

Marion Alachua Dog Training Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2020

Meeting was called to order by President, Mary Riley, at 7:06 PM

It was noted that a quorum was present.

The following corrections were suggested for the meeting minutes from 1/21/20:

- The paragraph that states “no action was taken” should be amended to state “the dog was banned from the MADTA clubhouse.”
- The correct number of current MADTA members is 128.
- The correct dues increase is \$30 for individual membership and \$40 for family membership.

A MOTION to approve the January minutes was made, seconded and approved.

President’s Report: Mary Riley reported that we had a very successful agility trial although there was a general lack of MADTA volunteers that was concerning. There followed a general discussion of ideas for providing incentives for volunteers at future events.

There was also a discussion regarding dog aggression and liability. A suggestion was made to have an attorney speak to MADTA regarding liability. Mary indicated that she had spoken to an attorney that suggested we have MADTA’s insurance agent speak to us about liability.

Membership Chair Report: Connie Adams noted the following new members that are attending their first MADTA membership meeting:

- Danette Weaver
- Lynn Young
- Cheryl Donaldson
- Joshua Donaldson

Connie also reported that the following person was attending their second membership meeting and had met the volunteer requirement for being voted in:

- Christine Dondero

A MOTION was made by Regina Compton, seconded and approved to approve MADTA membership for Christine Dondero.

Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Sharon Starke reported that she has received AKC notification that MADTA’s FCat trials held 1/4/20 and 1/5/20 have closed out. Also, MADTA’s obedience trial for 1/17/20 and 1/19/20 have closed out. Finally, AKC has

approved MADTA's Rally trial scheduled for 6/13/20 and 6/14/20. No incident reports to report on.

Treasurer's Report: Melanie Magamoll reported the club's account balances.

Training Director's Report: Carrie Solomon reported that we have started to receive class registrations for Session 2 that begins the week of 3/2/20. The next CGC/CGCA/Tricks test will be conducted at the clubhouse on Monday, 2/24/20. In addition, the Training Committee has met and is working on a new Aggressive Dog Policy for the club. A draft of the policy will be provided to the BOD and our members for input before implementing.

Trial Reports:

Agility Trial Chair Report: Elena was not present but provided the following report:

- Many thanks to the Agility Committee and all of the MADTA members that provided volunteer services for the trial.
- Final accounting has not been completed but the trial brought in \$29,100 in revenues.
- The next MADTA Agility trial is scheduled for October and will be held back at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion. After October, future trials will be held at the Florida Horse Park.

FCat Trial Report: Melanie Magamoll reported that MADTA had a great FCat Trial at the Lakeland cluster. Final numbers are not in but she expressed that it was likely that we exceeded the revenue from last year's trial. Many thanks to all of the hardworking volunteers that came out to help. The next MADTA Fcat trial will be held at Nassiveras on 3/14/20 and 3/15/20.

UKC Trial Report: Bob Saputo asked for MADTA members to support continuing the next UKC trial and would like to schedule it before the new rules go into place on July 1, 2020. The current date is the same weekend as Easter and he would like to move it to a different date. A MOTION was made by Robin Stewart, seconded and passed to support holding the next UKC trial.

Facilities Report: Lee Bass reported that the new shed floor is done and ready for the new shed installation. He asked for volunteers to help assemble next week. Two volunteers plus Lee will begin assembly next week. Also, a second dog waste station has been installed near the agility field.

A suggestion was made to sanitize the dog potty area using Kennelsol. Lee will investigate and report back.

Another suggestion was made to get quotes for professional trash removal. Jenifer Edwards volunteered to do this and report back.

Old Business: Regina Compton reported on the Youth Fair classes that she and Lee Bass have been conducting. The Youth Fair that they have been preparing for will be held this Saturday, 2/22/20, beginning at 8:30 AM at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion. Regina encouraged our members to come out and support the youth team members. Regina also noted that only three places were approved for training Youth Fair participants and that MADTA was one of them.

Jenifer Edwards reported on the collaboration with Marion County Humane Society and Animal Control for training their handlers and shelter dogs to make them more adoptable. Several dogs have already been adopted. She thanked the volunteers that have been helping her with this program.

New Business: Melanie brought up the topic of the need for obtaining completed 1099 forms from judges and anyone else that provides services for a fee to the club. Now that we are a 503(c)(3) organization, we are required to do this. The 1099 form must be provided to anyone providing services for a fee with a note that final payment will not be made to the provider without a signed 1099 form.

Mary Riley announced that MADTA will be using a professional tax preparer to prepare MADTA's annual tax return and audit.

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Regina Compton, seconded and approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Carrie Solomon
Training Director acting as Recording Secretary