

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2017**

Call to Order by President Joan Stewart at 7:06 PM. A quorum was declared with 41 members in attendance.

**Approve Minutes** – General Minutes of May 16 and June 20

**MOTION** by Karen VanGunst was seconded to approve the minutes of the May 16 meeting. **MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Desiree Lerro was seconded to approve the minutes of the June 20 meeting. **MOTION** carried.

**President's Report** – Joan Stewart

-Joan reported the canine flu virus is likely here to stay. The University of Florida is reporting that they are still seeing cases from the Orlando area. The board has voted to reopen the building and grounds on September 11. Precaution protocols will be developed in the interim.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** – Pat Paulding – No Report

**Treasurer's Report** – Cindy Elliott Deak presented the club balances.

**Training Director Report** – Brenda Allison

- Incident Reports – None Reported
- Brenda introduced the Companion Dog Sports Program. It is an obedience venue, but is not AKC sanctioned. She introduced Ellen Beris who explained the program. It is very much like a show n go, but titles can be earned in a setting that is a bit more relaxed than AKC. It's something the club could consider offering. More information is available at [www.companiondogsportsprogram.com](http://www.companiondogsportsprogram.com).
- Brenda said there are a number of rule changes for rally. Some clubs are offering seminars on the new rules. MADTA could consider offering a seminar as well.
- A representative from Scent Work Club of Ocala was present to promote their upcoming event.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**-AKC Rally Trial (Carol Harrison)** – Report submitted in writing.

-Rally: Sept. 23rd and 24th, 2017. Our Judges are Susan Trotto and Nancy Watson. Trial will be held in Crystal River. Need volunteers. It was noted that this trial conflicts with the re-scheduled DACOF team event in Kissimmee, FL.

**-AKC Obedience Trial 2018 (May Riley) - Pending Budget Approval**

-Jan. 20th and 21st, 2018. The January obedience trials are all set also. The judges are Nancy Watson and Bob Withers.

**-AKC Agility Trials (Joan Stewart)**

-Joan reported that she will be the Trial Chair for this event. The premium will be available on Friday, July 21. The event opens on August 5. It is very important to get enough volunteers to help run this trial. Becky Stewart and Sue Marr will share the Volunteer Coordinator position. Please let them know if you can help.

**MOTION** by Karen VanGunst was seconded to authorize the purchase of an additional set of times for the second ring.

After some discussion the **MOTION** was **withdraw** as the rental of timers will likely be very reasonable.

**-AKC Lure Coursing Events (Melanie Magamoll) –**

--Lure coursing Fun dates are: Fun days held at Nassivera's residence, Ocala  
Sept. 30, 2017                      Nov. 18, 2017                      Jan 27, 2018

--Four- Fast Cat trials October 14 & 15 @ Nassivera's residence, Ocala

--February 24 & 25, 2018 -- 2 FAST CAT & 2 CAT trials @ Grand Oaks Resort, Weirdale

--March 10 & 11, 2018 -- 4- FAST CAT trials @ Nassivera's Residence, Ocala

**-UKC Trial (Robert Saputo)** – Robert Saputo presented the proposed budget for this event which indicated the potential for a profit.

**MOTION** by Cindy Elliott Deak was seconded to approve the UKC November Trial. **MOTION** carried.

**-Training Committee (Brenda Allison)** – Brenda reiterated that no dogs are allowed in the building or on the field until the club reopens.

**-Programs (Vacant)**

**-Business Development & Cost Containment f/k/a Publicity** - (Vacant) – Joan identified that she is in the process of putting out the newly developed brochure promoting the club.

**-Refreshment (Vacant) –**

**-Awards Committee** – Mary Riley and Jennifer Edwards – Jennifer advised that the Awards Banquet will be October 11. More details will be available in July. The board approved a member discount for the dinner. Member dinners will be \$13/person, non-members will be \$26/person. Awards will be for the period of 2015 -2016. Plaques will be \$9.50 and engraved plate hangers will be \$3.25 each.

**-Membership Committee-**

**First Reading:** Michelle Hinshaw – Sponsors were present

**Second Reading:** Debby Gibson and Jaime – sponsors were present

**MOTION** by Karen VanGunst was seconded to approve the new member. **MOTION** carried.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**-DACOF** (Joan Stewart) – Event has been postponed to September. All new entries must be submitted along with a new roster.

**-Conformation Committee** (Leslie Pope-Hall) – Conformation classes will begin in September when the building reopens.

**-Sunshine Committee** (Sue Veres) – No Report

**-Grounds Committee** (Janet Barber) – Grounds are being tended.

**-By-Laws Committee-**(Mary Riley)

By-Laws were presented for final approval. Joan reported that the Board made a change to Article XII b. The section will now read: Current Membership Status /Dues: memberships existing at the time of adoption will be valid until December 31, 2017. On December 1, membership renewals will be accepted according to the terms defined in these by-laws.

Karen VanGunst thanked the committee and especially Mary Riley as the chairperson. She recognized the amount of work that went into developing the new by-laws.

Clarity of Article III, Section 1, Paragraph 2 was discussed.

**MOTION** by Karen VanGunst, was seconded to amend Article III, Section 1, Paragraph 2 as follows:

“The board is authorized to spend, without general membership approval, an amount of up to \$6,500 per month for expenses in the ordinary course of business. A higher limit may be set as determined by the general membership at the annual meeting. The general membership must approve all major equipment or other non-operating purchases in excess of \$2,500 per item. A higher limit may be set as determined by the general membership at the annual meeting.” After some additional discussion a vote was taken and **MOTION** failed to carry.

**MOTION** by Cindy Elliott Deak was seconded to amend the by-laws by replacing Article III, Section 1, Paragraph 2 as follows:

“The Board is authorized to spend in accordance with the MADTA Spending Policy.”

A suggestion to amend the motion was offered to change the wording to the board is authorized to pay monthly expenses in accordance with the spending policy. The maker of the motion did not accept the proposed amendment.

**MOTION by Cindy Elliott Deak carried as originally presented.**

**MOTION** by Cindy Elliott Deak was seconded to clarify Article III, Section 3 as follows;

“Vacancies occurring on the Board or among the Officers during the year may be filled until the next election by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board at its first general meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a special board meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.”

**MOTION** carried.

**MOTION** by Mary Riley was seconded to approve the by-law as amended. **MOTION** carried.

**-Nominating Committee-**Appoint for this committee was required in June, but there was no quorum. The following volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. Sue Veres, Sandy Belg and Sharon Ederson. Desiree Lerro will serve as the alternate.

**-New Home Search Committee** – No new properties to present.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

Adjourned at 8:45 PM -- Respectfully submitted by Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary