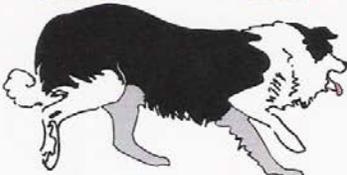


EASTERN IDAHO STOCK DOG



~~~~~ From the President ~~~~~

Greetings fellow Club Members,

In spite of all the cold and nasty weather we have had as of late, yesterday was a great day for a meeting and play day. Thanks to all of you who took time out of your busy schedules to join us for a little business, then fun and friendship with our dogs.

Debbie Empey, our illustrious sheep Queen, has been suffering with a bout of the flu, and also a disc issue in her back, and was unable to haul sheep for the play day, so Marina Smith and I hauled and handled the sheep for the play day. All went well, but we sure hope Deb gets her back healed up soon – it wasn't the same without her smiling face there.

The meeting went well, and although it ran a bit longer than anticipated, we got much accomplished and are well on our way to another great year with the club. This was my first meeting as President, and while the position is new to me, I am excited about the challenges it presents, and am really looking forward to working with all of you.

Thank You so much to **everyone** for all that you do to make this club a success. We couldn't do it without such a great group of dedicated people!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming play days, clinics and trials. Keep an eye on our Web Site as there are changes coming, which the Minutes will explain. This promises to be a great year.

See You Soon,

Valerie Gardner – President.

**Meeting Minutes – Feb 12th, 2017
Mill Iron Arena, Blackfoot, Idaho**

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**Items of Interest**

**Play days:**

- The next play day will be Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at Vaughn Wood's Mill Iron Arena. Start time is 11:00 stock fee is \$7/dog, paid to Debbie Empey. The venue fee is \$10/person paid to Mill Iron Ranch.
- Play days will continue on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, through March, then will be open to discussion.
- There is a USBCHA sanctioned trial at Goring Ranch, in Tremonton, Utah on April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. They are offering Open, Nursery, and Open Ranch classes. Entries open Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Carol Clawson for more information. (801) 913-3438

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Websites of Interest

<http://prattlivestockcompany.com>
<http://www.usbcha.com/>
<http://www.soldierhollowclassic.com/>
<http://www.meekersheepdog.com/>
<http://www.sheepdogfinals.com/>
<http://eisda.com/>
www.utahstockdog.org
<http://nobluffstockdogs.com>
<http://www.patrickshannahan.com/>

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**Local/Regional Stock Dog Trainers**

Debbie Empey, Idaho Falls 208-520-1827  
Shauna Gourley, Ogden, UT 801-388-8073, [flockandpaws.com](http://flockandpaws.com)  
Dianne Deal, Caldwell, ID 208-318-4920  
Patrick Shannahan, Caldwell, ID, <http://www.patrickshannahan.com/>  
Don Helsley, Caldwell, ID 208-866-6982  
Craig Eddins, Menan, ID 208-754-8624

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Eastern Idaho Stock Dog Association
Minutes of the February 12, 2017 Meeting
Mill Iron Ranch Arena, Blackfoot, Idaho

Meeting was called to order by Club President Valerie Gardner.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Valerie Gardner, Dave O'Connell, Lonna Jean & Dick Conroy, Marina Smith, Anita Pratt, Keith Young & Mickey Thiel, Karen Jensen, Ron Larson.

A quorum was present.

Minutes from previous meeting were tabled.

Treasurer's Reports:

A detailed, year-end report was presented by Lonna Jean, detailing the recent Knox Clinic expenses and money received. Currently the club has a balance of \$2561.34 and a ledger was presented to the Secretary reflecting all transactions.

Unfinished Business:

Election of Officers: The transition and election of officers at the previous meeting in October was discussed, and the Club welcomes Valerie Gardner as President, and Dave O'Connell as Vice President. Marina Smith remains as Secretary, and Lonna Jean Conroy remains as Treasurer.

Election of Board Member/Director: A discussion was held as to whether we needed to nominate one more Director, so as to avoid having an even number, but it was decided that for now we would remain with 3 Directors and look at amending the by-laws in the near future to allow for a change in the number of directors. Keith Young agreed to remain on as Director. Moved, seconded and motion carried to have Keith remain on as Director.

Web Site Renewal: Our Web site is up for renewal, and is being re-vamped by a Sub Committee. Discussion was held as to whether Suzanne Belger is considered an Honorary Member in that she does our Web site. It was decided that Suzanne would be considered as a volunteer. See discussion below for further details on Web site.

Fair Book Update: Dave O'Connell reported that this has been taken care of, and that names have been changed.

Annual Report Due: Each year an Annual Report must be filed by the club, prior to the Feb. 28th. Marina Smith, Club Secretary filed this in the end of January. Marina agreed to be listed on the report as registered agent.

New Business:

By-laws Sub-committee: In addition to Lonna Jean and Staci, Keith agreed to be on this sub-committee. This sub-committee will be responsible for researching and suggesting changes to our by-laws.

Ammon Scottish Festival: Lonna Jean Conroy presented a request from a local group that is holding a Scottish Festival in Ammon on Mother's Day weekend, May 13th and 14th. The festival organizer was hoping that EISDA could hold a dog trial, or at the very least, an exhibition. It was determined by all members present that given the location, and the timing of the event, this request was not a possibility for this year. The date of the festival is the biggest conflict as it is a busy time of year for everyone and makes it difficult for the club to ever be able to fill this request. We are respectfully declining this request. Moved, seconded, and motion carried to decline.

Protocol: A brief discussion was headed by Valerie Gardner, our new President, requesting that older members in the club guide those of us that are newer to the organization. Many nuances of how the club is organized, how events in particular are put on, are somewhat unspoken, and may not be readily apparent to newer officers. It was agreed by all that working together in a cohesive and supportive spirit will be most beneficial to the club.

Clinic Registration Form: Recently, some confusion arose over contact persons listed on the registration forms for the clinics. Historically, the Secretary has been listed as an alternate contact person on these forms, in addition to the Treasurer. It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary be removed as contact, and have the Treasurer as contact for Clinic Registration Forms. Moved, seconded and motion carried to remove Secretary from registration forms as contact.

Web Site Update: On Feb. 11th, the Web site Sub-committee of Anita Pratt and Marina Smith had a phone conversation to discuss changes to be made to our webpage, and presented suggestions to the committee via a handout, at this meeting. It was agreed to change the color scheme to one that is more earth toned, and to update all photos, as well as to streamline the website so as to make it more "user friendly". Marina Smith agreed to work with Suzanne Belger to implement necessary changes. Moved, seconded and motion carried in favor of updating the web site.

Logo: A discussion was held regarding the change of logo for the club. It is agreed that a simple line drawing that could be easily replicated onto hats, t-shirts, etc. is most desirable. Several drawings were considered. Anita Pratt and Marina Smith agreed to continue to pursue this, and to meet with companies locally that might be able to offer insight as to what the cost and feasibility of different designs will be. It was discussed that perhaps just a logo with a dog would be best as it does not discriminate against those that work their dogs on multiple classes of livestock.

Fair Suggestions: Dave O'Connell brought up several good to know items in regards to the Fair in 2017. There will **no longer be a printed Fair Book – it will be online only.** The Fair begins a day earlier, on a Friday, this year, not on Saturday as in the past.

Val and Dave agreed to meet with Brandon, from the Fair Board, to discuss the upcoming Fair Trial.

There was discussion about how well run the Fair Trial was in 2016, and what worked to make it run so seamlessly. It was decided that the club should consider purchasing more of its own items, such as hoses, tarps, buckets, and general supplies that are needed for holding clinics, trials and play days. Dave O'Connell and Keith Young agreed to work together to come up with a list of items needed to present to the club.

Funding through ABCA: Money is available from The American Border Collie Association, which the club can apply for, to offset the expense of putting on clinics and trials. Application deadline is Feb. 15th, and Marina Smith agreed to work with Anita Pratt in applying for this funding for the Shannahan Clinic. There is another deadline of July 15th, which the club could consider applying for to offset cost of putting the Fair Trial on this year as well.

Play Day Exercises: A brief discussion was held about having more structure to our play days. Dave O'Connell suggested the possibility of holding Jackpots, which was well received by those present. At the very least, it was suggested that we offer obstacles, panels etc., so that each handler could set up a course that would reflect a particular problem, or skill that they wanted to address with their dog. Keith Young agreed that he could bring club panels to the play days. It was unanimously agreed that we could work together to make these play days a bit more structured, productive, and fun!

It was agreed that the club will pay Keith Young for mileage in hauling club materials to various events. He agreed to keep track of mileage and to submit to the club quarterly. Moved, seconded and motion carried in favor of reimbursing Keith, at Gov't rate, for transporting club materials.

Upcoming Events:

Patrick Shannahan Clinic: 9:00 a.m. April 22nd and 23rd at Pratt Ranch. Don't forget to bring lawn chairs and to dress appropriately – it can be a wet clinic! Lunches will be on site for a fee of \$10.00.

Play Days: We are on track for holding play days at Mill Iron Arena, on Feb. 26th, March 12th, and 26th. Beyond those dates, it will be up to discussion as to where and when they will be.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be 11:00 at Mill Iron Arena, prior to the play day on March 26th. We will be discussing organization of the Shannahan Clinic, as well as any pertinent and timely unfinished business. Moved, seconded and voted in favor of.

Meeting Adjourned: It was moved, seconded, and motion carried to adjourn at 12:45 p.m.