

General Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2020
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association

The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Riley at 7:02 pm.

There were 23 members present, an additional 2 members to be presented as finishing their requirements for membership, and 1 guest.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the General Meeting Minutes of October 20, with a correction to the number of guests at that meeting.

President's Report: Mary Riley went over the Rally Championship program points that she and other members had been working on. Members added that a thank you should be given to Aline Brisendine for helping them achieve this goal.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Danatte Weaver reported that no correspondence was received.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Vic 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 seven week session that will start the week of January 4. Open floor and run thrus will continue through December. There would be no short session for Beginning Obedience or Puppy Kindergarten.

Incident Reports: Danatte Weaver reported that there had been no reports.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Lilly Martin and Doreen Hayworth, having fulfilled the requirements of membership, were voted in as members by the club.

AKC Agility Trial: After a success October Trial, Elana Manubens has resigned and a new Trial Chair is being sought for the February Trial. Elana will assist the new Chair. Judy Leitzsch will also help the committee.

AKC FCAT Coursing Events: The October Trial was a great success, with 292 runs and a good profit. The new timers have arrived. The next trial is January 2-3, 2021. The club wanted to thank Melanie Magamoll for her work to make the trial successful.

AKC Obedience and Rally Events: Beverly Capstick reported that the January Premium was ready to go on the website and to AKC. The closing date is January 6. Volunteers are needed. Bonnie Van Beveren has accepted the Hospitality Chair for the event. Beverly has contact AKC about the pre paid application for the June Rally Trial, which was cancelled last year. Beverly is also checking for available dates for the additional Rally Trials to reach out allowed twelve per

year. June Rally dates are June 19 and 20 for four trials.

UKC Trial: The November Trial has been cancelled. Bob Saputo reported that rule changes were coming from UKC, and would be in place for the April 20-21 Trial.

Training Committee Report: Niki Bouland reported that the committee is developing two sub committees to attend to those who wish to proceed on a show track and those who are working on basic obedience.

Building Facility: Lee Bass reported that more signs would be required for the agility gate to keep people from blocking it with vehicles.

By Laws Committee: Elaine Hager reported that the Committee is recessed and our final copies should be sent to AKC.

AD HOC Committees:

Grounds Committee: Josh Hunt reported that mulch had been lain in the front of the building to keep the ground from being unlevel. The Agility Field needs to be reseeded because it is mowed too often for the seed pods to mature for reseeding. A special fertilizer that wouldn't burn the grass, or dog's feet should be used. Daily watering will be required for 3-4 days and it must be done at a time when the field is not being used for a few days. The ant problem continues to be addressed.

Unfinished Business:

Flooring Funds: Mary Riley reported that she has not received responses to her requests for grant money, but is still searching.

Shed Purchase: Due to site preparation, wiring, numbers of windows and/or doors, the cost appears to be more than earlier anticipated. The members discussed what was needed in the shed and the possibility of using an empty trailer for the moment.

New Business:

Board Meeting Times: The Board will now meet at 4 pm, on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be December 10.

Internal Audit: The Committee submitted an audit that showed no problems, with the exception of a few changes made due to typographical errors.

Workshop for Instructors: A seminar for Instructors and Assistants with Victoria Hulett on January 30, at MADTA.

Business Plan and Budget: Niki Bouland and Beverly Vic will be working on this document.

Lifetime Members Recognition: A plaque with all of MADTA's Lifetime Members will be made and displayed at the MADTA Building.

December Meeting: The point was brought up that, due to COVID concerns, a pot luck Holiday Meeting was not keeping with out protocols. Discussion was made and a Spring time Cook Out was suggested.

Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded, and passed at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Trentelman
Recording Secretary