that we did not want to get **medallions** made up (like Linn County KC has).

The group felt that we need 2 days of **NOHS**.

We should offer both **4-6 Puppy** and **Pee Wees**. Bethaniy offered to head up the Pee Wee program with Rhonda helping.

We should try to get **stewards** from among our members. They don't get paid, but any non-member hired to steward would be paid the going rate of \$60 per full day, plus lunch).

We need to have **new title rosettes** available.

It was agreed that we will probably need to **charge for grooming**, but it should be a reasonable cost.

We could have a **practice ring** for obedience/rally. Chintimini KC charged \$10 for 15 minutes and people signed up ahead of time at the central obedience/rally table in that area.

**Judges gifts:** all agreed that just a bag (maybe with the club logo) with snacks and bottles of water would be the best judges gift.

The list that Kim gathered of good ideas was discussed. All agreed they were good ideas. Some we can implement at the first show and others need to be gradually phased in over the first few years. These items had more discussion:

- Dog baths: We need to figure out if the fairgrounds has any bathing facilities or if we would have to purchase booster baths.
- Juniors: we need to support the juniors. We can talk to Laura Reeves about the program she's developing
- We definitely need to do a big publicity effort. None of the group knew what year the last dog show was held in Salem – we need to figure that out.
- If we have a big gate, we should announce for the public, like what the breed is in the group, and any activities for the public that are starting up (e.g. "My Dog Can Do That").

### **New Action Items**

<b>Assigned</b>	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Comments/Resolution</b>
Chris & Karen	Develop judges contract	
Chris	Get building available dates from fairgrounds in a couple of weeks.	

So, now we just wait for AKC to move! We'll probably call another meeting shortly after we receive the email from them.