

**Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association
General Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2019**

Call to Order by Vice President Regina Compton at 7:00 PM. Thirty-two voting members and eight guests were present.

Approve Minutes – Minutes of the January 15, 2019, General Meeting were presented for approval. **MOTION** by Karen Van Gunst to approve the minutes was seconded and passed.

President's Report – Vice President Regina Compton reported that Mary Riley is out of town visiting family. She invited visitors to introduce themselves. Visitors included Judy Leitzch, Erin Leff, Lois and Joel Acardi, Nicole, Annette, and Eric Miller, Dawn Martinez, Barbara Hall and Joanna Brousell.

Regarding progress on the building project, the frames are up, the roof is on, wall skins and insulation have been installed, and framing for the office and bathrooms is in. We will be moving the ceiling fans and agility field light poles on February 26, the same day we will be moving out of the building.

There was nothing new to report on the landscaping status except that trees have been purchased and we need to schedule the planting. The lotto tree raffle ends the end of February.

Regina asked Carrie Solomon to report on plans for the move. We must be out of the rental MADTA by the end of the month and the new building won't be ready until about mid-March. We have rented a storage container to store our equipment until the building is ready and have arranged for classes to be held in a temporary building on the J&J property. On Saturday, February 23, we have scheduled a Sho N Go. On Sunday, February 24, we need volunteers to pack and label everything to be moved to either the temporary training area or to the storage trailer. On Tuesday, February 26, we have contracted with a moving company to move MADTA from the rental building to the new location and our construction contractor will be at the rental building to remove the Big Ass Fans and agility field lights and poles. We will then move the lights and fans to the new location. Again, we will need volunteers to help with this work. Carrie asked that anyone who can help please contact her at csolomon@outlook.com or 240-778-5363.

Regina reported that there is nothing new to report on our request to the IRS for 501(c)(3) tax status.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Sue Veres

Sue has received AKC close-outs for recent trials and approvals for our rally trials in June and September.

Treasurer's Report – (Melanie Magamoll - absent) – Regina read Melanie's report of the club's checking and money market balances.

Training Director's Report – Carrie Solomon

Nothing new to report.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee (Mary Ann Fitch) – Dawn Martinez and Barbara Hall have completed their membership requirements and were present for their second reading. MOTION by Karen VanGunst to approve the membership applications of Dawn Martinez and Barbara Hall was seconded and approved. Present for a first reading was Annette Miller and two juniors, Nicole and Eric. Applicants present who need to complete their volunteer requirements were Judy Leitzsch and Erin Leff.
- AKC Obedience and Rally (Beverly Capstick) – Beverly reported that the address for the June 15-16 Rally Trial is listed in the premium as Citrus County until our new building is officially opened. The September Rally Trial will be a 3-day trial on September 20 – 22. She is exploring adding rally team competition to rally and making the January 2020 Obedience Trial a 3-day event. Carol Harrison reported that the January 2019 Obedience Trial netted \$1,318.20.
- AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – AKC Agility (Joan Stewart) – Joan reported that the February Agility Trial was the largest trial MADTA has ever held. It should net approximately \$11,000 after all fees have been paid. The West Port HS FAA workers were excellent and very much appreciated as were all of the MADTA and exhibitor volunteers who ran the trial. Donna Hamm not only organized the volunteers at the trial but suggested the purchase of the fencing and chairs to help ease the burden of setting up and breaking down the trial equipment. And she organized, supervised, and photographed the packing up of the agility trailer for future guidance. Thanks also to Chris Youngblood and her assistant Roberta Teany who handled hospitality, Diane Keedy and Robin Stewart for ribbons and awards, and Karen Van Gunst and Charlotte Trentleman scribed and

timed non-stop. Lee Bass, Becky Stewart, Carol Harrison, Regina Compton, Brenda Allison, and Sally Shaw filled in where needed. The Thursday set-up crew and Sunday return crew were terrific, especially Bill Goughn and is non-member friend Jeff who worked all day Thursday with the heavy-lifting. Lee Bass, Sally Shaw, Pieter and Karen Van Gunst, Sara Crampton, Carrie Solomon, Sue Veres, Niki Boland, Donna Hamm and Becky Stewart were also on hand to help

- AKC FastCAT Events (Melanie Magamol - absent) – The FastCAT committee returned from the Strawberry Cluster in Lakeland yesterday and will report at a later date.
- UKC Trial Committee – (Bob/Lee Saputo) – Nothing to report.
- Training Committee – No report.

AD HOC Committees

- Publicity Committee (Katrina Phillips) – Nothing new to report. She is working on new business cards and brochures.
- DOCOF (Aline Brisendine) – Aline reported that DOCOF is including Rally (novice, advanced, excellent, and masters) at this year's DOCOF competition. She will send out an email explaining the new changes. Clubs will be able to send up to 3 teams of 4 people/dogs and do not have to be on an obedience team.
- DACOF (Becky Stewart) – MADTA will send one team to the June 29-30 DACOF competition.
- Conformation Committee (vacant) No report.
- Programs Committee (Beverly Carr) No report.
- Sunshine Committee (Sue Veres) Sue reported that Desi Lerro is out of town recovering from surgery and will return home Friday. She listed a number of recent birthdays.
- Grounds (Janet Barber) Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

- Building Cleaning, move – On going. See President's Report
- Youth Fair – (Regina Compton) – Regina reported that our 4H and FFA students did very well at the Marion county Youth Fair taking first place in agility, obedience, and rally. MADTA member Elizabeth Vannoy to second place in obedience and rally, and third place went to a MADTA student.
- Social Media for Fund Raising – Deferred
- Building Rental Procedures – Regina is working with our building rental coordinator Lee Bass to develop written procedures to handle building rentals. The procedures will be presented to the Board.
- It was noted that membership applicant Pat Watson has more than fulfilled her requirements to become a member but was unable to attend tonight because of illness. MOTION by Carol Harrison to approve the membership application of Pat Watson was seconded and approved.

New Business

- Pay Pall via Wild Apricot (Mary Riley) – Regina reported that Mary has been in touch with Wild Apricot about adding Pay Pal to our website for class registration. She will work with Carrie implement the process.
- CGC Volunteers – Prospective members Eric, Annette, and Nicole Miller volunteered to assist with future CGC testing

MOTION to adjourn by Karen VanGunst was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Joan Stewart
Recording Secretary