

Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2019

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 7:05 PM. Fifty-two voting members and one guest were present. Mary congratulated the club on the completion of its new building and upon entering a new era. In recognition of this achievement and in celebration of National Volunteers Week, we have a cake and beverages after the meeting and will be handing out new MADTA business cards and promotional pens, a gift from J&J Tack.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the March 1, 2019, General Meeting were presented for approval. **MOTION** by Karen Van Gunst to approve the minutes as corrected was seconded and passed.

President's Report –President Mary Riley asked visitors to introduce themselves. Debbie Gibson introduced herself.

Mary reported that there is still much to do on the status of the building project. The trees are in, grass and sod planted and are well established thanks to Lee Bass' attention. He and a few helpers have been hand watering the trees. We were required to put down more sod in the amount of \$5,440 for additional coverage to pass the final site inspection. She continues to work with the contractor on finishing up the project.

Mary reviewed the possible lease of the ¼ acre from the new landowner on the southern boundary of the MADTA property. We will be required to purchase additional insurance and will be charged the entire year's rent of \$1,200 up front. She is also concerned that the owner plans to include language in the contract that either party could break the lease for any reason without mediation. She is not inclined to pursue the lease agreement further, but the Board agreed to review the lease when it is offered. So far, it has not been received from the landowner.

Mary had nothing to report on the status of our IRS 501(c)(3) application. She will continue checking.

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.

Training Director's Report – Carrie Solomon - Carrie reported that because of additional delays in the site approval process, she had decided to re-start the current 7-week class session beginning on opening day for the building, April 15. Students enrolled in the session beginning in March will be automatically enrolled in the new April session and receive a \$15 gift certificate toward the next session for their inconvenience. Students unable to restart the March session because they are leaving for the summer are receiving refunds. Refunds to "snow-birds" have cost about \$1200.

Sue Veres had no incidents to report for the period.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee (Mary Ann Fitch Absent) – In Mary Anne's absence, Joan Stewart presented the following second readings: Debbie Gibson is present for her second consecutive meeting and has completed her volunteer requirement for membership. **MOTION** by Karen Van Gunst to approve the application of Debbie Gibson for membership was seconded and approved.
- AKC Obedience and Rally (Beverly Capstick) – The Premium for our June 15, 16 Rally Trial is on the website. We are holding four trials in two days with two judges. Non-regular Team and Pairs classes are offered. A three-day, three-judge trial has been approved by the AKC for September. Judges are Curry, Miller and Noonan.
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – The Agility Committee will meet April 22 at 5:30 in the MADTA building to work on plans for the October 4-6 Trial.
- AKC Fast CAT Events (Melanie Magamoll) – Melanie reported that she has set up the next 12 Fast CAT trials for MADTA for the next season.
- UKC Trial Committee – (Bob/Lee Saputo) – Karen Van Gunst reported that she is working on the paperwork for the November UKC Trial.
- Training Committee – (Carrie Solomon) - Deferred.

AD HOC Committees

- Publicity Committee (Katrina Phillips) – Katrina has scheduled a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new building on April 25 at 4:00 PM. The Chamber of Commerce is handling details. We are planning an Open House later in the year.
- DOCOF (Aline Brisendine) – Aline reported that because the DOCOF Board had decided to run Rally on Saturday and Obedience on Sunday, she and Carol Harrison had decided to split organization duties. Aline will handle Rally and Carol will handle Obedience.
- DACOF (Becky Stewart) – MADTA has six people on the DACOF team this year. She would like to have one more excellent dog. Early Bird entries are due the end of April.
- Conformation Committee (vacant) – Janet Barber and John Triplett are holding conformation run-thrus on Wednesday nights.
- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr) Beverly has spoken with Bobby Woods of the Marion County Sheriffs Office about a K9 demonstration for the Open House.
- Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres). She reported that Alice Bixler is celebrating a birthday on April 29.
- Grounds Committee (Janet Barber) – Nothing to report yet.

Unfinished Business

- Social Media for Fund Raising – Katrina has been unable to get into the old FaceBook page to convert it to public access. She will look into options for a new page.
- Building Rental Procedures – The Board is working on procedures to handle building rentals Regina is working with our building rental coordinator Lee Bass to develop written procedures to handle building, including a new building contract.

New Business

- Picture Donation - Melanie Magamoll has purchased a number of pictures on canvas from photographs of MADTA dogs/activities and is donating them to hang in the MADTA building. She will take orders from members for additional pictures.
- Commemorative Bricks – Melanie presented a possible fund-raising project, the sale of commemorative bricks through www.bricksareus.com. They can be used for construction of a wall or walkway. Cost for each brick is \$19 and suggested selling price is \$100. They are shipped free for orders of ten bricks or more or for less than ten shipping is \$15. She will pursue the project if the membership is interested.

MOTION to adjourn by Carrie Solomon was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary