

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2017**

Call to Order by Vice President Regina Compton at 7:04 PM..

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting of the Board were presented for approval. **MOTION** to approve by Karen VanGunst was seconded and approved unanimously.

President's Report – Regina Compton, Vice President presiding
No report

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sue Veres
Sue has received approval letters from the AKC for the February Agility Trial.

She received an alert from the Australian Shepherd Club of America that several puppies who attended the ASCA National Specialty in Texas in November had been diagnosed with Parvo. ASCA advises anyone whose dogs might have been exposed to take precautions.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Forbes
Lisa presented the club balances to date.

Training Director's Report – Brenda Allison
Brenda announced the formation of a Committee to establish Training Guidelines for Instructors, Assistant Instructors, and Students. Mary Riley will chair the committee and Sue Veres volunteered from the Board. Karen VanGunst, Hosea Carpenter, Linda LaFrance, and Jennifer Edwards volunteered from the floor.

Committee Reports

- Membership (Mary Anne Fitch) – Mary Anne introduced Beverly Carr and Robert Morgan who have completed membership requirements. **MOTION** by Mary Anne Fitch to approve their membership application was seconded and approved unanimously.
- AKC Obedience (Jennifer Edwards) – Jennifer reported that judges for the January Trial will be Nancy Watson and Bob Withers. Motels for the judges, hospitality and awards have all been arranged.
- Rally (No Chair) – Regina asked for a volunteer to chair the June Rally Trial.
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – Joan reported that the October Agility Trial produced a profit of \$9,918.50. Plans for the February are moving forward. We will have more expenses for the Trial Secretary who will be traveling from Tampa and possibly for the judges' travel and expenses. We're also considering hiring the Lake Weir ROTC as ring crew if we can negotiate a fair donation to the group. New AKC rules in effect January 2, 2018, require that we no longer use a fixed bottom bar on any bar jump. Other rule changes require changes to the tire jump frame. The Agility Committee has proposed placing enough jumps from the agility trailer on the training field for classes, and selling off all excess competition jumps and training jumps in a silent auction to be held at the December pot luck meeting. Joan presented an estimate for replacing all the competition jumps with new colored jumps, buying a new table (we currently borrow Janet Barber's table for trials) and a tunnel (training tunnel to be sold and replaced with one from the trailer). Estimate is \$3,368.41 (excluding modification of tire jump frames which will be provided separately. **MOTION** by Regina Compton to approve the proposed budget to bring agility equipment up to AKC standards not to exceed \$4,000 was seconded and approved.
- AKC CAT Events (Melanie Magamoll) – No report.
- UKC Trial (Bob and Lee Saputo) – Karen VanGunst reported that thanks to all the volunteers, the UKC trial produced a profit of \$1,104.03.
- Training (Brenda Allison) – No Report

AD HOC Committees

- Publicity (Tammy Goughan) – Regina reported that participants in the Ocala Christmas Parade will meet on October 24 and on December 2. Each participant should plan to attend one of the two meetings.
- Programs (vacant) – Beverly Carr agreed to serve as Programs Committee Chair.
- Refreshments (vacant) – No report.
- Awards (Jennifer Edwards) – No report.
- DACOF (vacant) – Beverly Carr agreed to serve as DACOF Chair next year..
- Conformation (Leslie Pope-Hall-absent) – Leslie submitted written report. There will be no classes on December 13, 20, and 27. Classes resume January 3.

- Sunshine (Sue Veres) – Nothing to report
- Grounds (Janet Barber) - No report.
- New Home Property Search – No report.

Unfinished Business

- Regina reported that the security camera is working. Mary Riley and Sara Jane Hoffman are working on the entry code system.

New Business

- The Annual Christmas Pot Luck is December 19 at the regular general meeting. Laureen Ford will bring ham and Pieter VanGunst will bring his famous sausage and peppers. Sue Veres will coordinate decorations. Plans for the silent auction are already underway for agility and Brenda will coordinate organizing excess equipment in the building.
- A committee is being formed to develop a volunteer policy for the club. Mary Riley, Joan Stewart, and Regina Compton volunteered from the Board and Linda LaFrance volunteered from the general membership.
- The Board has approved a Rachael Flatley obedience seminary on March 17-18 at MADTA. Details will follow.
- Lisa has a signed contract and building deposit from Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club for rental of the building for a heart/eye clinic this Spring.
- Brenda is tentatively scheduling a Football Widows' Sho-N-Go for December 30.

MOTION to adjourn by Lisa Forbes was seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary