

General Meeting Minutes October 19, 2021  
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association

The Meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm.

There was a quorum.

A motion to change the order of business was made, seconded and approved.

President Penny Cary introduced the newly appointed Board Members: Regina Compton, Vice President; and Sandra Wells, Corresponding Secretary.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the General Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2021.

Time was given for brags and many members participated.

Guests present: Kathy Hall, Mitch Hall, Marla Boulenecht, Sarah Hurst, Erik Stratman, Suzanne Keedie, Claudia Overacker, and Kevin Barbagallo.

President's Report: Penny Cary announced that meetings would be themed and that incentives, such as raffles and door prizes would be offered. She expressed a commitment for more communication to the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Vics reported on the club's accounts and balances. She reminded the club that the final accounts for the Rally and Agility Trials were not completed.

There were no incident reports.

Committee Reports:

AKC Agility – Mary Riley sent a report that the Trial was financially successful. Dianne Bryant announced that 27 MADTA members had volunteered. The December Trial will have Sandy Gorchen as Chair. Becky Stewart will Chair the February Trial.

AKC FASTCAT – The Committee reported that everything is lined up, organized and ready for the first FCAT Trial of the season. They hoped to see everyone come out with their dogs to try FastCAT while helping to support the Marion County Humane Society's Magic Bark Bus Program.

Murphy, Lee Bass's dog, will be making a special appearance. Lee was a dedicated FCAT member since the start.

The premium for the January FCAT and the flyer for the Ocala Police Department's K-9 Unite event is ready to be published. Pre-registration begins Friday, October 29 and closes Friday December 24.

AKC Obedience Trial – The January Trial has been approved. Ribbons are begin upgraded. Lori Chapman has donated Mane and Tail samples for each competitor. Carol Harrison and Sandra Wells will take over the June Trial.

UKC Trial – Bob Saputo reported that plans for the Trial were coming along nicely. The Thursday practice run thrus in Obedience and Agility would involve the new course patterns.

Building/Grounds – The carport is finished, and will have a fire extinguisher added as per County regulations. Hosea Carpenter will be painting the bathroom floors and is organizing the equipment inside the Building on the west wall.

By Laws – The Board has tabled presenting changes to the membership until a further review of the By Laws is made to avoid conflicts.

Seminars – Penny Cary asked the membership for suggestions for speakers and topics.

Membership – The members were asked for ideas to increase membership and participation. Cheryl Donaldson presented Suzanne Keedie and Erik Stratman for the membership to vote into the club.

Unfinished Business:

Trailer Transportation Update – Hiring a tow truck to move the agility trailer to the Horse Park for the Trial worked well, and solved the problem of driver's insurance.

The Marin Baldwin Seminar is scheduled for the first weekend in December.

New Business:

Niki Bouland is ordering an apron for volunteers to wear at events, for the club's approval.

Our next meeting is themed for GIVING Thanks. Therefore we should all look at the wish list on the web site for the Marion County Humane Society, and bring donations to the meeting to be taken to the MCHS.

Masks are now optional, except for classes and events where they will be at the instructors/chairs's discretion.

Bitches in season MAY attend classes, in panties, but only at the individual instructor's discretion.

Amnesty is being given to members who did not renew this year. They must pay a prorated membership fee and renew under the usual renewal guidelines to remain in good standing. Penny Cary will contact these people.

The 20 hour volunteering/4 meeting requirement for current member renewal has been waved due to COVID. But, renewal time is fast approaching so be sure to renew on time.

Ideas are solicited for future events. Please contact Penny with your thoughts.

Next Meeting – November 16, 2021 at 7 pm.

Adjournment: 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Trentelman  
Recording Secretary