

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

January 17, 2011

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: January 17, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Mary Beam (absent)
Cheri Davis
Lori Genaw
Curt Givens
Gayle Ingram

Carole Lenehan (absent)
Maggie Melton
Rick Roberts (absent)
Amy Runyon (absent)
Roberta Rupert

Jennifer Scott (absent)
Elaine Stoermer
Tami Woodrow

Others Present: Ernie Genaw

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Lori Genaw called the meeting to order. Several members noted that they had not received the email announcing this meeting but heard from other members. Lori will send test emails to determine if there is a problem with their carrier.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Elaine Stoermer moved to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2010 board meeting. It was seconded by Maggie Melton and passed unanimously. Lori Genaw requested that Membership minutes be emailed to Terri Jerkes after they are approved for posting on the website. Gayle responded that the September meeting minutes were emailed to Terri but they are not on the website. There was general agreement that the reason for that is because they are in the process of moving to the new website.

b. Treasurer (Tami Woodrow)

Checking	\$28,753.86
Savings	<u>\$44,203.08</u>
Total	\$72,956.94

Tami noted that she would like to transfer funds from checking to savings to bring the balance to \$50,000. Following the discussion at the December meeting instructing her to close out the account set up for the Military Working Dogs Cooling Vest Project and donate those funds to the project, Tami discovered that Mara Wollpert had approved printing of business cards and flyers for the project using the club credit card at around \$500. After deducting that from the account there is only a balance of \$150. Tami was directed to send the balance of the account to the Project with a letter explaining that the club is donating the balance of the account after payment of printing expenses.

Elaine Stoermer moved to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Roberta Rupert and passed unanimously.

Lori requested that all department directors prepare their budgets for submission at the March board meeting. No department went over budget last year.

- c. Membership (Amy Runyon, chair)
No report.
- d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)
No report.
- e. Obedience (Elaine Stoermer, Director)
Elaine reported that one of the obedience instructors (Julie Bellar) has let her membership lapse. She is also the moderator of the Gem City Yahoo Group. Since the deadline has passed for paying membership fees this year, she will need to pay the dues and the penalty to be reinstated. She also cannot receive a voucher for teaching this session. Elaine will discuss this with Amy Runyan.
- f. Agility (Maggie Melton)
Maggie Melton reported that the February trial is open and premiums mailed. The May trial is booked and the judges approved.
- g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)
No report.
- h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)
Curt Given reported that applications have been submitted to AKC for the June earth dog trial. Three of the four judges have been confirmed and he hopes to hear from the fourth judge shortly. It will be a four day trial.
- i. Operations (Rick Roberts)
No report.
- j. Sunshine (Cheri Davis)
No report.
- k. Publicity/Public Relations
No report.
- l. Store (Roberta Rupert)
Roberta Rupert reported that the store is stocked and there are only a few items she needs to order. Cheri noted that she had taken clickers for her class. Discussion ensued about using store supplies for classes and it was decided that whenever an instructor takes supplies from the store, money should be transferred from their budgets to the store budget.

III. **New / Continuing Business**

- Incident during Agility Class on January 5, 2011. Maggie distributed several emails describing an incident that occurred during Peggy Walling's Beginner II agility class on the first night of the session. The incident involved Alice Sowders' whippet Enzo and Maryanne Ryno Vrabel's Belgian Malinois Nora. Witness statements were obtained from Peggy Walling, Maggie Stack, DMV, Maryanne Ryno Vrabel, and Alice Sowders. While the reports of the incident are similar, there are inconsistencies in the description of the extent of the injury. Nora was registered in the class, but Enzo was not. The incident occurred toward the end of the class and Nora had not shown any signs of being vicious or out of control during the class. The instructor had met with each registered student individually prior to class. When students sign up for their first class/membership they sign a Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk, and Acceptance

of Financial Responsibility Agreement. That agreement states that the person "understands that use of said Club's property, as well as participation in dog owner/handler training, or related classes, will necessarily expose the participants to certain risks." It also says that the person "understands that ... any injuries, deaths, losses, or damages to ourselves/myself, our/my dog or dogs and personal property caused by wildlife or land conditions, or by another dog, or our/my own dog, shall be solely the responsibility of that dog's owner(s) and/or handler(s), and not the Gem City Dog Obedience Club, Inc., or its Officers, Directors, Instructors, or Members."

The club obtained permission from the two dog owners involved in the incident to provide their contact information to the other and Maryanne Ryno Vrabel has withdrawn her dog from the class. Before she can attend another class, her dog will be required to be evaluated.

- Weather Related Closings. Last week during the bad snow Lori had contacted instructors and asked them to poll their students to determine whether to hold classes. Maggie only had a few agility students show up. Elaine came in early and shoveled the walk areas. The lot had been plowed. About half of the rally students attended and Karen's class was well attended. Lori stated that if she closes the building, classes must be made up. She prefers that instructors not cancel classes in anticipation of bad weather but wait until closer to class time to make a decision.
- Building Use Request. Lori reported that she has received a request for a Sho-N-Go and raffle to be held by our members to benefit the Humane Society. Carole Lenehan had also emailed board members about a request in July for a UKC Conformation/Rally Trial.

