

**MINUTES OF THE
2019 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING OF
REDWOOD EMPIRE SHEEP DOG ASSOCIATION**

Pursuant to notice, the annual meeting of the Redwood Empire Sheep Dog Association was held on February 2, 2019 at 10:00 AM in Upper Lake, California. The purpose of the meeting: Annual Spring Meeting as required in Bylaws.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM. 2018 President Catlyn Gilman called the meeting to order at 10:47 AM. A quorum was declared based on the presence of the following Members:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Donna Lea Beebe● Colleen Duncan● Carolyn Erdman● Catlyn Gilman● Sharon J. Heringer● Jeannie Moody (family member)● Steve Moody● Shelia Rios● Joyce Shephard● Nancy Todd● Tom Trent | <p>By proxy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Suzanne Farris</i>● <i>Michael R. Hills</i>● <i>Karen Kollgaard</i>● <i>Jack Mathieson</i>● <i>Marnie Nunnemaker</i>● <i>George Powell</i>● <i>Alison Ruhe</i> |
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The following actions were taken by appropriate motions duly made, seconded, and adopted by majority vote of the Members entitled to vote (unless a higher voting requirement is stated.)

II. MINUTES OF 2018 FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. The minutes of the November 17, 2018 Meeting were approved as written. Questions about the Bylaws changes made at the Fall General Membership Meeting are recorded below in *Section VII. A. Bylaws*.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT. The financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2018, as prepared by the Association's Treasurer, Colleen Duncan, were approved.

Taking into account all trial costs and revenues, other revenues such as memberships and other expenses such as insurance, the Association had a net profit of \$610.81 for calendar year 2018. Members may request a copy of the 2018 financial report from Treasurer Colleen Duncan.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT. 2018 Secretary Sharon Heringer shared a newsletter-style report, which can be found online at this link: www.intentionaldesign.com/resda/2019/feb.pdf.

In summary, 43 memberships and 14 trial dates for 2018 for 2018 were slightly above our five-year average of 42 memberships and 13 trial dates respectively. A total of 72 dogs competing in 2018 was sharply above our 2017 total of 44 dogs as well as our five-year average of 55 dogs. A total of 49 handlers competing was above our 2017 total of 26 handlers as well as our five-year average of 32 handlers. Involvement of five PeeWee handlers, most competing in multiple trials, was an important development.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Officers are elected for a one-year term. In addition, the current Vice President becomes the President-elect the following year. The following Officers were elected:

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Name: Ms. Sharon Heringer
Office: Vice President
Address: 6 Partridge Court
Novato, CA 94945

Name: Ms. Carolyn Erdman
Office: Secretary
Address: PO Box 901
Dixon, CA 95620

Name: Ms. Colleen Duncan
Office: Treasurer
Address: 9896 Ahart Road
Oroville, CA 95966

VI. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. The following persons were elected as Directors for terms as provided in the Bylaws:

Name: Ms. Donna Beebe
Term: 2 years
Address: 3212 Grubbs Road
Oroville, CA 95966

Name: Ms. Shelia Rios
Term: 2 years
Address: 18224 Spruce Rd Ext
Hidden Valley Lake, CA 95467

Name: Mrs. Nancy Todd
Term: 1 year to complete term David Howard's term
Address: 420051 Ridgeway Hwy
Potter Valley, CA 95469

The following complete the nine members of the 2019 RESDA Board of Directors:

Name: Mr. Steve Moody
Office: President
Address: PO Box 494
Valley Ford, CA 94972

Name: Ms. Catlyn Gilman
Term: Past President
Address: PO Box 605
Philo, CA 95466

Name: Ms. Joyce Shephard
Term: Second year in 2-year term as Director
Address: 3968 Walker Avenue

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A break was taken after the elections. Upon return from the break, 2019 President Steve Moody took over leadership of the meeting.

VI. 2019 TRIAL CALENDAR AND ASSIGNMENTS.

The following trial dates, judging assignments and no point trials were established. All dates require confirmation with the host venue and sheep providers and are subject to change.

RESDA 2019 Calendar			
Trial or Event Name	Trial Date	Judge or Organizer and No Point (NP) Trials	# High Point
RESDA Judging Clinic Boonville Fairgrounds	Sat, March 30	Steve Moody and Colleen Duncan, Organizers	
Jack Knox Clinic Tango Farms; Honcut, CA	Sat and Sun, April 13-14	Colleen Duncan, Organizer	N/A
Spring (PN); Fairgrounds or Johnson Ranch; Boonville, CA	Sat, April 20	Judge Shelia Rios NP— Suzanne Farris, George Powell	#1
Tango Farms (PN) Honcut, CA	Sat, April 27	Judge Colleen Duncan	#2
Valley Ford Trial Valley Ford, CA	Sat, May 18	Judge Steve Moody NP—Alison Ruhe	#3
Futurity	Targeting June or July	Judges Steve Moody, Sharon Heringer	N/A
Circle X Ranch Trial Potter Valley, CA	Sat, June 1	Judge Nancy Todd	N/A
Northern California Wool Growers Tehama County Fairgrounds Red Bluff, CA	Sun, June 9	Judge Carolyn Erdman	N/A
Sonoma Marin Fair Petaluma Fairgrounds	Sun, June 23	Judge Catlyn Gilman	#4
Marin County Fair San Rafael Fairgrounds	Sun, July 7	Judge Donna Beebe	#5

