

General Meeting Minutes May17, 2022  
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association

The Meeting was called to order by President Penny Cary at 7:05 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 : Bonnie Sharp, Kathy Paul, Ira Dauer, Amanda Figueron, Catherine Brooks, Mary Beth Backstrom, Joanne Brettschneider, and Patty Dodd.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to break from agenda to have a demonstration of the Sport of Weight Pulling for Dogs in Florida.

The agenda was rejoined at 7:28 pm.

A motion was made and approved to accept the General Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022, with corrections. There was no General Meeting in April, due to the building's damage.

Mary Beth Backstrom and Ira Dauer were voted into membership.

President's Report: Penny Cary announced that, with the exception of the current insurance claims in progress, we have consolidated our insurance into one vendor, which will cost less and give us twice the coverage.

She noted there is an injury claim which is currently in the hands of attorneys.

We are writing better waivers for participants and instructors in the building

In the repairs needed for the building, Penny explained that there is no time line yet, but, the process of obtaining a permit and notice of commencement is progressing based on County requirements.

She announced that the responses by the membership to the blast about the neighboring land being auctioned was positive, but, initially the bids were beyond our ability to pursue.

Also noted was notice received from the City of Ocala that we are listed in a class action suit. No action is necessary for this.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Vics reported on the club's current accounts and balances. She has given the Board her resignation as of June 21, 2022.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: The Board has appointed Victoria D'Armand to the post. Also noted, Rhonda Winsor will be taking over the Sunshine Committee.

Training Director's Report: Carrie Solomon has announced her resignation as of July. She is willing to work with her replacement and suggested dividing the duties between a Training

Director and a Registrar. She noted the need for more instructors. It was suggested that we need a list of our instructors and their credentials.

Committees:

AKC FAST CAT: Randy Donaldson reported that the March Trial was a huge success and a large donation had been made to the Marion County Sheriff's K-9 Unit. We have not been contracted to run the upcoming Lakeland Trials.

AKC Obedience/Rally: Betsy Powers reported that judges have been set up for the June Rally Trial. The Committee is looking into possible dates to hold more trials this year.

AKC Agility: When the Obedience and Rally fees were raised to conform with other club's in the state, Agility fees were added to this. That has been rescinded and agility fees are back to the previous schedule.

UKC Trials: Bob Saputo reported that the Trial is November 11-13, will have Obedience, Rally and Agility, and, be at MADTA.

Building and Grounds: Penny Cary reminded the members that, although we do have professional cleaners, we should all be aware of things that need to be replaced or tidied during the time in between cleanings.

Unfinished Business: The Board is looking at adjusting Ring Rental fees and the possibility of renting both rings at one time.

Lee Saputo announced that DACOF, June 4-6, in St. Petersburg needed volunteers.

New Business: Penny Cary announced that two entities had inquired about renting the building for a Conformation Clinic and Junior Handler's Clinic. They were willing to pay for additional deep cleaning, above the damage/cleaning deposit. There was discussion as to how this would be possible after the Membership voted in February to not allow bitches in season in the building.

Nominating Committee: Penny solicited for volunteers to make up the Nomination Committee. This year, we will be electing a President, Vice President, One Member at Large, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. (According to our By Laws the positions of members who fill vacancies are automatically added to the roster of the next General Election.) Niki Bouland, Lisa Forbes, Doreen Haywood, Lee Saputo, and Dianne Bryant volunteered. The Committee and alternates are decided by the Board at the June Board Meeting.

Tabled for next General Meeting: 501(c)(3) Considerations and Building Rental Decisions. Motion to Adjourn was made and approved at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Charlotte Trentelman, Recording Secretary

