

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2017**

Call to Order by President Joan Stewart at 7:15 PM. A quorum was declared with 30 members in attendance.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of July 18, 2017 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Karen VanGunst was seconded to approve the minutes of July 18 meeting. **MOTION** carried.

President's Report – Joan Stewart

-No Report

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Pat Paulding –

Pat reported that she has received communications from UKC regarding Trial Paperwork. She will pass that along to the UKC Trial Committee.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Elliott Deak presented the club balances verbally and in writing. Since the club has been closed for the canine flu, there is no income to report.

Training Director Report – Brenda Allison

- 0 incidents due to closure of facility.
- The club will offer a seminar for the New Rally Signs. There is an AKC You Tube also showing the new signs.
- Brenda introduced Hosea Carpenter as the new agility instructor for Introduction to Agility.

Standing Committee Reports

-AKC Rally Trial (Carol Harrison) – No Report

-Rally: Sept. 23rd and 24th, 2017. No new information.

-AKC Obedience Trial 2018 (Mary Riley) - Pending Budget Approval – No Report

-Jan. 20th and 21st, 2018.

-AKC Agility Trials (Joan Stewart)

-Joan reported the trial is open and 34% of the available runs were filled in the first week. Cindy has arranged to rent timers for the second ring at \$25/day. Volunteers should contact Becky Stewart. Becky will be assisted by Susan Marr this year. An agility stewards' clinic will be presented at the next regular general meeting.

-AKC Lure Coursing Events (Melanie Magamoll) – No changes to report – Also need volunteers to assist.

--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) –

-Desiree Lerro is the volunteer coordinator for the event.

-Karen VanGunst asked for clerical help as the scoring and record keeping will all be done manually.

-Training Committee (Brenda Allison) – Brenda will request members join this committee so it can start planning for the coming year. Karen VanGunst, Cindy Elliott-Deak and Sue Veres volunteered to join the committee. Cindy thought Janet Barber might also be interested.

-Programs (Vacant)

-Business Development & Cost Containment f/k/a Publicity – Joan identified that this committee will return to its original designation of **Publicity Committee**. Tammy Goughin has joined the committee.

-Refreshment (Vacant) –

-Awards Committee – Mary Riley and Jennifer Edwards – The Awards Banquet will be October 11 at the Elks Club. Awards will be for the period of 2015 -2016. Plaques will be \$9.50 and engraved hangers will be \$3.25 each. Dinners are \$26/person for non-members and \$13/person for members. Forms must be in by August 31.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-DACOF (Joan Stewart) – Joan reported MADTA is sending 1 team consisting of 8 people and 9 dogs. The board has authorized the DACOF team to use the agility field for practice.

-Conformation Committee (Leslie Pope-Hall) – Conformation Classes will resume when the club re-opens.

-Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres) – Sue indicated she is willing to send cards as appropriate, but she doesn't always know that there are members in need. Sue's contact information will be posted on the website so member news can be passed to her.

-Grounds Committee (Janet Barber) – No Report

-Nominating Committee –

The slate was presented. Joan Stewart announced each position and requested nominations from the floor. There were no nominations offered from the floor.

MOTION by Robert Saputo was seconded, to close the nominations. **MOTION** carried.

Joan advised since the slate is unopposed, the new board can be elected at the September meeting by a vote of affirmation provided a quorum is present.

The slate:

President – Mary Riley

Corresponding Secretary – Sue Veres

Treasurer – Lisa Forbes

Board Member – Aline Brisendine

Vice President – Regina Compton

Recording Secretary – Joan Stewart

Training Director – Brenda Allison

Membership – The application of Michelle Hinshaw was presented for 1st reading last month. The new by-laws were adopted last month and the old membership requirements are no longer valid with the new by-laws in place. No grandfather clause was included for outstanding membership requests.

Unfinished Business:

-New Home Search Committee –

A property was reviewed at 400 SW 110 Avenue. It was offered for sale at \$175,000 and consists of 3+ acres and a small mobile home and a number of small outbuildings. The property is located on a hill. The board did not feel it was a good fit as most of the existing buildings on the property would not be suitable for the club's purpose. The realtor has also advised that the most economically approach is to find an existing property that meets the need.

New Business

-The lease renewal must be considered soon as notification of intent to renew must be delivered to the landlord in September.

-Linda LaFrance requested that the new member application of Michelle Hinshaw be reconsidered.

MOTION by Linda LaFrance was seconded to approve the second reading of Michelle Hinshaw's application and grant her membership to the club. **MOTION** carried with 2 opposed.

MOTION by Cindy Elliott Deak was seconded to correct the minutes of the July 18 meeting with a correction to 1st reading applicant's name Michelle Hinshaw, not Michelle Crenshaw." **MOTION** carried.

Adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary