

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2019**

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 7:02 PM. Twenty-seven voting members and seven guests were present.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the February 19, 2019, 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 on the status of the building project. She continues to work with the contractor on finishing up the project. Paving is underway and should be done this week. Painting the interior office space and restrooms is being completed by MADTA volunteers. Much of the landscaping can be completed after the Certificate of Occupancy is issued but before December 1. However, the 22 required trees have already been purchased with the landscaping funds raised by the club and will be planted tomorrow.

Mary advised the membership that J&J Tack has received an offer from a third party for the two acres south of the MADTA property for \$95,000. The two acres south of the MADTA property were surveyed for subdivision for a future purchase by MADTA for which J&J offered right of first refusal. MADTA was primarily interested in acquiring the optional 1-acre property to accommodate Fast CAT and to provide more room for agility, while leaving space to expand the building in the future. The Board met in special session and decided to try to purchase approximately ½ acre of the land adjacent to the MADTA property since the potential purchaser indicated to J&J that its minimum requirement was 1-1/2 acres. Since that special meeting, the potential buyers said that subdivision of such a small piece would be too expensive and have agreed instead to offer a 15 year lease for \$100/ month of an "L" shaped piece which extends 25 feet beyond our south boundary and includes a piece 50 feet wide and 157 feet long along their east boundary. This will allow more room for an agility field south of the building and a Fast CAT run along the east boundaries with a full run-out. There was a question as to whether a quorum was present to approve a motion to proceed. Donna Hamm pointed out that the amount in question was within the Board's authority to approve without General Membership approval and made a MOTION to suspend the By Laws with regard to a quorum so that the meeting could continue. MOTION was seconded and approved.

Mary reported that our request to the IRS for 501(c)(3) status has not yet been assigned to an agent because of the backlog caused by the Government shutdown. She will continue checking.

Mary asked that guests introduce themselves to the membership. Debbie Gibson, Joanna Brousell, Judy Leitesch, Annette Miller and juniors Eric and Nicole Miller, and Holly Holbrook introduced themselves.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sue Veres - No report.

Treasurer's Report – Melanie Magamoll - Melanie reported on the club's checking and money market balances for the period including a YTD P&L statement and net profits for recent trials and fund-raising activities.

Training Director's Report – Carrie Solomon - Carrie reported that the second session of the year raised nearly \$7,000 and most classes are full. She will notify all students that we will be suspending classes in the temporary training area and plan to resume in the new building on April 1. The next session will begin on May 13, allowing for six sessions in 2019. The last CGC test of the year will be December 23, 2019, and a new session will begin January 6, 2020.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee (Mary Ann Fitch) – Mary Anne presented the following second readings: Annette Miller and juniors Eric and Nicole Miller, Holly Holbrook, Joanne Brousell, and Judy Leitesch. MOTION by Diane Keedy to approve the applications for membership. MOTION carried with one objection. It was pointed out that one applicant had not met the membership requirement to attend two consecutive membership meetings. MOTION by Donna Hamm to amend the prior motion to approve the qualified membership applications of Annette, Eric and Nicole Miller, Joanne Brousell, and Judy Leitesch was seconded and approved. Board members were polled and agreed to exercise its authority to waive the requirement for Holly Holbrook to attend consecutive meetings in this case at its next regular Board meeting. Mary Riley will follow up with the applicant.
- AKC Obedience and Rally (Beverly Capstick - absent) – No report.
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – Joan asked for volunteers to serve on the Agility Committee. Diane Keedy and Annette Miller agreed to serve.

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- AKC Fast CAT Events (Melanie Magamoll) – Melanie reported that Fast CAT had netted over \$19,000 during the 2018/2019 season.
- UKC Trial Committee – (Bob/Lee Saputo) – Nothing to report.
- Training Committee – (Carrie Solomon) - Deferred.

AD HOC Committees

- Publicity Committee (Katrina Phillips) – Katrina is preparing for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new building on April 4 at 4:00 PM. She is planning an Open House later in the year and asked for volunteers to assist. Sara Crampton, Brenda Allison, Diane Keedy, and Connie Adams agreed to work with her on an open house committee.
- DCOF (Aline Brisendine - absent) – Carol reported that Rally will be held on Sunday.
- DACOF (Becky Stewart) – MADTA will send one team to DACOF this year. They are practicing at the Saputo residence at 5:00 PM Tuesdays. DACOF is allowing one additional Excellent competitor this year.
- Conformation Committee (vacant) – Conformation run-thrus are suspended until the building is completed.
- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr) No report.
- Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres). She reported on recent birthdays. She was pleased to announce that she and her husband, Joe, and collected a number of mirrors for the building that are being removed from Top of the World. So far, she has 53 linear feet of 3-foot mirrors.
- Grounds Committee (Janet Barber) – Nothing to report yet. Diane Keedy and Pieter Van Gunst agreed to serve on a Grounds Committee with Janet.

Unfinished Business

- Building Cleaning, move – On going. See President's Report
- Youth Fair – (Regina Compton) – Regina reported that our 4H and FFA students did very well at the Marion county Youth Fair taking first place in agility, obedience, and rally. MADTA member Elizabeth Vannoy to second place in obedience and rally, and third place went to a MADTA student.
- Social Media for Fund Raising – Deferred
- Building Rental Procedures – Regina is working with our building rental coordinator Lee Bass to develop written procedures to handle building rentals. The procedures will be presented to the Board.

New Business

- Pay Pall via Wild Apricot (Mary Riley) –Mary has been in touch with Wild Apricot about adding Pay Pal to our website for class registration and is working on getting information on the Events page. She will work with Carrie implement the process.

MOTION to adjourn by Karen VanGunst was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary