

General Meeting Minutes May 18, 2021
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Riley at 7:06 pm.

There was a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the General Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2021, with corrections. Motion passed.

President's Report: Mary Riley gave a synopsis of the Board's questions to our insurance agent as to liability issues. The advice was that seminar presenters who are not MADTA members should have their own insurance. If not, MADTA insurance would take up in the event of an accident. However, it would probably result in a raise in our rates.

In regards to the trailers that we own, the trailers are covered on the property. When a member is driving a vehicle that hauls the trailers, they are covered by MADTA insurance. However, the trailers are not insured when parked off the property.

Introduction of Guests: Christine Sells and Gaile McCafferty, from Terminal Velocity, a Fly Ball Club, presented the membership with an explanation of Fly Ball. They invited MADTA to come out to their training sessions, which are held at our building twice a month on Friday nights at 7:30 pm. Fly Ball is titled by the AKC.

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Volunteer Hours: Dianne Bryant reported that this month's hours totaled 180, bring the total this year to 2,304 volunteer hours.

Training Director's Report: Carrie Solomon reported that the next session of classes will begin the week of June 28. The class schedule will be posted in approximately 2 weeks.

Rally run thrus have resumed on Friday at 2 to 4 pm, with Jennifer Edwards coordinating. The training survey results showed that we need to add classes on Heeling with Attention, Engagement, Play Training, and Tricks/Clicker Training. We will be working on finding instructor resources and adding these to future class sessions.

She gives a big, grateful, Thank You to our instructors, assistant instructors and run thru coordinators for their help. Without them we couldn't offer as many classes.

Incident Reports: There were no incident reports.

Committee Reports:

AKC Agility Trial: Mary Riley reported that we were on course for the October and December trials.

AKC FAST CAT: The contract for February with the Lakeland club has been signed.

AKC Obedience and Rally Events: Carol Harrison reported that they could still use a few more volunteers for the June 19-20 Trial. DOCOF sign up sheets were on the entry table. The DOCOF Rally team needed more help and competitors.

UKC Trial: Paperwork and trophies are in for the November 6-7 Trial. Judges' contracts have been sent.

Building Facility: The water system is being looked at. Sprinklers for the Agility Field are being priced. We will be replacing the lights that are not working in the building soon.

AD HOC Committees:

Cook Out: Cheryl Donaldson reports that no date has been set at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Flooring Update: The mats have arrived and will be stored in the trailers until installation, possibly the week of June 21. Volunteers will be needed.

Carport for Agility Field: We are getting the final details for the estimates. We will need to draw permits for it. There was a discussion of the possible need for fill dirt to level the footing.

New Business:

Sue Hares told us about her grandson, Richard, being invited to show in the Junior Handler division at Westminster.

Peter Van Gunst has refurbished the park bench that was donated to MADTA years ago.

Masks were discussed with no motion to change the current policy in the building at this time.

Tammy Gaughan announced that she has purchased an embroidery machine and hopes to make shirts for MADTA.

No new members were voted on.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Trentelman, Recording Secretary