

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

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Riley at 7:09 PM. There were 34 voting members and additional guests enjoying the pre-meeting pizza party.

A motion was made by Joan Stewart to amend an incorrect quote from the September minutes—seconded and passed.

President Mary Riley reported that MADTA had a busy past month. She received thank you emails from people about the Agility Trial, Rally, for the Instructors, and the Treasure Coast FCAT. Emails also were complimentary for the volunteers at the Agility Trial.

Potential new members and guests were introduced.

Treasurer's Report – Melanie Magamoll. Melanie reported on the bank balances and incomes from classes and events as of September 30, 2019.

Mary Riley went into a detailed account of how much the move had cost the club to date, including the original price of the land, closings, building, moving, permits, landscaping, additions to the property, and monthly electricity. The final line shows that our current mortgage is lower than our previous rent.

She reported that we now have new mirrors at the building that were donated and installed by Joe and Sue Veres.

Training Director's Report – Carrie Solomon. Carrie reported that the last full training session of classes has started with lots of demand and the instructors should be thanked for their hard work. Our outreach classes for the Youth Fair participants are under way with classes in Obedience, Rally, and Agility, free to participants.

The next CGC Testing will be held Monday, November 18, at 6 PM. Registration is on-site. Cost is \$10.

The end of the year session will be a mini-session of 4 weeks, with reduced fees or drop in fees.

Carrie reminded all that handlers are responsible for keeping their dogs under control, leashed or in crates. She encouraged people to remind others of this when safety could improve.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sharon Stark. There was one incident before the Board involving vehicle damage on the property. No action was required by the Board.

Membership Committee– Connie Adams. Connie has taken over the position from long time volunteer Mary Anne Fitch. We will be sending flowers and consider her for a Lifetime Membership.

Connie introduced potential new members: Debra Belles, Richard and Denise Ahrens, Russell Chang, and Bonnie Van Beveren. They were voted as members by the club. She also introduced two potential members at their first meeting: Deanna Warner, and Betty and Ted

Lineburger.

Agility Trail– Joan Stewart. Joan reported that the Trial in October had a record 1,700 runs, and gave special thanks to her committee, crew, and volunteers. The next Agility Trial, in February, will be at the Florida Horse Park, and a Committee Chair is needed.

Lure Coursing– Meleanie Magamoll. Melanie reports that we still need volunteers for the Treasure Coast Kennel Club FCAT. This is a great money maker for our club. The MADTA FCAT on SR 326 is scheduled for October 19-20. Volunteers are needed there as well.

Karen Van Gunst added that we need to support the November 16, FCAT on SR 326 as it is the annual “Hot Cars and Cool Cats” benefit for the EARS Wildlife Conservation in Citra.

UKC Trial– Jennifer Edwards. The UKC Trial on November 23-24, will hold classes in Obedience and Agility and also needs volunteers. There will be a price break for pre-entry.

AKC Obedience and Rally– Beverly Capstick reported a minor auto accident at the September Rally Trial. She is in the process of working out problems with the January Obedience Trial. There will be 2 rings. There needs to be some corrections to the premium due to the changing of AKC procedures since our applicaiton. There will be 3 Obedience judges.

Obedience Show and Go– Connie Adams. Reported that the past Saturday Show and Go had volunteers, 40 participants, and 101 runs. The last Show and Go of the year before the January Trials is November 9.

Training Committee– No report.

Programs–No report.

Sunshine Committee – Sue Veres. Sue announced birthdays for the month.

Grounds Committee– No report

Building Committee –The shed is up and markers for fencing are in.

Southeaster Youth Fair– Regina Compton. We have three classes going. Regina and Lee Bass are working with the Obedience participants; Sue Marr and Becky Stewart are helping with Agility; and Aline Brisendine is leading the Rally competitors. Classes are free to participants.

Lighting– Mary Riley reminded members where the light switches are for the outside ring and asked that they be sure they are turned off before leaving the property.

Fencing– Dianne Bryant. Dianne reports that Tri-State Fencing should have the fences complete by November 1.

Door Locks– Carrie Solomon. The locks are being replaced and recoded. Contact Carrie if you need a key program. Temporary codes are available.

Cleaning Committee – Carrie Solomon. She is writing out a job description for this.

VOCAL– Brenda Allison. Brenda and Connie Adams are running this community donation class for the “Voices of Change Animal League”. They report that the dogs are friendly and if you are interested in adoption you might want to attend a class.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and passed at 8:25 PM. Meeting was followed by the Halloween Dog Costume Parade.

Respectfully submitted – Charlotte Trentelman Recording Secretary