

ZOOM BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JULY 26, 2023

Colorado's Junior Handler Educational Foundation / aka-dba Colorado Junior Foundation

5:45 ZOOM Board Meeting Called to Order

In Attendance: Louise Leone, Carey Moreschini, Marlene Groves, Diane Simcik (Absent Annel Henderson and Anthony Wagoner).

Meeting Focus to Discuss and Approve or Edit our Proposed Junior Programs

Financial Position - Louise posed the question of “How much money do we have and how do we plan to divvy it up amongst three different groups?” Marlene updated that we have \$1250 that still needs to be deposited in the account; and Annel is finishing up Plum Creek show and will be working on our Quick Books and more of a Financial Report. The value of each award will be dependent on the money that is donated. Marlene is still waiting on the IRS to give us a formal approval before going out and requesting donations. Marlene proposed that we first work on what we think we want to offer first and then determine how we will fund it.

Juniors Choice Award – (Junior's Vote) – The simplest program where the juniors vote a ballot to determine who they feel is the Best. This is part of overall sportsmanship to be able to acknowledge other dgood dogs, breeding programs, handlers, etc; so something we need to get juniors to think about. This is a \$250 sponsorship and “Everything Dog” is earmarked to sponsor this. Winner will get a ribbon and a gift card or prize not to exceed the overall \$250 cost/income from the sponsor.

MOTION by Carey to approve the Junior Choice Program as written, Louise seconds, a short discussion included the rough price of rosettes and type of prize before the board agreed that they were unanimously in favor. ***This motion passed.***

Colorado's Best of the Best Junior – (Judges Pick) This follows AKC format, with a Best and Reserve Best Junior, but it will be an event similar to a Top 20, with a group of judges (not one judge). The host club must fill out an AKC application (Marlene will work with AKC and host club to ensure paperwork is done properly). Ideally, Best and Reserve Best would both earn nice Scholarships. Probably for 2023, Best will be \$1,000 and Reserve will be \$500.

Off-topic discussion about promotion of our event by non member clubs. Some felt it should not be allowed, some felt the more promoting, the better.

Discussion on should this be “only Colorado Juniors”. Some wanted only Colorado juniors, some wanted to include any Best Junior at a Colorado all breed show. A compromise was reached to invite any “border state junior” that has attended 10 or more of our 33 all breed shows, and who has earned a Best Junior. It cannot be a single weekend of a couple times here in Colorado.

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MOTION by Diane, with a second by Carey to approve the Best of the Best Program as drafted with these modifications to include border state juniors who attend 10 or more shows and who earn a Best Junior. ***With all in favor and unambiguously approved; motion passed.***

Junior Sportsman Award – (Board Reviews & Selects) - The grandest award, and one that requires an application and then review by the board, and the board select the recipient. Ideally we will offer \$2500 or something big, however it is likely for 2023 we will only be able to offer \$1000, maybe \$1500 prize (based on the money in the bank). There is an application for this award and the board will review them. This will not be about running around in left handed circles but have other criteria - - part of any club, volunteer work, titles on dogs, community involvement, etc.

Marlene sent the board language from the Reno Kennel Club and the list of things they can use their scholarship money towards things like Westminster, Royal Canin etc. Diane prefers suggests that we adopt a similar kennel club language for the Best of the Best to be non-academic. Carey and Louise agrees.

MOTION by Marlene, second by Diane that we allow the Best of the Best Junior scholarship to be used for Higher Education, but also Westminster, AKC National and a Breed National. ***Votes were all in favor, motion passed.***

MOTION by Carey, seconded by Louise that approve the Junior Sportsman Award language the way it is with some the minor modifications on volunteering and a performance section. ***All votes were in favor, motion passed.***

Next BOD Meeting Scheduled August 23 @ 6pm and 7pm for the General Meeting

September 27th BOD Meeting @6pm and 7pm for the General Meeting

*Possible In-Person Meeting at Evergreen

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50pm