

General Meeting Minutes

Marion Alachua Dog Training Association

DATE: February 20, 2024

MADTA Clubhouse

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm by President Kevin Barbagallo

QUORUM? Yes, 40 members, 11 guests

GUESTS: 1st reading- Jude Valloze, Carol Lamb, Joan Nagle, Chris Jeffrey, Evan Kornacki; 2nd reading- Cindy White, Carolyn McCallum, Bridget Kennedy, Macy Van Cleave, Amy Preston, Louise "Kat" Farm

Linda Betz moved to change the order of business if necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MEETING

Carol Harrison moved to accept the minutes from December 19, 2023 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Kevin Barbagallo

- Brags, Birthdays
- MADTA is looking for a nominating committee- 4 positions will be up for election- President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Board Member at Large.
- A garage sale area will be added to the website
- Trial chairs are needed- trial chairs receive 2 free runs per day. Christine Klockenbrink volunteered to chair an upcoming obedience trial, but more volunteers will be needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Lisa Forbes

- The balances as of 2/20/24 were reported

INCIDENT REPORTS- Kevin Barbagallo

- A few incidents were reported at the agility trial

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT - Victoria DeArmond

- Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAINING DIRECTOR- Betsy Powers- Session 2 starts 3/4, sign ups end on Friday 2/23. Looking at adding more evening options for Session 3.

AKC AGILITY- Cindy Froman/Marybeth Backstrom- Eric Stratmann reported- trial weekend went well; Jen said there were many compliments about the trial

AKC FastCAT- Eric Stratmann- March 23-24 is the next FastCAT, volunteers are needed for timing, lure operators, set up, break down, etc. Tammy Goughan is the volunteer coordinator.

AKC OBEDIENCE/RALLY- Niki Bouland- Kevin Barbagallo reported- the next obedience trial is April 19-21, the next rally trial will be in June.

UKC TRIALS- April 6-7 will be a Nosework only trial, Rally and obedience trial date is TBD

SCENTWORK- Judy Leitzsch- trial was good, thank you to the volunteers

EDUCATIONAL/SHOW N GO- MJ Douglas/Cheryl Cipollo- Obedience show n gos on 3/16 and 4/13, the April one opens on 2/21

VOLUNTEERS- Dianne Bryant- volunteers have worked over 1500 hours so far in 2024

MEMBERSHIP- Lisa Forbes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- DACOF- Becky Stewart- novice and open dogs are particularly needed, but anyone interested should contact Mary Beth Backstrom and/or Becky Stewart to join the team
- Youth Training- the Southeastern Youth Fair dog show is on Saturday 2/24 beginning at 9am
- March 17th 1-4pm- St Patrick's Sunday Funday for members and guests- bring dogs for a FastCat fun run, Rally course, and try the new Fetch program. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Member meeting to follow at 4pm, in place of the Tuesday 3/19 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Voting in new members: Louisa "Kat" Farm, Bridget Kennedy, Macy Van Cleave, and Amy Preston
Kevin Barbagallo moved to accept new members Louisa "Kat" Farm, Bridget Kennedy, Macy Van Cleave, and Amy Preston. The motion passed unanimously.
- Wild Apricot- Betsy showed members how to download and log into the app "Wild Apricot for Members". Members can register for classes, message other members, etc.

Next meeting Sunday, March 17th, 4pm at MADTA Clubhouse

ADJOURNMENT at 7:57pm by general consent

Submitted by Sara Masel

Recording Secretary