

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2018**

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 5.40 PM. Mary Riley, Regina Compton, Sue Veres, Joan Stewart, and Aline Brisindine were present. Lisa Forbes and Brenda Allison were absent. Unopposed nominee for Training Director Carrie Solomon attended as a guest.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the August 7, 2018, Board Meeting were presented for approval. **MOTION** by Sue Veres to approve the minutes was seconded and passed.

President's Report – President Mary Riley.

Members of the Building Committee met with the contractor and engineer September 13. Initial borings have been completed and show some loose soil at the 33-foot level on the east side of the proposed building site. County engineers recommended turning the building 90 degrees and moving it further west. The project engineer has prepared a new site plan. The contractor has prepared a proposed time line for the project as follows:

- Site plans approved by October 22
- Site work and concrete slab construction begun by around November 1
- Pre-fab building materials on site by November 15
- Construction begun as soon as material is delivered
- Target completion date by January 15

Mary asked the Board to select colors for the building exterior, walls and trim. The Board selected light tan with slightly darker tan trim for the building to reflect as much heat as possible.

Community Bank has approved the building appraisal, has preliminary site plans and has scheduled the loan closing on October 1.

Our application to change our IRS tax status from 501(c)4 to 501(c)3, charitable status, was received by the IRS on September 4. The approval process may take six months, but, since we request a designation change only, we hope it will take less time.

Mary presented the slate of officers and Board members as follows:

President	Mary Riley
Vice President	Regina Compton
Treasurer	Susan Acosta
Corresponding Secretary	Sue Veres
Recording Secretary	Joan Stewart
Training Director	Carrie Solomon
Board Member	Aline Brisindine

All nominees are unopposed and will be declared elected at the general meeting as per the By-Laws. As soon as possible, following the election, retiring members Lisa Forbes and Brenda Allison will be removed as signators on MADTA's operating account at Suntrust Bank and newly elected officers Mary Riley, Regina Compton, and Susan Acosta will be added. Retiring members Lisa Forbes and Brenda Allison will also be removed as signators on MADTA's Money Market account and newly elected officers Mary Riley, Regina Compton, and Susan Acosta will be added.

Mary asked that the Board consider waiving the meeting attendance requirement for attending two consecutive meetings for applicant Sandy Wells as per the By-Laws. Sandy has more than met the volunteer requirements but has an on-going conflict and cannot attend on Tuesday nights. **MOTION** by Regina to approve the household membership application of Sandy Wells was seconded and approved.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sue Veres

Sue has received trial pending notices for the February Agility Trial and December FCAT from the AKC. UKC sent notice that we are no longer sanctioned to hold UKC conformation events.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Forbes (absent)

Lisa submitted a report of the club's bank balances in writing, along with profit and loss statements from June to the present date. Joan Stewart read the club's balances.

Training Director's Report – Brenda Allison (absent)

Brenda, who is recovering from surgery, sent a reminder that the new class session begins October 15.

Committee Reports

- AKC Obedience (Carol Harrison) – Carol will report at the general meeting
- AKC Rally (Carol Harrison) – Carol will report at the general meeting
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) –
 - o The October 5-7 Agility Trial closes this Friday, September 21. Judges are Sharon Williams and Jeff Boyer. Cindy Deak will measure dogs on Saturday. Trial Secretary Lori Patterson reported that as of September 1, there were 1,048 runs and with two weeks remaining, she expects the numbers to be roughly the same as last October.
 - o The Trial Committee met last week and decided to do away with worker raffles. The Committee will instead be offering MADTA bucks to volunteer workers. MADTA bucks will be printed in 1-, 5-, and 10-dollar denominations. Workers will be able to trade their small denomination bucks for larger.
 - o We are, as usual, in need of volunteer workers for moving and set-up on Thursday and Sunday. Donna Hamm requested quotes from local day-labor companies. Only one responded that two laborers working to days for the required minimum of 8 hours per day will cost \$500. The committee is appealing to the members to step in. If members have relatives, neighbors, or occasional handy persons who are willing to work, the Committee will pay them a reasonable amount.
- AKC CAT Events (Melanie Magamoll) – Melanie will report at the general meeting. Mary reported that the contract for FCAT at Lakeland is on the way, and that the FCAT trial at GODC did well.
- Training Committee – No report.

AD HOC Committees

- Publicity Committee (Katrina Phillips) – Mary reported that Karina has developed a flyer design featuring classes available from MADTA with a smart phone with various class photos in place of app icons, titled “There’s a class for that.” The flyer has contact info but no address so that it can be used now and after the move. Katrina has also proposed a “Murder Mystery” event and dinner February 16 at the Elks Club as a fund raiser. She will ask for volunteers to help coordinate at the General Meeting.
- DOCOF (Aline Brisendine) Aline reported of 24 teams, MADTA came in third, but only 12 points from first, and has consistently placed among the top contenders. She will ask the General Membership to consider planning for next year now.
- Conformation Committee (Amanda Stapleton) Mary reported Janet Barber and John Triplett are getting good turnouts at Wednesday night conformation run-thrus.
- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr) No report.
- Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres) Sue reported on a number of members who are recovering from surgeries and illnesses or who have surgeries scheduled
- Grounds (Janet Barber) Nothing to report.
- Building Committee (Susan Acosta) See President’s Report.
- Training Policy Committee (Mary Riley) Nothing to report.
- 501(c)3 Committee (Susan Acosta) See President’s Report.

Unfinished Business

- Building Cleaning, Pre-moving organizing, moving sale – Carrie Solomon and Joan Stewart will coordinate for the Board.
- Youth Fair – (Regina Compton) – Training for 4H and FFA members entering the annual Marion County Youth Fair began last week.

New Business

- Awards Coordinator Diane Keedy presented a procedure for ordering ribbons for trials. The Awards Coordinator will place all orders. Trial chairs will return all ribbons to cabinet by one week after a trial, inventory remaining ribbons within 3 weeks of trial, report any issues to AC as soon as notice. Report any changing requirements to AC. Ribbons are ordered up to 2 months prior to trials.
- Mary reported the Golden Retriever Club of Central Florida is hosting their Nationals at the new World Equestrian Center in Ocala in 2020. They asked for help from us with stewarding, equipment, etc. Connie Adams will present details at the general meeting.

Adjournment

- **MOTION** to adjourn by Sue Veres was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6.42 PM.

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary