



Wellington Canine Obedience Club Inc
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Committee Meeting

Held on Sunday 5th November 2017

Present: Thomas Lovatt Ohmmar Chan Gail Norling
Xaviera Lovatt Alannah Lawer Mike Martyn
Nicky Casey Lydia Deakin Simon Casey

Apologies: n/a

The meeting was called to order at 12.10pm.

1. Lease update

Nicky reported that there is no news. The council has deferred their decision on the lease until January 2018. Margaret has agreed to look over the lease as a solicitor at no charge

2. Croquet Club Request

The Croquet Club has requested to use the club grounds as additional parking for an event 2-11 February 2018. Mike moved that we allow this at no charge. This was seconded by Tom.

3. 2017 Course Numbers

Nicky gave an update on registrations for 2017. Numbers are tracking well. Please see Nicky for further details.

4. Website Statistics

September – 840 Unique Visitors
October – 769 Unique Visitors
The Facebook page is tracking well.

5. Cover while Nicky is away

Nicky will be away from 27 December 2017 – 20 January 2018.
During this time Xie will take phone calls and Tom will respond to emails.

Nicky will also be away around 6th February 2018.

6. 2018 Calendar

The committee voted on whether to start classes back on 14th or 28th January 2018. The majority voted for 14th January 2018. Gail is going to organize two people to take registrations as Nicky will be away that day. Nicky would like to know who these two people are beforehand and organize some training on the online registrations.

The AGM for 2018 will be held on 4th March 2018.

The Ribbon Trial will be held on 8th September 2018.

7. Central All Breeds

Mike suggested asking Central All Breeds whether they would be interested in combining into one club. Simon is going to ask their Secretary Sonya to see if there is any interest.

8. Committee Christmas Dinner

Simon suggested to invite Margaret and her husband to the committee Christmas dinner. It was agreed that she should be invited.

9. Club Day

Sunday 12th November is Club Day. Nicky has organized the prizes and the cups have all been returned. Nicky and Simon are going to buy a pack of sausages. Alannah is going to buy bread, onions and butter. Gail is going to bring some home baked cookies.

The cups will be judged as follows;

Puppies = Simon

Grade 1 = Xie

Grade 2 = Gail

Grade 3 = Nicky

Best Retrieve = Mike

Novice = Mike

Best Junior = Tbc

10. Instructor's Meeting

Gail is to organize a date for an instructor's meeting. It has been suggested they meet once a month. Things to discuss could be better communication and also temperament testing.

11. Website FAQs

Nicky ask to clarify club policy regarding vaccinations and moving up grades.

It was agreed that for dogs to attend training they should have a minimum of 2 vaccinations with vet's approval.

New dogs should automatically go into either puppies or Grade 1.

Gail will assess from there if the dog is advanced enough to move up into a higher grade.

12. Grade 1 Numbers

Simon has suggested that if numbers go over 12 in Grade 1 to look at splitting the class and putting on a second class at 11am which Nicky has agreed to take. This is something to be looked at from the second intake next year.

13. Register of Keyholders

Nicky asked who currently has keys for the club.

The following people currently hold keys;

Tom

Alannah

Gail

Nicky

Mike

14.Bank Account Access

Xie is currently in the process of arranging this.

15.Secretary Seal

Nicky asked about the Secretary Seal. Tom advised this should be in the filing cabinet.

16.Conference

Lydia gave a brief update on the conference she attended.

A couple of suggestions were that instructors wear name tags/badges or t-shirts to identify them as instructors, also there should be consistency with the club branding.

It was also suggested to introduce distractions such as umbrellas into training.

Another suggestion was to join in with community events more often to showcase the club.

17.Receipt Book

Tom has requested that the current book should only be used for membership and training fees. Items being sold by the club should be put into a separate receipt book.

18.Garage

Mike has requested that when equipment is put back into the garage it is put back in it's correct place please!

Meeting adjourned 1.17pm