

Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association General Meeting Minutes August 20, 2019

Meeting Called to order by President Mary Riley at 7:03 P.M. There were 46 voting members and 10 guests.

A **MOTION** was made to approve the June 18, 2019 General Meeting Minutes. It was seconded and passed.

Mary took a moment to address the General Membership on the importance of voicing any concerns, problems, etc. to the Board so that it could be addressed rather than going on just rumors or hearsay. She stressed how rumors and misunderstandings without reconciliation could make or break a club.

Mary and Melanie will compile information to give a report as to the cost of the construction of the MADTA building and other costs that arose in association with its construction.

Mary also very happily announced that we are now a 501(c)(3) status. She also announced that anyone buying any supplies for MADTA will need this number to avoid paying sales tax. She also thanked ALL who helped get us this Status.

Corresponding Sec'y Report – Sue Veres Reported on the AKC's televised program ESPN Dog Days that will air on August 24, 2019 beginning at 11:30 a.m. She made copies of the announcement for the membership to pick up if interested. ASCA is reviewing the motion re the Oregon site for their next National to be moved elsewhere. MADTA's January Obedience trial is waiting for approval of the Judges Panel. The Agility Trial being held in October has been approved and the February one is pending. The Rally Trials that were held in June have been processed and are now closed.

Treasurer's Report – Melanie Magamoll - - - Melanie reported on the bank balances and income from classes and events as of July 31, 2019.

Training Director's Report – Mary Riley for Carrie Solomon. Current training session began the week of August 5th. Earnings were over \$6,500 for this session despite five less classes due to instructor vacation schedules. One Puppy Kindergarten, three Beginner Obedience Classes and one Advanced Beginner classes were filled. CGC/CGCA/Tricks test will be held on Monday, September 23, 2019 beginning at 6:00 P.M. Registration is on-site and the cost is \$10/test. The next training session begins the week of September 30th. New Class schedule should be on web site shortly. Carrie went on to thank all instructors and assistant instructors for doing such a tremendous job.

Mary Riley added that she and Sue Veres recently attended a Stunt Work Seminar. She reported that not only did you learn, but you could get a title at the same time. Bobbie Kurivial is a judge of Stunt Work and is willing to come and judge a trial and donate all money made to MADTA.

Committee Reports

- **Membership Committee (Mary Ann Fitch Absent).** John Gorbias and Sandra Peterson-Pilling were present for their second consecutive meeting and having fulfilled their volunteer requirements, were voted in as members. Peg Willbond, Elena Maubens and Helen Ciallella were present for their first meeting.
- **Agility Trial – Joan Stewart.**
 - Entries opened July 8 close September 9. Currently at 888 runs.
 - Making hotel reservations for judges-Christine Bishop and Debbie Mosher at La Quinta in Ocala. Secretary Lori Patterson has purchased an RV and will be driving to trial.
 - Janet Barber working with Mike Padgett and the SELP staff on grounds preparation. Contracted with Mike Padgett to help make improvements on the grounds so they are in better condition for exhibitors.
 - The Agility Trailer at Sally Shaw's has had much need repairs made and is now ready to use.
 - Committee is seeking volunteers to gather up the agility equipment that is in various places due to having to hold practices in places other than MADTA. There are only 20 white step-in fence posts left and they are in bad shape. A minimum of 48 is needed for ring set-up at the trial.
 - The old tunnel wraps used at the openings to the tunnels do not fit new 26" diameter tunnel and the manufacturer is no longer in business. Joan is making two pairs to replace them. Additional sand bags are also needed.
 - Joan stressed the need for volunteers not only to get the equipment and transport it to the trial grounds but to also help out at the trials. She said to contact Volunteer Coordinator Becky Stewart.
 - The February Agility trial will be held at the Florida Horse Park since there was a conflict at the Livestock Pavilion. Cindy Deak and Bob Jeffers are the Judges. Lori Patterson has not yet been asked to be Secretary for this trial.
 - Joan asked the membership to see Volunteer Coordinator Becky Stewart to sign up
 - Joan also requested that a new chair be found for the February trials as she can no longer do this.
 - Beverly Carr volunteered to pick up plastic poles for Agility ad Fast Cat and donate them to the Club. She will meet with Diane Keedy to coordinate this.
- **UKC Trial – Lee and Bob Saputo.** It was reported that we have one entry so far!!
- **Lure Coursing – Melanie Magamoll.** Melanie reminded the membership of the Fast Cat Fun Day being held on Saturday September 7, 2019 at the Nassivera's place beginning at 3:00 p.m. She encouraged all members who have not tried Fast Cat to come out, give it a try and see if this is something that they would like to pursue. She also mentioned Treasure Coast Trials being held on October 11-13, 2019 and the October 19 & 20 being held at Nassivera's. Volunteers for the Treasure Coast Trial are pretty well set but volunteers are needed for the one at the Nassivera's.
- **AKC Obedience and Rally (Beverly Capstick)** Beverly reported that the Rally Trials being held September 20-22 will offer teams and pairs in NOVICE ONLY. She hopes to include these two exercises in the upper classes in the future. She also polled the membership to see if they liked being offered six classes and the response was a positive "yes". She also advised that if your name is on her committee list she considers you an "active member". If you no longer wish to be on this committee, she requested that you advise her of such. Carol Harrison is handling the volunteers for these trials.

She stated that she has a list started and will be making assignments shortly. The January Obedience trial is all set but will again need people to volunteer to help.

- **Nominating Committee – Lucretia Van Vorst.** Lucretia thanked the membership for allowing her to Chair the Nominating Committee. She also thanked her committee members—Niki Bouland, Carol Harrison and alternates Sue Hares and Carrie Solomon for the excellent work they did in finding candidates. She then read the slate of candidates:
 - President - Mary Riley
 - Vice President - Diane Keedy
 - Recording Secretary - Barbara Hall
 - Corresponding Secretary - Sue Veres
 - Treasurer - Melanie Magamoll
 - Board Member At Large - Carol Harrison
 - Training Director - Carrie Solomon
- Since the nominations were presented to the Board, Sue Veres has requested to have her name be withdrawn as a nominee for the upcoming year. Mary then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Connie Adams nominated Sharon Stark to be Corresponding Secretary and Sharon agreed. Judy Leitzsch nominated Connie Adams to be added as Board Member at Large. Connie agreed. No more nominations were offered. A **MOTION** was made to close nominations. It was seconded and passed.
- **Training Committee - No Report**

Ad Hoc Committees:

- **Publicity Committee – Katrina Phillips** – Katrina reported that the MADTA business web page is up and running. It can be reached on FB by typing in madta and once that comes up click on the name madta (the one that has our address) and it will open it to the correct page. She also reported that she has many donations and sponsors for MADTA's Open House which will help cover expenses which, due to Katrina's outstanding abilities, has been kept extremely low. There will be T-Shirts/Raffles/etc. Thank you to Sue Veres for arranging a presentation by Dr. Boyd, veterinarian, who will be doing a presentation on CPR and First Aid for dogs. Thank you to Beverly Carr for arranging to have K9 Corporal Branden Donahue and his canine partner K-9 Tipster do a presentation at our Open House. Thanks to all our instructors who will be giving of their time and expertise in presenting mini workshops at our Open House.
- **DOCOF-Aline Brisendine** - Aline reported that since only 17 Obedience Teams, 13 Rally Teams and 15 people signing up for the Seminar (which usually draws in 30-50) and DOCOF already \$8,500 in the red, it was decided that it be cancelled for this year. Refund checks have been returned to the clubs that requested them. A **MOTION** was made to approve the return of MADTA's checks. It was seconded and passed. Aline will be attending the August 31, 2019 Delegates' meeting being held at the Kincaids to determine the future of DOCOF. She will report back at the next Board meeting. She also mentioned that since there will be no DOCOF this year and since the participants worked so hard in getting ready for this event that we will be having a "mock DOCOF" party on Sunday, September 1 so that we can see how we would have done had the event been run. It should be a fun time. We will be scored and we will share in a luncheon!

- **Grounds Committee** – Diane Keedy. Diane reported that the field is coming along – area has been fertilized and the grass is beginning to grow. She hired a person to mow and trim. While we are waiting for the field to be completely ready, Bob and Lee Saputo are offering their home for Agility practices.
- **Building Facility** – Lee Bass. The insulation under our A/C units still have not been fixed. This has been an on going problem since June. Lee will be contacting the A/C company tomorrow (August 21) and insist that they get this problem resolved immediately or our lawyer will be presenting them with a letter.

New Business

- **Cleaning Committee** – Diane Keedy needs a group to help clean the building before our Open House on Saturday. She also needs some type of schedule that shows just what days our building is not being used so that she can set up times for people to come in and clean. It just does not work having only one day set aside as some people work and would not be able to volunteer.
- **Pat Paulding** – Pat spoke to the membership about collars and leads that she had shown to J & J Tack. They were interested in her product and are willing to carry them in their store. J & J Tack will be offering a 10% discount on all dog items (with the exception of food) to all MADTA members but you need to tell them that you are a member. If any of our instructors need a product that J&J do not carry, they will do their best to add it (them) to their inventory.
- **Holiday Portrait Sessions.** Sue Hares shared with the membership a chance to have holiday pictures taken of their dogs by Photographer Shelly Timmerman. She is asking \$35.00 sitting fee (with \$10.00 going to MADTA), additional dogs in the same sitting are \$10.00 (with \$1.00 going to MADTA). The actual photo session lasts about 20-25 minutes adding an additional 10 minutes for each additional dog you bring. She figures if she gets enough volunteers to help in changing backdrops, collecting money and getting people lined up, that she could handle about 16 per day. The membership approved of this and a date of October 27 was suggested.
- **Vocal** – Mary Riley told the membership about VOCAL—Voices of Change Animal League, Ocala, Florida. The President of VOCAL will be visiting MADTA on October 26. Afterwards they will discuss arrangements for VOCAL volunteers to bring hard to train dogs to MADTA for obedience classes. The classes will be taught by Brenda Allison with Connie Adams assisting. There will be no charge for these classes but will be considered our community donation.
- **Fencing** – Diane Keedy. Diane presented the membership with two estimates for Commercial Grade Fencing. One came in at \$22,000 the other at \$23,000. She informed the membership that the one giving the lesser quote also worked with her in finding ways to cut the cost but not the security. A discussion was held on whether we wanted the fence to go all the way around our property –which would include a gate across the driveway to the building or just part of the property. The fence around the property would be 6' and the fence around the Agility field 4'. There was concern expressed by Lucretia Van Vorst that since there was no drawing to show exactly where this fencing would go that Diane go back to the fencing company and ask for a detailed drawing. The membership agreed that there was a lot of money involved here and we needed to know exactly where the fencing was going to be placed and what options we had in placing it. Some of the members did not like the idea of a gate across the driveway into the building, others were concerned about the height and others about the cost of doing all this fencing at once. The decision on fencing was deferred until new information is presented.

A MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted – Connie Adams Recording Secretary