

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Club
General Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Joan Stewart. A quorum was declared with 24 members present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the March 17, 2015 general meeting minutes were presented for approval.

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

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

Joan stated that Marti Price has stepped down from the board due to an extended illness. She is improving, but doesn't feel she can continue on the board at this time. The board appointed Leslie Pope-Hall to fill her term until the September elections.

Contract for the sale of the property has been signed and closing is scheduled for early May. Chris Trentelman is helping with the sale.

Open house is scheduled for May 8. She urged the members to attend and bring guests.

Cooling the building has been discussed by the board and air conditioning is out of the question as it would require insulation in addition to costs of air conditioning. In a rented facility, it is not feasible.

Other properties may be considered as we only have a 1 year lease with options to renew.

Fans are also very expensive investment in a rented facility. So discussions continue.

-- **Corresponding Secretary:** Charlotte Trentelman

-- The phone calls coming in still produce evidence the Star Banner ads are working.

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

-- Club balances were presented both orally and written.

-- Net Income is Positive and Class Revenues are up 318% over this time last year.

-- **Training Director:** Sally Shaw

-- Sally reported there were no incidents to report.

-- April 27 begins the next and volunteers are needed to help with registrations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

-- May trial is open and entries are low with a week to go.

-- Need volunteers for ring stewards.

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

-- Scheduled for June 13/14 in the MADTA facility. Due to no cooling, she is looking at other venues.

-- The facility at SELP has been renovated and reduced the ring size by 20', so it is no longer suitable for rally trials.

-- Looking at other venues

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

-- Becky Stewart has taken on the volunteer coordinator job for the committee.

-- October trial will be a 2 judge trial. Will have a special class of some kind. Second attempt at 2 judge trial.

Competing events that had an impact on entries are not a factor this year.

-- The February 2016 trial will return to SELP.

-- **UKC Trial – Missy Holycross**

Lee Saputo reported that the trial was successful and generated an income of approximately \$1,760.

-- **DACOF** – Donna Hamm

-- The team was identified.

-- **DOCOF** – Carol Harrison

The event is in September. Letter requesting interest will be coming out soon.

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

-- Star Banner ads continue to produce calls and ultimately students. Nose work that matters demonstration will be presented at the next meeting. Gracie is a sniffer dog and her handler Capt. Roseanne Moreland.

-- Karen showed the traveling marketing kiosk and asked members to make opportunities to put the club on display.

-- **By-Laws Committee:** The committee is meeting, but no recommendations to present.

-- **Open House:** May 8 from 6-9 PM. Invitations have been sent. Posters were prepared and attendees were asked to spread the word.

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

-- Carol Giangli's sponsor was present, Laurie Wilson's sponsor was present, Kimberly McLane's sponsor was present, Sue Ellen Rosensteel was present, Cardoly Conrey was present and Bobbie Kuriviel's sponsor was present, Second reading for Nancy Ondrus who was present was presented, Nancy was voted into membership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

--**Airport Road Property** – Updated under President's report.

--**Agility field** – Janet Barber is arranging.

--**Website** – Barb Copping will complete her obligation through September, but has asked to club to identify another webmaster to take over.

--**Lure Coursing** – Scheduled for June 6 at 6:30 PM. Entries have already started coming in. \$6 in advance and \$9 for entries day of. Agility run-throughs are also offered.

NEW BUSINESS:

--**50/50 raffle:** Won by Linda LaFrance and donated back \$28.00

BRAGS were celebrated

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted -- Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary