

JCAC January Meeting

January 8, 2018

Meeting Highlights

- Membership dues are due
- Class fees increasing by \$5 per session beginning in April
- November NADAC show to move to 1 judge format
- New format coming to the JCAC Website
- Next meeting: February 12, 2018

Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by President Alice Nicholson at 7:01PM. Six people were in attendance.
- A correction was sent out to the December minutes which was incorrect. The original minutes indicated that 70% of the profit from K9 Cares Trial would be donated. Then a correction was sent out indicating that it was 75% of the profit. After researching the issue, the actual decision was **70%**.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the December Membership Meeting Minutes as modified. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The treasure's report is shown below:

	December	January
Membership	194	195
Checking Account	\$2,153.10	\$3,270.43
Jr. Handler Fund	\$2,145.72	\$2,300.81
AKC Fund	\$13.24	\$33.24

Financial Obligations

Land at the Patch

- \$8,000 is due February 1 to pay for land loan.
 - Currently funds are too low to cover this.
 - Anticipate monies from upcoming seminar, shows, initial payment for new class session, and VT/Open Patch money, hopefully will be enough to cover the bill.
- Next payment after February 1 will be in May (it is a quarterly payment cycle).



Class Fees

- In light of the ongoing financial obligations and declining entries to shows, a discussion was held regarding increasing class fees.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to increase class fees by \$5 per session beginning with the 4th session of this year (the session that begins April 9th). Motion passed unanimously.

Membership Dues

- Those that have not yet paid for 2018 membership should do so as soon as possible.
 - Membership renewal: <http://jumpingchollas.com/membership-application/>
 - New Membership: <http://jumpingchollas.com/new-membership-application/>
- Note that although renewal notification can be done through the website, the payment must be mailed in.
 - Make checks payable to Jumping Chollas Agility Club, Inc.
 - Mail the form with the check to:

JCAC-Membership
c/o Julie Grant
1515 W. Encanto Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Merchandise

- The previous merchandise coordinator has resigned from the club.
- Ann Hammersly will handle merchandise at the K9 Cares show (one show only).
- Merchandise is now located in the old (non-moveable) trailer on the beginner side, and is not in the show trailers.
- Merchandise can be viewed on the Jumping Chollas website:
<http://jumpingchollas.com/merchandise/>

Equipment/The Patch

Weaves

- There are twelve new weave poles on the field that have been sprayed painted in response to safety issues with the tape.

Hoops

- A concern was raised with the older hoops needing to have the bases painted to increase the ability for dogs to see the bases. *(Completed.)*

Timers

- Linda Jacobs took the timers home and ran them in doorways while working with Farm Tech. The issues are 90% resolved.
- Removing the moleskin helps to keep them from catching.
- Pushing the batteries up from the springs will help the connection (springs fill the void).
- Linda has created a laminated trouble-shooting guide which will be in the boxes with the timers.



- At K9 Cares, timers will be used on Friday with different types of batteries in each timer. Battery life will be tested after Friday to determine which hold their life the longest.
- The Chief Ring Stewards, or others who worked with the timers will be asked to log any other issues that come up so that they can adequately be addressed.

Work Day

- A work day at the Patch was held on December 27 with great results. The large mesquite tree on the west side was cut down, because the root system has compromised the block fence.
- Special thanks to all that took time out of their busy schedules to rake, move rocks and make it a successful effort: Kelly & Ann Allen, Wendy, Carol, Sue Boe, Barb, Jim Joyce, Mary, Connie and Alice

Trials/Fundraisers

- 4-H show at the club still needs assistance from someone at the club
 - 7AM to set up
 - Someone at end of day to help put everything away and lock up
 - 4-H pays JCAC \$100 for the day
- Saguaro Scramblers has requested that JCAC switch weeks with them in February of 2019 to accommodate their use of the stalls at the fairgrounds. The proposal would impact the Jr. handler trial.
 - Discussion was held about options and potential impact to JCAC while calendars were reviewed.
 - Switching weeks would put the Jr. handler trial too close to the JCAC January trial. (3rd week in January and 2nd week in February)
 - Turns and Wraps has scheduled the Patch February 23-24 in 2019.
 - After much discussion a decision was made to tell Saguaro Scramblers that JCAC cannot switch weeks with them for February of 2019.
- Amanda Nelson is currently scheduled to hold a fundraiser at the Patch on March 2nd. We need to reach out to determine if that plan is still in place. If she does not plan to hold the fundraiser, than JCAC might try to do a show on that date. Local judges (Yvette/Roger/Craig) would not be eligible as they will all be judging at the April show and there must be 6 months between times a judge is used by a club. We would need to find a judge in a short timeframe.
 - After consulting calendars, it was determined not to hold a show on March 2nd due to the March 10th show JCAC is holding.
- March 9-11th Show, at Paradise Valley Park. Difficulty finding hotels for judges at a reasonable rate. Holiday Inn Express is over \$300/night, LaQuinta is \$229/night. Billie may ask if the judges can stay at her home.
 - Suggestions to look at VRBO or AirBnB for potential options.
- March 16th-18th the ASCA show is at the Patch; Turns and Wraps is holding a NADAC show that same weekend in Prescott.
- AKC Judges are booked through next year.
- NADAC Judges are booked through April.



- A proposal was made to look at moving to a single judge for the November/December/January shows.
 - Could run two rings with a single judge to help reduce time taken by walk throughs
 - Concerns that a single judge format would take longer and people want to leave the show without spending the entire day there
 - Concerns that if the show lasts too long, there will not be enough light to complete the runs
 - Possible lack of entries due to an increased number of trials
 - **RESOLUTION:** JCAC will try a 1 judge show for the November show with the idea that November has the longest days. Only one judge will be booked for shows for the time being, so that a second judge can be added later only if a decision is made to go back to the two judges.

Seminars

- The Paula Goss seminar was cancelled. Paula was re-booked by another group for that weekend, so the club did not incur a cancellation charge.
 - There was some speculation as to why there was a lack of interest this year, when previous years have always had a good showing.
- Consider seminars by local folks during NADAC week.
 - Distance, Course Analysis, or Training Games are possible topics
 - Consider 2 hour programs in the evenings
 - Consider Charging \$20-\$25 for the seminar
 - Billie will work on scheduling 2 nights

Training/Classes

- Scott Bagger has resigned as an instructor at the end of this session. His resignation will leave the club an instructor short for Intermediate 1, 2 and 3.
 - In the 4th session, the club will be shorter on instructors as neither Linda nor Billie will be teaching during the 4th session.
 - Billie will be sending out an email to instructors asking for assistance covering.
 - Scott will continue Controlled Unleashed, but he will be teaching it privately, not for the club. It will be taught on Billie's field beginning in February. As this class will not be a club sponsored class, it will not appear on the club calendar.
- Classes are open for enrollment for the 3rd session.
- Billie shared a complimentary email regarding the excellent training JCAC offers when compared to other clubs that a former member has encountered since leaving Arizona.



Projects (Currently on Hold)

- A list of pending projects appears below. These are all on hold due to the current financial situation for the club:

Project	Estimated Cost
Remainder of LED lights around the field	\$3,000
Repair block wall	TBD
Sweep/Broom for cleaning Turf	\$1,200
Removal of Trash from Work Day	\$500
ConX new shelving	\$20 to \$120
Barrels-Practice	TBD
Front Gate	TBD

Pet Expo

- Scheduled for April 15-17, same weekend as a show
- Ideally would have people demo dogs at the expo, but difficult to find people to handle the table, (let alone demo) because of the show the same weekend

Website

- Sylvia Dorosh is the new JCAC webmaster.
- The website is moving to a new format using Wix software rather than WordPress, running about \$9/month in subscription fees.
- When the new site is ready, it will have a new URL as it will be a secured website (the current site is not)
 - NADAC and others will need to be notified of the change to the URL.
- Will integrate with the Facebook page.
- A separate email account has been set up unique to the webmaster so that as webmaster responsibilities shift, the email can go with it.
- The website is JCAC specific, it will not replicate information related to other clubs (that is what the Arizona calendar shared by multiple clubs is for)
- A new calendar has been developed for the website which will include activities and trials at the Patch and will be continuous.
- Consider a password protected area for members, which could include items like minutes and agendas.
 - Would need a system for verifying membership before gaining password/access
 - Bylaws should be included if we do this
 - Clarification that Junior Handler rate is separate from membership, and that junior handlers are under 18 or under 25 and a full-time student.
- Consider an area for all the instructions to be kept
- Working on the PayPal links and email re-direction
- Should be helpful to have one person organize all the information
- May want to add class information Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQs”)
- Decision made to remove instructor photos/information from the website.



- Knowledgeable people will need to review the new website content before it is published.
- Currently premiums state that results will be posted within 5 days.
 - One of the current challenges to the website has to do with past results
 - Looking to publish all results as one document rather than separate documents for each class of a trial, this may resolve the issue
- Hope to go live with new site within 2 weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

NEXT MEETING: February 12th at 7 PM at Alice Nicholson's home.

