

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Club  
Board of Directors Minutes – January 13, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President Joan Stewart. Board members Joan Stewart, Carol Harrison, Charlotte Trentelman, Donna Hamm, Cindy Elliott Deak, Karen VanGunst, Brenda Allison, Robin Stewart and Sally Shaw were present. Marti Price was absent.

**MINUTES - MOTION** by Karen was seconded “to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of 12/9/2014.”

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

**MOTION** by Robin was seconded “to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting of 12/16/2014.”

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

**MOTION** by Brenda was seconded “to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting of 1/6/2015.”

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

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

--Susan White of the Ocala Star Banner will be at the club on Monday between 9-10 AM for a story on MADTA and the move to the new location.

-- **Corresponding Secretary:** Charlotte Trentelman

-- Charlotte reported that calls to the club are generated about 50/50 between Star Banner ads and articles and word of mouth. Joan reported that she is compiling data on prospective students that can be used in the future for marketing.

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

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

--New Price List – Cindy presented the price list with all the suggested changes from prior meetings.

**MOTION** by Karen was seconded, “To approve the new rate schedule with an effective date of March 1 and present to the membership at the next meeting.” **MOTION** carried unanimously.

--Site/Ring Rental Fee Schedule was presented with amendments as outlined in prior meetings.

**MOTION** by Karen was seconded, “To approve the Site/Ring Rental Fee Schedule outlining rules and rates as further amended.” **MOTION** carried unanimously.

--Requirement for Clinicians to provide proof of Professional Liability insurance and provide a certificate of insurance to MADTA as additionally insured.

A lot of discussion on this item as it may hinder MADTA’s ability to offer clinics. Discussion also focused on the requirement providing the club some liability protection.

**MOTION** by Robin was seconded, “To require clinicians that are non-members to name MADTA as additional insured on Professional Liability Insurance certificate.” **MOTION** carried with Donna and Carol abstaining.

--Building Fund Re-appropriation. Cindy identified that there is \$426 in the MADTA building fund. Since building a new facility is no longer being pursued, she recommended that the membership designate how these funds be appropriated. No objections from the board.

--Electronic locks and internet are both operating as expected. Cindy will post the password for connection to WIFI.

--In order to maintain a professional appearance, Robin agreed to make computer generated signs to replace the many handwritten signs that are proliferating.

--Cindy advised that the Football Widows Show N Go generated nearly \$1,000 in income.

-- **Training Director:** Sally Shaw

--No incidents to report since last meeting. However, she reported that Kathryn Yates did trip and fall over the block that had the door propped open, but she declined to make a report.

--Sally advised that the Show N Go produced pet food donations to the Marion County Humane in the amount of 389.9 lbs of dog food, 19 lbs of cat food and assorted cans of food. The Humane Society was very appreciative.

--There are several conflicting events, but would like to tentatively schedule a Valentine’s Show N Go on February 15.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AKC Obedience Trial –** Carol Harrison

--All set for the January trial. Working on judges for May trial. Judy DuMond will be offering hamburgers at the trial with a request for a donation. The board discussed offering fewer cash awards at future events as MADTA has to subsidize classes when the class is unsponsored.

--AKC Rally trial in June needs a replacement judge as Jeff Kern had to withdraw. Still working on that.

**AKC Agility Trial –** Cindy Elliott Deak

--Cindy identified that club members are not yet volunteering to help. She will bring a sign up sheet to the general meeting.

--Chris Youngblood has volunteered to take care of hospitality and Melinda Griffin is handling volunteers.

--For the October trial, the judges will be Chris Danielly and Gill Chapman. The committee is trying to obtain authorization for a special class that may create the opportunity for 2 QQ’s in one trial. Nothing firm on that yet.

--Timers arrived.

--SELP is contracted for the October Trial. February 2016 at SELP is pending.

**UKC Trial** – No update. Plans are progressing.

**DACOF** – Donna Hamm

The discussion revolved around number of teams to send to the event and the club's financial commitment.

**MOTION** by Karen, was seconded "to authorize sending 1 team of 3 Novice, 3 Open and 3 Excellent dogs/handlers.

MADTA will pay the entry fees. Team members will pay the DACOF membership fee. There will be 1 alternate named for each level and the club will pay the membership fees for the standby members as they may not have an opportunity to show." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

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

--Karen advised that she is still running an ad in the Star Banner. She will also have a booth at the agility trial.

--Linda LaFrance is working on our Grand Opening plans.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

--**Sale of the Airport Road Property**

Joan signed a listing agreement with Nolan Galloway at 6% commission and a listing price of \$154,900. It will be listed in the multiple listing service and on the internet.

--**By-Laws**

Charlotte volunteered to participate on this committee.

--**Lure Coursing Equipment - deferred**

--**Agility Field** – Still need lighting quotes ideas/quotes to level the field. It is very uneven. Donna, Sally and Joan agreed to pursue quotes to get electrical to the rear of the building. Brenda agreed to contact the gentleman that did our bush hogging for us to get his ideas and costs for leveling the field. Donna would ask Bob DuMond for input as well.

--**Motion lights** – Cindy volunteered Andrew to set up motion sensors in the bathrooms. A lack of motion will turn off the lights.

--**Membership Database** – Joan is developing a class and membership database for marketing purposes.

--**Website Retooling** – Feedback from members and the public indicate that we could improve the Navigation and location of class / schedules / fees. Donna and Cindy will work with Barbara.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

--**Associate Membership** – Joan advised that due to some misunderstanding of the Associate Member category, some members renewed at that level. They realize this restricts their access to the club and it's activities and have requested an opportunity to upgrade to full membership.

**MOTION** by Charlotte was seconded, "since our by-laws do not specifically address membership upgrades, a one-time opportunity to upgrade from Associate to full membership will be granted as long as request is made by March 1."

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

--**Matt Twitty Clinic** – Brenda Allison

**MOTION** by Donna was seconded, "To approve the Matt Twitty Clinic for Feb 28 / March 1 with the provision of the required professional liability certificate naming MADTA as additionally insured and providing for a cancellation date if entries do not meet the level of breakeven." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

--**Promotional Offer** – Brenda Allison

Brenda received a request for a voucher for 1 free class to support a raffle for a National Association for the Blind fundraiser "Dancing in the Dark."

**MOTION** by Cindy was seconded, "to donate 1 free class session voucher for the raffle." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted -- Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary