

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

October 3, 2011

Location: Panera Bread, Brown Street

Date: October 3, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

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

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

Jennifer Scott (absent)
Elaine Stoermer
Tami Woodrow

Other: Ernie Genaw

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Tami Woodrow called the meeting to order. She noted that Mike Kacik had been invited to this meeting to do a demo/training session on the GCDOC website. Unfortunately Mike did not make it to the meeting. Panera Bread was selected as the meeting site because they have wi-fi. *It was learned after the meeting that Mike had the wrong date on his calendar. This training will be rescheduled for January 2012 when the new board members are on board.*

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Curt Givens moved to accept the minutes of the August 29, 2011 board meeting with one minor correction. It was seconded by Elaine Stoermer and passed unanimously. Cheri Davis moved to accept the minutes of the August 29 and September 19, 2011 board meetings. It was seconded by Carole Lenehan and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Tami Woodrow)

Checking	\$21,854.39
Savings	<u>\$44,252.72</u>
Total	\$66,107.11

Tami reported that all bills have been paid. She is expecting an AKC deposit of around \$11,000 from Kathy Roberts for the agility trial on October 8-9. She provided a breakout of the AKC Obedience/Rally Trial held the end of September which netted \$1,773.89. We were fortunate that the two judges did not charge for their services. Amy Runyon moved to accept treasurer's report. It was seconded by Curt Givens and passed unanimously.

c. Membership (Amy Runyon, chair)

Amy reported that the cut off for reporting hours was Friday, September 30th. She plans to have all hours inputted by Saturday when she meets with Krista to show her how to calculate and distribute vouchers. Amy noted that her practice has been that members who did not get their 10 hours in are allowed to go into the next year with a negative balance and remain a member. This is only permitted for one year and cannot be done two consecutive years. The Board approved this practice. She confirmed that only individuals can be voted in as members and then family members added after that. She reported that two members have reached 25 years and will become Lifetime Members: Doug & Patty Scott (family) and Betty

Frank. They will receive plaques and have their names listed in the front of the 2011 membership Directory.

- d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)
Carole reported that registration is not doing well and believes that the local economy is a factor. Day classes are good but a few classes only have 2-3 students. Trish's conformation classes are pretty full. There was discussion on possible strategies to adjust classes to better utilize the building and instructors.
- e. Obedience (Elaine Stoermer, Director)
Elaine had nothing new to report.
- f. Agility (Maggie Melton)
Tam reported that she had processed payment for the two printers and software that were purchased for the AKC trial. This weekend (October 8-9) is the agility trial at the Champion Center in Springfield. This trial will be held "under cover" and the February trial will be held inside. There have been a lot of positive comments about the move to the Champion Center so the board is hopeful that exhibitors are pleased with the location.
- g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)
As noted earlier, Trish's conformation classes are nearly full.
- h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)
Curt reported that they are set for the Earth dog tests on November 12 and 13 and are beginning to get judges for the June tests. They may need to arrange for a trial chair and secretary since Curt will be out of town for a family wedding.
- i. Operations (Rick Roberts)
No report.
- j. Sunshine (Cheri Davis)
Cheri reported that in February of 2010 Joyce Osborn came to the board and asked for clarification of the Sunshine criteria as outlined in the standing rules. At that time, it was proposed that memorial stones only be offered to dogs that had actively trained or competed at the club. The proposed change in the standing rules was never approved by the board, although that has been the Sunshine Committee practice since March of 2010. After discussion it was decided not to amend the standing rules of the club regarding Sunshine. Mary Beam felt that the stones are being offered as condolences to an active member and should be offered for any of their dogs, whether or not the dog that died has trained at Gem City. Carole Lenehan moved that memorial stones be offered to any member in good standing at the loss of their dog, whether or not that dog participated in GCDOC classes or events. Mary Beam seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. It was noted that before a stone is offered, the membership chair should be consulted to confirm that the person is still a member in good standing. This is consistent with how the current standing rules are worded, and makes it clearer for the Sunshine chair.
- k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)
Cheri reported that she will be ordering new club pens. She also noted that the club will be represented at the mvPTa (Miami Valley Pet Therapy Association) 6th Annual Howl-O-Ween Walk On October 15, 2011. Elaine will be doing a rally demo.

I. Store (Roberta Rupert)

Roberta had nothing new to report. A board member informed her that the purple key to the storeroom is missing. Because this has happened before, there was a suggestion that the storeroom key be hooked to a key ring that is too large to put into a pocket.

III. **Continuing Business**

• **Nomination Committee**

Roberta Ruppert reported that she had received letters from the following candidates for director seats:

Agility Director – Maggie Melton and Mark Anthony

Obedience Director – Ronalee McKnight

Roberta has received an email from Jennifer Scott indicating her plans to apply for Conformation Director but she has not yet submitted a formal letter.

IV. **New Business**

- Repair of the Red Door at the building. John and Sigalia Cannon obtained two estimates for repair to the front door of the building and have recommended taking the higher of the two because of the superior quality of the welded frame. Because of the heavy use of this entrance door, Cheri Davis moved to authorize repairs using the higher of the two estimates (approximately \$1,100). Curt Givens seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Lori Genaw will notify John and Sigalia.
- Policy for use of Club property. The board reviewed a form drafted by Gayle Ingram to be submitted by club members who would like to borrow property from the club. The form requires them to identify what is being borrowed, where it will be housed, what length of time, and has them agree to repair/replace the property if it is damaged. Several suggestions were made regarding the items that should be excluded such as agility and obedience equipment, as well as tractors and lawn & garden equipment at The Land. Gayle will revise the form and email it to everyone for their review. The form should be shared with the club at the Membership Meeting and formally approved by the board at their December meeting.

The board approved a request from John and Sigalia Cannon to use four tables over Thanksgiving.

- Review of Bylaws and Standing Rules. It was agreed that a committee needs to be formed to review and update the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Mary Beam, Cheri Davis, and Gayle Ingram agreed to serve on this committee.

V. **Next Meeting**

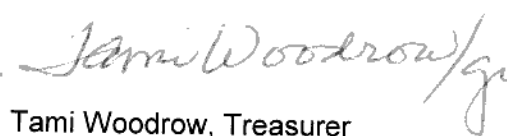
The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2011, at a location to be determined. (No board meeting is scheduled for November.)

VI. **Adjournment**

Mary Beam moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Curt Givens seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Tami Woodrow, Treasurer