

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Club
Board of Directors Minutes – August 11, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by President Joan Stewart. Board members Joan Stewart, Leslie Pope-Hall, Donna Hamm, Cindy Elliott Deak, Charlotte Trentelman, Karen VanGunst, Brenda Allison, Robin Stewart, and Sally Shaw were present. Carol Harrison was absent.

MINUTES – Minutes for the June 9, 2015 minutes were presented for approval.

MOTION by Brenda Allison was seconded to approve the minutes as presented. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

MOTION by Sally Shaw was seconded to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2015.

MOTION carried unanimously.

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

--Fans were installed. She thanked Brenda Allison for stepping in to oversee that project while she was on vacation. She also thanked all the volunteers who helped with the project.

--Working on developing the best settings for optimal cooling in our environment.

--The annual Blessing of the Animals at Grace Episcopal Church is planned for October 3. This is a conflict with our agility trial, but she hoped MADTA would be represented. Karen volunteered to arrange for our portable kiosk to get to the event.

-- **Corresponding Secretary:** Charlotte Trentelman

--Most of the calls coming in for classes are for Puppy Kindergarten and Beginner Obedience.

--Fewer calls are coming in for assistance with reactive dogs.

--She reminded the board to send her any copying that needs to be done.

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

--Cindy reported the club's financials both written and orally.

--The Rally Trial earned a little over \$2,500.

--Overall net profits are down.

-- **Training Director:** Sally Shaw

--No incidents reported.

--Contradiction between our policy and website regarding dogs in season. The website will be updated to reflect the policy.

--Agility Training Equipment

-- Donna ordering the pvc double and triple including 5' bars. The new jumps will go in the trailer and the red double and triple will come out of the trailer and go on the field. Cindy to order the tunnel holders and mailbox chute.

--Agility field leveling and lighting. Brenda agreed to secure quotes for both. The board called a Special Meeting for 8/18 at 6:30 PM to receive and review the quotes.

--Mowing of the property. Faye has been contacted and agreed to mow weekly during mowing season.

--Matt Twitty Clinic (Brenda Allison)

Brenda contacted Matt to secure dates and costs. She has his insurance, contract and pro-forma. If the clinic fills, the club could make \$1,000 on the event. Dates are October 10/11. Working spot both days \$150. Working spot 1-day \$85. Audit both days \$100 and audit 1-day \$65.

MOTION by Karen VanGunst, was seconded "to approve Matt Twitty Heal you Heeling Clinic" **MOTION** carried unanimously.

--Show N Go for obedience being planned. Everyone is welcome. DOCOF team members will participate at no charge.

--Brenda Allison requested authorizing a 7-week class voucher for Curt Bingham, our landlord. Curt offered his equipment and assistance for the fan installation project.

MOTION by Cindy Elliott Deak was seconded, "to approve 1 training voucher for a 7-week class for Curt Bingham." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AKC Rally Trials – Carol Harrison

--September 19-20 Trial. No report.

AKC Agility Trial – Cindy Elliott Deak

--Entries are low at this time, but still a month and a half until closing.

--No commitment yet from the ROTC groups for volunteers. Volunteers are a critical need. Becky Stewart is the volunteer coordinator. Members need to help out to cover workers for this trial.

--Volunteer tickets are provided to workers. Historically, the vouchers are only available for use at the trial or for future trial entries. She asked if the worker tickets could be used at any MADTA sponsored event, class or activity. Members should only be able to cash in \$25 at a time.

MOTION by Charlotte Trentelman was seconded, "to approve the use of agility worker tickets for credits at any MADTA sponsored activity or event up to \$25 per event." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

UKC MULTI-VENUE TRIAL

--Joan reported the applications have been submitted for the April event.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND COST CONTAINMENT – Karen VanGunst

--The Ocala Star Banner ads continue to provide leads for students

--She identified an opportunity to use the traveling kiosk at the Crystal River Fun Match if anyone was attending.

DOCOF – Carol Harrison – No Report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The nominating committee consisted of Charlotte Trentelman, Linda Johnson, Sharon Starke and Roberta Teany.

President – Vacant, Vice President – Carol Harrison, Corresponding Secretary – Connie Adams, Recording Secretary – Vacant, Training Director – Sally Shaw, Board Member – Sue Veres, Brenda Allison, Conny Clarke.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

--**MADTA Logo** - This item was added to the special meeting agenda for September 18.

--**Webmaster** – Randy Hamm has indicated he would take over the job from Barbara at the same rate at the end of September.

--**Motion Lights for Main Building** – Turning off the lights seems to be resolved. No need for sensors.

--**Barn Hunt** – No interest in pursuing this venue at this time.

--**Ring Rental Policy Violations** – No statements have been issued to violators. There are many violations of the fee policy and building usage. Joan will prepare a reminder of the costs of operating the facility and loss of revenue from members using the resources (electric and fans) and not paying for them. Board members will make an effort to be present in the building during times of high abuse.

--**Website** – the contact us email address will be changed to madtabod@gmail.com. Policies need to be posted on the website.

--**Membership Renewal** Notices to be sent. Form needs to be modified to remove US mail option for delivery of the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

--**Dancing in the Dark** – Brenda Allison requested a \$150 donation to this charity in exchange for advertising at their event. The board agreed to offer a Class Certificate for a raffle item.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted -- Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary