

GEM CITY DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 20, 2016

President Deb Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:36PM at Northcutt Place.

President's Report - Deb told the members present that this is a club for all members and anyone who wants to train either in the rings in the front room or the turf in the back room should be welcomed. No member is to tell another member that they cannot train in a specified area of Gem City Dog Obedience Club property. She also asked members who trained at the Valleycrest facility to put away equipment so the mowers can mow without having to put all the equipment away. Deb also had gotten complaints from membership who were upset that Gem City was actually enforcing the club rules.

Secretary's Report – In the absence of Esther Kadash, Tami Woodrow read the minutes from the March 4, 2016 Membership Meeting. Elaine Stoermer motioned to accept the membership meeting minutes as read. Cheri Davis seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer – No Report as Kathy Roberts was absent.

Membership – Anne Tormey was due to be voted on but she didn't come to the meeting. John Clifford and Tay Brewer were presented for lifetime membership. Both have been members for over 25 years and are very worthy of this honor. The secret ballots were passed around and John Clifford and Tay Brewer were unanimously voted into Lifetime membership.

Obedience/Freestyle – Pam Murn thanked all the Obedience Instructors. June 11th and 12th, 2016 is the date for our freestyle competition, "Paws Stompin' Promenade". May 28th, 2016 will be a Rent A Ring "Dance and Go" from 2-4pm at the Northcutt Facility. We need a hospitality chair for our AKC Obedience/Rally trial in September.

Barnhunt/Earthdog – There are still openings for the May Barnhunt. Volunteers are needed for the June 11th and 12th Earthdog Test. There may be a second Earthdog Test there too sponsored by the Buckeye Dachshund Club. Curt will be building Dens on Sunday the 14th of May if weather is good. Krista will be bringing the rats.

Rally – Advanced and Beginner Rally Classes will be held next session on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

Lure Coursing – There were 54 dogs entered in the CAT test.

Agility – No report as Deb Werts was absent.

Old Business – The Banners will cost \$350. Remax and Subaru will donate a banner.

New Business - Opening day at the land will be April 30th, 2016. We need to remind members about cleaning up after their dogs. Someone suggested putting up signs. There were some suggestions about making the front room at Northcutt Place more inviting such as bringing over the photos from Springfield St and painting dogs on the walls.

Marketing – Janet Jones needs members to do demos. Example of marketing opportunities: Dash-N-Splash, King's Island dog day. She needs volunteers to be on a committee.

Sunshine – We need a new sunshine chair.

Cleaning Committee – Needs help since we are cleaning two facilities Please contact Leah Schiller.

There will be a celebration of Karen Pompei's life May 1st at Crossview Christian Church in Waynesville along with a potluck. GCDOC is making a donation to Ohio Lab Rescue in her name and members are urged to do the same.

Carole Lenehan presents a report on a proposal to have a Fido Fall Festival (similar to Responsible Dog Owners Day). We will have demos and invite the public to try different venues. September 10th is the date with September 11th as the rain date. She asked Janet Jones to help Publicize the event. Contact Esther Kadash or more info.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Braggs Followed;

Respectfully submitted by Tami Woodrow (acting Secretary)