

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2018**

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 7:04 PM. Present were Regina Compton, Lisa Forbes, Sue Veres, Joan Stewart, Brenda Allison, and Aline Brisendine

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the January 16, 2018, meeting were presented for approval. **MOTION** to approve by Regina Compton was seconded and approved unanimously.

President's Report – Mary Riley

Mary reported on the status of the current lease for the MADTA building. The last year of our commercial lease with Bingham Professional Services ends December 15, 2018. Curt Bingham has informed us that Cepra landscaping has submitted a 5-year lease proposal with option to buy for both the building they occupy and the one MADTA has rented. He indicated that Cepra's proposal is in line with his long term plans for the properties. He said that he would still consider an offer from MADTA to buy the MADTA building but would not consider selling the vacant land adjacent to the MADTA building. Since the MADTA building does not have sufficient parking without access to the vacant land, and since MADTA is not in a position to compete with the Cepra proposal, the Board considered plans to task the New Home Committee with a search for a suitable, already-constructed building, or land on which to build. **MOTION** by Sue Veres to pursue purchase of a suitable building or land on which to build was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Board will work with Gus Galloway Realty, the realtor who handled the sale of the Airport Road Property. Mary will ask the membership to not contact other realtors directly. Review of prospective properties is to be coordinated by the Committee.

The Board identified a need for two additional members for the Home Search Committee from general membership, preferably with experience in realty, banking, financial planning, or city/county planning. Mary will follow up with the membership.

The Board is also collecting financial information to present to banks, including tax returns, profit/loss statements, and a complete audit.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sue Veres

Sue received AKC approval for the Fast CAT Trial March 10-11.

The Board has received request from the Lure Coursing Committee to donate \$100 for the EARS Car Show at the Nassivera property where our Fast CAT tests are held. **MOTION** by Brenda Allison to approve was seconded and approved. An invitation from EARS to hold a dog training demonstration was referred to Publicity.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Forbes

Lisa reported bank balances and income from classes and events for the period.

Training Director's Report – Brenda Allison

Brenda introduced Penny Carry to the membership. Penny will be offering three new classes in the upcoming session.:

1. Day-time conformation class
2. Day-time beginner obedience – O-gility class
3. Day-time puppy kindergarten class

Check the calendar on the new website. Click on any class for more information about that class.

A St. Patrick's Day Show N Go is scheduled for March 3. Sign-up forms are on the website.

An instructor's meeting will be rescheduled for April.

Committee Reports

- AKC Obedience (Jennifer Edwards) – No report.
- AKC Rally (Linda LaFrance) – No report.

- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – The February Agility Trial did very well financially. We are still working on final results. Unfortunately, Joan became ill Friday and had to leave, and one of the trial judges, Victoria McVicar, had a death in the family and left Friday night. Donna Hamm stepped up to serve as Trial Chair for Joan with Robin Stewart assisting. An exhibitor/AKC Agility Judge, Sharon Williams, and MADTA member and AKC Agility Judge Cindy Deak took over for Victoria on Saturday and Sunday. Joan thanked all of the volunteers who worked to make the trial run smoothly.
- AKC CAT Events (Melanie Magamoll) – Mary reported the small, dedicated group of Lure Coursing Committee members had just returned from Fast CAT events at Lakeland-Winter Haven Kennel Club.
- UKC Trial (Bob and Lee Saputo) – No report
- Training Committee (Brenda Allison) – No Report.

AD HOC Committees

- Publicity (Tammy Goughan) – Regina had nothing to report.
- Awards (Jennifer Edwards) – Mary reported that reservations at the Elks Club were confirmed for July 21.
- DACOF (Becky Stewart) – Joan reported that club rosters are due to DACOF on February 28
- DOCOF (Aline Brisendine) – Club rosters are due to DOCOF on March 1.
- Conformation (Leslie Pope-Hall) – Brenda reported no run thrus will be held this Wednesday, February 21.
- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr) – Sue reported that Beverly has arranged a Pizza Party for the General Meeting.
- Sunshine (Sue Veres) – Nothing to report
- Grounds (Janet Barber) - No report.
- New Home Property Search – (no chair) – See President's Report.
- Training Policy (Mary Riley) – Training Policy Committee will meet Thursday, February 22, at 10:30.
- Volunteer Policy Committee (Mary Riley) – MOTION to approve revision 5 of the Volunteer Policy statement was seconded and approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Wild Apricot – Payment for Web Design and Maintenance – Deferred.
- Lock System – Deferred
- Sue Veres request to approve use of Agility Field for training – **MOTION** to approve by Joan was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Youth Fair Update – Regina reported that MADTA trainees placed 1st and 3rd in obedience.
- Silent Auction – Regina will work with Desi Lero and Beverly Carr to coordinate.
- Lights for south side of building – Brenda Allison – LED lights were installed by landlord.
- **MOTION** to approve reimbursement to Linda LaFrance for AKC CGC/Star Puppy evaluations for this year by Joan Stewart was seconded and approved.

New Business

- Instructor/Assistant Instructor Orientation and Introduction of new Instructors (Mary Riley) – Mary reported the Training Policy Committee is working on this issue. She will follow-up.
- Communications (Mary Riley) – Mary stressed the need for clear communications between BOD members and requested prompt responses to her emails from all members.
- Building Cleaning – (Sue Veres) – Sue reported that while the mats are cleaned on a regular basis, some of the rest of the building is being neglected. She suggested a work day for cleaning. Sue will follow-up.
- Instructor/Assistant Instructor Benefits – Brenda Allison – Deferred.

MOTION to adjourn by Regina was seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Adjourned at 6:58 PM

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary