

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2018**

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 7:03 PM. A quorum was declared with 38 members present.

**Approve Minutes** – Minutes of the July 24, 2018 Special General Meeting and the August 7 General Meeting were presented for approval. **MOTION** by Sandy Belg to approve the minutes.

**President's Report** – President Mary Riley.

Mary introduced a new member of the Building Committee, Carrie Solomon. Carrie has a background in construction project management and has volunteered to assist. Members of the 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

A color chip card was shared with the members. 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.

**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 to the members.

**Training Director's Report** – Brenda Allison (absent)

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

**Election of Officers and Board Members** – Mary Riley

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 Brisendine

All nominees were unopposed and declared elected by unanimous consent.

**Committee Reports**

- Membership – Mary Anne Fitch (absent) – Mary Anne submitted the following applicants who are eligible to become members in writing:

Sandra & Matthew Wells

Dennis Gorrebeeck & Jerry Simpson

Heather Milam, Noah (15) & Brianna (12) Milam.

Mary Riley reported the BOD had approved a waiver of the membership requirements for Sandra and Matthew Wells. Sandra is unable to attend general meetings because of a conflict but has more than completed the basic requirements for volunteer work. **MOTION** by Carol Harrison to accept was seconded and approved.

Dennis Gorrebeeck and Jerry Simpson were present. MOTION by Sue Veres was seconded and approved. The Milam family was absent. There were no first readings.

- AKC Obedience (Carol Harrison) – Carol is beginning to work on the January obedience trial plans
- AKC Rally (Carol Harrison) – Everything is ready for this weekend's Rally Trial at Crystal River.
- 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, absent) – Karen VanGunst reported the FCAT held in conjunction with Responsible Dog Owner Day at GODC had moderate turn-out in spite of heat. AKC Rep for FCAT was there both days and offered many helpful suggestions. Linda LaFrance, RDO coordinator thanked all volunteers.
- UKC Trial (Bob and Lee Saputo) The November UKC trial is open. There will be UKC run-thrus during October after 6:30 at MADTA. Regina Compton is holding a stewards' seminar October 21.
- Training Committee – No report.

#### **AD HOC Committees**

- Publicity Committee (Katrina Phillips) – Katrina has scheduled a "Murder Mystery" event and dinner February 16 at the Elks Club as a fund raiser. She passed around info and photos to the membership. Sharon Stark, Anne Donnelly, and Jerry Simpson volunteered to help.
- DOCOF (Aline Brisendine) Aline reported of 24 teams, MADTA came in third, but only 12 points from first, and has consistently placed in the top contenders. She asked that members consider planning for next year now.
- Conformation Committee (Amanda Stapleton-absent) Mary reported Janet Barber and John Triplett and getting good turnouts at Wednesday night conformation run-thrus.
- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr, absent) No report.
- Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres). No new reports.
- 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, Pe-moving organizing, moving sale – see Mary Riley or Joan Stewart to volunteer.
- Youth Fair – (Regina Compton) – Training

#### **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.
- Connie Adams 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 reported the Sho-N-Gos in Crystal River produced nearly \$2,000 in profit for MADTA.

#### **Adjournment**

- **MOTION** to adjourn by Carol Harrison was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Joan Stewart  
Recording Secretary