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From the President

Hi everyone,

Spring has thankfully finally hit my neck of the woods here in very eastern Idaho, and it's just about that perfect time...still time and energy, and lack of alfalfa in the hayfield, to be able to work sheep before the workload and heat of summer arrives. Hoping you are all able to get out with your dogs these days!

We have a lot of plans for the coming months, including the spring Patrick Shannahan clinic in May, the Spring Fling Fun Trial in June, and our first ever field trial in July.

Meanwhile, we've had some changes in the club leadership that we cannot go another minute without mentioning. Many thanks to our departing Secretary, Staci O'Connell, whose diligence, organization, and good humor made the workload for the rest of us so very reasonable. We will miss you, Staci! Longtime member and Sheep Queen Debbie Empey is also leaving her post on the board after several years; hats off to you, Debbie, for all you have done for the club. We wouldn't be here without you!

We welcome Marina Smith of Montana, who is stepping in as our new Secretary, and founding EISDA member Anita Pratt as our newest board member. Thanks to both of you for being willing to volunteer your time to help the club!

As always, don't hesitate to speak up if you have thoughts or ideas. Our next meeting will likely be at the Spring Fling Trial in June. Hope to see you there! In the meantime, enjoy your spring.

Krissi

Minutes from April 10th, 2016 Meeting:

Eastern Idaho Stock Dog Association

Minutes of the April 10th, 2016 Meeting Home of Keith and Mickey Young, Blackfoot, Idaho

Meeting was called to order by Club President Krissi Goetz.

A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Keith, Mickey, Krissi, Marina, Gary, Anita, Debbie, Susan, Gene, Lonna Jean, Dick, Dave, Paul and Debbie, Matt.

Treasurers report was given.

New Business:

June 18th – 19th Spring Fling fun trial.

Where: Debbie Empey's ranch at Henry's Lake.

Entry forms will be available soon.

Trial will start at 10 a.m., and continue until done.

Camping is available on site, but should be self-contained and/or have a generator. RV's can be accommodated nearby – reservations recommended – more information to follow soon.

Food will be Pot Luck so plan on bringing something to share.

Field Trial July 23rd – 24th.

Where: Debbie Empey's ranch at Henry's Lake.
Debbie will notify us of entry fees and when forms are available.
1 day of arena work, and 1 day of field work.
Pot Luck.
Camping and RV's – same as above.

Old Business:

Jack Knox Clinic: Discussion continued about the complaint regarding the Knox clinic by an auditor. The decision was made to wait until Staci can report on what Jack's reactions and thoughts were on this.

Shannahan Clinic: To be held at Bunchground, May 7th and 8th. 8 dogs are registered so far, with a 15 dog limit.

Once the clinic is full, there is a possibility that private lessons will be offered on Friday, May 6^{th} . Fee for lessons will be \$100.00/ hour, with a half hour generally considered per dog. We need a minimum of 4 hours and a maximum of 6 – 7 hours for these lessons to be offered.

Discussion of how to provide lunches led to the suggestion that we have Subway offer sandwiches one day, and have Pizza Hut provide pizza on the other. Keith is going to check to make sure that one or the other is open on Sunday.

Todd Stoddard Scholarship:

Details are still being worked out on this, which means that it will not be available for use with the Shannahan Clinic. This scholarship will award entry into training clinics for eligible youths.

Bear Lake Trial:

This trial is to be held in August, after the Fat Lamb Sale. Lonna Jean was going to find out the exact date.

Paul is going to check out the arena and make sure that it is sheep proof, and that it meets our needs for the clinic.

The Club has been awarded a \$2500.00 budget from the Co. Fair Board, and this money will be used to pay the judges fee,(including travel expenses), pay the stock fee, purchase collars with brass plates as High Point Awards, as well as provide added money for the purses.

The time of the trial is limited to Noon until 6 p.m., and discussion followed about concern of heat, etc., but this is the only time that is available.

Club Web Page: Krissi, Anita and Marina agreed to form a committee to re-work the layout of the Club web page. Suggested changes will be presented to board members prior to implementation.

List of Club Property: Reviewed and Okayed by Keith.

Trailer Licensing: Keith is looking into this.

Logo: Discussion of creating the perfect Logo is ongoing. Debbie provided some drawings for consideration, and Mickey provided a mock logo done by artist Roy Reynold's. Further consideration is ongoing.

Bylaw changes: It was agreed that Marina should write up the revision of the changes that were made at the last meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Items of Interest

Play days:

• At the end of the April 10th meeting, there was a brief discussion about holding another play day in two weeks, but nothing was decided. We will keep you posted as to where it will be, and if it will be.

Websites of Interest

http://prattlivestockcompany.com http://www.usbcha.com/ http://www.soldierhollowclassic.com/ http://www.meekersheepdog.com/ http://www.sheepdogfinals.com/ http://eisda.com/ www.utahstockdog.org http://nobluffstockdogs.com (Craig's web) http://www.chakula-stockdog.com/index.html (Maxine's web) http://www.patrickshannahan.com/ www.dmtevents.net (Deborah Terry's web) mthlamb.com (another Deborah Terry page) www.RMSDA.com (Rocky Mountain Stock Dog Association)

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