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2007 Meeting Schedule:

As approved at the October general meeting, to increase attendance and ensure that quorums are achieved, the number of meetings is being reduced for 2007.

WWWA is YOUR club! Please note the following dates and plan to attend:

- ⇒ March 28
- ⇒ April 21 (Awards dinner)
- ⇒ July (TBD - picnic)
- ⇒ October 24th
- ⇒ November (TBD)
- ⇒ Christmas party (TBD)

WWWA Board Meeting, 1/31/07, 6:20 p.m.

Tony Roma's Restaurant, Southcenter, WA

Board Members attending - Bill, Susie, Peggy, Janis, Beth and Kerie.

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm at Tony Roma's.

Minutes of last board meeting - approved as read. Moved Susie/Second Janis, passed.

Treasurer's Report - Balance \$4854.56, full report at general meeting, Moved Beth/ Second Peggy, passed

Membership - still waiting on some unpaid memberships, discussion of dues fees \$25 individual and \$30 family.

Newsletter - discussion of email of newsletter vs. snail mail, will put this to the club for a vote and offer choice to each member.

Old Business - discussion of membership vote to change to 6 meetings per year (at events and 2 others) and question if this conflict with the constitution. Agreed to it for this year and then reassess. Concern about trying to hold meetings at shows or running events. Tabled.

New Business - None.

Meeting adjourned 7:12 pm. Moved Susie/Second Beth.

WWWA General Membership Meeting, 1/31/07, 7:12 p.m.

Tony Roma's Restaurant, Southcenter, WA

Attendance - Laurel Wilks, Diane Salts, Peggy Hewes, Albin Gersich, Jenette Mackey-Gersich, Kerie Swepston, Aaron Swepston, Bill Danvenport, Susan Manthou, Janis Castle, Beth Levine.

Minutes - Moved/Kerie, Second/Beth. To approve as printed in the newsletter, passed.

Treasurer's Report - \$4854.56 Balance (includes \$458.23 for Rescue). Janis presented "WWWA 2006 Budget vs. Actual YTD" discussion and clarification ensued, moved to approve/Jenette, second/Keri, approved. Still waiting for deposit refund from Christmas Party, discussion of budgets in general and how best to write them. Budgets included in Committee reports.

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Bill's Banter

I hope everyone had a happy valentines day as this year seems to be zooming along. I guess having a puppy in the house again helps with that. There is a never ending amount of training to be done. However the rewards are a lot of fun on down the line.

Speaking of rewards, let's remember to fill out and send in the annual awards applications that were handily included in our last newsletter. This is where all that hard work in training has paid off. Our dogs work hard to please us in the show ring, obedience, agility or in the field. Well I am sure they enjoy it too. The awards are a gesture by the club to recognize the hard work you and your dogs have done to achieve your goals. So be sure to apply for all the awards achieved by your dogs. Also a big thank you to all those who sponsor a club award. I would encourage every member that can, to attend the awards show and support each other.

I hope to see some of you at the Seattle show. Unfortunately Ariel's six month birthday is 5 days after the show. So maybe her first show will be at Bremerton. Good luck with your endeavors until we meet March 28. The Southcenter Tony Roma's has closed, so the March meeting will be held instead at the Mayflower China Restaurant at 17005 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila. Directions in next month's issue...

Take care, Bill

Upcoming WWA events!

- ⇒ March 24/25 NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA, Roy Polo Field
 - ⇒ March 28 General Membership Meeting, Mayflower China Restaurant, Tukwila
 - ⇒ April 14/15 ASFA trials, Roy Polo Field
 - ⇒ April 21 Awards Banquet, location TBD
- Don't forget the comprehensive sighthound performance events calendar at <http://www.asfaregion1.com>.

Upcoming Seminars and Clinics:

- ⇒ Steamboat Animal Hospital in Olympia will be holding its "Breeder Day" on Sunday March 4. Services offered include CERF and Cardiac Certification, ICSB Semen Bank, Microchipping, an OFA clinic, and Laboratory Testing, including vWD and thyroid screening and DNA certification. For more information, see: www.steamboatanimalhospital.com/newsletter.htm
- ⇒ Cavaliers of Puget Sound is hosting a two day seminar on Canine Reproduction, Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care with Myra Savant-Harris, RN on June 2/3 at the Bainbridge Island Library. For more information, an online flyer is available at: www.cavaliersofpugetsound.com/downloads/canine_repro_seminar.pdf

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Correction!

Anne and Trudi Herrett were prematurely welcomed as new members in last month's issue. At the time, Anne and Trudi had both applied but had not yet been voted on. Anne has since been voted into membership at the January meeting (welcome, Anne!). Trudi's membership is pending meeting attendance. Sorry for the mix-up!

Welcome new WWA member!

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WWA Brags!

- Reported at the January meeting:
- ⇒ Susie Manthou & Marilyn Brown brag that their saluki Dadaelis Bzantium Ritu Kumar got WD for 2 pts on Saturday and WD, BOW and BOS on Friday and Sunday at the Portland shows!
 - ⇒ Diane Salts brags that at the RCRA meet in CA on 1/28/2007, Monkey gathered another .5 point for a total of 4.2 points towards his ORC. He finished 2006 as the #1 OTR-point earning dog in the nation! Also, he went to his first breed hunt and finished 4th in the hunt (behind sister Chai) receiving 10 points toward his OFC title.
 - ⇒ Jenette Mackey-Gersich brags that MnM earned .5 ORC points at the meet in CA. Jenette is also proud to announce that she had a beautiful litter of puppies!
 - ⇒ Aaron & Kerie Swepston brag that Jet took a Major Reserve Winners Dog at the Royal City Classic show in Portland. Pink got second place in Open Class the same day.



From the Editor's Desk(top):

First, I'm sure everyone joins me in thanking outgoing newsletter editor Susie Manthou for her years of service to the club!

I'm very excited to take over the editor position in 2007. Although I need another thing to do like I need a hole in the head, I am a self-admitted geek when it comes to graphic design and layout, and when I heard Susie was looking for a replacement, I just couldn't resist the temptation.

I have lots of ideas I plan to pursue to make the Newsletter an even more useful and vital source of club information, including the first big change planned for the Newsletter in 2007: **electronic distribution!**

Hold on, take a deep breath... this will NOT be mandatory. If you cannot accept an emailed copy of the newsletter - do not even have a computer (gasp!), or have one but never turn it on, or for whatever reason - a hard copy can still be mailed to you. However, a good sized - and growing - group of members has already elected to receive the WWWA Newsletter in electronic format. Why?

- ⇒ Each hard copy of the newsletter costs over \$1 to produce and distribute (not counting volunteer labor!). The annual budget to produce and distribute the newsletter is around \$400. Could the club put that money to better use? You bet! Each member who elects to receive an electronic copy of the Newsletter will save the club \$12.36 each year. That might not seem like much, but multiply that by 40 copies and the savings is substantial!
- ⇒ Online distribution of the Newsletter improves efficiency, saves \$\$\$ and natural resources, and reduces the burden on our overflowing landfills. Save a tree, read online!
- ⇒ Did you know the current and archived issues of the Newsletter are already available online at the WWWA website: <http://www.wwwhippet.org>? I'm sure you've probably all experienced trying to remember something you read in the newsletter, but not being able to put your hands on the correct copy (or any copy!) in the many piles of "stuff" in your home. This online archive is always available only a few keystrokes away, and will allow you to reduce clutter in your home as well as in the local landfills.
- ⇒ Online distribution of the Newsletter has other benefits as well. Without the need to be mindful of printing and postage costs, publishing and distributing electronically will allow for more pages, more graphics (including color graphics), and more (and more interesting and useful!) content.

If you are willing to receive the Newsletter electronically instead of in hard copy format, please drop me a line at serendipitywhippets@comcast.net and let me know. I look forward to hearing from you! And to those of you who have already agreed to receive the newsletter electronically, THANK YOU!

If you have not yet paid your 2007 dues, your membership has lapsed, and this is your last copy of the newsletter! If you wish to be reinstated as a WWWA member, fill out and resubmit a membership application, available online at: <http://www.wwwhippet.org/>. Please direct any questions to membership chair, Bill Davenport, at davenportwd@hotmail.com.

Did you know?

WWWA has a website: <http://www.wwwhippet.org>

There is also a private WWWA Yahoo Groups discussion list:
http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/Western_Washington_Whippet/

(Minutes of the January General Membership Meeting, continued from p. 1)

Committee reports:

Annual Awards - No budget presented, \$475 expenses approved based on previous budget. Moved/Aaron, Second/Jenette, approved.

