

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Club  
General Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Joan Stewart. A quorum was declared with 25 members present.

**MINUTES** – Minutes for the April 21 and May 19, 2015 meeting were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Karen VanGunst was seconded “to approve the General Meeting Minutes for April 21 as presented.”

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

**MOTION** by Karen VanGunst was seconded “to approve the General Meeting Minutes for May 19 as presented.”

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

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

--Joan reported the Lure Coursing Fun day netted approximately \$400.

--Landlord will be presented with our option to renew the lease and with an amendment allowing the club to maintain ownership of industrial fans we might install. The purchase of the fans, installation and electric, including running electric for the agility field would run about \$15,000.

-- **Corresponding Secretary:** Charlotte Trentelman

--Charlotte continues to cover the telephones. She reported on thank you notes that had been received.

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

--Cindy was absent and Joan presented the Treasurer’s Report orally and in writing. May showed a nice profit largely due to the sale of the property.

-- **Training Director:** Sally Shaw

--One trip and fall incident was reported. No injuries reported.

--New classes starting soon. Check website for dates

--CGC – 5 passed. Sally thanked Linda LaFrance for presiding.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AKC Rally Trials – Carol Harrison**

--Carol reported the June Rally trial brought in about \$2,500. Nice facility. Need a hospitality chair person to help out for future trials. An incident was reported with crating at the trial and was resolved. Karen VanGunst thanked the stewards that helped at this trial.

--September trial judges are Noreen Noonan and Brenda Crim-Critelli. Looking for stewards and hospitality volunteer.

--Carol recommended cancelling the May obedience trial.

**AKC Agility Trial – Cindy Elliott Deak (absent)**

--October – Joan reported -- still planning. The AKC is voting on adding Premiere Classes to the agility list of classes. Joan asked everyone to come and work the trial. The more volunteers that sign up to work, the more money the club will make as it eliminates the need to “pay” exhibitors or civic groups to help.

**UKC Multi-venue Trial** -- This trial has been approved for April 15/16, 2016 and applications are being processed. There will not be a UKC Rally Extravaganza this December. Conflict with Eukanuba in Orlando.

**DACOF – Donna Hamm**

--The teams are practicing. The club is sending 1 full team and a buddy team. Event is at the end of June.

**DOCOF – Carol Harrison**

--Members interested in competing need to let her know before the end of June.

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND COST CONTAINMENT COMMITTEE:** Karen VanGunst

--Advertising in the Ocala Star Banner seems to be working and is generating new students.

**BY-LAWS Committee:** Karen VanGunst

--The committee is getting close to presenting new by-laws that will allow for electronic meetings and other membership recommendations.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Mary Anne Fitch (Absent due to illness, but is recovering)

--First readings were presented for Dawn Pollard, Linda Kerley and Sara Crampton. Their sponsors were present.

--Second readings were presented for Connie Clarke, Jennifer George and Lisa Forbes. Their sponsors were present.

There were no objections and the member applicants for second reading were approved for membership.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

--**Building Cooling** - Joan advised the board has authorized installing Big Ass Fans once the landlord has agreed to amendment regarding ownership of the fans.

--**Agility Field** – Janet Barber is arranging for the fill dirt and leveling with her neighbor. Still planned.

--**Awards Banquet** – The Awards Banquet for 2015 will be postponed and in January or February, we will celebrate 2015 and 2016 accomplishments. The change is to move the awards ceremony a little closer to the end of the year that’s being celebrated.

**--Nominating Committee:** The committee will consist of Charlotte Trentelman, Roberta Teeny, Sharon Starke with alternates Linda Johnson and Linda LaFrance. Please volunteer to serve on the board.

**--Webmaster Nominees:** Joan reminded everyone that Barbara Copping is stepping down from this position at the end of September. She asked everyone to submit names of qualified individuals to the board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**--AKC Delegate Meeting** - Linda LaFrance gave some highlights.

- Conformation – Only the handler's will open the dog's mouth for inspection.
- AKC setting up a new health site.
- Early spay and neutering discussions
- AKC will allow deaf dogs to participate in certain performance venues. (Obedience is excluded)
- AKC Agility Premiere class was approved.

**--Sunshine Committee** - Need to have someone take care of setting up criteria and making sure Get Well Cards and Sympathy cards are sent timely to members who are having issues.

Carol announced that Nancy Fitts passed. She was a long time member and initiated the agility venue at MADTA. She will hold the January Obedience Trial in her memory. Becky Stewart is checking with the estate to see if there are any needs. To our knowledge the care of the dogs has been arranged.

50/50 Drawing was held. Karen won and donated winnings back. Proceeds were \$32.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted -- Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary