

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**April 17, 2018**

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 7:03 PM. A quorum was declared

**Approve Minutes** – Minutes of the March 20, 2018, General Meeting and the April 3, 2018, Special General Meeting were presented for approval. **MOTION** by Susan Acosta to approve the General Meeting minutes was seconded and approved. **MOTION** by Linda LaFrance to approve the Special General Meeting minutes was seconded and approved.

**President's Report** – Mary Riley

Mary reported on the status of the building project. A purchase/sales agreement was received and reviewed. It requires \$5,000 down by April 27. The seller agreed to remove a "time is of the essence" clause from the agreement, and purchase is entirely contingent upon obtaining financing. Closing date is June 27.

Susan Acosta reported that the New Home Search Committee has been renamed "Building Committee." She is contacting local contractors next week for an updated survey and more information on site plan development, zoning, parking requirements, etc. Susan will be updating the Board

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** – Sue Veres

Sue has received close-out notices for the March Fast CAT trial and approval of the January 2019 Obedience Trial

**Treasurer's Report** – Lisa Forbes

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

**Training Director's Report** – Brenda Allison (absent)

Lisa Forbes reported that Brenda is doing well following her surgery and will be home tomorrow, April 18. Lisa will pick up newly printed copies of class registration forms and deliver them to Brenda in preparation for the next class session starting next week.

**Committee Reports**

- Membership (Mary Anne Fitch) – Mary Anne introduced Carrie Solomon who has completed membership requirements. **MOTION** by Karen VanGunst to approve the membership of Carrie Solomon was seconded and approved.
- AKC Obedience (Carol Harrison) – Carol reported that the AKC has approved our January 2019 Obedience Trial and our building lease has been extended by one month to accommodate the trial. She has lined up two provisional judges for the trial.
- AKC Rally (Linda LaFrance) – A Rally Trial will be held at the Citrus County training facility. Brenda Crim Critelli and Aline Brisendine will judge. Beverly Carr has volunteered to steward??? Be steward coordinator???
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – No report.
- AKC CAT Events (Melanie Magamoll) –The Lure Coursing Committee is getting more requests to run events for other clubs. Melanie is working on a standard contract for running these events.
- UKC Trial (Bob and Lee Saputo) – Trial Secretary Karen VanGunst reported total revenue from the April UKC trial was \$2,709, including \$239 from the raffle. She estimates total profit will be in the \$1,400 to \$1,500 range after payment to UKC.
- Training Committee – No report.
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**AD HOC Committees**

- Publicity (Tammy Goughan) – No report.
- Awards (Jennifer Edwards) –Jennifer announced the menu for the Awards Banquet that will include prime rib, broiled white fish, and chicken
- DACOF (Becky Stewart) –Becky reported the DACOF team consists of 12 dogs and 11 people this year. She is submitting payment to the DACOF Board in time for the Early Bird Special discount
- DCOF (Aline Brisendine) – No report.
- Conformation (no chair) – Amanda Stapleton has agreed to hold Conformation run-thrus on Wednesday night as soon as she has completed her membership requirements. Nancy and John Triplett and Janet Barber have been holding run-thrus recently and will continue to assist.

- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr) –Beverly reminded the club about the yard sale table at the “Hot Cars and Cool Cats Spring Car Show” in support of the Endangered Animal Rescue Sanctuary in Ocala.. Fifty percent of proceeds goes to Ears,inc.
- Sunshine (Sue Veres) – Carol Harrison continues to improve and Brenda Allison will be released from the hospital tomorrow following their knee surgeries.
- Grounds (Janet Barber) - No report.
- New Home Property Search – (Susan Acosta) – See President’s Report.
- Training Policy (Mary Riley) – The Training Policy Committee will begin making recommendations to the membership

**Unfinished Business - None**

**New Business**

- Mary asked for volunteers from the general membership to serve on a committee to explore 501(c)(3) tax status for MADTA. Charity status would allow MADTA to accept tax free donations and run a capital campaign. Susan Acosta will Chair the committee and look into the application process and put together questions. Sue Veres, Linda LaFrance, Desi Lerro, and Jim Stewart volunteered to serve.
- Karen VanGunst reminded the club what can be posted on MADTA’s Facebook Page. Guidelines on what can be posted appear in a note at the top of the FB page. Karen, as administrator, will remove inappropriate remarks.

**MOTION** to adjourn by Carol Harrison was seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Joan Stewart  
Recording Secretary