

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Club  
General Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Joan Stewart. A quorum was declared with 25 members present.

**MOTION** by Barbara Copping was seconded “to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of December 16, 2014.”

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

-- **President’s Report:** Joan Stewart

--Joan commented on the many activities that have already taken place over the prior few weeks or are planned. She mentioned Christmas party, the move, Show N Go, Obedience Trial, Agility Trial in February, Clinic, well attended classes and an article in the Ocala Star Banner.

--She thanked by name the many, many members that had contributed to all the recent activities and the great success of the first session.

--The club has donated a voucher for a 7-week class session to The Association for the Blind. They will raffle off the voucher at their Dancing in the Dark Fund Raiser.

--Show N Go generated nearly \$1,000 in income and pet food donations for the Humane Society exceed 380 lbs in dog food, nearly 20 lbs in cat food and treats.

-- **Corresponding Secretary:** Charlotte Trentelman

-- She reported that calls are split about 50/50 between the ad in the Banner and word of mouth. Joan is preparing a database to try to keep track of referral sources for marketing purposes.

-- **Treasurer’s Report:** Cindy Elliott Deak

-- Club balances were reported both verbally and written. January has been very strong so far.

-- Since the club has opted to not develop the airport road property, it is necessary to reallocate the funds that were collected and allocated to the building fund.

**MOTION** by Leslie Pope-Hall was seconded, to reallocated the funds in the building fund account to a “Special Projects Fund.” **MOTION** carried.

-- The board passed a requirement that non-member instructors or clinicians must provide MADTA a certificate of insurance naming MADTA as an additionally insured entity on their policy.

-- Cindy presented the new Class Fee Schedule which is effective March 1. The fee schedule was developed with a lot of work and review by the board and was based upon comparisons to local competitor fee schedules. MADTA has taken the middle position.

-- Cindy presented the Ring and Facility Rental schedule which is also effective March 1. Both the Class Fee Schedule and Ring Rental schedules will be posted on the website. She distributed a few copies at the meeting. The documents also address private lessons and youth training.

-- The club’s recently acquired electronic timers for agility will also be made available for rent.

-- **Training Director:** Sally Shaw

-- Sally reported that there was a dog on dog incident which will be addressed by the board.

-- There was a fall and the person involved declined to file a report. She stressed that all incidents should be written up. The forms are in the class folders.

-- Brenda Allison announced that a Clinic with Matt Twitty is planned for March 1 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Registration forms are on the website. It’s open exclusively to members until Feb. 15. After that date, if not filled, it will be open to the public. 15 working spots at \$70/ea and unlimited audit spots at \$35/ea.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

-- **AKC Obedience Trial** - Carol Harrison

-- January trial was a great success. The judges were happy and thanked the trial committee and stewards. The addition of hamburgers and hot dogs for a donation was a big hit. Thanks to the DuMonds and Pieter VanGunst for the “hamburger stand.” Judges are lined up for the May Trial.

-- June Rally trial is set with judges Aline Brisendine and Susan Trotto. Another Rally Trial will be planned.

-- **AKC Agility Trials** – Cindy Elliott Deak

-- Still need volunteers to help at the trial and she reminded everyone that the October trial will be a larger event and many volunteers will also be needed then. She thanked the agility trial committee for their efforts.

-- **UKC Multi-venue Trials** – Bob Saputo reported that Missy Holycooss is Trial Chair. Premiums have been distributed and posted on the website and flyers are being distributed as well.

-- **DACOF** – Donna Hamm

-- The information regarding the event and the request to submit an application to be on the team has been distributed.

-- **Business Development & Cost Containment Committee** – Karen VanGunst

-- She has utilized the advertising budget for ads in the Star Banner and other community newspapers. It appears the most effective source is the Star Banner.

-- **Membership Committee:** Mary Anne Fitch presented applications for the following individuals for first reading: Tatiana Copeland – sponsor present; Mary Riley was present; Sheila Feldman was present; Karen Pallecue was present; Brandi Houdchek – sponsor present; Nancy Ondrus – sponsor present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

--**Airport Road Property** – Joan reported the property has been listed for 6 months with Galloway Realty at 6% commission at a price of \$154,900.00. Nolan Galloway is optimistic that the commercial market is improving.

--**Agility field lighting** – Still pending quotes.

--**Website re-tooling** – In progress

--**Building Access** – How to use the keypad for entry was reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

--**CGC** – Scheduled for the end of the current session. Advanced CGC information is posted to determine interest (outdoor test).

--**Valentine Show N Go** – is scheduled for Obedience, Rally and Agility Class with agility run-throughs to follow. February 15 is the date.

--**Trainer's Meeting** – scheduled for February 24 at 6:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Open to instructors, assistance instructors and anyone interested in teaching.

--**Open House** is being planned by Linda LaFrance and a small committee. No date selected.

--**Neighbor** – Everyone needs to be aware that our neighbor, Dory Funk, needs access to their parking spaces on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and some Saturdays.

--**50/50 Raffle** – Barbara Copping won the raffle and donated back \$42. Thank you Barbara.

**BRAGS** were celebrated

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted -- Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary