

General Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association

The Meeting was called to order by President Penny Cary at 7:15 pm.

There was a quorum.

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

Members announced new titles earned in the last month and received STARS for the wall. Volunteers were acknowledged and brags were applauded. Guests in attendance: Marion Hanson, Mary Beth Backstrom, and Barbara Sheedy.

A motion was made and approved to accept the General Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022, with corrections.

President's Report:

Penny Cary announced that she will now be handling the Building Rentals. Also, due to liability concerns, the front door will be reset to allow for better visibility and access with dogs on leashes.

Immediately, the reimbursement for mileage for club volunteers will be raised from .14 cents to .55 cents, per mile, for a trial period of 6 months.

We will continue to pay down the mortgage with an additional \$2,000 per month to allow us to acquire equity more quickly.

She reported that the Board has voted to place 10 percent of all monthly profits in a Capital Improvement Fund, for future improvements or high end repairs to the property.

Our taxes will be filed by the end of March.

Jacqui O'Neill has been contracted as secretary for the Agility Trials.

Sandy Gonchar will continue as event organizer.

We are purchasing a new A Frame and will sell the old one.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Vics reported on the club's accounts and balances. She reminded members that, in the event of being reimbursed for mileage in excess of \$600 a year, they need to file a W-9 form, for taxes. Her report was approved.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: The position is still vacant.

Incident Report: Penny Cary reported that there had been an incident in her class which was documented and followed up. No further action needed to be taken.

Training Director's Report: Carrie Solomon reported that the new session was started with almost all classes filled. She thanked the Instructors and Assistants for their work. In spite of bad weather the morning of the "Ring Ready Seminar" is was held successfully. The next training session will start the first week in May.

Committee Reports:

AKC Agility: Sandy Gonchar reported that the judges have been hired for the October Trial at the Florida Horse Park. Hosea Carpenter and Eric Stratmann will co chair the trial. We will be looking for a Chair to work on the February 2023 Trial.

AKC FASTCAT: Tammy Gaughan reported that the February Trial had more runs than last year and thanked the volunteers who put in over 400 hours of work. The Fun Run at the March event will benefit the Marion County Sheriff's K-9 Unit. Lots of baskets have already been donated for raffles. Randy Donaldson will step in as the new Chairperson.

New tents have been purchased and will be in by the March event.

AKC Obedience/Rally: Betsy Powers reported that ring stewards and volunteers need to be lined up now for the June event. Judges have been hired for the September event and need to be approved before the premium is finished.

UKC Trials: Bob Saputo reported that volunteers are needed for all divisions at the April 9-10 Trial. Agility run thrus will be held 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31. Obedience run thrus will be held 3/17 and 3/31 only. Rally run thrus will be held 4/6 and 4/7. Agility and Obedience run thrus will be from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Rally run thrus will be 6:30 to 7:30 pm. There may be an additional Rally run thru on Friday. The cost is \$5.00 per venue, per night. He emphasized that this is a friendly trial.

Membership: April Albert and Barbara Sheedy were voted into membership.

Building and Grounds: The pipe has been fixed outside. Also, we have completed the 30 amp outlet for food trucks to use at events at the building.

Unfinished Business:

There was a discussion on the possibility of purchasing a truck for the club to use in moving equipment to venues. Bob Saputo and others are looking into possible purchases to be brought to the General Membership for approval.

New Business:

Regina Compton gave an impressive account of how our students at the Youth Fair excelled in all areas—even winning a High Combined Belt Buckle. Becky Stewart, Bob Saputo, and Regina put in many hours each year to help our young trainers.

Scent Work Committee: Judy Leitzsch and Suzy Rezy will Co Chair and work with the Scent Work of Ocala Club to plan events.

We are considering raising fees for building rental. This will not affect class or membership fees.

We are looking into the purchase of a tarp to be used on the club's flooring when chairs or crates are used on the tiles.

Social Media: We will allow other clubs to advertise their events on our Facebook page when they do not conflict with our events.

A motion to adjourn was approved at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Charlotte Trentelman
Recording Secretary