

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Club  
Board of Directors Minutes – March 10, 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, Karen VanGunst, Brenda Allison, Robin Stewart and Sally Shaw were present. Charlotte Trentelman and Marti Price were absent.

Jim Holmes was invited to share Barn Hunt trial hosting information with the Board. This discussion was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Jim advised he is a barn hunt judge and shared printed information with the board and offered the web address as an additional resource: <http://www.barnhunt.com>

To hold barn hunt events, you must apply and hold a fun test.

The expenses associated with the event are:

Judge and travel expenses

Trial secretary and travel expenses

Rat Wrangler

Course Builders

Hay. Need minimum of 50 bales, but best with 60.

Rings must be fenced.

Rings are 15' x 20' (smallest) - largest 25' x 30' – typical 24' x 24'

A blind is required so competitors cannot see the placement of the rats.

Entry fees are: Instinct - \$15, Novice - \$20, Open - \$22, Senior - \$25, Master - \$27

Each dog gets a 4 ½ minute run.

Joan thanked Jim for his time and the great information he provided.

**MINUTES** – Minutes for these meetings were presented for approval: BOD Minutes 01/13/2015, 2/10/2015, Exec Session 2/10/2015, Spec BOD 2/23/2015, Special BOD Exec Session 2/23/2015

**MOTION** by Karen VanGunst was seconded to approve the minutes presented for approval as presented. **MOTION** approved unanimously.

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

--Joan reported that Marti is still sick and unable to participate at the board meetings. Marti indicated she would understand if the board wished to replace her. It was suggested that Marti might consider resigning if she does not feel she can continue to serve.

-- **Corresponding Secretary:** Charlotte Trentelman

-- Joan reported that Charlotte continues to answer questions on behalf of the club from voice mail.

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

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

--Agility Trial netted \$5,947 including the income from the special Dash for Cash class.

--1099's are completed.

--Cash is more closely matching the sign-in book.

-- **Training Director:** Sally Shaw

--A trip and fall incident occurred. Lyn Waymire reported she suffered no injury.

--Classes are full.

--Set up for the Show N Go will be on Friday.

--Joan purchased 50 lbs of Pensacola Bahia seed for \$95. She also reported Janet Barber has arranged for leveling the agility field at a reasonable price.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AKC Obedience Trial** – Carol Harrison

--Carol is still looking for someone to learn the Trial Chair job to share the workload as we increase the number of obedience trial offerings.

--The obedience trial is set for May and the premium is published.

--AKC Rally trial in June is set for the 13/14.

--AKC Rally trial for September 19/20 is also scheduled.

**AKC Agility Trial** – Cindy Elliott Deak

--October trial application has been submitted and is pending.

**UKC Trial** – Missy Holycross (Joan offered the report)

--Tuesday agility practice is offered at 6 PM

--Obedience and Rally practice is offered on Friday mornings.

**DACOF** – Donna Hamm

Reported deadlines.

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

--Jim Stewart is building a traveling folding kiosk. It will be available for members to check-out and take with them to events to advertise MADTA.

--Ads continue to run in the Ocala Star Banner.

--Brochures have been delivered to the Humane Society.

--Linda LaFrance has donated a basket for MADTA to use in a future raffle. The board thanked Linda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

No recent activity.

**--By-Laws – Karen VanGunst**

Karen reported that she will chair the by-laws committee and Charlotte and Joan have agreed to participate. They will address the membership by-laws first.

**--Lure Coursing Equipment – deferred**

**--Motion Lights** – installation in progress

**--Agility Field** – Still need quotes for electrical work and leveling work.

**--Website Retooling** – Cindy and Donna will attempt to meet with Barbara at the building on Thursday when she is already here.

**--Matt Twitty Clinic** – Brenda Allison reported the clinic had 10 working participants and 19 auditors and netted \$880.

**--MADTA Logo** – In order to promote the club, a decision needs to be made regarding a new logo. It's holding up production of promotional material. After some discussion, **MOTION** by Brenda was seconded, "to obtain quotes from a professional to present logo concepts." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Cindy offered to contact a couple of people she knows.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**--FASA Building Rental Request** - A request has been received for rental of the facilities on November 21-22.

**MOTION** by Karen was seconded "To approve the request for the dates of November 21-22." **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**--Open House** – Carol reported that the Open House committee consists of Linda LaFrance, Linda Johnson and Collette Miller. Looking at May 1 for the date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted -- Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary