

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 24, 2023 – Via Zoom

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Meeting:** Called to order at 7:15
- **Attending:** Marlene Groves, Carey Moreschini, Barbara Murray, Anthony Wagoner, Doug Johnson, Annel Henderson, Diane Simcik, Louise Leonne
- **Minutes 05-24-23 - MOTION** by Diane, second by Anthony to approve. *Motion passed all in favor.*

OPEN ITEMS & UPDATES:

FINANCE – Income - No money has been collected but invoices have gone out to all clubs that have agreed to support and as soon as money begins to come in, a bank account will be opened. **Expense** - Board agreed to reimburse Marlene Groves for all IRS start of costs. **Payment Address** – to treasurer's address.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE UPDATE –

Bylaws & Name (Colorado's Junior Handler Educational Foundation) was approved by the board.

Colorado Secretary of State filing is complete.

IRS application is in the works and we will apply as a Youth Development Program (non profit group).

Other - The board is happy to be over the "Structure" hump. Note that bylaw editing for our entity can be easily made (unlike AKC dog clubs), as we grow and evolve, we may need to address and alter things. And we may want to think about a shorter web name or acronym.

CLUB UPDATES –

- Durango will support if not with financial funds, they can help with trophies, etc.
- Best of the Best Hosts - Plum Creek in 2024, and then Buckhorn in 2025. Years 2026 and forward are open.

INSURANCE – Secretary (who is an insurance agent) is researching Insurance and bonding options. Marlene had initially reached out to Equisure and Marlene will pass along contact & info to Carey.

FUNDRAISING –

- Doug tackling outreach to Pro Handlers.
- Marlene is will do a Go-Fund Me page and Paypal account as soon as we have a Bank Account.
- Tony offered to hit up 4-H parents.
- Juniors Are The Future Decals are ready for selling \$5/each or 10 for \$30 for clubs and groups.
- Diane will have Buckhorn sell them on their club website.
- Marlene will look into getting banners to also sell with the same logo.

SALES or DONATIONS - Carey brought up methods of payment for those clubs wanting to get the word out about the sale of the decal and Marlene reminded us that we cannot set up methods of payment until we have a formal bank account in place. Discussions were had about suggested donations, raffles etc. to make money on the decals but also abide by the tax laws. More research will be done by Annelle regarding sales tax, and exemptions. Louise cautioned that we cannot call any event a "raffle" without a license but should instead call it a "fundraiser". Marlene agrees and added many clubs do a silent auction or brown bag, but we need to avoid "raffle or bingo", etc.

BEST JUNIOR WIN INFO – The President continues to keep a list of the Best Juniors winners beginning January 1, 2023 and the list also includes Reserve Best winners. Louise wanted to clarify a set criterion for the Juniors wishing to compete (GPA, Community Service, etc.) Diane doesn't believe that the Best of the Best should be considered an intellectual scholarship but instead encourage a Junior handler to get out and compete with their dog, their performance, their involvement, their future in the sport. All on the zoom agreed. There is a reason that AKC must do it, but we don't need it to.

4-H – More discussion on weaving in the 4-H kids. Marlene mentioned a large group in Elbert County (over 100 kids). Tony is plugged into Weld County. Shelly B is a great connection for El Paso. It was suggested we all need to try to get to some 4-H meetings and sync up with the 4-H state leaders. Everyone agreed! ACTION Needed!

RECAP OF INDIVIDUAL TASKS/COMMITMENTS (Let's all work on them for the month of June)!

- Marlene and Annel's completing the IRS1023ez application, sending out Club Invoices, opening a Bank Account (once we get a few checks), setting up a Paypal.
- Annelle also will research Sales Tax details.
- Marlene will purchase the Junior Decals.
- Carey will investigate Insurance.
- Tony will work on Weld County and 4H'ers and reach out to Jennifer Carlson, Missy Sorenson, Roxanne Bashor, and others to bridge the gap between 4H and Best of the Best. Marlene will send Tony the names of additional 4H contacts to get in touch with.
- Louise will begin some initial verbiage and criteria for our Best of the Best. (This was a topic she asked about and since we are new, it has not yet been worked on by anyone in the group. All will of course be part of the final overall program.
- Diane & Marlene need an in person meeting to strategize on our Annual Event.
- Doug is working on getting support from the Pro Handlers.

ADJOURNMENT – The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

OUR UPCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS

JUNE 28 & JULY 26

COLORADO JUNIOR FOUNDATION ZOOM MEETING LINK
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