

Gem City Dog Obedience Club Membership Meeting September 19, 2011

Location: The GCDOC Building

Date: September 19, 2011, 7:15 p.m.

Board Members:

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

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

Jennifer Scott (absent)
Elaine Stoermer
Tami Woodrow

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Lori Genaw called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Elaine Stoermer moved to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2011 Membership Meeting. It was seconded by Trish Clute and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Tami Woodrow)

Checking	\$23,997.61
Savings	<u>\$44,252.72</u>
Total	\$68,250.33

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

c. Membership (Amy Runyon, chair)

Amy reported that the last date to earn volunteer hours for the current year is September 30, 2011. Members should email their hours to Amy.

- The following member applicants were asked to come forward, introduce themselves and share their interests relating to the club:

Caroline Brannigan	Trisha Harges
Donna Evans	Barb & Jack Evenson
Sheila Snider	Kim Eidenziller

Elaine Stoermer moved to approve membership for all applicants in attendance. Rick Roberts seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous vote. The new members were welcomed to the Club. Amy asked that they meet with her after the meeting.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Lori Genaw reported that the enrollment numbers were down the last Session so she encouraged members to get the word out to their friends and acquaintances.

Kathy Roberts reported that SICSA did not have any of the Club Certificates (half price on first obedience class for rescue dogs). Cheri will check with the Humane

Society to be sure they still have certificates. Many of the rescue organizations place the certificates in their New Dog Packets.

- e. Obedience (Elaine Stoermer, Director)
Elaine invited everyone to come to the AKC Obedience Trial this weekend to see what it is all about. Classes start next week. At this time the obedience classes are full but there are still openings in Rally. She is still in need of assistants and asked anyone interested in volunteering to contact her.
- f. Agility (Maggie Melton)
This report was moved to the end of the reports.
- g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)
Trish Clute reminded members that they do not have to have a show dog to take conformation classes. The class trains you to show your dog. Beginners' classes are offered in October and March. Advanced classes are offered in January and May. Gem City also offers a drop in class at 8:00 on Wednesdays for experienced handlers who want to start a new dog or need ring experience. Cost is \$5.00/class.

Tami Woodrow announced that there will be a UKC Confirmation trial on November 12 & 13, 2011. You can go to the UKC website for rules. There will be an Altered class for dogs who have been spayed/neutered. It is a fun event and she encouraged members to come out and see all the different breeds of dogs that compete.
- h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)
Lori Genaw hoped that people who had attended the Responsible Dog Ownership Days event at The Land on September 11th had stopped by to talk to Curt at their earth dog station. There will be an earth dog trial November 12 & 13, 2011. As in the past, they will be grilling turkeys on Saturday night so anyone who would like to go to the turkey dinner should rsvp to Curt.
- i. Operations (Rick Roberts)
Rick reported that he is hoping to have another clean up day at The Land before winter sets in. He complemented the mowing crew (Sandy Price, Bob Miller, and Dede McElroy) on the great job they did this year. He encouraged members to go out to The Land and do trimming or trim trees along the fence line and reminded them that they do get volunteer hours for doing this. Kathy Roberts noted that they spent a couple thousand dollars this year in fence repair and are working to keep the fence line clear. She asked if anyone had connections with a fire department. The club would like to do a controlled burn of all the tree limbs and brush that has been piled up. The club is also interested in contacting police departments to offer The Land as a K-9 practice area in hopes that their presence on the property will be a deterrent to the people who have been damaging the fences.
- j. Sunshine (Cheri Davis)
Joyce Osborn presented five memorial stones to members who had lost dogs: Stacie Alcorn Parks, Pauline Micciche, Risa Wright, Tami Woodrow, and Patti Jones. Eleanor Woods' stone will be in the next order.
- k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)
Cheri announced that a Public Relations Committee has been form which will meeting quarterly next year right before each Membership Meeting. The next

event coming up is the mvPTa (Miami Valley Pet Therapy Association) 6th Annual Howl-O-Ween Walk On October 15, 2011. The sponsorship fee was raised through a raffle held at a recent agility trial. Canine Cadence performed at the WACO Wag-In in September. The Responsible Dog Ownership Day event on September 11th was a great success. Many club members came out to do demos and had a great time meeting the many visitors to the event. The vendors said they had a good day. Because of its success, the club would like to make this an annual event. Cheri reported that she would like to find a vendor who would be able to put the club logo on polo shirts that club members could wear when representing the club at events. Kathy Roberts suggested that we have the logo digitized so various vendors would be able to produce the same image.

l. Store (Roberta Rupert)

Roberta explained that the store is self serve whenever the door is open and provided an overview of the inventory which includes leashes, collars, treat bags, clickers, and buffalo treats. To purchase, just place money in an envelope and write "STORE", and list the item purchased and amount of money enclosed. Then drop the envelope in the box on the wall outside the store.

f. Agility (Maggie Melton)

Maggie reported that the next AKC agility trial is scheduled for October 8th and 9th at the Champions Center Expo in Clark County. Entries close on September 24th. They still need workers for set up and during the trial. Information will be placed on the Yahoo site. Hope to have workers signed up prior to the event. Kathy Roberts has arranged to have scrolling scores at the trial. Kathy thanked everyone who donated monitors to make this possible.

Registration for Session 5 classes (beginning September 26th) are online. They must be submitted by September 22nd.

Maggie Melton explained the process that will be used for the equipment auction. A list of the items being offered at the auction will be posted on Yahoo and on the website. Bids will open on September 20th and will be accepted until September 30, 2011. The bids will then be released and members will have until 9:00 on October 5th to submit a higher bid if they wish. Bids are to be emailed to Maggie. She announced that the club will not be selling the two retired teeters because they will be used for training. Minimum bids have been set on the A-Frames (\$350) and dog walks (\$450). Maggie noted that she has a maximum bid of \$700 on one of the dog walks from Kandy Robinson. Due to arrangements made with the board, the dog walk is currently on their property but she knows that the dog walk will go to the highest bidder. Everything is being sold "as is" so Maggie encouraged people to go out to the Land and look at the items before they bid. Some tunnels do have holes in them. Two 15' tunnels and two 20' tunnels have been ordered that will only be used for trials. Maggie will send confirmations to everyone who places a bid. It will be helpful if bids are sent via email with the item in the Subject line.

Questions were raised by several club members related to allowing the Robinson's to use the dog walk before it was placed on auction. Members were concerned because the dog walk was being used in a class where they were charging students. There were also concerns about who would pay for repairs should it be damaged. Lori Genaw reported that the Board had heard these concerns and discussed them at a meeting immediately before the Membership Meeting began. The Board will be drafting a policy and a waiver that must be signed before any

GCDOC equipment is loaned out. Cheri Davis added that the Board will be looking into placing asset tags on all equipment so there is a better record of what we have and where it is located. Lori noted that in the past equipment, tables, gates, and other items were regularly loaned to club members for various reasons. The club members have made it clear that this is not a practice they want to see continue. In the future, members will have to follow the policy and assume responsibility for that equipment while in their possession.

i. Nomination Committee (Roberta Rupert)

Roberta presented the nominations for 2012 GCDOC officers and asked for nominations from the floor. She read the requirements for serving as a Board member from the Bylaws which state that nominees must be an active member in good standing and have attended at least two Membership Meetings in the past year. Nancy Beeman moved to close nominations. Rick Roberts seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The following slate of officers are nominated for 2012:

Kathy Roberts, President.
Lori Genaw, Vice President
Gayle Ingram, Secretary
Elaine Stoermer, Treasurer

Krista Anthony, Membership
Carole Lenehan, Registrar
Cheri Davis, At Large
Roberta Rupert, At Large

(Note: Diane Harrison was nominated for an At-large position at the meeting; however, following the meeting it was determined that she did not meet the attendance requirement.)

Roberta noted that At-Large terms are for two years which is why Mary Beam and Curt Givens are not up for reelection this year. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on Friday, November 4th.

III. **Continuing Business**

There was no additional continuing business.

IV. **New Business**

- Lori Genaw announced that it is time to nominate members for the Scottie Meyer Award. This award is given annually to the person who has been promoted the club and dog sportsmanship during the year. The winner is announced at the Membership Banquet in February. Nominations should be sent/mailed to Lori by the end of December.

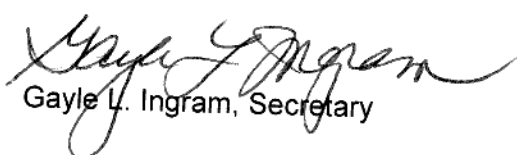
V. **Next Meeting**

The next Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2011, at the building. As is tradition, a carry-in dinner will proceed the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

VI. **Adjournment**

Dede McElroy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mary Beam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Lori Genaw, President

Agenda

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- III. Old Business**

"Responsible Dog Ownership Day" September 11, 2011 – went well. Next year plans...
- IV. New Business**

Scotty Meyer Award
Nominations – Roberta Rupert
- V. Presentation of Memorials**
- VI. Next Meeting**

Monday, November 4, 2011
Bring a dish to share.
- VII. Adjourn**