## Agenda Gem City Dog Obedience Club Board Meeting

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: August 8, 2011; 7:00 pm

**Board Members:** 

Mary Beam Carole Lenehan Roberta Rupert Tami Woodrow Cheri Davis Maggie Melton Jennifer Scott

Lori Genaw Rick Roberts Gayle Ingram Curt Givens Amy Runyon Elaine Stroemer

I. Welcome and Call to Order

a. Remarks

II. Reports

a. Secretary

g. Conformation b. Treasurer h. Earth Dog

c. Membership i. Operations

d. Registrar j. Sunshine e. Obedience

k. Publicity/Public Relations f. Agility

Store

**Continuing Business** III.

a. Strategic Planning - Goal Setting

b. AKC "Responsible Ownership Day" - September 11

c. Membership Meeting

IV. **New Business** 

**Next Meeting** ٧. May 2, 2011

VI. Adjourn

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#### I. Welcome and Call to Order

Lori Genaw called the meeting to order. Discussion ensued on possible dates for the next meeting since the regularly scheduled date is the day after the Responsible Dog Ownership Day. It was agreed that the meeting would be held on August 29th.

#### II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram) Curt Givens moved to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2011 board meeting. It was seconded by Cheri Davis and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Tami Woodrow)

Checking \$21,655.25 Savings \$44,246.74 Total \$65.901.99

Curt Givens moved to accept treasurer's report. It was seconded by Amy Runyon and passed unanimously.

#### c. Membership (Amy Runyon, chair)

Amy reported that she has emailed all people who have outstanding membership applications. Of the approximately 12 applications, four are fairly new but the others go back as far as March. Applications are only good for six months so if the person does not attend a Membership Meeting to be officially voted into membership, they must resubmit and reestablish their volunteer hours. Lori noted that she still receives inquiries from new members about where to find information even though information is available on the GCDOC website, Facebook, and through the Yahoo group.

It was noted that during the design of the new GCDOC website, there was discussion about allowing board members and possibly instructors the ability to post items to the site. Carole will contact Mike Kasik to arrange a training for the board. It was suggested that the training session be held at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting. If he is available, arrangements will be made to hold the meeting at Panara Bread on Brown Street since they have a meeting room and wi fi.

#### d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole reported that registrations for Session Four which started August 1st are down. There are currently 81 dogs registered. That number will rise slightly due to late registrations. Rally has done the best in keeping its registration numbers up. Carole noted that Sessions Three and Four are generally lower than other sessions due to vacations and weather. The economy is also impacting class registrations as well. Carole distributed the 2012 Training Schedule.

#### e. Obedience (Elaine Stoermer, Director)

Elaine reported that this session Rally is being held upstairs and Puppy Obedience is being held downstairs. This allows more space for the puppies to work off lead without disrupting other classes or being distracted by other dogs.

Elaine reported that she is investigating the possibility of purchasing a new set of obedience jumps. Another option is to purchase a new 4" board to add to the current set. She estimates a cost of \$500 for a new set. The UKC Obedience/Rally Trial is scheduled for August 27 & 28, 2011. Dates for rally run thru's will be announced.

#### f. Agility (Maggie Melton)

Maggie reported that she has 96 dogs enrolled in agility classes this session: 48 in upper levels, 34 puppies/beginners, and 14 intermediate/novice. This is about typical for agility registrations.

Maggie requested purchase of two new computers for use by the agility trial secretaries. Past secretaries have used their own laptops but new people are being recruited to learn to be trial secretaries so club equipment is requested. Since she would like to purchase these before the next board meeting, she was instructed to email quotes to the board for a vote.

Maggie would also like to purchase twelve new jumps and several new tunnels which would be used only for trials. She anticipates a cost of \$3,000. Nothing was purchased last year so there are funds available in the agility budget. She is also selling old equipment. Information on the sale/auction should be posted in a few weeks. She asked for guidance on establishing minimum bids on some of the larger items. Cheri suggested talking to Kent Bromagen (Unleashed Agility) and Ron Siwecki. It was suggested that some equipment might be offered as door prizes at the annual banquet. Rick and Gayle commented that they've heard complaints about the size of the new rubberized equipment that was purchased for the building. Maggie responded that they do meet the requirements for indoor trials. It was also noted that the rubberized equipment attracts more exhibitors.

Maggie announced that James Stephenson will be taking over as equipment manager.

Members stressed the importance of promoting the move of the agility trial from Circle G to Springfield. Jennifer noted that Columbus has lost a few trials so we have the opportunity to draw those exhibitors to the Gem City trials. There will be orange fencing at the trial and photos of the facility are available at the website <a href="http://championscenterexpo.com/">http://championscenterexpo.com/</a> and the link for the Center will be on the premium.

#### g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)

Jennifer Scott reported that everything is on schedule for the October trial which will include altered and puppy classes.

#### h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt Givens reported that the four-day June tests were very successful in spite of the extreme heat. Exhibitors came from as far away as West Palm Beach and Tampa. The November tests have been approved. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Dog Tests at Gem City. Once again there will be a turkey fry on Saturday night. Curt noted that he spoke to a resident living near the back gate that has been trying to get rid of the honey suckle trees along the fence line. Since this would be good for the club as well, he suggested Rick reach out to the man to combine efforts cleaning up the fence line which would also be a good public relations move.

#### i. Operations (Rick Roberts)

Rick reported that they had sprayed the pad to kill weeds and fixed the hole in the ring. Curt plans to mow the back section of the property this week. Tami reported that the fence repair man had returned the check we sent him as requested.

#### j Sunshine (Cheri Davis)

Cheri reported that one dog, Pauline Micciche's Bella Bianca, passed this month and a card was sent.

## k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)

Cheri asked to receive feedback from the applications and any other sources on how new members hear about Gem City. Coupons for discounted classes are distributed at events so it would be useful to know how many of those coupons are actually used. Cheri noted that she and Gayle had attended the first annual Furry Fun Fair at Ginghamsburg Church. Their Paws4Hope program sponsored the event. Cheri suggested that Gem City might want to partner with them on their dog food pantry which provides assistance to elderly who have pets.

Cheri suggested that a Public Relations Committee be created to help identify and coordinate our involvement in local events. Members felt that the website, Yahoo group and Facebook page could be used more effectively to publicize these events. Cheri will contact Rusty Cousins for ideas.

 Store (Roberta Rupert) No report.

#### III. Continuing Business

• AKC "Responsible Dog Ownership Day – Sunday, September 11 Lori provided an overview of the plans for the RDOD event next month. Joann Jozwiak to design a flyer for the event for distribution. Curt will cut the back area for parking. Lori will prepare a diagram of the layout of the rings so everyone knows where to set up for demonstrations. There will be a charge for dogs taking the CGC and all owners who have their dogs participate in events (such as agility walk thrus) must sign a waiver. Cheri has contacted a number of vendors who may be interested in coming to the event. Lori will coordinate search for food vendors and publicity.

#### IV. New Business

Elaine Stoermer asked about the policy for reimbursing instructors for attending seminars. Board members recalled there being a 50% reimbursement up to a maximum amount but were unsure of the amount. Members can only receive reimbursement once a year and it must be approved in advance of the seminar.

Maggie Melton reported that there was an incident at the Land following the end of classes on the last Wednesday before the summer break. One of April Johnson-Robbins' dogs was off lead near the gate and went after one of the class members. Mark Garlikov filled out an incident report. April was there to work with her dogs but was not enrolled in a class. This is the third incident with one of April's dogs. It was agreed that Lori Genew, as president, would write a letter to April explaining the rules for using club property and the consequences of another incident involving one of her dogs.

#### V. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29, 2011 at Graeter's Ice Cream in Oakwood.

#### VI. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary

Lori Genaw, President

#### Net Worth as of 08/8/2011

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Account Assets	Total
Bank and Cash Accounts GCDOC 2007 Checking GCDOC 2007 Savings Total Bank and Cash Accounts	<b>21,655.25 44,246.74</b> 65,901.99
Total Assets	65,901.99
Net Worth	65,901.99



Fw: [GemCityDogTraining] Bella Bianca #3183

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 5:14 PM

From: "Cheri Davis" <cheri3866@yahoo.com>
To: "Gayle Ingram" <gaylelou@att.net>

Cheri Davis and the gang Bella, Casey, and Kirby, the labs
Tugger and Kali, the senior duo

---- Forwarded Message ----

From: Pauline Micciche <PaulineMic@msn.com>

**To:** GOBR <GOBR@yahoogroups.com> **Sent:** Fri, August 5, 2011 5:10:03 PM

Subject: [GemCityDogTraining] Bella Bianca #3183

To Every Thing There is a Season . . . At approximately 4:30 this evening Bella Bianca, our gentle, sweet, white Boxer finished her season on this earth. May she play whole and happy at the Rainbow Bridge until we cross it together. As Will Rogers said, "If dogs don't go to heaven, I want to go where they went."

Pauline

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## **2012 TRAINING SCHEDULE**

SESSION 1	JAN 02	THRU	FEB 25, 2012
BREAK	FEB 27	THRU	MAR 03
SESSION 2	MAR 05	THRU	APR 28
SESSION 3	<b>APR 30</b>	THRU	JUN 23
BREAK	<b>JUN 25</b>	THRU	JUL 28
SESSION 4	JUL 30	THRU	SEP 22
SESSION 5	SEP 24	THRU	NOV 17
BREAK	<b>NOV 19</b>	THRU	JAN 05, 2013