

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2017**

Call to Order by President Joan Stewart at 7:06 PM. A quorum was lacking with only 21 members in attendance. Reporting only. No action could be taken.

Approve Minutes – General Minutes May 16, 2017 - Deferred

President's Report – Joan Stewart

-Joan reported that the club continues to follow the canine flu updates. The club remains closed until the end of July at which time the situation will be re-evaluated. Joan reminded everyone to be diligent in public places such as PetSmart, Home Depot, and dog parks.

-MADTA cancelled its demonstration at the Stone Creek Dog Park opening due to canine flu concerns, but MADTA members did attend and distributed brochures. Very nice park.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Pat Paulding - Absent

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Elliott Deak presented the club balances.

Training Director Report – Brenda Allison

- Incident Reports – None Reported
- Brenda also attended Stone Creek Dog Park opening.

Standing Committee Reports

-AKC Rally Trial (Carol Harrison/Mary Riley) – Both Absent - Report submitted in writing.

-Rally: Sept. 23rd and 24th, 2017. The September rally trials are still on as far as I can see. Our Judges are Susan Trotto and Nancy Watson. The AKC has approved the trials and the judges. Since I had the motel for the June judge, I asked if I could substitute the day for the September judge. It was accepted and the increase in cost was approximately \$13 which I will cover. Karen will still be steward chairperson. Robin already has the ribbons other than having to get four HIT ribbons. They have to be dated so we can't use the June ribbons. I will continue to be Trial Chair for one more year which I hope will help the trial secretary. There are more classes etc. and I would like to make sure it won't be entirely confusing. I am hoping all the committee members will stay on for at least September's trial.

-AKC Obedience Trial 2017 (Carol Harrison) – Absent – Report submitted in writing

-Jan. 20th and 21st, 2018. The January obedience trials are all set also. The judges are Nancy Watson and Bob Withers. I will make sure the obedience committee will be all set before I have to start working on them which will be after the September rally trials.

-AKC Agility Trials (Vacant)

-Joan reported that Cindy resigned as Trial Chair in May, Leslie Pope-Hall, Janet Barber and Donna Hamm have resigned from the Agility Trial Committee. The October trial is in jeopardy unless a Trial Chair is appointed and a new trial committee is formed. This is very time sensitive as the premium needs to be published and the contract with SELP has to be negotiated and signed. Joan pointed out that of all the trials MADTA hosts, the agility trials produce 70% of the total trial income. Running our agility trials is vital to the club as a revenue source. No one agreed to take on the responsibility of the Trial Chair. Joan advised that she would send a blast email to the membership and advise the importance of someone stepping up to take leadership of the agility trials.

-AKC Lure Coursing Events (Melanie Magamoll) –

--Lure coursing Fun dates are: Fun days held at Nassivera's residence, Ocala
Sept. 30, 2017 Nov. 18, 2017 Jan 27, 2018

--Four- Fast Cat trials October 14 & 15 @ Nassivera's residence, Ocala

--February 24 & 25, 2018 -- 2 FAST CAT & 2 CAT trials @ Grand Oaks Resort, Weirsdale

--March 10 & 11, 2018 -- 4- FAST CAT trials @ Nassivera's residence, Ocala

-UKC Trial (Robert Saputo) – The UKC Trial has not been approved by the Board. Pending receipt of the budget.

-Training Committee (Brenda Allison) – No Report

-Programs (Vacant)

-Business Development & Cost Containment f/k/a Publicity - (Vacant) – Joan presented the brochure she has prepared for distribution to the public. Members present agreed it was a very well-done brochure. Linda LaFrance suggested offering Open Houses on a periodic basis to invite the public to the club.

-Refreshment (Vacant) –

-Awards Committee – Mary Riley and Jennifer Edwards – Jennifer advised that the Awards Banquet will be October 11. More details will be available in July.

-Membership Committee- Deferred

Ad Hoc Committees

-**DACOF** (Joan Stewart) – Event has been postponed to September. All new entries must be submitted along with a new roster.

-**DOCOF** (Carol Harrison) – Absent – Submitted in Writing - DOCOF competition has been canceled for this year and hopefully will resume in 2018. I will continue to coordinate it with Aline's assistance.

-**Conformation Committee** (Leslie Pope-Hall) – Conformation will not be offered during the summer.

-**Sunshine Committee** (Sue Veres) – Peggy DuVal passed.

-**Grounds Committee** (Janet Barber) – No Report

-**By-Laws Committee**-(Mary Riley)

By-Laws review was completed by the committee and finalized by the board. They were distributed to the membership, comments were received from the membership and reviewed and the by-laws needed to be voted upon tonight. Due to the lack of quorum this important item will be deferred to July.

-Property Purchase / Property Search – No new properties to review

-**Nominating Committee**-Appointments for this committee are required in June. The board of directors meeting failed to have a quorum and the general membership failed to have a quorum so the committee could not be appointed. Cindy Elliott-Deak reminded everyone that she is not offering to submit her name for board participation for the next term. Donna Hamm also advised that she is not offering to submit her name for board participation for the next term. Sandy Belg did offer to serve on the nominating committee when it's officially formed.

Unfinished Business

- Ribbon storage cabinet obtained and stocked.
- Linda LaFrance reported on the AKC Delegates Meeting
 - o Changes to Rally rules
 - o Farm Dog is a newly approved title

New Business

- Farm Dog title could be offered by MADTA as both Cindy Elliott-Deak and Jim and Michelle Holmes are certified. Looking at potentially offering something in September. More to come.
- FAKC is our source for legislative updates. We must be diligent as HSUS and PETA are giving up on state and national level legislative changes and are working to get their agenda adopted at the county level.
- Bob Saputo brought up the recent resignations from the agility program. A lengthy discussion followed.
 - o The primary issues were identified as lack of support from the 155 members. It takes 18 – 20 people from 30 minutes prior to start of the trial until clean-up after the trial every day to run a 2-ring trial.
 - o The same people are doing all the heavy lifting at the club to load, at the venue to unload and set up at the venue, to load at the conclusion and at the club to set-up for classes the next day. The agility committed resources are tired and are refusing to do it again without help.
 - o Wasting the club's hard earned money on capital improvements to a rented facility (air conditioning) was not well received in the agility community.
 - Cindy Elliott-Deak, Donna Hamm, Leslie Pope-Hall, Becky Stewart and Sue Marr agreed to work the October trial provided the club would commit to provide the required number of volunteers for the tasks outlined and agreed to not perform capital improvements on a rented facility.
 - The members present were in favor of supporting the agility program as requested.
 - o This item is deferred to the July meeting as there was no quorum.

Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary