

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

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 7:02 PM. A quorum was declared with 34 voting members present and two guests.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the September 18, 2018, General Meeting were presented for approval. **MOTION** by Jim Stewart to approve the minutes was seconded and approved.

President's Report – President Mary Riley.

Jenessa Roberts, project coordinator for Beeline Construction, reported to Mary that all revisions to the project site plan have been submitted to the County Land Development Office for approval. A piece of land moving equipment will be moved to the building site tomorrow and the building is expected to be delivered to the site this week. Mary and Janet Barber visited the site last week to identify the best location for the agility field. Mary is also discussing with the contractor, what to do with some excess fill. SECO has been working to install electric to a new business locating north of our property. That should bring down our connection costs. The contractor is also checking on the possibility of putting in a well and septic in case the cost of a city water connection is prohibitive. We are still on target for a mid-January completion date for the building project.

We are still waiting for an IRS decision on our request for 501(c)(3) tax status.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sue Veres

Sue has received pending notices of our February Agility Trials and close out notices for our Fall rally trials. She has also received changes to the AKC obedience and rally rules. The Board of the AKC met recently and approved several changes to the Obedience and Rally rules effective next year.

Treasurer's Report – Susan Acosta (absent)

Susan submitted a report written of the club's bank balances in writing.

Training Director's Report – Carrie Solomon

Carrie reported that the current training session has brought in just under \$6,000.

The Monday night basic obedience class had too many sign-ups and students waiting at the door. Carrie agreed to teach another basic obedience class on Wednesday nights from 6-7 PM to accommodate the overflow.

Committee Reports

- Membership (Mary Anne Fitch) – Mary Anne introduced Holly Holbrook who is attending her first meeting and has met the volunteer requirement for membership.
- AKC Obedience (Carol Harrison) – Plans for the January obedience trial are being finalized.
- AKC Rally (Carol Harrison) – Nothing to report at this time.
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – Not all expenses have been reported, but it looks as if the October Agility will have made about \$7,500. Plans are underway for the February 8-10, 2019 trial which opens on Monday, November 12.
- AKC CAT Events (Melanie Magamoll) – MADTA made \$2,183.09 net at the Greater Ocala Dog Club Fast CAT event and \$2,572.44 net at the MADTA Fast CAT test held at the Nasiverra property. We have a Fast CAT Fun Day scheduled December 1 at the Nasiverra property, four MADTA Trials on January 5-6 at Nasiverra, and six trials January 18-20 in conjunction with the Daytona agility trial.
- UKC Trial (Bob and Lee Saputo) – The UKC Obedience, Rally, and Agility is set to go on November 10-11, 2018. A stewarding seminar is being offered at MADTA for UKC volunteers on November 2.
- Training Committee – The following members have agreed to serve on the Training Committee: Donna Hamm--Agility, Karen VanGunst—Lure Coursing, Jenifer Edwards—Obedience, Aline Brisendine—Rally, and Dela Carter—General Membership.

AD HOC Committees

- Publicity Committee (Katrina Phillips) – Nothing to report
- DOCOF (Aline Brisendine) Aline reported that the DOCOF Board conducted a survey of this year's participants and as a result has decided on the following for future competitions: DOCOF will offer first through fourth placements; the Board is looking into not throwing out any scores earned; rally will be offered at future competitions.
- Conformation Committee (Amanda Stapleton) No report.

- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr) No report.
- Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres) Sue reported a number of birthdays and surgery recoveries,
- Grounds (Janet Barber) Nothing to report.
- Building Committee (Susan Acosta) See President's Report.
- Training Policy Committee (Mary Riley) The policy is being prepared to present to the Board for approval.
- 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. Sue Veres, Lee Bass, and Pat Paulding have agreed to help with move preparations.
- Youth Fair – (Regina Compton) – Training for 4H and FFA members entering the annual Marion County Youth is continuing.

New Business

- Social Media for Fund Raising – Mary suggested that MADTA explore the use of social media, such as Go Fund Me, for fund raising. No decision was reached regarding this issue.
- Linda LaFrance brought up Florida Constitutional Amendment proposition 13 which would ban Greyhound racing in the state. She is concerned that the ban has the potential to impact other timed, competitive dog sports, including lure coursing, fast ball, and many other breed-specific and other competitions. She encouraged members to vote “no” on amendment 13.

Adjournment

- **MOTION** to adjourn by Connie Adams was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7.37 PM and the Halloween Party commenced..

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary