

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 5, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting – Via Zoom

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

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Meeting** called to order at 7:08
- **Attending:** Marlene Groves, Carey Moreschini, Barbara Murray, Anthony Wagoner, Douglas Johnson, Annel Henderson, Jill Chase, Diane Simcik
- **Minutes:** No prior meetings, so no minutes.
- **Finance:** No money collected yet, nothing to report

#### OPEN ITEMS & UPDATES:

- **SUPPORTING CLUBS** – Marlene reiterated Plum Creek agreed to host the 2024 event in June, plus Southern Colorado KC and Colorado KC, Arapahoe, Buckhorn, have committed their support while Flat Irons and Greeley have interest. Declining support (at this time) are Colorado Springs KC and Terry-All KC; with Evergreen KC & Roaring Fork KC undecided/ not participating at this early time. Durango KC has not stated. Grand Valley KC cannot afford to support. *\$600 will be the All-Breed Club amount.*
- **INSURANCE & BONDING** - Will be looked at in the future when we have funds. Marlene sent a link to the group about Bonding As A Non-Profit and plans to take an online Colorado Secretary State Non-Profit seminar and will send that info to others as well.
- **AKC** - Mary Beth O'Neil, AKC VP, supports our efforts and is hopeful to attend.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS & SPONSORS** - There has been suggestions to have more than one scholarship available (3 scholarships being ideal). Marlene is still reaching out to potential sponsors; we need to raise funds!
- **PRO HANDLERS** - Some Pro-Handlers have committed \$100 each.
- **GO FUND ME** - Marlene will start a Go-Fund-Me page after entity has a name, tax id, etc.
- **FUTURE HOSTS** – We are looking for future club hosts, from 2025 on a first-come first-serve basis.
- **FOUNDING BOARD** - The proposed founding Board - Marlene Groves President, Louise Leone VP, Carey Moreschini Secretary, Annel Henderson Treasurer, Anthony Wagner Director, Diane Simcik Director.
  - o **MOTION** by Marlene, second by Carey for this Founding Board. *Motion passed unanimously.*
  - o *Note: This is a very well-rounded board with AKC, Dog Club, Junior Showmanship, Event Management, and other experience, plus enthusiasm to get this done. And we are blessed with an Accountant as Treasurer!*

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- **NAME** – Lots of discussion and consideration on names. “Best of the Best” determined as a slogan or event name. Entity name needs words like “Educational”, “Foundation”, “Scholarship” and “Colorado” so we can run multiple programs; and with words like “Foundation” and “Scholarship” it makes it easier for supporters to donate money.
  - o **ACTION:** *All asked to submit name ideas as formal name needed by June 1, 2023 for Bank and IRS purposes.*
- **BYLAWS** - A rough 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the bylaws will be sent to the Board of Directors by Marlene following this meeting.
- **FACEBOOK** - It was also determined that creating a Face Book page for the members of the group and dog community will make it easier to have quick discussions going forward.
- **MEETING DAY** - Tony suggested that future meetings be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month beginning in April. The group was in agreement. Next meeting is now April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **AKC DELEGATE INPUT** - Doug shared input on junior mentorship & breeding programs. He advocated the importance of Junior Coordinators in clubs an working on ways to get more juniors involved in the sport and clubs.
- **BEYOND COLORADO** – Discussed the idea of including Juniors from outlying states like Wyoming, Nebraska, New Mexico and perhaps extending the footprint of the program regionally. This has both pros & cons.
- **QUALIFYING WINS** – Discussion about qualifications being both Best Juniors and Reserve Best Juniors. It's hard to tell and what we decide for the 1<sup>st</sup> year may change as the program goes forward.
- **EVENT MANAGEMENT** - Diane Simcik, said she has Event Management skills and offered to help with the same.

**ADJOURNMENT - MOTION** to adjourn was made at 8:03 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING** – April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – Switching to 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays