

General Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2020
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association

The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Riley at 7:05 pm.

There were 34 members present and 3 guests. There was a quorum.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the General Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2020.

Mary Riley announced that Barbara Hall had not accepted the position of Recording Secretary, and, that Charlotte Trentelman has been appointed by the Board of Directors.

President's Report: Mary Riley read the following to the meeting:

“To my fellow Board members and General Members:

On September 14, 2020, an email was sent out to the trial committee members of MADTA. With technology being what it is, sometimes and for no apparent reason, names on mass emailing lists get missed, dropped, or deleted.

I did not receive the email when it was originally sent. Once aware of its existence, I was able to procure a copy of it. The content of the email is not in question. What is important is the accusatory remarks that were made surrounding my representation of the incident in claiming that I had no knowledge that such an email was sent to me. In short, I clearly state that I never received it. The actions demonstrated were, at the very least, unprofessional and disruptive to the meeting as well as personally insulting.

As your president, duly elected, unfounded oppositional disruption cannot and will not continue to be tolerated. It is hurtful and harmful, not only to the targeted recipient, but to our Club's character in the community. Sadly, reports have come back to me that this Club has a tarnished reputation because of incidences such as this. It will take all of us to change that perception of our Club. Going forward, we must demonstrate self-control and refrain from negative outbursts that only serve to solidify current community opinion. Constructive and respectful debate remains welcome and is considered a necessity in order to create and foster new ideas that further the Club's mission.

In an effort to streamline the general meetings all committee reports shall be in writing and read by the trial/committee chairpersons. If the chairperson is not at the meeting, a report is to be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary one (1) week prior to the meeting. The Corresponding Secretary will read the report and then submit to the recording secretary to be placed on file. In the event the Chair is unable to do so, another committee member may be asked to stand in a give the report. For the Board meetings, the trial/committee chairs will submit their written report to the Corresponding Secretary at least one (1) week prior to the Board meeting. The Corresponding Secretary will then read the report and give it to the Recording Secretary to be place don file.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Riley, President”

Corresponding Secretary's report: Danette Weaver reported that there had been no correspondence this month.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Vics reported the club's accounts balances.

Training Director's report: Carrie Solomon reported that she is working on changes in the schedule for the next session that will start the week of January 4.

Incident Reports: Danette Weaver reported that, on October 10, a woman (a club member) fell outside the building. She did not require treatment. The Board has taken steps to make the area around the entrance safer.

By Laws Report: Mary Riley presented the Standing Rules for General Membership Meeting, to be followed in accordance with discussing the proposed changes to the By Laws.

By Laws Chairperson, Elaine Hager and Mary Riley presented the proposed changes and gave time for discussion.

There was a brief discussion about possible options for maintaining membership if members were unable to attend meetings or volunteer. The Board can evaluate and waive the requirements if necessary.

All of the proposed changes were approved by vote of those present. The By Laws will be added to the web site.

There was a break for the Halloween Costume contest. Judged by applause, Josh Hunt and Danette Weaver won first place. Becky Stewart came in second, and, Judy Tintera third.

Committee Reports:

By Laws: The By Laws Committee has been recessed.

AKC Agility Trial: Judy Leitzsch reported in Elena Manubens absence. The Trial was a success financially, as well as being run smoothly by a "good amount of volunteers". They wished to thank all that helped and are looking forward to the trial in February.

AKC FCAT Coursing Events: Melanie Magamoll reported that the seminar was a success and ran very well. In the upcoming first FCAT Trial of the season, Karen VanGunst, Trial Secretary, has advised that we have 199 pre entries.

Training Committee: The Training Committee had no report.

AKC Obedience and Rally Events: Beverly Capstick reported that the January 22, 23, and 24, 2021, Obedience Trial dates would be one trial each day and that, due to Covid, we were keeping the trials to one ring. The event and judging panel are approved by the AKC, with one judge (Ores Chever, Jr.) on Friday; and two judges (Aimee Kincaid and Ken Kincaid) for Saturday and Sunday. She is working on the June Rally Trial as AKC were paid in 2020, but, the trial was cancelled.

UKC Trial Event: Roberta Teany reported that the UKC Trial for November 7 and 8, 2020, was approved, verified, and the premium had been posted on the MADTA web site. There is a reminder that there will be no day of show registration for obedience and rally. UKC numbers can be applied for on the UKC web site, with numbers coming in return emails. There would be run thrus on Thursday and Friday afternoon. And, volunteers area needed.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Grounds Committee: Josh Hunt reported that the agility field had been fertilized once and had ant killer treatments three times in the past month.

Unfinished Business: None was brought to the floor.

New Business:

Policy Corrections:

Mary reviewed some minor changes and read a new policy which is going into effect. These will be send out to the membership in a blast.

Josh Hunt has accepted the position of Assistant Facilities Manager.

Jennifer Edwards has accepted the position of Assistant Training Director. She announced that the next CGC and Trick testing would be November 21.

Elaine Hager requested that fencing be added to the areas in the parking lot that are unsafe. Lee Bass will be given that request.

Becky Stewart asked that a sign be put up requesting people not to park in front of the gate to the agility field.

Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Trentelman
Recording Secretary