# Agenda Gem City Dog Obedience Club Board Meeting

Location: GCDOC Building

**Board Members:** 

Date: March 7, 2011; 7:00 pm

Mary Beam Cheri Davis Lori Genaw

Carole Lenehan Maggie Melton Rick Roberts

Roberta Rupert Jennifer Scott Gayle Ingram Elaine Stroemer Tami Woodrow

Curt Givens Amy Runyon

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c. Membership

d. Registrar

e. Obedience

f. Agility

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b. Annual Report - Cheri

c. Donation to help rescue

d. Time 2 Beat Class - AKC new

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Amy Runyon (absent)

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Jennifer Scott Elaine Stoermer Tami Woodrow

### I. Welcome and Call to Order

Lori Genaw called the meeting to order.

#### II. Reports

Secretary (Gayle Ingram)
 Curt Givens moved to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2011 board meeting.
 It was seconded by Cheri Davis and passed unanimously.

- <u>Treasurer</u> (Tami Woodrow)
  No report.
- Membership (Amy Runyon, chair)
  No report.

The Board noted that they are interested in knowing the response from the membership related to volunteering for committees. Lori mentioned that Amy is assembling that list.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole reported that the puppy classes are full and she anticipates the other classes to fill before the first day of class.

e. Obedience (Elaine Stoermer, Director)

Elaine reported that they still need a few more assistant instructors. The Tuesday classes are full.

The AKC Obedience/Rally application for September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> is about to be submitted although they are still working on securing judges.

f. Agility (Maggie Melton)

Cheri Davis reported that the AKC agility trial at Circle G Ranch in Lewisburg on February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> made almost \$10,000. There was a shortage of workers which did cause delays to the trial and the judge did report the problem to AKC. Cheri, as trial chair, did send out emails to the Yahoo group to try to bring more workers to the trial on Sunday. The AKC Committee met on March 7<sup>th</sup> to review the trial and try to prevent some of the problems from reoccurring. Due to the weather, the parking lot was very muddy. Much of the draw for exhibitors at the

February AKC trial were people preparing for Nationals – and very few of those volunteers to work. The consensus of the Board was that trial committees need to make sure that all key worker jobs are filled prior to the start of the trial. Several ideas were shared on ways to get more people to volunteer to work: worker raffles, pay workers, don't count on "new" workers to act as ring steward or schedule workers until they have had more training.

**RECOMMENDATION**: Schedule a training session during 2011 to teach people how to perform the many key worker jobs at trials.

Cheri reported that following the trial she sent out a survey on the Yahoo List asking Gem City members to answer questions about "Volunteering at agility trials". She distributed a list outlining the responses to each question from the 52 members who took the survey.

A group of members went to the Champion Center in Springfield to determine if it would be suitable for future AKC agility trials. They were very impressed with the facility and have requested an application. The dates of our Fall 2011 and February 2012 AKC trials are available. AKC trials held at the Land have not had good attendance and it is believed that the reason for that is because it is outside. The trial in October 2011 will be in an outdoor arena but it is covered which will be helpful. The plan is to commit to two trials at Champion Center and then, depending upon the response and attendance, determine whether to schedule further. The costs will be more at Champion Center so it will be important to increase our marketing efforts. The AKC committee which is spearheading this move, feel confident that this will be successful. It was suggested that pictures of the Champion Center be posted on the GCDOC website.

Discussion ensued related as to what expenses workers and judges can receive reimbursement. **RECOMMENDATION:** Create a committee to set guidelines for what items qualify for reimbursement. Things definitely not covered would be alcoholic beverages and gas to get to and from an event.

It was noted that Maggie Melton is working on a list of agility equipment that needs to be replaced. The first item on that list is timers. There was a question about the procedure for replacing equipment and who has the authority to purchase new equipment. This issue will be raised at a future meeting when Maggie is present.

# g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)

Jennifer reported that Vicki Siler, a professional handler, is having a seminar for \$50.00. She will forward the information to the Yahoo Group.

Jennifer is unable to be the show chair at the next confirmation trial. Karen Rheinberger has offered to take over and is developing a list of judges. She has also contacted Lori Genaw about this.

Lori asked if it would be possible, if we had a larger location, to do demonstrations of other activities offered by the club. Elaine noted that Cleveland has done a 'Meet the Breed" during their show. It was suggested that Gem City have a booth at the Champion Center shows. It was also suggested that we do more publicity, including a press release, to bring people who are not competing to the show.

# h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that the judges were approved for the June 9 – 11 judges panel for the earthdog trials. It was noted that earthdog competitors come from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Hopefully the increase in the cost of gasoline doesn't discourage some people from coming. It is helpful that this is a four day cluster which increases the draw.

He announced that they were considering having a catered BBQ dinner on Saturday night of the trial. He would need to provide a head count to the caterer. **RECOMMENDATION:** Announce the dinner at the next Membership Meeting and post it to the Yahoo List.

# i. Operations (Rick Roberts)

Rick reported that the "0 turn" mower has been repaired and the big tractor had some routine maintenance at accost of \$3,900. Rick will arrange to train anyone interested in using the mowers. The key will be locked up so only those with permission to use the mowers can access it.

The fence repair company will be fixing the fence shortly. The real problem is how to deter people from cutting the fence again and/or stealing the support poles. **RECOMMENDATION:** Offer use of the property to local police jurisdictions that have K-9 units for training. If people see the police there on a regular basis and we make their presence known by signs, it could reduce future damage. Rick will make initial contacts.

A work day at the Land will be scheduled prior to the May trial.

# <u>Sunshine</u> (Cheri Davis)

Cheri provided a summary of the people who received cards and flowers since the last board meeting. She noted that information on purchase of memory stone is provided to members who lose dogs. It is sent a little while after a condolence card is sent.

# k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)

The club has donated two certificates to Think TV's Great TV Auction. Cheri has also sent the club logo to the animal cancer website. **RECOMMENDATION:** We should contact local businesses (including veterinary clinics, groomers and pet stores) and organizations to see if they would put a link to our club on their websites.

Because many people taking beginner obedience classes don't know what they want to do with their dogs down the road, more effort needs to be made to educate them on what the club offers. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** Hang posters in the main room of the Building depicting all of the things the club offers: earthdog, agility, freestyle, obedience, rally, etc. A computerized show could be created that would stream at events.

The Dayton Emergency Veterinary Clinic in Moraine is hosting a Healthy Pet Fair on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It was agreed that Cheri will provide Leah Schiller material for a Gem City table at the event.

 Store (Roberta Rupert) Nothing new to report.

## III. Continuing Business

- a. Flea market. Leah Schiller asked if we will be holding a flea market again this year. The board agreed that she can go ahead with the planning of another flea market this year.
- b. 4H use of land or building on Sundays. The Montgomery County 4H Club has asked is we are storing some of their equipment at the building. Cheri responded that she did a thorough check of our equipment when she was trying to locate the AKC measuring tools and can say with confidence that we do not have any of their equipment.
- c. Clark County 4H Fun Match on July 9. The coordinator for the Clark County 4H has inquired to see if they have the second Saturday of July scheduled for their Fun Match. This is an annual event and they assumed we would hold that date. Montgomery County 4H has already requested that date so it is not available for Clark County. Carole Lenehan has been doing the scheduling for the building and land and has not committed to any dates for the Clark County 4H group.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It was agreed that anyone using the building or land should have liability forms signed by all people attending those events. That includes the 4H kids.

- d. Budgets. Tabled until April.
- e. Website. Jennifer Scott announced that the new website is now live. Everyone was encouraged to check it out.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Committees choose Chair, get them going
- b. Annual Report Cheri Tabled until April
- c. Donation to help rescue. Everyone was familiar with the many dogs in Clark County that had been held at the One More Chance rescue before the facility was closed down for deplorable conditions. Rick Roberts moved to donate \$500 to the Clark County Humane Society to assist with the hundreds of dogs needing food and supplies. It was seconded by Cheri Davis and passed unanimously.
- d. Time 2 Beat Class AKC new Tabled until April so Maggie can be part of the conversation.
- e. Strategic Planning & Goal Setting Tabled until April. Members were asked to start thinking about this and bring ideas to the next meeting. We need ideas on how to excite the membership. The board also needs to develop a list of goals and identify one item to tackle first. There are a number of things that are needed at the Land (e.g., storage organization, picnic shelter, permanent fencing around the parking area) so it was agreed that the Board should schedule a meeting at the Land to create a "To Do" list. The date selected for the Board to meeting at the Land was April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- f. New/Updated forms Gayle Ingram reported that the Sponsorship/Donation Request Forms will be placed in a file cabinet on the dock. She will label the front of the drawer for easy access.

## V. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011, at the building. The next Membership meeting is scheduled for 7:00 on April 18, 2011. A special meeting of the Board at the Land is scheduled for April 30, 2011.

### VI. Adjournment

Carole Lenehan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Curt Givens seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary

Lori Genaw, President

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Response Summary	Total Started Survey: 52 Total Completed Survey: 52 (100%)	
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1. Do you volunteer at Gern City agility trials?	Create Chart	Download
	Response Percent	Response Count
yes	92.3%	48
no	9.6%	5
don't know	0.0%	0
	answered question	52
	skipped question	0
2. If you answered that you do volunteer at agility trials and events, how often do you volunteer?	Create Chart	Download
	Response Percent	Response Count
Once per year	4.2%	2
1-2 times per year	20.8%	10
2-4 times year	- 14.6%	7
More than 4 times per year	14.6%	7
Always volunteer at each trial I attend	52.1%	25
	answered question	48
	skipped question	4
3. If you don't volunteer at an agility trial, what answer best states why you don't?	Create Chart	Download
	Response Percent	Response Count
l don't do agility, why should I help?	0.0%	D
I volunteer only at the venues I compete in	13.3%	2
I don't have the time because of other obligations	66.7%	10
it's too far to the agility trial locations	6.7%	1
I don't know how to help	20.0%	3