

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2017**

Call to Order by President Joan Stewart at 7:15 PM. A quorum was present with 22 members present.

Approve Minutes – General Minutes, March 21, 2017

MOTION by Sue Veres was seconded to approve the Minutes of General Meeting of March 21, 2017 as corrected.

MOTION carried.

President's Report – Joan Stewart

Sue Ellen Rosenthal brought assorted cookies to share as a thank you to MADTA members. The GODC agility trial was in need of help and MADTA members graciously assisted the GODC club with their agility event.

AKC updates:

- Agility equipment changes will necessitate disposal of some agility equipment and will require acquisition or building of new equipment in the near future.
- Additional classes are being added to the Rally discipline.
- Scent Work Title will be added
- Tricks Title is also being added.

The board approved student handler class discounts of 50% with a valid student ID.

The board is reviewing all MADTA's policies and will reissue them in a standard format.

By-laws review is in progress.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Pat Paulding

Pat stated she received a few reports from AKC closing out several trials.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Elliott Deak

Cindy was not present, but sent her report in writing which Joan read.

Training Director Report – Brenda Allison

- Incident Reports – None Reported
- New Class sessions began on 3/20

Standing Committee Reports

-AKC Obedience Trial (Carol Harrison)

Bob Withers will be one of the judges. She is still working on the second judge.

-AKC Rally Trial (Carol Harrison) –

June 17-18 2017 is nearly ready

September 23-24 Rally Trials have been approved by the AKC

Mary Riley will be taking over as Obedience Trial Chair. She asked for volunteers to take over Trial Chair duties for the Rally trials. Carol has done the job for a great many years and would like to "pass the baton".

Aline Brisendine reported that Rally will be offering Intermediate, Masters and a title similar to an OTCH in the Rally discipline. The new rules are in effect in November 2017.

-AKC Agility Trials (Cindy Elliott Deak) Cindy was not present, but Joan read Cindy's written report.

February 10-12 2017 Trial contributed \$6,060 net profit to the treasury.

Budget for the April 28-29 2017 – MADTA Night Trial – Entries are arriving slowly and pro-forma is based upon currently entries. As always a successful trial requires volunteers. Becky Stewart and Elaine Wilson are the volunteer coordinators for this event.

Joan read from Cindy's report that a request was made for set-up assistance for the Thursday

October 6-8 2017 – SELP – Anticipated to be in the new arena as a 2-ring, 2 judge trial.

-AKC Lure Coursing Events (Melanie Magamoll) – Brenda reported on her behalf

February 25-26 2017 trial contributed \$2,157 in net income.

April 23 is Fun Day scheduled at the Nassaveri property.

Brenda reported that MADTA will contribute a gift basket valued at \$100 to \$150 for an auction basket for the benefit of Endangered Animal Rescue Sanctuary (EARS). This is a charitable organization that is supported by the Nassivera's. The Nassivera's have graciously allowed the use of their property for FAST CAT fun days at no charge. They are holding an auction on Saturday, April 22 for this benefit.

-UKC Trial – (Robert Saputo)

Need volunteers. Hospitality for the volunteers will be provided

Run-Thrus are still available on Thursday evenings

Day of Show entries are accepted

November trial has been approved by the UKC

Aline Brisendine is preparing baskets for a raffle at the event. She asked for basket donations.

-Training Committee (Brenda Allison) – No Report

-Programs (Vacant)

-Business Development & Cost Containment a/k/a Publicity - (Karen VanGunst) – No Report

-Refreshment (Vacant)

-Awards Committee (Vacant)

Membership Committee:

First Reading: Marlina Schaffer was present

Second Readings: Margaret Duval was present and Patty Goliferi's sponsor was present.

MOTION by Sue Veres was seconded to approve the second reading applicants for membership to MADTA. **MOTION** carried.

Ad Hoc Committees

-DACOF (Joan Stewart) – Roster was submitted. So far only 3 members have indicated an interest, but there is still time to pull a team together.

-DOCOF (Carol Harrison) – Event will be Sept 3 and she anticipates sending two teams.

-Conformation Committee (Leslie Pope-Hall) –

Leslie is looking to take the summer off and plans to put on another Conformation Match in the Fall.

-Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres) – No Report

-Grounds Committee (Janet Barber) – No Report.

By-Laws Committee-(Mary Riley)

By-Laws review is progression.

Unfinished Business

- Property Purchase / Property Search – renamed New Home Search Committee. No Report.

- Still looking for a ribbon storage cabinet.

New Business:

- Carol Harrison thanked everyone for their prayers for her granddaughter. Katie is recovering from a serious car versus bicycle accident.

- Brenda announced that Pat Heller will be offering a Foundation Exercises Class in April. Limited enrollment.

- Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club is offering an eye and heart clinic on June 3. There were no conflicts with MADTA events, so the information will be distributed to the members.

MOTION by Carol Harrison to adjourn was seconded. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary