

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2018**

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. **MOTION** to approve by Sue Veres was seconded and approved unanimously.

President's Report – Mary Riley

Rachel Flatley is conducting a two-day seminar at the MADTA building March 17-18, 2018 starting at 8:30 each day. Working and audit spots are being made available to MADTA members first and then to the public. Seminars will focus on improving handler and dog skills and on confidence building.

Mary encouraged members to visit the new MADTA.org website.

Mary presented the newly approved Member Volunteer Rewards Program Policy which clarifies how MADTA Bucks can be earned and used. The policy states that MADTA Bucks are valid for one year from date of issue, and can be used for up to 25% of various events and activities. Various members pointed out that the 25% limitation was confusing and difficult to work with and suggested a \$25 limit instead. The Board agreed to revisit the policy at its next meeting.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sue Veres

Sue received AKC approval for the Fast CAT Trial February 24.

She reported that AKC Rally and Obedience Nationals will be held in June in Ohio.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Forbes

Lisa reported bank balances to date and income from classes during the month.

Training Director's Report – Brenda Allison

Brenda submitted a report in writing:

Our past Sho N Go (Obedience, rally & agility) did very well, approx \$500. Our next will be in Feb after Valentine's Day.

Our classes are doing well and full. We have a new "daytime" agility class, a first to my knowledge. Low attendance but I do expect it to grow since it is new & daytime and is newly offered.

She has tentative knee surgery date of April and is getting classes settled during her recovery. She will try to get a sub for her Open class.

Committee Reports

- Membership (Mary Anne Fitch) – Mary Anne introduced Jean Destache, an applicant who has met the requirements for membership. MOTION by Mary Anne Fitch to approve the membership of Jean Destache was seconded and approved unanimously. MOTION by Mary Anne Fitch to approve the membership of Rachel Flatley was seconded and approved unanimously.
- AKC Obedience (Jennifer Edwards) – Carol Harrison reported, in Jennifer's absence, a Pay-N-Play will be held Friday evening before the Obedience Trial from 4:00 to 8:00. Volunteers are requested to help.
- AKC Rally (Linda LaFrance) – The June 16-17 AKC Rally Trial has AKC "pending" approval and is scheduled to be held at the Citrus County Dog Club. She is checking on a September Rally Trial.
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – All of the new AKC compliant jumps and been completed and stowed in the trailer. All other equipment will be ready. We're seeking a Hospitality Chair since Sue Veres will be unavailable that weekend. Becky Stewart has finalized arrangements with the Lake Weir HS ROTC for ring crew. All other work is in progress.
- AKC CAT Events (Melanie Magamoll) – Mary reminded the Board of the Fast CAT events we are running for the Lakeland-Winter Haven Kennel Club February 16 – 19 in Lakeland. Mary and Melanie visited the site last weekend and all looks ready.
- UKC Trial (Bob and Lee Saputo) – Sue Veres reported plans are underway for the April 14-15 UKC Trial. Volunteers are requested.
- Training Committee (Brenda Allison) – No Report.

AD HOC Committees

- Publicity (Tammy Goughan) – Regina had nothing to report.
- Awards (Jennifer Edwards) – Mary reported that plans are in place to hold an awards banquet at the Elk's Club in July
- DACOF (Becky Stewart) – Becky reported that DACOF will again be held at the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee, FL, June 30 weekend. The Roster cut-off date is February 28.
- DCOF (Aline Brisendine) – Dues have been paid. Carol Harrison will continue to serve as delegate.
- Conformation (Leslie Pope-Hall-absent) – No report.
- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr) – Beverly has contacted the Sheriff's Department K-9 unit to arrange a program demo for the February meeting. Plans have not been confirmed.
- Sunshine (Sue Veres) – Nothing to report
- Grounds (Janet Barber) - No report.
- New Home Property Search – (no chair) – New Home committee members met with Landlord Curt Bingham to discuss the possibility of purchasing the building and vacant property next door. Our renewable lease ends December 15, 2018. Also discussed were lighting needs for south side of building, insurance for parking on vacant property, and no parking signs for the Unique Products parking spaces. No decisions were reached.
- Training Policy (Mary Riley) – Committee has met three times and is finalizing a philosophy statement to focus on positive reinforcement training. Work is moving along well. The committee has contacted Rachel Flatley with a request to serve as a trainer consultant. She has proposed a series of 5 to 6, seven-hour seminars for instructors/assistant instructors. The Board will meet in special session to work out details.
- Volunteer Policy Committee (Mary Riley) – See President's Report

Unfinished Business

- Wild Apricot – Mary is sending a trial email blast using the Wild Apricot system. Report to follow.
- Lock System – Mary is continuing to look into replacing the locking system.
- Tax Records – No report.
- Waiver of Puppy Playtime Off-Leash update – All waivers have been signed and recorded.
- Youth Fair Update – Regina reported that because of conflicts at SELP, Youth Fair participants will meet at MADTA on February 1 and 8.
- Silent Auction – Lisa reported that the Silent Auction held at the December meeting produced \$788.
- Football Widow's Show-N-Go – Brenda Allison – No report.
- Lights for south side of building – Brenda Allison – No report.

New Business

- The Silent Auction held in December was successful, producing \$788. Plans are underway for a spring auction of unneeded obedience equipment and various pieces of office equipment and fans. Desi Lero and Beverly Carr agreed to coordinate the spring auction.
- Lee Saputo submitted a proposal in writing to maintain a list of designated animal caretakers for MADTA members in case of emergency to be maintained in the MADTA building in a loose-leaf binder. No follow-up was assigned.
- Robin Stewart pointed out that a complete inventory of all remaining ribbons following each trial should be conducted so that new, accurate orders can be submitted. Each Trial Chair should include this task in the trial close-out.
- Linda LaFrance is evaluating a new dog harness for use in obedience training. She will follow up.

MOTION to adjourn by Connie Adams was seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary