

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Club  
Board of Directors Minutes – May 12, 2015**

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

Joan welcomed Leslie to her first meeting.

**MINUTES** – Minutes for the April 14, 2015 meeting were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Cindy Elliott Deak was seconded to approve the minutes as presented. **MOTION** carried with Carol abstaining.

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

--Joan reported the sale of the airport road property closed on 5/4/2015, two days earlier than anticipated. Financial report on the sale will be presented by the Treasurer.

--Joan advised that a membership list has been provided to Tack Shack as they are offering members a 10% discount.

--Open House was a success with 70-80 people in attendance. A scene was created by Mrs. Funk over parking. Cars were moved. We need to be more diligent in giving directions regarding parking. When events are held, members should probably park in Curt's parking area or in the overflow parking area to leave MADTA building parking available to guests.

-- **Corresponding Secretary:** Charlotte Trentelman

--Joan covered the phones while Charlotte was away on a trip.

--Thank you notes were received from 4H and Meals on Wheels for club donations.

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

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

--Airport Road Property sale. The sale covered ALL of MADTA's costs associated with this purchase and attempt to develop, including maintenance costs and interest on the loan and a net profit of \$2,900.

--Cindy asked the board to consider investment opportunities for the funds. A CD roll strategy was suggested for follow-up.

--Cindy identified that there are improvements in the accounting, but class income still does not match the class rosters.

-- **Training Director:** Sally Shaw

--No incidents to report.

--Regarding a student refund request, there was no board action as the refund policy covered the situation.

--UKC Trial proceeds were \$1,697.46

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AKC Obedience Trial** – Carol Harrison

--Everything is ready. Karen is still looking for stewards. Special awards are sponsored and the club is providing High in Trial and High Combined awards.

**AKC Rally Trials** – Carol Harrison

--Carol recommended moving the June Rally trial to Citrus County Dog Training Center. It is one ring with air conditioning, additional crating space, plenty of parking and only 37 miles from our location. Cost is \$150 for the weekend. The board took no action and left the decision to the committee.

**MOTION** by Carol was seconded, "for MADTA to contribute \$25 for High Combined Awards for all 4 trials." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**AKC Agility Trial** – Cindy Elliott Deak

--October – still planning.

**DACOF** – Donna Hamm

--Planning team run-throughs for team practice.

--Entries submitted and met the early entry deadline.

--After some discussion of the number of teams that should be allotted for both DACOF and DOCOF and that the airport road property sale has alleviated some debt burden, the board was in favor of sending two team to both events.

**MOTION** by Robin was seconded, "to rescind the motions previously approved by the board regarding numbers of teams for either event." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**MOTION** by Karen was seconded, "to send two teams to both DACOF and DOCOF events." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

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

--No report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **--By-Laws** – Karen VanGunst

Karen reported that the committee had met but was not prepared to present changes quite yet. Some membership criteria is being made less restrictive. Cindy suggested that the committee consider methods to encourage volunteerism. Donna urged care to not grow the membership beyond the capability to achieve quorums for conducting business, a problem that has occurred in the past.

### **--Lure Coursing Equipment – deferred**

Cindy reminded everyone she is hosting a fun run for MADTA at her home on June 6. She suggested that Melanie come back to the board and refresh the equipment quote.

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

**--Building Lights** – Lights have been left on and Cindy suggested a motion detector might work for the overhead lights.

**MOTION** by Donna was seconded, “to install motion sensors to manage the main building lighting at a cost not to exceed \$100.” **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**--Website Retooling** – Joan will ask the membership for webmaster recommendations at the next general meeting.

**--Security Camera** – Security camera feed is LIVE. Cindy advised a hard drive will be added to the computer in the next 30-days to record the feed. The recorded feed will be necessary if there is ever a need to review it.

**--Barn Hunt** – No new information. Item deferred.

**--Membership Software** – Discussed need to have a better way to manage membership lists, blast emails, and capture visitor, student and exhibitor emails for marketing purposes. Donna agreed to look up information on Wild Apricot membership software. She had presented this to the board a few years ago.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**--Request for building rental** – Aline brought a request from IABCA to rent the building May 30/31. They would contract the building, provide insurance and pre-pay per our policy.

**MOTION** by Charlotte was seconded, “To approve the rental per policy subject to conflict checking.” **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**--FASA Club rental.** The club rented the building, but has not followed our rental policy. There was no pre-payment and payment has not yet been received per Cindy. Brenda said the club reported that they could not pay the \$250/day as the trial would lose money. She also said they only used the building for a couple of hours on Sunday.

**MOTION** by Carol was seconded, “to charge FASA \$250 for the first day and \$100 for the second day with written confirmation from FASA that this is a one-time exception to MADTA’s rental policy.” **MOTION** carried unanimously with Donna initially voting No and then changing her vote for the one time exception. The Board agreed that all future rentals will contractual with the terms clearly identified.

**--Nominating Committee:** Charlotte agreed to be the board representative on the committee, but could not chair it. Joan would ask for participation from the membership at the next general meeting.

Charlotte Trentelman left the meeting.

An executive session was called to discuss building access and ring rental.

**--Continuation of lease** – Discussion as to whether or not to renew the lease as cooling and parking are issues. Must give notice to the landlord if we do not want to renew 90-days prior to expiration of first year term. If the decision is to find another location, that search would need to begin immediately. No action taken. Discussion only.

Robin Stewart left the meeting.

**--Cooling the building.** The discussion regarding installation of big ass fans was re-visited. Discussion was that if the lease were to be renewed, some type of cooling would need to be installed in order to run classes during the heat of the summer. Joan to arrange an evaluation of cooling needs from Big Ass Fans representative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted -- Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary