

Gem City Dog Obedience Club Membership Meeting June 20, 2011

Location: GCDOC Building (scheduled at the Land but moved due to bad weather)
Date: June 20, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.

Board Members:

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

Carole Lenehan
Maggie Melton
Rick Roberts
Amy Runyon
Roberta Rupert

Jennifer Scott
Elaine Stoermer
Tami Woodrow

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Lori Genaw thanked everyone for attending the June Membership Meeting tonight and hoped everyone enjoyed the carry in meal. Unfortunately due to the rain, the meeting was unable to be held at the Land.

Lori recognized the passing of Starline Nunley on June 2, 2011. Instead of the usual flower arrangement, the club sent an afghan and wire basket of flowers to the funeral. The flower arrangement was not up to the usual quality of Oberers so the owner did another arrangement and sent it to her home. The club received a very nice thank you card from Jerry. In addition to the flowers and afghan, the club donated \$500 to the Military Working Dogs charity that Starline created. The charity will continue through the work of friends and members of Gem City.

Lori also read a thank you note that came from M.A. Klein, a judge at the recent Earthdog Tests, complementing the club on a well run test and wonderful members.

II. Guest Speaker – Gail Stokes from VITAS

Gail Heath-Stokes, Volunteer Services Manager, presented details on the VITAS Paw Pals volunteer program. Registered Paw Pals bring joy to hospice patients by visiting them at home, in nursing homes, in assisted living communities, and at hospitals. VITAS accepts pets that are well behaved, well groomed and have all their current shots. Volunteers must attend an orientation (first visit is for the human only). This is meant to be a time to help volunteers understand what they will see and experience during their visits. Gail will accompany the Paw Pals on their first visit...and several more if requested...to help them get comfortable and to evaluate their dog. The dogs must accept affection, people reaching for them, and petting. They also have a mentor program where volunteers who have been in the program for awhile assist the new volunteers. Several Gem City Members are VITAS volunteers. Ronalee McKnight and Trish Clute shared their experiences as Paw Pals. Gail noted that some dogs that cannot be certified in other pet therapy programs can still participate at VITAS. Cheri Davis who works closely with Miami Valley Pet Therapy stated that many dogs can't handle the stress associated with the program. They applaud the VITAS program and recognize that there are not enough therapy animals to meet the needs of our community. Gail stated that a class is ready to start next month.

III. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Elaine Stoermer moved to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2011 membership meeting. It was seconded by Carole Lenehan and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Tami Woodrow)

Checking	\$20,418.42
Savings	<u>\$44,208.69</u>
Total	\$64,627.11

Tami reported that the AKC Agility trial had an income of \$7,879.01, expenses of \$5,474.59 with a new profit of \$2,404.42. She has not received all the figures for last weekend's earthdog tests.

Trish Clute moved to accept treasurer's report. It was seconded by Darlene Miller and passed unanimously. Tami Woodrow stated that if anyone has specific questions about the budget they can contact her.

c. Membership (Amy Runyon)

Amy announced that she had not resigned as Membership Chair; however, she is not planning to continue next year. She offered to work with anyone interested in serving as Membership Chair so they are familiar with the position before running for the position. A job description for the position was available to anyone interested. Anyone interested in serving as Membership Chair should contact Roberta Rupert, Nomination Chair.

Amy reminded everyone that the hours for the January CPE trial were lost so members need to email her their hours. All hours worked should continue to be sent to Amy through September 30.

- The following member applicant was asked to come forward, introduce herself and share her interests relating to the club: Mindy Clark. By unanimous vote, Ms. Clark's membership was approved.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole reported that we had about 20 less students in the current session. She suspects that the next session will be down as well because of the hot weather. Class sizes generally increase in the fall. There is a new Open and Novice Obedience class. Registrations for those classes should go to Trisha Hargis.

e. Obedience (Elaine Stoermer)

Elaine noted that this is the last week of the session and then there is a break. She will be talking to current instructors to see who plans to continue in the next session. There may be a need for more assistants. There will be a September 24-25, 2011 AKC Obedience trial.

f. Agility (Maggie Melton)

Maggie thanked all the volunteers who came out to work at the June AKC agility trial. There were more workers than jobs which was a huge difference from the February trial. The next AKC trial will be held on October 8 - 9 at the Champion Center in Springfield. They will be asking workers to sign up earlier so jobs can be assigned prior to the trial and make sure everyone has a job. She also reported that the new rubberized equipment has arrived and have received a lot of compliments on it. This equipment could help increase trial entries.

g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)

Jennifer reported that Trish Clute will be registrar for classes starting in October. Trish explained that she feels it is too hot during the summer months so classes are postponed until October. She added that classes are as much for the handler as for the dog. Handlers don't need a show dog to enroll. Interested people should contact her soon since the October class is already half full.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

No report.

i. Operations (Rick Roberts)

Rick reported that there was a very good turnout for the Work Day at the Land. The property looks great. Now that the earthdog tests are complete, the back area of the property can be mowed. Members are encouraged to take time to keep the fence line cleared by cutting or weed eating. He asked that members using maintenance equipment notify him if there are any problems or incidents so he can keep the equipment in top condition.

j. Sunshine (Cheri Davis)

Cheri Davis recognized Joyce Osburn on the exceptional job she does sending cards and flowers to members. Cheri reminded members to let Joyce know when members have losses (human or canine) or illness in their families. Memorial stones were presented to LeeAnne Medina for Boggie, Nancy Beeman for Naughty, and Maggie Melton for Banjo and Hazer.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)

Cheri asked members to let her know when they hear about an event where Gem City could have a booth or activity. Becky Brown and Connie Martin do a number of events throughout the year. Cheri noted that this Saturday, June 25th, the club will be at two local KMarts (Woodman Drive and Beaver Creek across from the Greene). They were invited by KMart as part of a marketing promotion. In November the club will be at the HOWLwalk.

Morene Stickrod reported that K9 Cadence has quite a few new members this year and will be performing in a number of upcoming events. There will also be Freestyle demonstrations.

l. Store (Roberta Rupert)

Roberta reported that the store is open whenever the door is open. This is a self serve store. Simply place your money inside an envelope that is provided, write what item(s) you purchased and the total amount of money enclosed, seal and place the envelope in the brown box on the wall outside the store. You can also submit suggestions for items you would like to see in the store.

IV. Old Business

None discussed.

V. New Business

- AKC "Responsible Ownership Day" – September 11, 2011.

Lori explained that the club has registered with AKC to hold a "Responsible Ownership Day" on September 11, 2011. Lori and Cindy Alles are co-chairing the event. Gem City was one of the first 500 clubs to register an event so we will be receiving a supply of handouts and giveaways from AKC. Instructors for each

venue will organize demonstrations. Other demos could include K9 Cadence, freestyle, earthdog and dock diving. Vendors and local pet organizations such as pet therapy will be invited to attend. Lori would also like to organize a "Meet the Breeds" area.

- Nominations.
 - Board. Nominations for seats on the Board should be submitted to Roberta Rupert.
 - Scotty Meyer Award. Nominations for the Scotty Meyer Award can be submitted to any Board member.
- Ideas for future presentations at Membership Meetings can be submitted to Lori Genaw.

VI. Next Meeting

The next Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at the building.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Rick Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Mary Beam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Lori Genaw, President



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** Please sign in **

Cheri Davis

Deb Arnold

Sheila Snider

Connie Martin

Michael Holbert

Sharon Cron

Mindy Clark

Roberta Rupert

Sandy Orr

Elaine Stoermer

Jami Woodcox

Barbara Miller

Bob Miller

Marcia Pittman

Alan Pittman

Nancy Ellis

Trish Clark

Jennifer Toftor

Sharon Sapping

Karen Saitz

Rita Thorp

JANET GARLIKOV

MARK GARLIKOV

Nancy Berman

Eleanor Woods

Melba, Neil & Cecile

Tom + Carol Lanehan

Trisha + Jeanette Hargis

Bill Allen + Cindy Allen

Betty Frank

Lori Senaw

Ernie Senaw

Ann McKinnis

Mary J. Kapher

- Rita Anthony

Summer Scott

Joyce Osburn

Jim Osburn

Maggie Melton

Ruth Roberts

Gayle Jackson

Mary Beam

Sandy Price

Dede Mallory

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Gail Heath-Stokes

Volunteer Services Manager

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937.869.7259

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