

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2016**

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by President Joan Stewart at 7:20 PM. A quorum was declared with 38 members present.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the September 21, 2016 General Meeting

MOTION by Karen VanGunst to approve the general meeting minutes of September 21, 2016 as amended was seconded. **MOTION** carried.

President's Report – Joan Stewart

- Communication Policy – Deferred
- Joan thanked the coordinators, workers and participants for the recent Conformation Match and Show N Go. Both events were successful.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Pat Paulding – No Report

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Elliott Deak – Verbally presented the Treasurer's Report. She announced that the board is working on developing a club budget.

Training Director Report – Brenda Allison

- Incident Reports
 - o Brenda identified that there were 6 Trip / Fall incidents. She asked that instructors and members be diligent in completing the incident forms when mishaps occur. Three of the incidents were related to tripping on mats. Brenda reported that she and Joan will look into making the mats safer and she encouraged everyone in the building to wear appropriate shoes.

Committees

- Joan reported that the old committees were dissolved and new were appointed for 2016/2017. The committees were listed on a board. She asked the membership to take a look at the vacant positions and notify her if they would like to fill a vacancy and to notify the appointed committee chair person if they wish to serve on a committee.
- Committee Reports
- AKC Obedience Trial (Carol Harrison) – Joan read Carol's written report
 - o January 2017 – Judges contracted and premium is nearing completion. Committee to meet next week to finalize.
- AKC Rally Trial (Carol Harrison) –
 - o June 17-18 2017 – Judges Brenda Crim-Critelli and Aline Brisendine at the Citrus County site.
 - o September 23-24, 2017 – No judges yet and proposing the Citrus County site as the location.
- AKC Agility Trials (Cindy Elliott Deak)
 - o October 2016 Trial – Due to refunds associated with Hurricane Matthew cancellation of Friday's event and finalization of expenses, the financial results will be reported at the next meeting. Trial went well and the decision to cancel the Friday event with refunds was well received by exhibitors.
 - o February 10-12 2017 Trial – Premium underdevelopment and will open in November.
- Business Development/Cost Containment Committee (Karen VanGunst)
 - o Jenifer Edwards asked to join this committee
- Lure Coursing (Melanie Magamoll)
 - o CAT test approved for February 25-26 2017 at Grand Oaks.
 - o CAT test pending for April 1 / 2 2017.
- Conformation Committee (Leslie Pope-Hall)
 - o Leslie thanked all the volunteers. There were 20 entries. The event was breakeven due to start up costs. She was looking forward to the next match. She thought more advertising would help improve entries.
- UKC Trial (Robert Saputo)
 - o Application fees were sent for April 8-9 trial.
 - o Working on November 2017 trial.
 - o Encouraged members to participate and to register their dogs with UKC.
 - o Due to the UMDTA name being retired and the development of the new MADTA logo and marketing focus on developing a MADTA brand, Robert was informed that the UKC trial needed to be run under the MADTA name and not the UMDTA name. President Stewart interrupted the spirited discourse and continued the meeting.
- DACOF (Joan Stewart) – No Report

- DOCOF (Carol Harrison) – No Report
- Ad Hoc Committees
 - o By-Laws Committee Appointed (Mary Riley)
 - Alice Bixler, Aline Brisendine, Robert Teeny, Sue Veres, Lisa Forbes, Brenda Allison
- Membership Committee (Mary Anne Fitch)
- First Readings
 - o Dianne Bryant – Sponsor Present, Rosalyn Karr – Sponsors Present, Susan and Brenda Mead – Present, Billie J “BJ” Johnson – Present, Marsha Trotter – Sponsor Present, Judy Posner - Present
- Second Readings
 - o Elizabeth Chadwell – Present, Sue Vickery – Present, Karla Wolfson – Present, Dr. Pamela Ginn and Tanner Ginn Hahn – Sponsor Present

Second reading applicants were asked to leave the room. **MOTION** by Sharon Starke to approve the second reading applications was seconded. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Property Feasibility Committee (Robert Saputo) – Deferred to Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2016

New Business

MOTION by Karen VanGunst to adjourn was seconded. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Adjournment at 8:15 PM