

General Meeting Minutes August 17, 2021
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm, by Vice President Niki Bouland.

There was a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded to approved the General Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2021.
Motion passed.

President's Report: In President Mary Riley's absence, Vice President Niki Bouland announced that the timer's, tunnels and sand bags needed for the agility trials had been ordered.

The carport for the agility field has been approved with a building permit and we are asking for bids for its construction.

The building has been given a deep cleaning and will now be cleaned by the cleaning company on a weekly basis. Their price includes all equipment and cleaning materials. This cleaning has been approved for animals.

Introduction of Guests: Victoria DeArmond, Erick and Suzanne Strathem, Susan Schrader, Kim Vickis, and Bill Long were introduced to the club.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: There was no report.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Vic reported on the club's accounts and balances. She gave a profit and loss statement for the year through July 7. She announced that we were getting money refunds for our use of the club's AMEX card.

Training Director's Report: Carrie Solomon reported that Session 5 was set to start the week of August 30, and that classes were filling. Penny Cary will be teaching O'Gility and Pat Heller will be teaching a "Watch Me" class, as well as an Introduction to Rally. Introduction to Agility has been postponed until cooler weather.

The last session of the year, Session 6, will run from October 25, to December 7. There may be a short session in December. Rally run thrus will be held on Friday. There is a need for more Rally classes.

Incident Reports: There were no new reports. Niki Bouland stressed that any incident needed to be reported as quickly and completely as possible.

Committee Reports:

AKC Agility Trial: No report other than the announced purchases in the President's report.

AKC FAST CAT: Tammy Gaughan reported that trial applications were approved. They were in the process of ordering new ribbons. The first trial of the season will to be run in honor

of Lee Bass. The Trial is also supporting the “Magic Bark Bus” a community educational outreach to teach school children about handling pets.

AKC Obedience and Rally: Beverly Capstick sent a report that they are set for the September Rally, and that CDC guidelines will be followed. Carol Harrison added that extra volunteers would be needed for the Sept. 24-26 event.

UKC Trail: Bob Saputo reported that the judges and dates were in place for the September Trial. There would be more obedience classes and an added agility hurdle class. The Premium can be found on our web site.

Training Committee: See above Training Director’s Report.

Building Facility: The building has been cleaned. (See above notes in President’s Report.) Mowing will be done weekly until the end of October.

Melanie Magamoll shared a compilation she had made of the cost to run the building each month, not including insurance premiums.

AD HOC Committees:

Nominating Committee: Carol Harrison, Committee Chair presented the following nominations for open positions:

Vice President: Penny Cary
Recording Secretary: Charlotte Trentelman
Treasurer: Beverly Vics
Member at Large: Bob Saputo
Training Director: Carrie Solomon

Nominations were solicited from the General Membership floor. There were none. There was a general discussion about Mary Riley’s letter of intent to stand down from the Board in September.

By Laws Committee: Niki Bouland explained that Elaine Hager, By Laws Committee Chair, has provided proposed changes to the By Laws to make the nomination process and vacancy replacements on the Board more clear to the club. They will be sent out to the membership in a blast.

Seminars: Beverly Vics announced a seminar with Marin Baldwin on Agility, to be held December 4 & 5, 2021.

Unfinished Business:

Carport Update: See above notes in President’s report.

New Members: Ann Lane, Victoria DeArmond, and Bill Goughan were voted in as new members.

DOCOF: Carol Harrison announced the need for more participants in all areas and if anyone was interested to please contact her.

New Business:

Regina asked the membership to consult with the class's instructors about possible complaints before going to the Training Director or Board.

Web site coordinator, Jennifer Edwards, asked that people let her know as soon as possible when they set a date for a trial or event, even if it hasn't been approved, so that people could plan more in advance.

A session of brags was held. A suggestion was made to put brags on the web site, or Facebook. Another suggestion was made to use the web site and Facebook to spotlight our instructors.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Trentelman
Recording Secretary