Education/Program - Budget of \$50 expenses presented by Kerie, Moved/Susie, Second/Janis, approved.

Historian - budget of \$100 expenses presented by Susie, Moved/Peggy, Second/Diane, approved.

Membership - Income \$930 and \$930 expenses presented by Bill, Moved/Janis, Second/Al, approved.

Hospitality - No budget presented, \$225 expenses approved based on previous budget, includes "Card Lady." Moved/Jenette, Second/Kerie, approved.

Lure Coursing and Race - presented by Jenette expenses \$6410 and income \$6480, moved/Kerie, Second/Laurel, approved. Dates secured for running events:

3/24 and 3/25 LGRA/NAWRA/NOTRA, Roy, WA

4/14 and 4/15 ASFA, Roy, WA

5/26 to 5/28 Versatility Weekend, Ethel, WA

9/29 and 9/30 LGRA/NAWRA/NOTRA, Roy, WA

11/10 and 11/11 LGRA/NAWRA/NOTRA, Roy, WA

Newsletter - presented by Beth \$300 expenses and \$10 income, Moved/Laurel, Second/Keri, approved. Discussion of sending Newsletter online, with some exceptions, such as members without computer and for subscriptions, Beth will give everyone options in order to reduce costs.

Property - presented by Al, expenses \$5180.00, main expense is a Honda Recon 4 wheeler. Discussion followed. Motion by Laurel to sell the Whippet boxes and use proceeds to help by the Honda Recon, Second/Diane, motion carried. Al offered to buy the bike on time under his name w/ the club committing to make the payments. Motion by Laurel to approve the Budget to purchase the Honda Recon ATV based on the committing \$200 in 2007 and financing through Al Gersich for the remainder. Second/Janis, Motion carried.

Rescue - no budget presented.

Show - presented by Janis for income \$7820 and \$7820 expenses, Moved/Peggy, Second/Jenette, approved.

Ways and Means - presented by Peggy, Income \$1200

Election of New Members - Anne Herrett approved as new member.

New Business - None

Old Business - Next Meeting on March 28th, Wednesday at Tony Romas. Then April at awards dinner, July at picnic, Oct 24th, November and Christmas party.

Janis will look into checkbook co-signer and get them updated.

Motion by Laurel to give members until 2/15 to pay dues or they will have to reapply for membership. Second/Kerie, passed.

Moved to adjourn by Diane, Second/Susie, Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

Respectfully submitted Peggy Hewes.

Annual Awards for 2006

Western Washington Whippet Association

The Western Washington Whippet Association offers an Annual Award for each of the following titles achieved during the year beginning January 1st and ending December 31st .

You may apply for as many awards as you qualify for, but you cannot win an award, if you do NOT apply.

AKC Bench Champion

AKC Field Champion

AKC Obedience title

Agility Titles

ASFA Field Champion or LCM

Racing Titles (CWA, NAWRA, WRA)

Foreign Bench Champion

Foreign Field Title

Foreign Obedience Title

NOFCA Title

NOTRA Title

Rules governing Annual Award Competition:

To be eligible for an award, a member must be in good standing at the time the win is acquired.

Persons joining the club during the year, will be credited with wins made only during actual membership. Except for breeder awards, dogs must be owned or co-owned by a member at the time the title is achieved. For breeder awards, the owner of the dog does not have to be a club member, but the breeder must be a club member in order to receive the award.

Dogs must be owned, co-owned or bred by the member making the application for club awards. Awards may be claimed for deceased dogs.

All titles must be verified by presentation of a copy of the certificate or proof of title issued by the kennel club or appropriate organization. This copy shall be attached to the application form. In the case of AKC awards, verification may be provided by the AKC Gazette (please include month & pg. number). Member sponsored awards will be verified by the donor of the award.

A separate form must be filed for each award, whether for the same or different dogs.

The Awards committee assumes no responsibility for distribution of the awards other than the official presentation. All club sponsored awards not claimed after 6 months, will become the property of the club. Individually sponsored awards will be returned to the donor if not claimed.

For breeder awards, the owner of the dog does not have to be a club member, but the breeder must be a club member in order to receive the award.

Dogs must be owned, co-owned or bred by the member making the application for club awards.

WWWA Member Sponsored Awards

Mary & Chris Downing (Whimsy Whippets) offers an award to the breeder of the whippets (at least 2) who acquire the most bench points, lure coursing points and obedience points during the calendar year. The dogs need not be owned by the breeder. They must take points in at least two of the three areas of competition. Points from AKC and CKC events to be compiled separately. Obedience points to be determined by the average of the 3 highest scores.

Susan & Chris Manthou (Bzantium Hounds) will offer an award for the club member-owned dog shown by the owner that acquires the most Best of Breed wins during the calendar year. At least half of the wins must be AKC wins. Ties to be determined by the number of dogs defeated during the year.

Doris Ringer (Ringo Whippets) offers an award to the club member-owned puppy who acquires the most AKC points before reaching 1 year of age. Ties to be determined first by major wins, then by the number defeated, then by age (younger over older).

Christine Hopperstad (Alcyon Whippets) offers two awards to the Sire and /or Dam whose get and progeny acquire the most cumulative total AKC show points during the calendar year.

Helen Brettell (Lost Creek) offers an award for the top winning conformation Veteran whippet. This competition is open to all whippets 7 years and older. Point score is based on the number of whippets defeated by the veteran dog or bitch. Points must be gained by winning Veteran Dog or Veteran Bitch class, Best Veteran at a specialty, BOB or BOS. Only those whippets actually present and defeated shall be counted. Wins from licensed conformation shows in any country may be counted. Whippet must be owned and reside with a club member. If a whippet turns 7 during the course of the year, only those points gained after the birthday count toward this award. In the unlikely case of a tie, winner will be the oldest whippet.

Jeannette Dorsey (Treadway Whippets) in Memory of Loughren Snow Spot CD FCh FCHX offers an award to the club member owned dog who acquires the most Best of Breeds in the coursing field during the calendar year. Ties to be determined by the number of dogs defeated.

Charles Roberts (Strebor Kennel) offers a perpetual trophy to the club member owned dog who acquires the most ASFA points during the calendar year at **DRAG TRIALS ONLY**. The award is to be returned to the awards committee preceding the awards banquet each year. The trophy plates will be engraved with the dog's name by the recipient before its return. Ties to be determined by the number of dogs defeated, then by the number of first placements.

Arrow Perpetual Award

Pat Younger offers a sterling silver trophy bowl to the highest scoring obedience whippet from the Regular classes of AKC, UKC, CKC and foreign shows. The award is a perpetual one, and must be returned to WWWA Awards Committee preceding the Awards Banquet.

Score is to be calculated from the total of the three (3) best scores achieved during the award (calendar) year. **a.** You cannot hook a leg from a previous year. You may, however, combine classes, e.g. two Novice scores with one Open score, etc. **b.** Ties will be broken by use of a fourth show's score. **c.** In case of an absolute tie, winner will be determined by the Awards Committee, which must confer with donor. **d.** All scores used must be qualifying scores.

The three scores must be from either AKC or CKC shows and cannot be intermixed. e.g., You cannot use two legs won in AKC with one won in Canada. You can, however, submit the two scores won in the same country, or club.

A dog can win with less than three scores. If a dog qualified only once or twice in the given calendar year, the scores will still apply to the awards. You do not have to submit three scores; however, if another dog is presenting three scores, your total obviously will be less. NOTE: It is very difficult to achieve three legs in any given calendar year, so odds of winning the trophy with fewer legs are reasonable. Obedience exhibitors should submit all scores.

Owner/handler must provide copies of AKC Gazette pages showing the score and show, etc., for verification. Proof of scores is the responsibility of the owner/handler.

Dogs must be handled by a member of WWWA or their immediate family; the handler will keep the award. The whippet need not be owned by the handler. However, the trophy plates will be engraved in the dog's name.

The trophy bowl's designation plates will be engraved by the winner before its return to the Awards Committee. In addition, the bowl will be returned to the Awards Committee polished, clean and ready to present to the next winner.

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Reminder Notice:



There is no general membership meeting in February. See p.1 for more information and 2007 meeting schedule. Information about the March meeting will be included in next month's newsletter.

SWEET DREAMS...

Kestrel and her "baby" - a stuffed toy adopted and painstakingly mothered during her recent false pregnancy.

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