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Beebe-Johnson (PN); Johnson Family Ranch in Boonville	Sat, July 27	Judge Joyce Shephard NP—Tom Trent	#6
Sonoma County Fair; Santa Rosa Fairgrounds	Sun, August 4	Judge Jack Mathieson	#7
Humboldt County Fair Ferndale Fairgrounds	August 17 or 18	Judge Shelia Rios	N/A
Mendocino Elimination (PN); Boonville Fairgrounds	Sat, August 24	Judge Nancy Todd NP—Marnie Nunnemaker	#8
Mendocino Finals; Boonville Fairgrounds	Sun, Sept 15	Judge Nancy Todd	N/A
Potter Valley (PN) Potter Valley Rodeo Grounds	Sat, Sept 21	Judge Sharon Heringer NP— Carolyn Erdman, Michael Hills	#9
Lambtown Demo Dixon May Fairground	Sat and Sun, Oct 5 and 6		N/A
Fall Trial (PN); Johnson Family Ranch in Boonville	Sat, Oct 12	Judge Karen Kollgaard	#10

Notes on the calendar:

- RESDA Judging Clinic. Colleen Duncan and Steve Moody will organize a RESDA Judging Clinic before our first 2019 trial. The planned venue is the Boonville fairgrounds. Colleen Duncan will call Jim Brown at the Mendocino County Fair to see if we can use their arena for the Judging Clinic and Spring Trial. While we have not made attendance at the Judging Clinic mandatory, judges and prospective judges should attend. All members are welcome to participate.
- Futurity. Board will select final date, targeting June or July. Eligible dogs must not have turned 3 before January 1, 2019, nor competed in a trial. The entry fee will be \$100 for two runs. Catlyn will circulate the original rules. We need a good location, such as the Boonville fairgrounds, as well as the right sheep.
- Petaluma Arena Readiness Check. Steve would like to go to the Petaluma fairgrounds the week before the fair to make sure the arena is ready and that panels are available for the set out.
- Handler Access During Farmer’s Day at the Sonoma County Fair. This has been an ongoing point of concern. Steve and Colleen will work to see if access can be specified in the fair contract.
- Mendocino Eliminations Date. Ask Jim Brown if we can hold the Elimination trial on the fourth Saturday in August (August 24) instead of the third Saturday, so we can hold the Humboldt County Fair trial on the third Saturday or Sunday. Perhaps Colleen can ask Jim about this when making arrangements for the Judging Clinic and Spring Trial.

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- Judging for PN Trials. Generally, the same judge covers Open, PN and any other trial classes offered. However, the assigned Open judge may ask another qualified person to judge PN or other classes if needed.

VII. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

A. Bylaws

Our Board serves as the Bylaws Committee and is responsible for recommending Bylaws changes for vote by the General Membership. The following comments were raised regarding the November 2018 Bylaws changes:

4.1 PROTEST PROTOCOL specifies: “a. No protest will be accepted unless it is filed within 48 hours of the time of the cause of the protest.” The comment was made that this time frame is too short to be practical.

4.1 PROTEST PROTOCOL includes: “h. Describes or attaches any documents related to the protest, which must include the written decision issued by the local arbitrating body.” “Local arbitrating body” doesn’t seem to apply to us.

4.2 JUDGING RELATED PROTESTS includes two sentences that seem contradictory to some: “Judging protests follow the same protocol as general protests. Decisions of judges cannot be protested and are final.”

The Bylaws Committee was asked to re-examine these phrases.

B. Trial Clerk

Donna Beebe is the 2019 Association Trial Clerk.

C. Publicity

Sharon Heringer and Catlyn Gilman will support publicity efforts, including trial programs and the RESDA Facebook page.

D. Website

The website will be renewed by Catlyn and Sharon as part of publicity efforts.

E. Newsletter

Carolyn Erdman will have primary responsibility for the Newsletter.

F. Historian

Donna Beebe will continue serving as our Historian.

G. New Membership

No single point of contact was assigned.

H. Sheep

Donna Beebe will continue to lead the Sheep Committee, with help from Steve Moody.

I. Trial Logistics

Members have been taking turns hauling the course; we will continue this arrangement.

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J. Ribbons and Awards

Donna Beebe will continue ordering ribbons and bringing them to trials.

K. Novice Program

The workday at Karen Kollgaard's last year was well-received. Our full trial calendar has made it difficult to plan more workdays. Colleen, Joyce and Karen would like to contribute.

VIII. ADOPTION OF MOTIONS AND PLANS.

A. Every Point Trial Counts Toward Championship

In recent years, each team competing in the High Point Championship dropped their lowest score in addition to the handler's judging assignment or no point draw. In 2019, every point trial will be counted. With a total of ten point trials planned, each team will have up to nine scores counted toward the Championship.

B. Equipment Repairs

Steve noted that the trial course needs work. A budget not to exceed \$200 was approved for Steve to spend on course repairs. He picked up the course from Colleen at the Spring Meeting and will work on repairs. The RESDA course equipment may not be needed until the June 1 Circle X Ranch Trial, as trials before then will likely be able to supply their own or borrow other equipment.

C. Trial Course Cover

At one time, a branded cover was placed over the course equipment when it was on the trailer. Steve would like to see a new cover, made of wood or perhaps canvas, that displays *Redwood Empire Sheep Dog Association*. He will develop options and bring them to the next Board Meeting for discussion.

D. Judging Certification

Do we want to require RESDA judges to be certified through participation in a Judging Clinic? The Board will address this at the next Board Meeting.

IX. NEXT MEETING. The next planned meeting of the Redwood Empire Sheep Dog Association will be a scheduled Board Meeting, held immediately after the Judging Clinic at the Mendocino County Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 30, 2019. All members are welcome to attend the Judging Clinic and Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 1:37 PM. A potluck lunch followed.

These Minutes were prepared by the 2019 Association Secretary, Carolyn Erdman, with input from the 2018 Secretary, Sharon Heringer.

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