

# **Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association BOD Meeting Minutes August 20, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 5:35 P.M.

**Present:** Mary Riley, President; Sue Veres, Corresponding Sec'y; Melanie Magamoll, Treasurer; Regina Compton, Vice President; Connie Adams, Recording Sec'y; Aline Brisendine, Member at Large; **Absent:** Carrie Solomon, Training Director

**MOTION** was made to approve the Board Minutes of July 23, 2019 – seconded and passed.

**President's Report – Mary Riley.** Mary was extremely pleased to report that we are now a 501(C) (3) status. We are exempt from sales tax, but Mary needs to find out if we are exempt from paying property tax. All trial chair-people will need the 501(C)(3) number if they wish to purchase anything they need. We will ask Mary Scribner, CPA, if she would work with MADTA regarding reporting requirement significant to 501(c)(3).

Mary reported on a health seminar sponsored by the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of North Florida being held on Saturday October 19, 2019 at the UF Vet School Small Animal Hospital in Gainesville. There will be four one-hour seminars on:

1. Feeding – Grain vs. grain free
2. Allergies – especially yeast
3. Dental -Problems and Prevention
4. Legislation in Florida relating to dogs

She asked if anyone on the board would be interested in attending but since it conflicts with our Fast Cat event no one volunteered.

**Corresponding Sec'y Report – Sue Veres** - Reported on the AKC's televised program ESPN Dog Days that will air on August 24, 2019 beginning at 11:30 a.m. She made copies of the announcement for the membership to pick up if interested. ASCA is reviewing the motion re the Oregon site for their next National to be moved elsewhere. MADTA's January Obedience trial is waiting for approval of the Judges Panel. The Agility Trial being held in October has been approved and the February one is pending. The Rally Trials that were held in June have been processed and are now closed.

**Treasurer's Report – Melanie Magamoll** – Melanie reported on the bank balances and income from classes and events as of July 31, 2019.

**Training Director Report – Mary Riley for Carrie Solomon** - Current training session began the week of August 5<sup>th</sup>. Earnings were over \$6,500 for this session despite five less classes due to instructor vacation schedules. One Puppy Kindergarten, three Beginner Obedience Classes and one Advanced Beginner classes were filled. CGC/CGCA/Tricks test will be held on Monday, September 23, 2019 beginning at 6:00 P.M. Registration is on-site and the cost is \$10/test. The next training session begins the week of September 30<sup>th</sup>. New Class schedule should be on web site shortly. Carrie went on to thank all instructors and assistant instructors for doing such a tremendous job.

**Incident Reports – Sue Veres** – No Incidences to report

## **Committee Reports:**

### **AKC Agility – Joan Stewart:**

- Entries opened July 8 close September 9. Currently at 888 runs.
- Making hotel reservations for judges-Christine Bishop and Debbie Mosher at La Quinta in Ocala. Secretary Lori Patterson has purchased an RV and will be driving to trial.
- Janet Barber working with Mike Padgett and the SELP staff on grounds preparation. Contracted with Mike Padgett to help make improvements on the grounds so they are in better condition for exhibitors.
- The Agility Trailer at Sally Shaw's has had much need repairs made and is now ready to use.
- Committee is seeking volunteers to gather up the agility equipment that is in various places due to having to hold practices in places other than MADTA. There are only 20 white step-in fence posts left and they are in bad shape. A minimum of 48 is needed for ring set-up at the trial.
- The old tunnel wraps used at the openings to the tunnels do not fit new 26" diameter tunnel and the manufacturer is no longer in business. Joan is making two pairs to replace them. Additional sandbags are also needed.
- Joan stressed the need for volunteers not only to get the equipment and transport it to the trial grounds but to also help out at the trials. She said to contact Volunteer Coordinator Becky Stewart.
- The February Agility trial will be held at the Florida Horse Park since there was a conflict at the Livestock Pavilion. Cindy Deak and Bob Jeffers are the Judges. Lori Patterson has not yet been asked to be Secretary for this trial.
- Joan also requested that a new chair be found for the February trials as she can no longer do this.

**AKC Lure-Coursing – Melanie Magamoll** – Melanie reported that the Treasure Coast Premium for the October 11-13, 2019 Event is up on the website and on Fun With Fido. She reported that she already has 9-10 volunteers who will travel there and help run this event. The October 19 & 20 Event being held at Nassivera's is all set.

**UKC Trial – Bob and Lee Saputo** – No Report

**Training Committee – Mary Riley.** Mary reported that there are plans on forming a committee consisting of one member from each discipline to determine their needs.

### **Ad Hoc Committees:**

**Publicity Committee – Katrina Phillips.** Katrina reported that all is on target for MADTA's Open House being held on Saturday, August 24, 2019. She did report that she needs many volunteers to help make this a success.

**DOCOF – Aline Brisendine** – Aline reported that since only 17 Obedience Teams, 13 Rally Teams and 15 people signing up for the Seminar (which usually draws in 30-50) and that DOCOF was already \$8,500 in the red, it was decided that it be cancelled for this year. Refund checks have been returned to the clubs that requested them. The MADTA Board requested that the DOCOF checks be refunded and not donated to DOCOF. A **MOTION** was made to approve this. It was seconded and passed. Aline will be attending the August 31, 2019 Delegates' meeting being to determine the future of DOCOF. She will report back at the next Board meeting.

**Programs Committee – Beverly Carr.** We are all set for the K9 Police to come to our Open House to give a demonstration. Even though they have been given a time slot, we have to be flexible in the event that their canines are needed for police duty on that day.

**Sunshine Committee – Sue Veres** – Sue sent birthday cards out to Becky Stewart and Lee Saputo.

**Grounds Committee – Janet Barber** – No Report

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Bond – Mary Riley.** The Board discovered that we had bond insurance with Allstate since 2010 in the amount of \$50,000. Sportsman Insurance has offered us a Bond Policy of \$200,000. The Board decided to cancel the Allstate Policy and go with the Sportsman Policy. There is a minimal increase in the Premium.
- **Social Media For Fund Raising** – Katrina Phillips – No Report
- **Wild Apricot – Mary Riley.** Mary reported that we are using Affinipay successfully in registering for classes on-line.
- **Building Facility Manager – Lee Bass.** The insulation under the air conditioners in the main building are still leaking and have been since June of this year. Lee is going to call the A/C company directly to see about getting this fixed immediately.
- **Cleaning Committee** – No report

#### **New Business:**

- **Building Committee** – No report
- **Door Codes** – Tabled until October
- **Youth Fair – Regina Compton.** Regina informed the Board that they will begin these classes on September 26 starting Obedience at 5:30 and Rally at 6:30. The later starting time was for the benefit of parents who work and cannot get their children here any earlier. Brenda Allison class which is slated for that same time will have to be rescheduled to start an hour later.
- **Volunteer of the Year Award and Plaque –Connie Adams.** Deferred
- **Pat Paulding** – Will discuss at General Membership Meeting.
- **Suggestion Box** – Deferred
- **Approve Purchase of Shed.** It was decided to purchase an 8x10 shed from Wal Mart. No permit is needed to put this shed on site. It should be arriving sometime in September. Bill G. will be putting in the footing for this shed as well as putting it together. There may be a small cost for doing this. Mary also spoke with our neighboring cement company to see if they would be willing to pour their surplus cement into the area where the shed will be. They seemed to be agreeable to this. A **MOTION** was made to approve the purchase of this shed. It was seconded and passed. A discussion was also held stating the need for cement for a footing for the shed for the Agility Field.
- **Instructor seminar benefit for Brenda Allison and Della Carter to attend Kincaid Seminar.** A **MOTION** was made to approve this, it was seconded and passed.
- **Approve Sue Veres' resignation from Nomination as Corresponding Secretary.** A **MOTION** was made to approve this, it was seconded and passed.
- **Service Dogs for Patriots (Michelle Dunlap).** There was a brief discussion as to whether there was any interested in this. Mary was unsuccessful in getting in touch with Michelle but will continue to pursue this.
- **Holiday Portrait Sessions (Shelly Timmerman).** Melanie thought that this might be something we could try and suggested bringing it up to the membership to see if there was enough interest to do this.

- **Fencing – Agility Field and Property – Diane Keedy.** Diane presented the Board with two estimates for Commercial Grade Fencing. One came in at \$22,000 the other at \$23,000. She informed the Board that the one giving the lesser quote also worked with her in finding ways to cut the cost but not the security. A lengthy discussion was held on whether we wanted the fence to go all the way around our property –which would include a gate across the driveway to the building or just part of the property. Suggestions were made for what type of gate and what type of lock. The fence around the property would be 6’ and the fence around the Agility field 4’. It was decided to put a “rope fence” around the “Dog Walk” area. She also looked into purchasing “Parking” signs made of aluminum which was agreed upon by the Board. A **MOTION** was made to approve purchase of fence and installation, not to exceed \$22,000, and upon approval from the membership. It was seconded and passed.

**MOTION** was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Connie Adams, Recording Sec’y