Gayle Ingram distributed a Sponsorship/Donation Request Form that she had drafted following discussion at the December board meeting. This form would be a formal request that would be required from anyone asking the club for donations of any kind. The discussion of liability came up and members agreed that anyone using the club facilities should sign a Release of Liability. People attending classes or trials already sign a waiver. Elaine has a short waiver she uses and will share it with the board.

Approval of the Sponsorship / Donation Request Form was tabled until the next meeting. Gayle will email the form to members to review prior to that meeting.

- Communication with Members. Board members reported that they are constantly approached by members at trials and at classes about issues that may or may not be addressed by the GCDOC board. It was determined that a process should be established for members to bring issues/concerns to the board. There could be a place on the new website where members could email their concerns. The Crateline is generally mailed the month before each membership meeting so members can be informed about the status of club activities. Board members were encouraged to think about other ways to improve general communication and receive input in a structured manner.

Scotty Meyer and other awards. Because they were nominated, Lori and Ernie Genaw were asked to leave the room while the remainder of the board discussed the nominations for the Scotty Meyer Award. A decision was made based on the nominee that has best "...promoted the club and dog sportsmanship. The individual makes a quality contribution to the success of most events sponsored by the club, and is eager to help both the beginner person and the more experience dog handler".

Lori and Ernie returned and there was a discussion on the award process. It was agreed that the full club membership should be more involved in selection of the award winners. Tami recalled that many years ago the former recipient of the Scotty Meyer award sent information out in the September newsletter and a vote was taken at the annual membership meeting. The consensus of the board was that efforts should begin earlier to solicit nominations for 2011.

The group reviewed the Description of Current Annual Awards as shown in the Standing Rules. The board agreed that the awards are given to recognize the accomplishments of members no matter the venue. Part of the purpose of the Annual GCDOC Banquet is to educate members on the variety of venues offered at the club and inspire members to try new things.

There was a discussion on identifying ways to introduce members to new venues and recognize how versatility in training can be beneficial, e.g., a good obedience foundation can help dogs in agility. There was a suggestion that a dog should have their Canine Good Citizen (CGC) before they can sign up for agility classes.

There was general agreement that the club should consider holding a Fun Day (for members only) where all venues are set up and members can learn more about other venues and allow their dogs to try new things. The first step to organizing such an event is to plan an Instructor Fun Day so they can learn more about "how the other half lives".

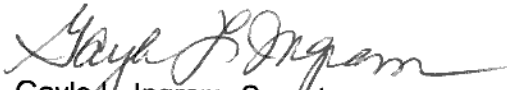
IV. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2011, at the building.

V. Adjournment

Curt Givens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Gayle Ingram seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Lori Genaw, President

1/2/2011

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Net Worth as of 12/13/10

As of 1/2/2011

Account	Total
<u>Assets</u>	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
GCDOC 2007 Checking	28,753.86
GCDOC 2007 Savings	44,203.08
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	72,956.94
Total Assets	72,956.94
Net Worth	72,956.94

Scottie Meyer Award Nomination

I would like to nominate **Ron Siwecki** for the Scottie Meyer award.

Ron is an outstanding instructor, one of the best teachers that Gem City has. He has taught agility classes almost continuously for the seven years I have been taking classes. Ron keeps up with all of the latest agility methods, and uses them in both teaching and training his own dogs.

Ron is a very hard working member of our club. He never hesitates to help with setting up courses for classes or tearing down. He frequently serves on trial committees, often as the chief course builder. He is there in sun, snow, and rain, as evidenced by his assistance in digging the equipment out of the snow to get it ready for last winter's AKC agility trial.

While Ron's current dogs are AKC registered, he and Denise have also rescued Doberman's over the years. Kara, his last rescue, came from Hand Me Down Dobermans. He knows and understands dog behavior and shares that knowledge with both students and other members of the club.

Ron has also helped his wife, Denise, with pet therapy training, both lugging equipment and serving as a practice patient.

Where ever Ron goes, he represents Gem City Dog Obedience Club well. We are lucky to have him. I can think of no one more deserving of the Scottie Meyer award than Ron Siwecki. He has been a member since 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Davis



Re: incident report

Thursday, January 6, 2011 8:56 PM

From: "Maggie Stack" <maggiesfarm@dishmail.net>

To: "Peggy Walling" <wal03peg@hotmail.com>

Cc: "Maggie Melton" <purple.haze@sbcglobal.net>

On Jan 6, 2011, at 5:42 PM, Peggy Walling wrote:

Incident occurred 1/5/11, Wed evening approx 8:25 pm at the Gem City building on Springfield St

Parties involved were:

Maryanne Ryno Vrabel-handler dog Belgian Malinois-Nora

Alice Sowders-handler dog Whippet-Enzo

Beginner II agility class

These 2 people were newcomers to this class. I had been instructing then during the class time which started at 7:30. Near the end of class time, approx 8:25, Maryanne was doing a short sequence with Nora, Alice and Enzo were standing about 1/2 in the middle of the room. As Nora came out of a tunnel headed towards Alice and Enzo, she kept going towards them. I didn't see immediate concern as Maryanne had control of Nora all evening. Nora proceeded to circle Enzo in herding fashion. Alice immediately picked up Enzo-normal reaction and was yelling and circling with her dog in her arms while Nora proceed to circle her also. I had Alice stand still so Maryanne could get Nora. Alice walked away about 10 ft and put Enzo down and I went with her. At first we did not see anything, then found a small tear on his side. Alice completely lost it. At this time we went over to the table and Maggie came over to inspect the tear.

Peggy Walling

While I was answering questions from 3 students at the south end of the agility room, I heard barking and screaming. I looked over and saw Alice holding her dog in the air moving from side to side and Maryanne attempting to get the attention of her dog, while it was circling Alice. Peggy looked as if she had the situation under control and I did not go over until I heard Alice screaming and cursing that her dog had been bitten. She seemed very frantic. It was near the end of our scheduled class, so I dismissed my students and went to check on the dogs. Nora was in a down stay with her owner and quite calm. Enzo was standing calmly while Alice was frantically yelling that her dog had been bitten, was due to show soon, and she had to leave to get him stitched. I explained I was a veterinarian and needed to look at her dog, that he seemed fine and would be ok. She said she was a vet, he wasn't ok, and she had to leave to get him stitched, now! I did not let her pick the dog up until I had observed the wound. He had a fresh 1cmx1cm L-shaped tear of the skin on his right thorax. There did not appear to be a puncture into the thoracic cavity. The dog seemed stable and was neither trembling or showing immediate signs of shock. My assessment was that the dog did need sutures and antibiotics, but should recover uneventfully. Alice quickly lifted her dog and carried him from the room. I was more concerned about the state of the owner, Alice. She was panicked and hysterical. She left the room too quickly to offer any further assistance.

Maggie Stack, DVM

Peggy Walling
h-937-390-3535
c-937-244-1850

Alice Sowders
937-239-6382
Maryanne Ryno Vrabel
937-216-6866

Maggie Stack, DVM
937-767-7390

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Pw: Incident report

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 3:37 PM

From: "pwc823emstoer@aol.com" <pwc823emstoer@aol.com>**To:** purple.haze@sbcglobal.net

Maggie - not sure if you received it yet. Happened last Wednesday in the later class; 1-5-11; 7:30 p.m. agility class. Not sure if Alice is a member; she is a vet in Fairborn.

-----Original Message-----

From: Alice <emeraldkenl@sbcglobal.net>**To:** westview.spaniels <westview.spaniels@verizon.net>**Cc:** pwc823emstoer <pwc823emstoer@aol.com>**Sent:** Sun, Jan 9, 2011 3:34 pm**Subject:** Incident report

The incident occurred during the Wednesday agility class on 1/5/11 @ the 7:30 class at the GCDOC building. Peggy Walling was the instructor I believe. The incident involved my dog Enzo being viciously attacked by Nora, owner unknown. The attack was unprovoked. My dog was on lead at least 30 feet away, and Nora was off lead and for unknown reasons came running across the room at us. I was trying to get my dog off of the floor to protect him. Nora kept leaping and snapping at us and tore his chest open. He has numerous bruises as well as the laceration. The owner has no recall and could not stop this dog from attacking us. It took several people to stop the dog.

I had to take Enzo to Fairborn Animal Hospital to have a flap of skin resected and sutured. Whippets scar very easily and this wound is on his show side. This is a nationally ranked dog that is entered at Westminster. I could not have him shown at Tallmadge this last weekend nor can he go to Florida this coming weekend due to this incident. I don't even know if he can go to Westminster. This person's dog has not only caused trauma to myself and my dog, but has cost me a lot of money. I need this woman's name and address. Please advise what action the club will take on this matter.

Thanks
Alice Sowders

Sent from my iPhone

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Agenda

Gem City Dog Obedience Club Board Meeting

Location: GCDOC Building
Board Members:

Date: January 3, 2011; 7:00 pm

*Cancelled
for ill*

Mary Beam
Cheri Davis
Lori Genaw
Curt Givens

Carole Lenehan
Maggie Melton
Rick Roberts
Amy Runyon

Roberta Rupert
Jennifer Scott
Gayle Ingram
Elaine Stroemer

Tami Woodrow

- I. Welcome and Call to Order**
 - a. Remarks
- II. Reports**
 - a. Secretary
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Membership
 - d. Registrar
 - e. Obedience
 - f. Agility
 - g. Conformation
 - h. Earth Dog
 - i. Operations
 - j. Sunshine
 - k. Publicity/Public Relations
 - l. Store
- III. Continuing Business**
 - a. Nominations for Scotty Meyer Award
 - b. Banquet Invite is on Website
 - c. Mike K. message about new website
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Posting minutes on website.
 - b. Send your pictures of dogs early to me, please.
 - c. Medals, etc. from Jennifer
- V. Next Meeting**
- VI. Adjourn**