

**MINUTES OF THE
2024 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING OF
REDWOOD EMPIRE SHEEP DOG ASSOCIATION**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 2024 president Carolyn Erdman called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. Gratitude for Stacy, Nancy Todd's daughter for providing the venue! The following 20 members were in Attendance:

- Carolyn Erdman
 - Catlyn Gilman
 - Colleen Duncan
 - Nancy Todd
 - Donna Beebe–by phone
 - Ellen Skillings
 - Meta Metal
 - Dean Watson
 - Joyce Shepherd
 - Paigelynn Trotter
 - Jack Mathieson
 - Andy Edmondson
 - Steve Moody
 - Jeannie Moody (family)
 - Dave Rovegno
 - Julie Bradt
 - Lydia Nunez
 - Janeanne Erickson
 - Sophia Bates
 - Joyce Shephard
- Suzanne Ferris–arrived late
- By Proxy:**
Jeanine Berger
Sheila Brumley-Rios
Kim Cooney
Virginia Dains
Karen Kollgaard
Rhonda Lauritson
Pat Mariani
Sandra Milberg
Ed Spencer

The following actions were taken by appropriate motions duly made, seconded, and adopted by majority vote of the Members entitled to vote.

I. REVISE/APPROVE 2023 FALL MEETING MINUTES – Approved

II. TREASURER'S REPORT – Approved

The financial statements for the season, as prepared by the Association's Treasurer, Colleen Duncan. Detailed copies available upon request. Copies provided at the Spring Meeting: Summary of Yearly income/expenses 2016 - 2023 and 2024 (January). Fall meeting provided copies of income / expenses for every event in detail. At Spring Meeting Discussed filing taxes. They have been filed.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Vice President – Steve Moody by a 8 to 7 vote (also nominated Dean Waston)
- Secretary – Carolyn Erdman (one nomination)
- Treasurer – Colleen Duncon (one nomination)

IV. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (one nomination for each position)

- Director elections for full (two-year) terms – 1 more year on 2-year Term: Andy Edmondson

- Elected for 2 year terms new 2024: Paigelynn Trotter, Dean Watson, Meta Metal
- Elected for 1 year term new 2024: Donna Beebe, Sohpia Bates

Discussed: the role of the board is to answer emails as sent in a timely manner.

V. NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OVER CHAIR OF MEETING –Catlyn Gliman

VI. 2024 TRIAL CALENDAR AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Updated calendar in Google docs
- To be determined: Owen’s Play Day in March – Contact to Kevin: Steve Moody
- Contract to be Determined Marin Demo, Also need official Name of the Event: ?Irish festival —?

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Bylaws (Recommended Bylaws Changes)
 1. Motion passed to Add “...which includes email” to bylaw 1.2 requiring written notice.
 2. Motion passed to reinstate a “family” membership. Exact adjustment will be proposed by Board members (Carolyn Erdman Paiglynn Trotter and Catlyn Gilman) and will be sent at least 30 days prior to Fall Meeting. To be voted on at the meeting to be implemented to the 2025 membership.
- Trial Clerk
 1. Donna Beebe to Take over, new email and mailing address for entries.
- Publicity
 1. Donna Beebe, Catlyn Gilman, Paigelynn Trott, Lydia Nunez
 2. Facebook, Instagram, Website, Other
- New Revenue Committee
 1. Deemed not needed at this time
- Website
 1. Transfer of site from Sharon Heringer to Resda Email and give access to more people to edit/ maintain site. Still hosted by GoDaddy.
 2. Added new plugins for ease of editing and ability to edit/view on a phone or tablet. Programs were mentioned and costs. These are available upon request. Some costs are month to month. Once the website is up and running it might be able to reduce costs by having a yearly fee for what is still required.
 3. Ability to use Paypal to enter events will be added.
 4. Aim to add scores as soon as possible after a trial and update high points.
 5. Linked to Google Docs is possible.
 6. Looking into the ability to pay for more than one trial at a time via our website.
 7. Request that the Paypal receipts list what trial was paid for to the recipient, trial secretary, and treasurer.
 8. Ease to remove trial entries from the payment page once past the deadline to enter.
 9. Link to a better calendar and locations to watch trials.
 10. Other suggestions may be submitted to the Website Team (Andy and Meta).
 11. Aim: new website goes live by March.

12. Motion passed to give 3 pro-novice or 2 open entries to Andy Edmondson and Meta Metal for their fast, efficient and very time consuming transfer and upgrade of the website.
- Historian
 1. Worked with the Website Team.
 2. Keep documents of the year, Take photos, ask others to send them photos.
 3. Donna Beebe and Pagielynn Trotter
 - New Membership
 1. Membership mailer update
 - a) Great success.
 - b) Improvement: change the envelope size and color for next year.
 - Sheep Contracts
 1. Need all tax ID numbers, no other changes mentioned.
 - Trailer Logistics
 1. Update on pop ups (Donna) and BBQ (Nancy)
 - a) Issue where to store and how to transport these items.
 - b) No update on if they were bought yet or not.
 - c) NEED new tires, Steve Moody to obtain as needed.
 - Ribbons and Awards
 1. 2024 Top 10 Awards –Given to those present at meeting.
 - Novice Program
 1. Request to evaluate standard for gripping at judges clinic.

VIII. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- Standardized Set up and Start Time for trails?
 1. Motion did not pass to standardize start time for the ranch trials and other events.
 2. Issues brought up: that later start time is better for some people to get to the trials, but for others being able to leave earlier is more important. Board unable to prioritize which is more prudent as size of trial and other factors vary. Decided to leave as is: up to Trial Secretary and Event Organizer and the Judge to determine the start time of the trial and handler's meeting.
 3. Discussion on this topic included, but were not limited to:
 - a) Brainstorming ideas on how to get more volunteers to set up and tear down.
 - b) Mentioned idea to get the course there 1 hour prior to the start time listed on the trial announcement.
 - c) Need more than 1 person there to set up.
 - d) Mentioned that all handlers used to need to be present at handlers meeting or they did not get to run their dog (s) unless extreme circumstances. Not required now, but might be needed in the future.
 - e) Heat of the day changes sheep as the day goes on. Some people mentioned time of day potentially changes scores. This is unavoidable.
 - f) How and when to make the run order. No official requirements declared.

IX. ADJOURN at 2:47 PM