

Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2019

A presentation was given to the membership by trick horse trainer Carole Hetcher and her miniature horse Hercules and dog Flea Biscuit.

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 7:30 PM. Twenty-nine voting members and five guests were present.

Guests were invited to introduce themselves: Dawn Martinez, former member; Barbara Hall; and Pat Watson.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the December 18, 2018, General Meeting were presented for approval. **MOTION** by Karen Van Gunst to approve the minutes was seconded and passed.

President's Report – President Mary Riley reported that the concrete forms for the building will be completed January 16 and concrete will be poured after county inspection, by next weekend. She will be signing a lease with our current landlord for one additional month ending on February 28.

The landscaping fund raising project has raised \$4,525 to date. All of the required trees have been purchased.

Our request to the IRS for 501(c)(3) tax status is on hold during the government shut-down.

The Treasurer's position is vacant. Susan Acosta has resigned for personal reason. The Board has appointed Melanie Magamoll to fill the position until elections. Melanie will keep the books while Mary and Regina Compton will write checks and make deposits.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sue Veres

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report – (Melanie Magamoll) - Melanie submitted a report of the club's bank balances in writing.

Training Director's Report – Carrie Solomon

Carrie reported that for the first session in 2019, we had over 100 students and \$8,000 in revenue. Several of the classes are full. Club member Sally Sherman is interested in holding obedience run throughs on Tuesday nights from 7 to 8 PM. Bob and Lee Saputo will not be available for run throughs from February 1-19. The next CGC, CGCA, and Tricks testing will be held at the club on February 25.

Carrie asked the membership for new training ideas and for new assistant instructors. She will be getting access to the Wild Apricot account to send email blasts on training news.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee (Mary Ann Fitch) – There were two first reading applicants present, Barbara Hall and Dawn Martinez. Second reading applicant Elizabeth Vannoy was present and has completed her volunteer requirements. MOTION by Karen VanGunst to approve the membership application of Elizabeth Vannoy was seconded and approved.
- AKC Obedience (Carol Harrison) – Carol reported that all arrangements for the January 19-20 Obedience Trial are complete. She asked for volunteers to help set up the building on Friday. There will be a Pay-to-Play Friday from 3 to 8 PM. Mary Anne Fitch has provided a lovely embroidered blanket to present to the High Combined winner.
- AKC Rally (Carol Harrison) – Nothing to report.
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – Planning continues for the February 8-10, 2019 trial. Entries as of three weeks ago exceeded last years' total entries and the trial doesn't close until January 25. As usual, we need volunteers. The West Port HS Future Farmers Association is providing ring stewards during trial, but we need workers on Thursday to load up at MADTA and set up at SELP; and on Sunday to return everything to MADTA. If you can help on either of those days, please contact me. Email joanstewart75@gmail.com
- AKC FastCAT Events (Melanie Magamoll) – Karen VanGunst reported for Melanie that FastCAT is going strong. Under Melanie's leadership, the FastCAT committee is running 12 events for MADTA and 14 for other clubs, and numerous fun runs this year. It has acquired a new AKC computer program for trials, a trailer, 3 lure coursing machines, and new title ribbons. From September to mid-January, it has cleared \$8,295.52 and the numbers keep going up.

- UKC Trial Committee – (Bob/Lee Saputo) – Next trial is November 2019.
- Training Committee – No report.

AD HOC Committees

- Publicity Committee (Katrina Phillips) – Deferred.
- DOCOF (Aline Brisendine) - Carol Harrison reported that DOCOF is including Rally (novice, advanced, excellent, and masters) at this year's DOCOF competition.
- DACOF (Becky Stewart) – DACOF will be held June 29-30 in Kissimmee. The DACOF Board has sent out a schedule for the event. Deadlines are as follows
 - o January 28 – height change deadline
 - o February 28 – club rosters due
 - o April 30 – early bird entry deadline
 - o May 30 – Entry deadline
 Becky will prepare a blast email asking for exhibitors.
- Conformation Committee vacant) No report.
- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr) See presentation above.
- Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres) Sue reported a number of birthdays.
- Grounds (Janet Barber) Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

- Building Cleaning, Pre-moving organizing, moving sale – On going.
- Youth Fair – (Regina Compton) – Nothing to report
- Show -N-Go – Connie Adams reported that the January 12 Sho-N-Go was very successful and raised \$750.
- The Board has approved

New Business

- Social Media for Fund Raising – Deferred
- K9 Fitness and Massage Seminar – Connie reported that the Board has approved a K9 Fitness and Massage presented by Rosie Feeley and Dalyce Brell on April 13. It will be open to 8 to 12 dog/handler teams and unlimited auditors and will be 4 hours long in 2 parts. Cost for participants is \$125 and \$75 for auditors. She will be sending an email blast with details.

MOTION to adjourn by Carrie Solomon was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary