

JCAC June Meeting

June 5, 2017

Meeting Highlights

- Alice Nicholson is JCAC's president for a second year
- Days/dates for some mini trials may change (watch for announcements)
- Tunnel order will replace several tunnels at the Patch
- Plans are underway to rubberize the turf at the Patch
- Bring your own chair for classes at the Patch
- Next meeting: September 11, 2017

Minutes

- The formal meeting was called to order by President Alice Nicholson at 7:00PM with 14 attendees.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the May Membership Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The treasure's report is shown below:

	May	June
Membership	207	183
Checking Account	\$737.67	\$644.81
Jr. Handler Fund	\$4,736.85	\$1,952.34
AKC Fund	\$1,952.26	\$3,853.01

The club's funds are down about \$3,000 compared to this time last year. The balance on the turf is down from \$34,000 to \$26,000.

Merchandise

- Merchandise can be viewed on the Jumping Chollas website:
<http://jumpingchollas.com/merchandise/>
- Harry Melamed is the new merchandise coordinator and will have merchandise available at trials when the new season starts.
- As has been the JCAC practice, any new merchandise will be approved by the club before purchase.

Equipment

Weave Poles/Jumps

- Weave poles and jump bars have been snapping off; Jim Nicholson is in the process of making more to replace them.

Tunnels

- The Arizona tunnel order is 72 tunnels and 84 sets of tunnel bags thus far, and is being coordinated by Wendy Hultsman.
- JCAC will order 4 yellow 4 pitch 15' tunnels and one 20' 4 pitch tunnel of another light color (perhaps light blue) for the Patch.
- Tunnels for the beginner side will also be 4 pitch. These will be marked for the beginner side so that they do not mistakenly wind up at shows.
- The tunnels should arrive in August to be delivered at Wendy Hultsman's home.

Mini Trials

- A concern was raised that almost all of the mini trials were scheduled on Thursdays which would prohibit anyone working Thursday nights from attending.
- A suggestion was made that some of the mini trials be changed to Tuesdays or Wednesdays.
- The idea was taken under advisement, it is possible that changes will be made and announcements will be made if they are.
- Clarification was requested on the time mini trials start. Decision that all premiums list 7PM.

Fun Runs/Open Patch/VT Runs

- Fun runs over the summer will start at 7:15PM
- VT runs will be organized by Roger Coor, Yvette Cook, Ann Hammersly and Craig Coonrad.
- Monica Garrett will be holding Open Patch.

Election of Officers

- At 7:14PM, Linda Jacobs, Wendy Hultsman and Sue Boe moved into another room to begin taking phone calls for the election.
- At the meeting site, Alice Nicholson passed out ballots for those present to use for voting.
- Julie Grant collected the ballots in person.
- Wendy Hultsman, Sue Boe and Linda Jacobs tallied the votes.
- Wendy Hultsman announced that Alice Nicholson will be the president of JCAC for the next year.
- The remaining officers ran unopposed and were voted into office:
 - Treasurer: Julie Grant
 - Training Director: Billie Rosen
 - Secretary: Amy Wood
 - Members at Large: Sue Boe, Ann Hammersly, and Ilyse Stern

Classes

- Foundation will start Wednesday August 2nd at 6:45PM
- Remaining classes will begin the week of September 25th
- Because of the heat and sun at the beginning of the season, some instructors have asked students sit on the west side of the Patch for shade during classes.

Training Exercises for Advanced Classes

- A suggestion was made to provide an opportunity for members/instructors/judges to try their hand at creating training exercises/courses for the advanced classes during the 4th session of 2018.
- This approach has the advantage of 1. Challenging and growing members through the experience of putting exercises together, 2. Alleviating pressure from the Training Director having to create sessions during a time when she is traveling and out of town, and 3. Providing advanced students with an opportunity to work on exercises built from different perspectives.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to provide the opportunity for members to create exercises for the 4th session of the advanced class in 2018 and for Wendy Hultsman to coordinate the receipt and use of those exercises. Motion passed unanimously.
- (Side note: These exercises/courses would be reviewed by experienced course builders to make certain they adhere to JCAC curriculum. Also, members will get the exercises to Wendy by Wednesday so she and James can coordinate the exercise formatting.)

Off-Site Classes

- A request has been made by Billie Rosen for compensation from the club for the use of her training facility being used by the junior handler class. The junior handler class is held there because the schedule at the Patch could not accommodate all of the classes.
- After some discussion about the amount and frequency of payment, the decision was deferred until the September meeting with the expectation that Julie Grant could provide some historic information regarding payment prior to that meeting.

Off-Site Storage Items

- Amy Wood still has the items from off-site storage (displays, printer) to list on Craigslist. Amy will write up the ad and send it out to several people for feedback before posting.

Request for Assistance from JCAC

- Alice (as president) received a letter asking JCAC to provide financial assistance to an Arizona Junior Handler who will be going to the AKC European Open competition. The junior handler is not associated with JCAC as a member or class participant.
- Discussion ensued.
- A decision was made not to provide financial assistance as requested. JCAC has limited funds and already commits to providing equipment to junior handlers associated with the club through classes and had already made a commitment to assist with funding for JCAC junior handlers to go to NADAC Champs. Funds are limited and must build up in order to reach that goal.

Rubberizing Turf/Prioritizing Goals at the Patch

- A suggestion was made to rubberize the patch again. More and more dogs are slipping when they run on the artificial turf.
- Rubberizing cost \$2,500 the last time it was done in February of 2015. Most felt that the next time the field is rubberized it should have double the amount of pellets than in the prior year.

- Other expenses have already been committed to such as the tunnels (will be about \$1,000) the tunnel bags (will be about \$540), and replacing the rest of the lights with LED lights.
- Discussion about prioritizing led to consensus that the first priority is the tunnels, the second priority would be rubberizing the turf and the third would be replacing the lights.
- The timing is important to work through. JCAC would have an opportunity to rubberize before fall classes start, but this is the period of the year where funds are low.
- A suggestion was made that a fun run or fundraiser tba, be held specifically to support the rubberizing project. This garnered support from the group.
- The club may be able to reduce its expense by buying the materials and then doing the work with club members rather than paying a company to do the work. A machine could be rented to lay the rubber pellets and a tractor to pull the machine could, perhaps, be borrowed.
- Last time the turf was rubberized it was 1/2 pound. This time the goal would be 1 pound. The patch is 30,000 square feet
- MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to pay for tunnels and tunnel bags first and then to pay for rubberizing the turf and then to finish the LED lights. The line of credit for the club would be used to pay for the rubberizing in order to complete the work prior to fall classes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Calls will be made to get quotes for the job; the goal will be to get the work done the first 2 weeks in September (work to be completed before 9/25). Quotes will be gathered for materials and labor and for materials alone so that a final decision can be made about whether labor will need to be done by club members or whether it is economical enough to have someone else do the work.

Chairs at the Patch

- Chairs will no longer be purchased for classes at the Patch. As the current chairs break, they will not be replaced for classes.
- Students are being asked to bring a chair to class, making sure their names are on it.
- JCAC will still need to provide chairs for shows for scribes/timers/pole setters, etc.

Marketing JCAC

- JCAC is a great club. Members are asked to assist with marketing the club when opportunities arise.
- New rubberizing and lighting will be an opportunity for marketing and illustrating the point that JCAC proactively makes improvements to serve its membership and provide safety to all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.

NEXT MEETING: September 11 at 7PM at Alice Nicholson's home.