

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 28, 2023 – Via Zoom

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Meeting:** Called to order at 7:06, and Meeting Guideline briefly reviewed.
- **Attending:** Marlene Groves, Carey Moreschini, Doug Johnson, Annel Henderson, Diane Simcik, Louise Leonne, JoDee Putnins, Kevin O-Connell.
- **Minutes 05-24-23 - MOTION** made by Carey second by Louise to approve. *Motion passed unanimously.*

PRESIDENTS REPORT: (See Non Profit Organizational Info Below)

TREASURERS REPORT:

There is \$576 in the bank and another \$350 to deposit in the bank. Membership dues from Plum Creek and Southern Colorado have been received. Money has been received from 2 professional members and several advocates. Member's dues and misc. donations for \$25, sales of banner for \$75, decals for \$380. We have paid out expenses for the IRS; 1023, FEIN#. Currently financials are being kept in Excel since we cannot yet afford Quick Books. Treasurer is looking for a free software for future use and Tech Soup was suggested.

NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONAL INFO:

- **FOUNDING BOARD** - We still have one Director position on the Board open.
- **BYLAWS AND CONSTITUTION** - Marlene has sent out a recent version of the bylaws to Kevin O'Connell who offered to review them
- **INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE** - All is good with the IRS.
- **NAME/WEBSITE/EMAIL/PAYPAL/ETC** - Marlene made a Website with the name of our dba of ColoradoJuniorFoundation.org since it is shorter than the formal name. Marlene set up a matching email. Annel is planning to set up the Paypal account soon. JoDee has offered to help with the website which is currently with a free platform of APlus.net and is currently in just the beginning stages of development. JoDee announces Rex of Whiteway would like to make a donation to CJF in her name in the amount of \$1000.
- **CLUB PAYMENTS** - Marlene would like everyone to nudge their clubs for their \$600 payments and fill out the "Club Form". Marlene will either send them out and/or place the form on the website.
- **INSURANCE** - Carey gave a short update on what to expect and budget for insurance next year. Based on minimum premiums of approximately \$200 annually for Crime Coverage and \$800 annually for D&O coverage, Carey suggested that we plan on setting aside \$100 per month to be earmarked for the expense of insurance.

FUNDRAISING / LOGO, DECALS AND BANNERS:

- Decals and Banners have been a big hit. Special thanks to the designer Miranda.
- 1 decal is \$5, 20 for \$70, and 100 for \$250, Banner 2x2 is \$25, 3x3 is \$40. Marlene posed the question of if we should give a free decal or two to advocate members and donors. Diane does not think that donors are expecting anything in exchange for supporting us and getting the group off its feet. Carey suggested that we give the Board members should be given a banner to hang up in their clubs in exchange for their \$600. Diane suggested we get the decal design trademarked. Miranda suggested we put the copyright symbol on every decal although registering our name with the IRS does offer us a little protection from name copying.
- Miranda is also working on a more formal logo for the foundation as well.

SUPPORTERS:

- We need someone to head up the “Business Side” of fundraising and targeting businesses.
- Doug is contacting the Pro Handlers.
- Tony is working on getting supporters.
- Diane has offered reach out to businesses and is happy to cold call for money but would like leads.
- ***Special thanks to JoDee and Partners, Everything Dog” who have stepped forward to be the sponsor for the Junior Choice Award this year and every year.***

ANNUAL EVENT & JUNIOR PROGRAMS:

JUNIORS CHOICE - The kids invited will themselves vote on who they think is the most deserving for Juniors Choice although we may give them the criteria to consider when making their vote for the best amongst them.

JUNIOR SPORTSMAN AWARD - This is an award for those Juniors who do more than just showing. This would encompass their volunteer time, community service, club meetings and involvement.

BEST OF THE BEST - Louise put together wording to consider primarily based on AKC language. This award will include a scholarship for both the Best and Reserve Best. We want a 3 judge panel comprised of a Legendary Judge, an Aged-Out judge from the past, and an Aged- Out judge from the recent past. Carey clarified the fact that we discussed NOT making education and an academic scholarship a piece of the criteria. AKC’s Maribeth suggested we consider how the Junior would use the money if not to go to college. Diane felt the scholarship was being offered to help the Junior be able to afford to attend a higher level of showmanship, I.e., attending Westminster. Marlene shared that other clubs (at the club level) offer stipends for events like Westminster or Royal Canin. Marlene reminded the Board that we have a couple of categories to utilize stipends and scholarships and we discuss the criteria further when we meet in person sometime later in the year. Doug reminded all the AKC is very strict on not giving Juniors cash money and suggests that the money be put into an account that they can use at a later date to be used towards college, trade school, vet tech school. A brief discussion was had on how other clubs in the state are handling their endowment funds and scholarships. Carey mentioned the point of leaving out the Juniors from the outlying markets and Annel suggested making our reach a regional footprint. JoDee mentioned that we may not want to bring in competition from other states and consider starting small and growing larger if necessary. Marlene suggested considering making the bubble “slightly” bigger and not huge to incorporate just a few kids that do not have the resources in their neighboring states. Diane suggested that they should have to compete in Colorado in more than one show/weekend. Doug feels it depends on the purpose, I.e., the Best of the Best Nationwide or the Best of the Best in Colorado. He advocates for a National Best of the Best because no kid should be eliminated based on where they live. Marlene will send the spreadsheet of all the 2023 Junior winners so far. Kevin offered to send us some additional information.

- o ACTION ITEM: Nail down the specifics on the Best of the Best, Junior Sportsman Award, Juniors Choice.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

Diane requested approval of the ad for their catalogue and premium list that will have the logo and state that they are happy to be a member of it and briefly explain how it affects their club, Juniors. Louise has requested that we discuss in more detail and make changes to her language and document look by July 10th. Marlene suggests the Board meet earlier next month on July 26th at 5:30 pm then with the bigger group meeting at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Carey makes a motion to adjourn at 8:05 and Louise seconds.

OUR UPCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS

COLORADO JUNIOR FOUNDATION ZOOM MEETING LINK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83160469547>

Meeting ID: 831 6046 9547

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