

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019**

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 7:10 PM. Thirty-five voting members and three guests were present.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the April 16, 2019, General Meeting were presented. The Recording Secretary noted that one correction had been made to the number of voting members present. There were fifty-two members and one guest present. **MOTION** by Connie Adams to approve the minutes as corrected was seconded and approved.

President's Report – President Mary Riley noted that the club members had settled into its new location and that classes were moving along. She thanked Melanie Magamoll for colorful dog portraits on the walls of the building and invited members to order their own pictures through Melanie.

She invited guests at the meeting to introduce themselves. Lew Freidline and John and Bev Vicks introduced themselves.

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

Treasurer's Report – Melanie Magamoll (absent) – Joan Stewart read from Melanie's written report on the club's checking and money market balances for the period including a YTD P&L statement and reconciliation summary. All reports are available for review by the membership at the front table.

Training Director's Report – Carrie Solomon – A new training session will begin the week of June 10 and all classes are listed on the website. CGC, CGCA, and Tricks Testing will be offered on June 3 at 6:00 PM in the building.

New classes for the upcoming session include 5-week Dock Diving classes which began May 17 at the Dog Walker Ranch. Drop-ins are accepted for \$20 per 2-hour class. Pat Heller is teaching a CDSP (Companion Dog Sports) class and Foundation Exercises for obedience competition. Sally Sherman is offering a Problem Solving class. Dates, times, and registration forms are on the website.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee (Mary Ann Fitch) – There are no new membership applications to approve this month.
- AKC Obedience and Rally (Beverly Capstick - absent) – Carol Harrison reported that the June 15/16 Rally Trial Closes on May 29. Carol asked that volunteers for stewarding and hospitality please contact her.
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – No report.
- AKC Fast CAT Events (Melanie Magamoll - absent) – Karen reported that the four-day Fast CAT trials in October at Port St. Lucie is going forward. We are waiting for a completed contract from the sponsoring club.
- UKC Trial Committee – (Bob/Lee Saputo) – Karen Van Gunst reported that the application for the UKC fall trial is due June 1. As soon as she has a check from MADTA she will send it in. The UKC Club of Cedar Key has asked to rent the building for a conformation trial on January 4 ne 5.
- Training Committee – (Carrie Solomon) - Deferred.

AD HOC Committees

- Publicity Committee (Katrina Phillips) – We have scheduled an Open House for the new building on August 24, 2019. Diane Keedy has items collected from the Pet EXPO that she will donate as give-aways at the Open House. Regina Compton to work with the Open House Committee. Beverly Carr is arranging with the Sheriff's Department for a K-9 demonstration and Bobby Kurivial will do a Stunt Dog demo.
- DOCOF (Aline Brisendine/Carol Harrison) – Carol says MADTA is sending one Obedience Team for the Sunday competition on Labor Day weekend. Aline has three – 4-member teams for the Rally competition on Saturday.
- DACOF (Becky Stewart) – MADTA has six people on the DACOF team this year. Becky says she may need one more Novice dog and a substitute Excellent dog to complete the team.
- Conformation Committee (vacant) – Visitor and conformation judge Bev Vics volunteered to Chair the Conformation Committee when she becomes a member. Holly Holbrook volunteered to help.
- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr - absent) - Beverly is out of town but is arranging for a Marion County Sheriff's Office K9 demonstration for the Open House.
- Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres). Sue reported a May birthday. Aline Brisendine reported that Alice Bixler is in a rehab facility recovering from injuries she received in a fall at home. She reported contact information for the facility.

- Grounds Committee (Janet Barber) – Janet is soliciting bids for mowing the grounds as the grass is getting quite high. Mary offered the additional information that the contractor and project engineer will be meeting with her and Diane Keedy tomorrow to determine what additional grading will be required on the grounds.

Unfinished Business

- Social Media for Fund Raising – The Board has approved development of a new public Facebook Page in addition to the group page the club now administers. Katrina Phillips will develop the page and she and Karen VanGunst will be the administrators.
- Building Rental Procedures – The Board has adopted building rental procedures, a new rental contract and general rules for renters. Lee Bass is coordinating rentals for the club. The building will be available for rentals for \$200 per day to start. The Board will monitor the costs to operate and will adjust rental rates as necessary.
- Wild Apricot – Mary Riley – The Wild Apricot version of Pay Pal, allowing on-line payment for class registrations has been approved by the company and Jennifer Edwards will be adding it to the website.
- Seminar — MADTA is hosting a seminar on August 10 and 11 presented by Ken and Aimee Kincaid entitled “From the Eyes of the Judge”. Details will be posted on the website.
- Memorial Bricks – The Board has approved the proposal by Melanie Magamoll to approve the sale of memorial bricks for a memorial garden at MADTA. 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.
- WiFi at MADTA – Mary Riley reported that she has been in discussions with CenturyLink about internet service for the building. CenturyLink can service the building but, because SECO won't allow them to use its electric poles, the service must come underground along the county right of way between J&J Tack and MADTA. There is no charge for up to 2,000 linear feet, but installation will take some time. Mary is looking at alternatives.
- Agility Field – Janet Barber – Janet reported that the Grounds Committee has determined that the best location for the agility field is south of the building for best use of this multi-venue property. If it were to be located east or southeast of the building it would likely cut off access to spill-over parking in a large portion of the grounds since the grounds cannot be accessed from the dirt road. Dale Barber has weed-eated the area to have a better look at what remains to be done.

New Business

- Building Cleaning/Grounds/Maintenance Committees – Janet Barber has volunteered to Chair the Grounds Committee, Diane Keedy will Chair the Cleaning Committee and Karen VanGunst will Chair Bathroom Cleaning. To organize the work and make it easier for members, the Board agreed to designate a single point of contact as a facility manager. Mary requested a volunteer to fill this position. Meanwhile, members are asked to pledge work hours up to four times a year for building cleaning. Diane is organizing a work schedule and will be sending an email to members asking for volunteers.
- The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on July 16 in lieu of our regular July General Meeting at the Elks Club in Ocala. The menu includes chicken and prime rib.
- The BOD received an email from member Donna Hamm requesting that detailed accounting information for the building project be placed on the agenda. Information requested included all costs associated with the purchase and development of the property including contractor fees and additional costs incurred; estimates of future costs for site development, details on the sources of funding, and all monthly expenses, comparing them to what we were paying in rent. The email requested that all of this information be included in the minutes of the general meeting for those members that don't attend meetings. Mary stated that the information requested is available, but not in this format. She also stated that, according to the By-Laws, “The Treasurer's books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and the Membership, and the condition of MADTA's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported....” The Board invited Donna and any other member interested in its finances to inspect the club's financial records as described in the By-Laws.

Adjournment

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

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary