

General Meeting Minutes April 20, 2021
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Riley, at 7:04pm.

There was a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the General Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021 with corrections. Motion passed.

President's Report: A moment of silence was given in memory of Lee Bass, our facility manager, who passed away recently.

A motion was made by Carrie Solomon, seconded, and approved unanimously to donate \$500, to the Alliance of Therapy Dogs in Lee's name.

A motion was made by Beverly Vic, and seconded by Niki Bouland to dedicate the next MADTA FAST CAT event to Lee Bass. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary also reported that, due to illness, Aline Brisendine would not be able to head the DOCOF team. Carol Harrison has volunteered to take it over. Lee and Bob Saputo volunteered to help her.

Guest Victoria DeArmond was introduced.

No new members were voted on.

Diane Bryant reported that, 334 volunteer hours had been recorded for MADTA events in the past month, bringing the total to date in 2021, to 2,256 volunteer hours.

There was no Corresponding Secretary Report.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Vic reported the club's accounts and balances. She said that we were financially healthy and doing well.

Training Director's Report: Carrie Solomon reported that the next session's start would be pushed back to May 3, to allow for the cleaning and sealing of the building's floor. Most of the classes were full. She is looking for more instructors. Registration is now on line only.

There were no incidents to report.

Committee Reports:

AKC Agility Trial: Mary Riley reported that the necessary paperwork has been submitted and we are awaiting approval from AKC for the December 10, 11, & 12, 2021, Agility Trial to be held at MADTA.

AKC Fast Cat Coursing Events: We have our contract with the Lakeland/Winter Haven Kennel Club for the 2022 Strawberry Classic already signed. The dates for next year are

February 18,19,& 20, 2022.

Our March event was a big success. We had 401 runs, which was 73 more than our January event and 109 more runs than our October event. There was a lot of positive feedback on the new block scheduling and on our new photo area we set up. As always, we had a great time.

AKC Obedience and Rally Events: Beverly Capstick reported that entries are coming in for the June Rally Trial. People interested in volunteering for ring stewarding, am, pm, or all day PLEASE contact Carol Harrison. Volunteers are needed for set up and take down, and to assist in keeping order in the parking lot.

The September 3 day, 6 trial has been approved and judges are being assigned.

UKC Trial: From Bob Saputo, April 17 and 18, 2021—We had very successful trials in spite of the weather thanks to all of the wonderful Judges and Volunteers. A special thanks must go out to Diane Bryant for her organizing the Volunteers and Roberta Teany for all of her help including the food set up.

Bob also sent information about expenses which showed a profit.

Building Facility: Lee Bass previously reported that he had called to have the leaking backflow repaired and to get power to the small pole by the well. The door to the dumpster area needed adjusting and he would be able to do that the next time he was at the clubhouse.

Jennifer Edwards has taken over management of rentals. We are looking for a replacement for Lee.

We are looking for a person to take over the Grounds Committee. Also, we are looking for someone willing to take over ribbons and badge orders.

AD HOC Committees:

Committees for Educational Seminars: No reports at this time.

The Agility Committee is chaired by Diane Bryant; and, is also composed of Danatte Weaver and Beverly Vic.

The Obedienc Committee is chaired by Brenda Allison; and is also composed of Danatte Weaver and Shirley Baker.

The Conformation Committee is chaired by Sue Hares, who is putting her committee together.

Annual Banquet: Cheryl Donaldson is chairing with Regina Compton and Doreen Haywood, to arrange catering for the Cook Out that we will have in place of the Annual Banquet. It will be held outside.

Unfinished Business:

Flooring: Mary Riley reported that, although the shipment of mats had not arrived, that they were still expected in by the end of April. We will need volunteers to help empty the

building. A Pic's Trailer has been rented for a month, and, laborers will be hired for the major move out. The floors are dry now and they will be professionally cleaned before the mats are place.

Perimeter Fencing has been temporarily tabled.

Mary Riley motioned and Charlotte Trentelman seconded to award Alice Bixler a Lifetime Membership. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a general discussion of the placement of plaques for better viewing.

There was a discussion about providing a tent or permanent cover outside in the Agility Area, to protect and shelter outdoor participants from the elements.

A motion was made by Diane Bryant and seconded by Elaine Hager to look into getting bids to possibly erect a carport. Bob Saputo and Hosea Carpenter volunteered to come up with plans and estimates.

Motion to Adjourn was made seconded and approved at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Trentelman
Recording Secretary