

General Meeting Minutes November 16, 2021
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm.

There was a quorum.

A motion to change the order of business if necessary was made, seconded and approved.

Braggs were solicited from the membership and President Penny Cary gave out stars for new titles during the past month, to be placed by members on the walls of the clubhouse.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2021 General Membership Meeting.

Guests were introduced. Claudia Overacker and Sara Hurst were attending their second meeting in requesting membership.

President's Report: Penny Cary reminded the members that we are all "owners" of the building and that many volunteers are needed to keep it running smoothly. We are currently in need of painters and power washers. We are looking to add to our faculty of instructors and assistants, and are considering ways to utilize the building more.

She recognized the successful FCAT Trial with 330 volunteer hours tracked.

She commended Bob and Linnea Saputo for volunteering to make an appearance at the Hillcrest School Field Day with their dogs.

She announced that the MADTA had received a check for \$300 for the volunteers who worked at the Golden Retriever National Show held at the World Equestrian Center. The money will be used for membership relations.

She also noted that pest control has been contracted for the Agility field and that the treatments would be timed so that training would not be effected.

Treasurer's Report: In Beverly Vics absence, the President reported that we were in good financial shape for keeping up our 501c3 status.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Sandra Wells reported that she has received the current legislation alerts from the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs, and would be happy to share with anyone. MADTA having cards made with the club's logo for notes to go out as necessary. A note has been sent recently to Beverly Capstick. Sandra and Penny are working on the Sunshine Fund.

Training Director's Report: Carrie Solomon reported that the last session for 2021 was financially successful. The first session in 2022 will start the week of January 3. She noted that there is a need for more instructors, and anyone interested should contact her.

Committee Reports:

AKC Agility: Sandy Gorchan is taking over as event coordinator for the Trials. Becky Stewart will be the Trial Chair in December and February.

AKC FAST CAT: The FCAT event that took place Halloween weekend had 223 runs and was a financial success, with an additional \$500 raised for the Marion County Humane Society Magic Bark Bus Program. Lee Bass's dog, Murphy made a special appearance and ran Sunday morning. Everyone was glad to see him. We had approximately 330 volunteer hours. Special T-shirts were made for the workers.

For the event, the changes included new ribbons, and a new sign for the photo area. Randy and Cheryl Donaldson brought a golf cart that made moving to and fro from the start and finish a lot easier. Lisa Forbes has joined the committee at the registration table.

The next event is January 8 & 9, 2022. The premium has been published on websites and FB pages. The Fun Run proceeds will go to the Ocala Police Department's K-9 unit. The Lakeland Trial will be February 17, 18, 19, and 20.

The Committee is considering renting a U-Haul truck to transport equipment to out of town events.

AKC Obedience/Rally: Everything is set for the January Trial. The Show and Go to be held two weeks before the Trial has filled.

UKC Trails: Bob Saputo thanked the volunteers from the recent trial and reported that everyone had a good time and that it was financially successful.

Building and Grounds: Hosea Carpenter reported that the storage room was almost finished and would be needing volunteers to paint it.

Seminars: Penny Cary announced that she is working on have a veterinarian come to give a talk on First Aid and CPR.

Membership: Linda Betz, Kimberly Fiscus, Sara Hurst, Susan Schrader, and Claudia Overacker were voted into the membership.

Unfinished Business:

Waivers—The Board is taking requests from former members who cannot attend evening meetings to have that requirement for renewal waived.

Carport— Bob Saputo reported that it is finished and in use.

Volunteer Clothing— The members were not all in favor of the vest that had been ordered as a sample. Other ideas included buttons, name tags, hats and T-shirts.

New Business:

Driver's License Requirement on Checks – The Board has recommended that in the

future only non-members needs to provide a driver's license number.

Hospitality – Anyone wishing to help with refreshments for the General Membership Meetings should contact Dianne Bryant.

Committees – We are looking to streamline our committee policies and procedures.

Matting – Do to recent incidents in the building, concern about the matting around the rings has increased. We are working on ideas for the common areas.

50/50 Raffle – The funds generated will be available for the membership appreciation fund.

Charitable Discretionary Committee – This is a possible new committee to identify potential charities to give to in keeping with the 501 c3 obligation.

Future Expansion Fund – The question is how much should be reserve for future development.

Title Banners and In Memoriam – Signage was discussed for these.

The meeting finished with the 50/50 drawing and raffles.

Our next meeting is December 21, 2021, at 7 pm. The theme is Doggie Christmas Tree– those who wish to participate, bring an unwrapped canine related item for each dog you will have participating. In a random draw, each dog will get to choose a gift from under the tree. There will be a back drop for photos.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Trentelman, Recording Secretary