

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2016**

Call to Order by President Joan Stewart at 6:05 PM. Carol Harrison was absent. Brenda Allison, Aline Brisendine, Cindy Elliott Deak, Donna Hamm, Pat Paulding, Mary Riley, Joan Stewart, Robin Stewart, and Sue Veres were present.

Approve Minutes – BOD Minutes September 20, 2016 and Special Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2016.

MOTION by Sue Veres to approve the Minutes of Board of Director's Meeting of September 20, 2016 as amended was seconded. MOTION carried unanimously.

MOTION by Cindy Elliott Deak to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board on October 8, 2016 was seconded. MOTION carried unanimously.

President's Report – Joan Stewart

Joan identified that she had been criticized in the past for objecting to members promoting MADTA competitors. Joan reminded the board that MADTA is a business with financial obligations to members and creditors. It is not good business practice to advertize for or otherwise support business competitors. Promoting MADTA's classes and activities is the primary responsibility of the Board.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Pat Paulding

Pat identified she had received AKC trial approval letters which she will file in the corporate book.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Elliott Deak

Cindy reported on the club's balances. She asked that trial chairs prepare budgets for each event showing projected income and expenses.

Training Director Report – Brenda Allison

- Incident Reports
  - o There were 6 trip and falls. Three of those accidents were attributed to tripping on the mats while walking across the short sides and catching their feet on the next mat. Brenda and Joan agreed to take a look at mats and potentially cut off excess where necessary and consider other remedies to keep mats "flat", such as use of double-sided tape. Also inappropriate shoes are a contributing factor.

Committee Reports

- Appoint Standing Committees for 2016-2017
  - o AKC Obedience Trial (Carol Harrison)
  - o AKC Rally Trial (Carol Harrison)
  - o AKC Agility Trials (Cindy Elliott Deak)
  - o AKC Lure Coursing Events (Melanie Magamoll)
  - o UKC Trial (Robert Saputo)
  - o Programs (Vacant)
  - o Publicity (renamed to Business Development & Cost Containment (Karen VanGunst)
  - o Newsletter (Vacant)
  - o Refreshment (Vacant)
  - o Membership (Mary Anne Fitch)
  - o Training Committee (Brenda Allison)
  - o Audit (Vacant) Audit recently completed
  - o Awards Committee (Vacant)
  - o WebMaster (Barbara Copping)

MOTION by Donna Hamm to appoint the Standing Committees and Chairs was seconded. MOTION carried unanimously.

- AKC Obedience Trial (Carol Harrison) – Joan read Carol's written report
  - o January 2017 – Judges contracted and premium is nearing completion. Committee to meet next week to finalize.
- AKC Rally Trial (Carol Harrison) –
  - o June 17-18 2017 – Judges Brenda Crim-Critelli and Aline Brisendine at the Citrus County site.
  - o September 23-24, 2017 – No judges yet and proposing the Citrus County site as the location.
- AKC Agility Trials (Cindy Elliott Deak)

- October 2016 Trial – Due to refunds associated with Hurricane Matthew cancellation of Friday's event and finalization of expenses, the financial results will be reported at the next meeting. Trial went well and the decision to cancel the Friday event with refunds was well received by exhibitors.
- February 2017 Trial – Planning in progress and premium to be available soon.
- Business Development/Cost Containment Committee (Karen VanGunst) – No Report
- Lure Coursing (Melanie Magamoll)
  - Brenda Allison reported on behalf of Melanie that they have a contract pending with Grand Oaks for Feb 25/26 and for April 1 / 2. There was some discussion as to the location on the Grand Oaks grounds and costs. Brenda presented a proposed budget.

MOTION by Donna Hamm to approve only the Feb 25/26 event at the Grand Oaks was seconded. MOTION carried with Cindy Elliott Deak dissenting. The April 1 / 2 request was deferred for more detailed budget and identification of the committee.

- Conformation Match (Leslie Pope-Hall) – Joan read a report from Leslie that there was a good showing, but not much profit as this was the first match and many start up costs. She was looking forward to the next match.
- UKC Trial (Robert Saputo)
  - Robin identified that the Saputos continue to refer to this event as United Marion Dog Training Association. Since that is a fictitious name no longer in use by MADTA, she felt the show should be held under the name of MADTA.

MOTION by Robin Stewart to have the current trial and all future trials be approved with UKC under the name of MADTA and that the MADTA name and/or Logo exclusively appear on all correspondence, flyers, advertisement, ribbons, premiums, etc and that the UMDTA name cease to be used at any time starting immediately was seconded. MOTION carried unanimously.

#### AD HOC Committees

- DACOF (Joan Stewart) – No Report
- DOCOF (Carol Harrison) – No Report
- Ad Hoc Property Feasibility Committee Report (Robert Saputo). This item was tabled and a special meeting was called for Tuesday, October 25, 6PM to discuss this report.

#### Unfinished Business

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#### New Business

- Appoint Building Search / Acquisition Review Committee - Tabled
- Appoint By-Laws Committee
  - Mary Riley was appointed Chair and a meeting will be scheduled next week.
- Communication Policy Review - Tabled
- General Meetings – Brenda Allison to coordinate
  - Room Arrangement
  - Giveaways
  - Speakers
- Collar choices
  - Cindy Elliott Deak identified that she had heard from some students that MADTA requires pinch collars for class participants. She objected to that practice. Brenda assured the board that pinch collars are not a requirement for class attendance.
- Grounds Committee

MOTION by Cindy Elliott Deak to appoint Janet Barber as Grounds Committee Chair and to authorize a budget for discretionary use of \$150 a month was seconded. MOTION carried unanimously.

- Sunshine Committee

MOTION by Cindy Elliott Deak to appoint Sue Veres as Sunshine Committee Chair and to authorize a \$50/month budget was seconded." MOTION carried unanimously.

- Trial Committee Responsibilities

MOTION by Donna Hamm to require trial chairs to submit proforma budgets prior to date of trial approval and to submit the names of their committee members was seconded. MOTION carried unanimously.

MOTION by Robin Stewart to adjourn was seconded. MOTION carried unanimously.

Adjournment at 7:05 PM