

#### Happy Spring!

Well, if you are reading this, you too have survived winter once again, and what a winter it was! Spring has finally arrived, and the way I know this is because our floors, clothes, and vehicles are covered in dog hair. You would think our poor dear dogs would be bald by now, but thankfully, they are not.

Our reward for enduring another long winter is the upcoming Patrick Shannahan Clinic which will be held at the Pratt Ranch. Thanks Anita for hosting this wonderful event once again. This clinic, which is full with a waiting list, will be the kick off for what should be a fun, dog filled summer. We have several things to look forward to, in addition to our usual play days, there are several great trials and clinics happening – check out our newly re-modeled web page for updates on what is happening!

Just a quick reminder though – we do have an upcoming play day at Keith and Mickey's house on Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. We have adopted a new policy and would please ask that all of you that plan to attend, **RSVP** so that our hosts know if anyone is going to show up, or not. We are all super busy this time of year, and no one likes to throw a party that no one comes to! Please RSVP to Keith at 208-419-8729. Thanks for your consideration.

I can't tell you how much I appreciate this club, and all of you, the members. I have been in many clubs through the years but none compare to this group. Your kindness, supportive attitudes, fun spirits and most of all, your love for your dogs, makes this one of the best clubs I have ever been a part of. Thanks to all of you for making this such a wonderful club.

I am so grateful that 4 years ago, my friend Kris Grover said to me, "I've got a puppy you need to see". Gus is the result of that meeting, and he is my first Border Collie, and has taken me on a wonderful journey to become a better handler. Admittedly, this journey has been more difficult than I thought it would be, but I am committed to become better with each passing year. I am also committed to keeping this club a success, so thanks so much for all that you do.

Please check out the attached minutes from the last meeting, and as always, your thoughts, comments and suggestions are very welcome, after all, we are in this together!

Valerie Gardner - President



# Eastern Idaho Stock Dog Association

Agenda March 26, 2017

# **Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting was called to order

Attendees: Lonna Jean, Dick, Debbie, Keith, Mickey, Anita, Karen, Staci, and Val

Minutes from October 2016 meeting and February 12, 2017 meeting: Minutes from October 2016 meeting were read, revised, and approved as revised (Val has the revisions). Meeting minutes from February 2017 meeting were read and approved as it.

Treasurer's Report – Lonna Jean provided the balance: as of March 26, balance is \$4,321.08

## **Subcommittee Reports**

By-laws - Staci, LJ, and Keith: Committee requested advice regarding elections. It was moved,
seconded, and passed that all elections for officers will be for a two-year assignment. Include a
note that the vice president will be a four-year assignment (two years for VP, then two years for
president). Elections for board members will be yearly for a three-year assignment; departing
president is eligible to be elected to the board. The bylaws need to have a clause added to
state that the Club will pay the deductible for an accident when pulling the trailer, as long as
the club member isn't at fault.

- □ Logo Anita and Marina: The web revisions are complete except the logo. Anita has been working with Richard Bingham to design the logo. It is almost ready.
- ☐ Web page Anita and Marina

#### **Unfinished Business**

- ☐ Activities Director for our play days? Staci agree to coordinate activities for play days. These activities will be for those who wish to do them; other members can work as always.
- ☐ Patrick's Clinic what do we need to do before the clinic?

Food assignments: Lonna Jean will cover Saturday, Staci will cover Sunday. Val offered to cook a dessert (Staci took her up on the offer.) Keith and Mickey will host a dinner Saturday night. It will be a potluck. They will let the club know what needs to be provided. Port a potty rental: Anita will order the port a potty and have the bill sent to Lonna Jean for Coffee – hot water for tea: Anita and Lonna Jean will manage this Club box – Val will stock the supply box □ NEW SOUND SYSTEM! Thanks Dave! Debbie will get a table for the sound system. Dave will let Debbie what size table we need for the sound system. ☐ Equipment needs – Keith and Dave will determine what additional equipment is needed to full stock the Club trailer (hoses, buckets, tarps, bungee cords, tent, etc...) How much money do we need to allocate? Will wait until supply list is developed. ☐ Keith will bring white gates to make a small course at Shannahan clinic for anyone who wishes to work on trialing. ☐ State Fair – are we good to go so far? Yes ☐ Trailer – registration, insurance, and upgrades. Insurance for trailer goes with the vehicle pulling it. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Club would pay any deductible involved with an insurance claim as long as the Club member is not at fault. The trailer has been registered for five years. ☐ Funding through ABCA received! Thank you Marina! There was a question about the criteria for using the grant. Marina will need to explain how the grant must be used. **New Business** ☐ Debbie asked for help with play days as she is moving sheep back up to her ranch. Keith and Anita said they could help provide sheep for some play days. ☐ Establish dates and places for future play days Please RSVP for ALL playdays as a courtesy to our hosts!!! April 9: at Keith and Mickey's. Start time 11am. April 22-23: Shannahan clinic at Pratt's home place May 21: Keith and Mickey's. June 11: Anita's. July 22-23: Debbie's ranch for Spring Fling 2017 July 29: Big Piney Arena Fun Trial (hosted by Laura Pearson) August 13: Conroys' August 18-20: Jack Knox Clinic in Wyoming (hosted by Laura Pearson) September 2: Fair Trial (no other play days) ☐ Club trial at Debbie's ranch: July 22-23 ☐ Next Meeting will be May 21

☐ Interest in selling hats and shirts? There was a discussion regarding this topic but nothing definitive

# **Upcoming Events**

Patrick's Clinic – April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Meeting was adjourned at 12:15

was decided.