

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Club
Special Board of Directors Minutes – March 24, 2015**

The special meeting was called to order at 6:50 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.

Joan advised the meeting was called with appropriate notice to discuss agility field lighting and cooling the building.

Joan has obtained quotes from a local electrician for agility field lighting. The cost to wire the building is \$3,900. That price includes running the wire through the building, a panel, two lights and wiring 4 poles and 4 lights. The club is responsible for providing the poles and the 2 lights we already have and would be responsible for trenching and backfill. Joan also checked and found rental of a ditch witch would run about \$175 for Saturday pick and Monday morning return.

Joan also checked several options for cooling the building.

Air conditioning the building would require insulating the building as well. A/C without insulation would be very expensive operationally.

She checked on pricing for the 7' big ass fans and that cost would be \$6,000 for the fans and \$2,000 for installation. She suggested getting an additional quote from the electrician to add the electrical for the fans when the electric is run for the agility field.

Evaporation Coolers run about \$2,000 each but create humidity and must be drained as they do create water from the evaporation process. They would plug into existing wiring. They may not be effective without insulation.

Zone coolers are ductless coolers. It would require multiple units. Lack of insulation is a concern. Pricing unknown.

There was a lot of discussion on the various options. It was pointed out that entries in planned events may suffer if the building does not have cooling. Yet, the cost of cooling would exceed the cost of the potentially lost entries. The discussion then focused on the substantial investment for a building the club is only leasing. Although the actual fans and lights and poles could be removed from the site, the cost of electrical work and installation cannot be recovered.

Regarding agility field lighting, it was determined to re-address that when the Fall time change gets closer. There is enough daylight now to sustain classes through the summer, but will not allow for evening clinics without lighting.

Cindy in her role as Treasurer did not recommend an investment of this magnitude in a rented facility.

The board took no action on either item.

Swamp coolers were offered as a trial rental option, but no pricing was available. If that information becomes available, the item can be reconsidered.

Special Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted -- Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary