

**MINUTES of the  
2024 ANNUAL FALL MEETING of  
REDWOOD EMPIRE SHEEP DOG ASSOCIATION**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** 2024 President Catlyn Gilman called the meeting to order, at 11:20 a.m. Gratitude to Stacy, Nancy Todd's daughter, for providing the venue! The following members were in Attendance:

- Donna Beebe
- Jeannine Berger
- Robert Condon
- Kim Cooney
- Colleen Duncan
- Andy Edmondson—*by phone*
- Carolyn Erdman
- Suzanne Ferris—*arrived after the meeting ended*
- Catlyn Gilman
- Karen Kollgaard
- Meta Metal
- Lydia Nunez
- Joyce Shepherd
- Nancy Todd

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

**I. DICKENS AWARDS – given to Karen Kollgaard create by Donna Beebe**

**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 Fall Meeting: Summary of Yearly income/expenses 2016 - 2024 and Detailed 2024 income, expenses.

**III. 2024 TRIAL CALENDAR – Reviewed**

- Detailed discussion of expenses of each Trial / Event:
  1. Tango Farm Trial made money for 1<sup>st</sup> time
  2. Combination of Clinic and Plays Days basically broke even in costs (-\$6.22)
  3. Checking on Mendocino money arriving. (Was supposed to have been mailed 11/12/24)
  4. All other fairs paid up
- Detailed discussion of ways to improve:
  1. Russ suggested again to have the Circle X be a 2-day trial
  2. Re-confirmed that Wool Growers is not for points and needs to conclude, including awards, before lunch
  3. Keep Sheep and Dog First Aid Kit with trailer, at each event
  4. We need an **official Announcer** for all Fair Trails for 2025
    - a) They need notes on the dogs
    - b) What to say; and what not to say
- Separate discussion of Demos and PlayDays/Clinic:
  1. Voted to continue the Pennyroyal Demo with no changes
  2. Of note for the new event in 2024: Our fee is one hotel room, and sheep fee paid

- by the Ceili Demo. (Hoping to have the event again in 2025)
3. Lambtown in Dixon went well. (Hoping to have the event again in 2025)
  4. Offer more clinic discounts to help club members learn. Suggestions for a future clinics that members can attend:
    - a) **Ellen Skillings** clinic again with same 50% covered by RESDA
    - b) Scott Glen Clinic (Ask to come locally or to subsidize fee to other location)
    - c) Paying for part of the auditing fee for the person coming from Australia who specializes in 3-sheep trials in May (**Gary White**)
    - d) Haley Hunewell has **Ricky Hutchinson** clinic in February and **Sergio Parello** clinic in May 2025; and Geri Bryne has **Derek Scrimgeour** in May. Subsidize auditing fees for members? (clinic sections are already full)
    - e) **AHBA Farm Ranch Trial** for additional PN focus on dog development (mid-year or fall)
    - f) **Moving-up-to-Open dog-focused play day** / practice judging mid-year (summer). Setup Like the judging clinic.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Bylaws (Recommended Bylaws Changes) These were voted on at Spring Trial, but the Board neglected to mail them out with 30 days' notice to vote on at the Fall Meeting. Will be mailed for Spring Meeting Voting.
  1. Starting in 2026, there will be a family membership. Send updates to all for the year 2025 in the next meeting announcement. Update website to allow for family memberships.
  2. Shortened it to "***Shall keep an up-to-date membership list,;*** ***remove "Book" from bylaws; shorten to record or change record book to record document.***
    - 4.3 Secretary - shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the meetings of the Association in a permanent **record book**. ... Shall carry on official correspondence of the Association as directed... "***Shall keep an up-to-date membership list in the minute book.***"
- **Trial Clerk** (*Donna Beebe*)
  1. Mentioned that RESDA might need to limit entries depending on the sheep provider's ability to get sheep to the event. For most trials, they can only make one trailer load.
- **Publicity** (*Donna Beebe, Catlyn Gilman, Paigelynn Trotter, Lydia Nunez*)
  1. Start to make flyers and hand out for the fair Trials
    - a) Meet the Dogs
    - b) Course Description
    - c) Website
  2. Facebook, Instagram, Website, Other
    - a) keep posting events announcements
    - b) Post more photos
  3. Request approved to create and buy TWO 4x8 banners to hang up at trial with club name, website, and maybe the logo depending on cost. (*design TBD*)
- **New Revenue Committee** (no one on committee)
  1. Deemed not needed at this time, we are good financially and would like to spend more on the club members

- **Website** (*Meta, Andy*)
  1. Will renew
  2. Add link to website showing other venues, trials and clinics
  3. Better/faster communication to Trial Secretary, Secretary, and Treasurer of people who pay for trials and join club on-line
    - a) Sharing login to Trial Secretary to see in real time
- **Historian** (*Donna Beebe and Pagielynn Trotter*)
  1. Worked with the Website Team.
  2. Keep documents of the year. Take photos, ask others to send them photos.
  3. Need more help
- **New Membership**
  1. 65 or more members paid in 2024. More than 15 are new this year. Many re-joined after many years away
- **Sheep Contracts**
  1. Need all tax ID numbers. No other changes mentioned.
- **Trailer Logistics**
  1. New Tires, still needed?
  2. Other maintenance to be discussed at Spring Meeting
  3. Update on popups – they are great and good to have at events
  4. BBQ not bought yet
  5. Tarps → include scissors in kit
- **Ribbons & Awards**
  1. **2024 Top 10 Awards** – Given to those present at the meeting.
  2. **Most Improved to *Davey Rovegno***
  3. **Chubb Award to *Meta & Andy*** (*also nominated Lydia and Donna*)
- **Novice Program**
  1. We would like a summer PN event

## V. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- Need to obtain judging list of who is eligible by Spring Meeting
  1. Make sure we cater to people to need to attend Judging clinic on time and location
- To mail out spring meeting announcements with the “join the club” cards like Last year. Add an opt-in to having information made available to the club members.
  1. Colleen organizing it again
- At the spring meeting, print and hand out a file of members with name, email, phone for all who opt-in for that to be available.
- Spring Meeting the same location, or Donna is looking into a place near Dixon. TBD

## VI. MEETING ADJOURNED – at 2:47 PM