

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017**

President Joan Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM. A quorum was present

Approve Minutes – March 21, 2017

MOTION by Sue Rosensteel was seconded to approve the General Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2017 as amended.
MOTION carried.

President's Report – Joan Stewart

-Joan reported that Janet Barber represented MADTA at a meeting held at the GODC club. The meeting was to discuss dog legislation and to encourage clubs to work together to support the dog community.
-Lure Coursing Fun Day is scheduled at the Nassaveri property on Sunday, March 26.
-AKC has published some new rules for Lure Coursing which are under review.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Pat Paulding absent

Joan reported that GODC sent a letter to thank MADTA volunteers for their assistance at the recent GODC agility trial.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Elliott Deak (absent)

Joan presented the report verbally and in writing.

Training Director Report – Brenda Allison (absent)

- Incident Reports – None Reported
- Joan advised that Pat Heller will be offering a Foundation Exercise Class
- Looking to offer a Show N Go in May – still in planning stage

Standing Committee Reports

-AKC Rally Trial (Carol Harrison) –

Carol reported that entries are low at this point, but she expected numbers to improve as the trial approaches. They will need volunteers to help at the trial.

AKC has made some rule changes to Rally that are effective later in the year. The September Rally trial will still qualify for offerings under the old rules.

Carol advised that she has spent many years as Trial Chair for both the Obedience and Rally Trials. She is stepping down from those roles. She indicated she will assist in the transition to new leadership.

Mary Riley will take over as Obedience Trial Chair for January 2018. The two judges for that trial will be Bob Withers and Nancy Watson.

Carol is looking for someone to take over the Trial Chair position for Rally. She is also looking for Rally Committee members to help with planning and running the event.

-AKC Agility Trials (Cindy Elliott Deak) - Absent

-Joan read Cindy's written report

-Needs for April Trial:

2 portable lights. Joan and Sally will pick up and return

Wednesday classes to take down ring gates and rollup maps

Aline and Alice offered to clean the bathrooms prior to the trial

Janet Barber will be temp trial chair until Cindy can arrive at the trial

Gate on the south side of the field will be installed for easy access from overflow parking from Curt's

vacant lot on the south side of our building.

-Needs for October Trial:

New Pause Table

2nd set of timers

-Needs for February Trial

New Jumps per new AKC specifications.

-AKC Lure Coursing Events (Melanie Magamoll)

Melanie reported that AKC is making changes for Lure Coursing that may require finding a different venue to accommodate. Current plans:

October 14/15 – 4 FAST CAT at Nassivera property on Hwy 326

February 24-25, 2018 – 2 FAST CAT on Sat and 2 CAT on Sunday

Fun Days scheduled for Sept 30, Nov 18 and January 27, 2018

Equipment purchases are being reviewed.

-UKC Trial (Robert Saputo)

Favorable exhibitor comments on the trial

Thanked the volunteers for their support

Commented that only 10 MADTA members participated. He asked for a greater commitment from the membership to submit entries for this venue.

Trial Secretary expense was very high.

Ribbon expense was very high due to replacement for name change from UMDTA to MADTA

Rob and Lee are not able to Trial Chair the upcoming November trial. He asked for someone to take on that responsibility. Application to the UKC for that trial is due on May 31. No one offered to take on that role.

Rob also identified that entries were overall very low. Joan Stewart advised that the club advertised this event in every possible dog related event website as well as great exposure on our own website as well as email blasts to the membership.

-Training Committee (Brenda Allison) – Absent – No Report

-Programs (Vacant)

-Business Development & Cost Containment f/k/a Publicity - (Vacant) – No Report

Joan announced the Karen VanGunst has resigned as chairperson of this committee, but would continue to submit class advertisements on behalf of MADTA. Joan asked if anyone would be interested in taking over this vacancy.

-Refreshment (Vacant)

-Awards Committee (Vacant)

Ad Hoc Committees

-DACOF (Joan Stewart) – Still looking for an Open dog, but things are coming together.

-DOCOF (Carol Harrison) – Event will be Sept 3 and she anticipates sending two teams. Roster submitted.

-Conformation Committee (Leslie Pope-Hall) – Joan reported Leslie is looking to put on another Conformation Match in the Fall. Since the conformation show season has concluded, Conformation Classes will be offered by appointment only over the summer.

-Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres) – Distributed some cards as appropriate. Regina's recent loss of her son was acknowledged with sadness.

-Grounds Committee (Janet Barber) – Watering the field daily.

-By-Laws Committee-(Mary Riley) Absent

By-Law comments from general membership should be submitted by May 1. Comments will be reviewed by the Board at May meeting. Final by-laws will be presented to the membership for voting in June.

Membership Committee (Mary Anne Fitch)

First Readings: Yukie and Robert Wester (sponsors present) and Dottie Gould (present)

Second Reading: Malvina Shaffer (sponsor present).

MOTION by Melanie Magamoll was seconded to accept membership application of Malvina Shaffer. **MOTION** carried.

Unfinished Business

- New Home Property Search Committee–

- o At Joan's invitation to the members present, Sue Hares and Desiree Lerro volunteered to join the committee. The committee consists of Joan Stewart, Donna Hamm, Mary Riley and new additions Sue Hares and Desiree Lerro.

- o Some properties have already been identified, reviewed and eliminated either for cost to repair, cost to improve (sprinklering) or lack of parking.

- o Joan identified that the current lease expires on December 31. The renewals from the original lease have been exhausted which will require that the club either find a suitable new home or renegotiate a new lease at this facility.

- Still looking for a ribbon storage cabinet. Sue Veres found an estate sale with a cabinet that might meet our needs for \$24. She will attend and bid on it.

New Business:

- Janet Barber reported on a meeting she attended at the GODC club. They discussed dog legislation and determined that the HSUS and PETA are failing in their attempts at regulation changes at the state level, so now are concentrating at severe restrictions at local levels. Everyone needs to be diligent and participate when these proposals arise. She also advised that interest in Conformation is declining and clubs are looking for ways to cooperate with companion events.

- Melanie Magamoll reported that she is following the court proceedings and trial of the dog abuser that threw his dog into traffic. Trial date is May 28.

- Melanie Magamoll asked if the training building could be air-conditioned. There was a lively discussion on the topic with many pros and cons presented. Pros were comfort for indoor training and potential rental opportunities. Cons were insulation costs, equipment costs, operating costs and expiring lease. No action taken.

MOTION by Robin Stewart to adjourn was seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary