

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Club  
General Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Joan Stewart. A quorum was declared with 24 members and 6 non-members present.

Beth Meader from Protonic Health was invited to speak about and demo red light therapy for dogs. The therapy is used to stimulate acupuncture points and is used to reduce inflammation. She distributed information as well. Joan thanked her for the presentation.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the January 20, 2015 general meeting were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Carol Harrison was seconded “to approve the minutes as presented.” **MOTION** carried.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the February 17, 2015 general meeting were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Linda LaFrance was seconded “to approve the minutes as presented.” **MOTION** carried.

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

Joan identified that the agility membership approval process was modified to allow the Training Director as well as the board to approve those membership requests.

The communication policy was amended to provide that only MADTA business may be posted on our social media sites. Event announcements and club news was being lost amongst other general dog interests and brag postings.

FASA request to rent the building was approved.

Real estate broker and newspaper articles are indicating commercial real estate market is improving.

Carol Harrison presented to Joan for the club, a lovely framed version of the newspaper article about our new facility opening which was published in the Ocala Star Banner.

-- **Corresponding Secretary:** Charlotte Trentelman

-- Charlotte could not attend. Joan reported that our marketing produces referrals about 50/50 between Star Banner ads and word of mouth.

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

-- Club balances were presented both orally and written.

-- **Training Director:** Sally Shaw

-- Sally reported there were no incidents to report.

-- Brenda Allison reported the Matt Twitty Clinic was well attended and generated an \$880 profit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

-- May trial is set. The DuMonds and Pieter VanGunst may do the “hamburger stand” again.

-- Still looking for someone to learn the Trial Chairman position so Carol can have some help as we expand trials.

-- Need volunteers for ring stewards.

-- There will be a raffle basket.

-- **AKC Rally Trial** – Carol Harrison

-- Scheduled for June 13/14 in the MADTA facility.

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

-- Becky Stewart has joined the committee and Melinda Griffin is no longer a member as she is not a MADTA member.

The rest of the committee is staying on.

-- The February 2016 trial will return to SELP.

-- **UKC Multi-venue Trials** Missy Holycross

-- 18 entries received so far.

-- Requested volunteers to help.

-- Day of Show entries are accepted

-- One vendor has signed up

-- UKC practice is scheduled.

-- **DACOF** – Donna Hamm

-- The tentative team was identified. The team is subject to review pending changes in titles that may occur prior to March 30.

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

-- Karen thanked Jim and Joan Stewart for putting together a portable marketing kiosk. It can be checked out, taken to an event, and set up on a table to advertise MADTA. She hopes members will use it to help get the word out.

-- **Membership Committee:** Mary Anne Fitch presented applications for the following individuals for first reading:

-- Becky Moses and Doreen Bethuin were present. Carol Angelbeck, Carrie Lee, Elsinore Weith, Catherine York, and Kathleen Hester were represented by their sponsors.

Mary Briant and Margaret Verses were present. Diane Trapenhagen and Pat Redmon were represented by their sponsors. Nancy Ondrus – was not present, nor were her sponsors so the application was not presented.

**MOTION** by Linda LaFrance is seconded to approve all the second reading applications presented.”

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

--**Airport Road Property** – No activity to report.

--**Agility field** – Still pending quotes for lighting. Field leveling also pending.

--**Website re-tooling** – In progress. Barbara Copping expressed that she was not getting information on retooling and links to sign up sheets for building rental has also not been discussed with her. She wanted email communication and Donna Hamm and Cindy Elliott wanted to meet.

--**Security Lighting**. Owner is working on repairing the light out front.

--**Ring Rentals**. Until website links are established for sign up, requests need to go through Brenda Allison.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

--**Mirrors**. It was requested that mirrors for obedience training be obtained. One is available. Others would need to be donated or acquired.

--**Cooling**. Several complaints were made regarding the heat in the building. A suggestion was made to purchase Big Ass Fans. The 14' fans will not fit and if they did the cost with hardware installation and electric would be in excess of \$13,000. Other options were discussed. The matter was referred to the board for further research.

**BRAGS** were celebrated

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted -- Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary