

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2018**

Call to Order by President Mary Riley at 7:04 PM. A quorum was declared with 46 members present.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the January 16, 2018, general meeting were presented for approval. **MOTION** to approve by Karen Van Gunst was seconded and approved unanimously.

President's Report – Mary Riley

Mary reported on the status of the current lease for the MADTA building. The last year of our commercial lease with Bingham Professional Services ends December 15, 2018. Curt Bingham has informed us that Cepra landscaping has submitted a 5-year lease proposal with option to buy for both the building they occupy and the one MADTA has rented. He indicated that Cepra's proposal is in line with his long term plans for the properties. He said that he would still consider an offer from MADTA to buy the MADTA building but would not consider selling the vacant land adjacent to the MADTA building. Since the MADTA building does not have sufficient parking without access to the vacant land, and since MADTA is not in a position to compete with the Cepra proposal, the Board has approved a motion to not pursue purchase of the MADTA building and to task the New Home Committee with a search for a suitable, already-constructed building, or land on which to build.

The Board will work with Gus Galloway Realty, the realtor who handled the sale of the Airport Road Property, and asks the membership to not contact other realtors directly. Review of prospective properties is to be coordinated by the Committee.

Mary requested two additional members for the Home Search Committee from general membership, preferably with experience in realty, banking, financial planning, or city/county planning. Susan Acosta and Robert Saputo volunteered to serve.

Susan Marr identified purchase of land as a first priority. Donna Hamm further identified collection of financial information for bank loan, and a contingency plan for storage of MADTA's equipment should no property be found as first priorities. Mary reported that tax returns and profit/loss statements are being collected, and a complete audit is underway.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sue Veres

Sue received AKC approval for the Fast CAT Trial March 10-11.

The Board has approved a request from the Lure Coursing Committee to donate \$100 for the EARS Car Show at the Nassivera property where our Fast CAT tests are held. An invitation from EARS to hold a dog training demonstration was referred to Publicity.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Forbes

Lisa reported bank balances and income from classes and events for the period.

Training Director's Report – Brenda Allison

Brenda introduced Penny Carry to the membership. Penny will be offering three new classes in the upcoming session:

1. Day-time conformation class
2. Day-time beginner obedience – O-gility class
3. Day-time puppy kindergarten class

Check the calendar on the new website. Click on any class for more information about that class.

A St. Patrick's Day Show N Go is scheduled for March 3. Sign-up forms are on the website.

An instructor's meeting will be rescheduled for April.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee (Mary Anne Fitch) – Mary Anne introduced membership applicant Lucretia Van Vorst who has met the requirements to become a new member. **MOTION** by Mary Anne Fitch to approve the application of Lucretia Van Vorst was seconded and approved unanimously. Mary Riley welcomed 9 guests who introduced themselves to the members.

- AKC Obedience (Jennifer Edwards) –No report.
- AKC Rally (Linda LaFrance) – No report.
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – The February Agility Trial did very well financially. We are still working on final results. Unfortunately, Joan became ill Friday and had to leave, and one of the trial judges, Victoria MacVicar, had a death in the family and left Friday night. Donna Hamm stepped up to serve as Trial Chair for Joan with Robin Stewart assisting. An exhibitor/AKC Agility Judge, Sharon Williams, and MADTA member and AKC Agility Judge Cindy Deak took over for Victoria on Saturday and Sunday. Joan thanked all of the volunteers who worked to make the trial run smoothly.
- AKC CAT Events (Melanie Magamoll) – Melanie reported the small, dedicated group of Lure Coursing Committee members had just returned from Fast CAT events at Lakeland-Winter Haven Kennel Club. There were 529 Fast CAT runs over 4 days. We received many favorable comments and have been invited back to run next year's event. \$15,207 was collected before expenses.
- UKC Trial (Bob and Lee Saputo) – April 14 – 15 is the UKC Obedience/Rally/Agility Trial—4 trials, 2 each day. Volunteers are needed. UKC run-thrus will be held at MADTA Thursday nights for 3-4 weeks prior.
- Training Committee (Brenda Allison) – No Report.

AD HOC Committees

- Publicity (Tammy Goughan) – No report.
- Awards (Jennifer Edwards) –Reservations at the Elks Club were confirmed for July 21.
- DACOF (Becky Stewart) – The club roster has been submitted to DACOF which is scheduled for the last weekend in June.
- DCOF (Aline Brisendine) –Club rosters are due to DCOF on March 1. We plan to send two teams to the Labor Day weekend event.
- Conformation (Leslie Pope-Hall) – No report.
- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr) – Beverly has arranged a Pizza Party for the General Meeting.
- Sunshine (Sue Veres) – Nothing to report
- Grounds (Janet Barber) - No report.
- New Home Property Search – (no chair) – See President's Report.
- Training Policy (Mary Riley) – Training Policy Committee will meet Thursday, February 22, at 10:30.

Unfinished Business

- Volunteer Policy Committee (Mary Riley) – The Board has approved a further revision to the Volunteer Policy statement. Final version is attached and effective March 1.
- Silent Auction (Beverly Carr) – Beverly is coordinating a silent auction for this spring and will photograph items for the auction.

New Business

- Melanie Magamoll reported that the Florida Australian Shepherd Association is holding 4 rally trials April 7-8.

MOTION to adjourn by Regina was seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Adjourned at 6:58 PM

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary

Attachment – Member Volunteer Rewards Program