

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2017**

Call to Order by President Joan Stewart at 7:06 PM. A quorum was declared with 30 members in attendance.

**Approve Minutes** – General Minutes April 18, 2017

**MOTION** by Janet Barber was seconded to approve the Minutes of General Meeting of April 18, 2017. **MOTION** carried.

**President's Report** – Joan Stewart

-Joan reported that Charlotte Trentelman had identified an event at Stonecreek Dog Park for 6/15 from 5-7 PM and asked if anyone is interested in participating to please contact Brenda Allison or Carol Harrison.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** – Pat Paulding

-Thank you notes were received from UKC participant and GODC for assistance with their trial.

-Received notification from AKC of Obedience / Rally rules changes.

**Treasurer's Report** – Cindy Elliott Deak absent, but submitted a written report that Joan presented.

**Training Director Report** – Brenda Allison

- Incident Reports – None Reported
- Report submitted in writing - All classes are doing well. We do have one "special" class with one of our members that has trained with Linda Brennan and Betsy Scappichio (200 score trainers) Pat Heller, which is geared towards "Foundation" training for those that are competing in any venue. A good foundation base in training pays off in any type training (agility, obedience, rally). Unfortunately, with all the activities going on in April, there was a limited date time for a show go. I am not sure if we want to try a show go for May (please let me know and I will try to find a date).
- Brenda reminded everyone that class discounts are not available to new members until they are officially approved after their second reading.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**-AKC Rally Trial (Carol Harrison)** – Report submitted in writing.

- June 17th and 18th '17 Rally trial all set. Need to request info from Lisa Forbes as to entries. Need to get people to be on the committee other than Lisa, Karen and myself. Still need volunteers.
- September 23rd and 24th '17 Rally trial on books, I have not sent application fee yet as I don't know if there could be a seminar regarding the new rally signs and classes. If I send the money and then have to cancel due to the date being taken as it was last year we do not get the money back. I still have no judges. Will ask the membership tonight for suggestions. No committee again for same reason as above.
- January's 20th and 21st '18 Obedience trial is on the books and we have two judges, Bob Withers and Nancy Watson. Since Donna is in contact with the person setting up a new program to replace the current one, I will leave that report up to her. Mary Riley said she would try the chair person's job and I will help her.
- Do not have anything yet for DCOF Sept. 3 '17 Aline will work on it with me as usual.
- Am still trying to get a person to be the trial chair for the Rally trials.

**-AKC Agility Trials (Cindy Elliott Deak)**

-Submitted a written report which was presented by Joan Stewart

-The April night trial earned \$1,515. Less than last year, but expenses were higher for judge and additional lighting due to change in parking availability. A HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers from the club who worked, before, during and after the trial. Special thanks to the agility trial committee who once again put together a top notch event. The October 2017 trial is on schedule. I have a contract with SELP that the new Trial Chair will need to finalize and sign off on.

With that, I officially resign my position as MADTA Agility Trial Chair effective immediately. I wish the new chair continued success and look forward to watching the program grow and prosper. Cindy Elliott Deak

**-AKC Lure Coursing Events (Melanie Magamoll)** – A written report was provided by Brenda Allison

--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, Weirdale  
--March 10 & 11, 2018 -- 4- FAST CAT trials @ Nassivera's Residence, Ocala  
**-UKC Trial (Robert Saputo)** – Need to identify a Trial Secretary by June 7<sup>th</sup> in order to complete paperwork. No software is available. Will have to be managed on paper like the “old days.”

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

-Programs (Vacant)

-Business Development & Cost Containment f/k/a Publicity - (Vacant) –

-Refreshment (Vacant) – It was suggested that Roberta Teaney might take on this job.

-Awards Committee – Mary Riley and Jennifer Edwards – No Report

**-Training Committee (Brenda Allison)**

**-Membership Committee**

-First Readings for Gibson and Joan Brayton present.

-Second Readings for: Yukie and Robert Wester (sponsors present) and Dottie Gould (present).

**MOTION** by Linda LaFrance was seconded to approve new members on second reading. **MOTION** approved.

#### **Ad Hoc Committees**

-DACOF (Joan Stewart) – MADTA will be sending 1 full team.

-DOCOF (Carol Harrison) – Working on putting 2 teams together.

-Conformation Committee (Leslie Pope-Hall) – Carol Harrison reported Leslie is looking to put on another Conformation Match in the Fall. After this session, Confirmation will be offered by appointment only through the summer.

-Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres) – Distributed some cards as appropriate.

-Grounds Committee (Janet Barber) – Janet reported the grass is green and she has backed off on watering.

By-Laws Committee-(Mary Riley)

By-Laws review has been completed by the board and will be distributed to the members along with board comments on suggestions submitted by the members. By-Laws will be considered for approval at the June General Meeting.

-Property Purchase / Property Search –

- o Joan identified the committee has met and consists of Joan Stewart, Mary Riley, Donna Hamm, Sue Hares and Desiree Lerro.
- o There is one more 1 year option available on current lease, but intent to renew must be identified by September.
- o Several suggestions as to locations were submitted by the members.
- o Committee is looking for suitable property to purchase as there is discontent with current facilities due to lack of air conditioning. There was a lengthy discussion on this topic. The committee will continue their work and will bring properties to the membership for consideration as they are identified.
- o Committee requested as members identify potential properties that they be referred to the committee for investigation. The zoning criteria for our operations are:
  - County Requirements - A1 (Agricultural) with special use permit, B-4, B-5, or M-2
  - City Requirements – A-1 with special use permit, B-4, B-5, M-1 or M-2
  - **Additional City of Ocala Requirements:**
    - o Paved parking
    - o Fire suppression for buildings 15000 sq. ft.
- o There was additional discussion regarding the addition of air conditioning to our current rented facility. It was agreed that if renovations to the current facility are to be discussed or voted upon, that the topic will be included on the General Membership agenda so all members will know that the topic is up for a vote.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Still looking for a ribbon storage cabinet.

**MOTION** by Carol to adjourn was seconded. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary