

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018**

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the February 20, 2018, meeting was presented for approval. **MOTION** to approve by Karen VanGunst was seconded and approved unanimously.

President's Report – Mary Riley

Mary reported on the status of the work of the Property Search Committee. The Committee is chaired by Susan Acosta and includes Sue Hares, Desi Lerro, Mary Riley, Bob Saputo, and Joan Stewart.

The Committee has met with three banks, Community, CBC, and Regions, and all three indicated they would consider loans of \$250,000 to \$350,000. Our own bank, SunTrust has not responded. Community Bank has offered the most favorable terms at \$350,000, at 6% and 25% down. Mary has a loan application from Community and is collecting financial data for loan applications.

The Committee has looked at two properties so far. The first is 1332 North Magnolia, a 5.15 acre property with two buildings next to a CSX railroad spur. The grounds are large and fenced, but both buildings were in need of new roofs and extensive rehab including structural and plumbing at a minimum. Asking price is \$460,000. The Committee concluded the club could not afford the property and repairs.

The second is 1883 NW 58th Lane, south of 326 and west of 401, a 2 acre lot with building, parking, and fencing. The building had a lot of interior offices and was partially air conditioned, but could be used as is and reconfigured as needed. Asking price is \$517. Owners were in negotiation with existing renters for new lease but delayed final offer to renters by one day to allow us to bid. Owners wanted a non-refundable, 20% down payment with no contingencies for due diligence. Committee concluded the offer was too risky.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sue Veres

AKC is launching cable network featuring dog-related programming 24/7 that can be accessed from any web-based platform.

Sue has received close notices for the February Agility Trial, the February Fast CAT.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Forbes (absent)

Joan reported for Lisa the bank balances and income from classes and events for the period.

Training Director's Report – Brenda Allison (absent)

Brenda reported by email that the February Sho-N-Go made approximately \$330. Connie Adams will be coordinating another Sho-N-Go on April 27.

Committee Reports

- Membership (Mary Anne Fitch) – Mary Anne introduced two member applicants who have completed their membership requirements, Beverly Capstick and Karen Biles, both applicants for single membership. **MOTION** by Mary Anne Fitch to approve the applications of Beverly Capstick and Karen Biles was seconded. **MOTION** carried.
- AKC Obedience (Carol Harrison) – Absent. No report.
- AKC Rally (Linda LaFrance) – Linda reported that plans are progressing for the June 16 Rally Trial. Carol Harrison has lined up judge and stewards and Robin Stewart has ordered ribbons.
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – No report.
- AKC CAT Events (Melanie Magamoll) – Melanie reported that Lure Coursing events had netted \$13,846 for the 2017-2018 season. Purchase of a second new machine and repair of the old machine have been approved by the Board
- UKC Trial (Bob and Lee Saputo) – Bob reported that the Trial Committee got a lot of paperwork done at its meeting today. We still need a lot of volunteers for the April 14-15 Trial. UKC run-thrus will be held at the building for the 4 weeks before the trial
- Training Committee – No report.
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- Publicity (Tammy Goughan) – No report.

- Awards (Jennifer Edwards) – Mary and Jennifer are finalizing menu plans. The committee has prepared new, user friendly forms for reservations and awards.
- DACOF (Becky Stewart) – Becky reported that DACOF will be June 30 – July 1 this year. So far we have 7 excellent, 1 open, and 4 novice dogs for the teams. Early Bird Discount deadline is April 30.
- DCOF (Aline Brisendine) – No report.
- Conformation (Leslie Pope-Hall) – No report.
- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr) –Beverly has contacted Sue Nassivera about setting up a yard sale table at the “Hot Cars and Cool Cats Spring Car Show” in support of earsinc.net, the Endangered Animal Rescue Sanctuary. Fifty percent of proceeds goes to Ears,inc. Please bring donations to MADTA. She would also like to have some dog training demonstrations. Sign-up sheet will be in the building.
- Sunshine (Sue Veres) – Carol Harrison is in physical therapy following knee surgery and is doing well.
- Grounds (Janet Barber) - No report.
- New Home Property Search – (Susan Acosta) – See President’s Report.
- Training Policy (Mary Riley) – The Training Policy Committee is wrapping up work and putting together recommendations to the Board.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Training Certificates – Mary asked for a member to take over the job of preparing and printing printing MADTA training certificates. Desi Lerro Volunteered.

MOTION to adjourn by Sue Veres was seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary