

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

January 20, 2014

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: January 20, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Krista Anthony
Deb Arnold
Mary Beam
Nancy Beeman

Curt Givens
Diane Harrison (absent)
Jennifer Looper
Ronalee McKnight

Pam Murn
Karen Pompei
Kathy Roberts
Elaine Stoermer
Barb Swigart

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kathy welcomed the group and called the meeting to order.

II. Reports

a. **Secretary (Barb Swigart)**

Curt Givens moved to accept the minutes of the November 13th board meeting.

Nancy Beeman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

b. **Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)**

Checking	\$40,821.86
Savings	<u>\$ 4,397.73</u>
Total	\$45,219.59

Elaine stated that since she had submitted her treasurer's report, she had sent some additional checks which leave a balance of approximately \$40,000.

III. Business Needing Attention

a) **Treasurer Report/Austerity Issues**

Elaine gave a report on the various bills for which the Club is responsible. Discussion followed on what austerity measures can be taken to help the cash flow/budget problem. Looking into a new phone system, forgo the winter mowers maintenance with Koenig, Rick will change oil and go over motors. This expense is ordinarily nearly \$2,000 each winter. Not printing membership booklets were a few items also discussed.

Additional discussion regarding what should be considered Sunshine items and what should be sent and to whom. Mary Beam made a motion to "Modify the Standing Rules for Sunshine, limiting Sunshine for illness, death, births to a card from the Club, reserving flowers for death of spouse or active member." Motion seconded by Curt Givens and passed unanimously. An amended copy of the standing rules will be provided at the next meeting.

b) Lease Update and Next Steps

Kathy distributed an e-mail from Mark Dlott, of Cassidy Turley with an update on the listing in Loopnet. Steps in the marketing campaign are targeted mailers of their flyers, postcard mailers and “marketvolts”. Jennifer Looper offered to help or coordinate showing times. Kathy stated that in March when Mike Weprin (Landlord) returns talks will be initiated as to the plans being made to evacuate the lease should a new subletter not be in place. She also said that “we are doing all we can to be flexible and then being informed. Discussion regarding possible next steps to be taken as circumstances become available.

c) Northcutt Update and Next Steps

Deb Arnold reported that everything is “moving right along.” The heating is almost completed, painting is being done, 90% of the insulation work is also completed, there is a lead on some lights, and the water tax problems have been taken care of. Curt stated that it would be advisable to move the wiring for the alarm system so there would be no problem with the wiring getting caught and torn down. He volunteered to do the work for the Club.

d) Agility Leadership Plans

Diane Harrison is stepping down as of January 31. Deb Werts has expressed an interest in the position but not until after the school year, when she will retire. Until that time, a group of members will keep the program moving along. Jean Stuckey is interested in taking care of the equipment. Mary Beam, April Johnson-Mozettingel and Joann Jozwiak will handle weekly courses. Ann Marie Schueler. Deb Arnold, Deb Wertz and Maggie Melton will work with the Instructors. A meeting will be scheduled to set everything up. A good trial is coming up. We are full Saturday and Sunday. Maggie Melton is the Trial Chair.

e) Banquet Update

Ronalee reported she currently has 84 registrations and had planned for 95. The \$16.00 covers the cost of the food, but does not cover the rental equipment. There was discussion regarding medals, costs, asking people to clear their own tables and putting their chairs away.

f) Communications

Kathy would like to schedule a meeting at the new building with any of the members who would like to see it. The possibility of having the meeting right after the banquet clean up on Sunday, Feb. 2 was discussed.

g) Barn Hunt/Nosework Fun Day Planning

Curt reported that advertising has gone out; Mary has contacted several clubs and organizations. Curt is planning on putting some posters in various stores and pet shops. Curt would like to hold the first trial sometime in May. Further discussion regarding ribbons, building commitment, flooring, etc.

- h) Forming Technology Resource Committee
After explaining that there are so many technological resources available, Kathy said it would be advantageous to have a committee to explore some areas that could benefit the Club. Krista is exploring various avenues at this time regarding the membership hours reporting and Curt mentioned “meet up” applications. Kathy stated that if 10 people would like to “play” around with this technology and volunteer, they could be the “test group” as the committee. It was also discussed that not everyone is a technology guru so care must be taken to make sure that everyone could have access to the apps, etc. Curt Givens will chair the committee and keep the project moving forward. This committee, along with Karen Pompei as head registrar will investigate alternative phone and voice mail options for the club.

IV. Ongoing Business Reports

- c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)
Krista reported that 29 members are still in arrears with their dues. She distributed an updated list of those still owing.
- d. Registrar (Karen Pompei)
Karen stated she had only a partial report as she has only heard from a couple of Registrars. There was discussion regarding scheduling of session 3 (May 19-July 11) and session 4 (Aug. 1-Sept. 22) and if something could be scheduled for the three weeks between sessions (July 14-Aug. 1).
- e. Obedience (Pam Murn)
Pam expressed concern about cancelling classes and what to do about making them up. Discussion followed.
- f. Agility (Diane Harrison) No Report
- g. Conformation (Nancy Beeman)
Nancy reported that there was nothing to report until information from CCC is received. As there is no one willing to take the Wednesday evening Conformation Run Throughs, it should be removed from the website.
- h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)
Curt stated that some judges have been hired for the June event. He also stated that the dens are still in need of work. Part of the money from the trial on March 22nd will be used as a fundraiser for that purpose.
- i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)
Kathy reported that the grills had been left outside at the land and asked especially Board Members if they are out at the land, then to please put stuff away.
- j. Sunshine (Karen Pompei/Joyce Osborn)

Joyce Osborn submitted a written report outlining the Committee actions. Forty cards have been sent, 17 Pet Memorial Stones have been offered, 11 flowers sent and two donations were made. She requested that she be notified when someone is suffering an illness, family death or loss of a pet.

- k. Publicity/Public Relations (Karen Pompei)
No Report

- l. Store (Ronalee McKnight)
No Report

III. Continuing Business

Old Business Status Reports
No Activity.

Website, Social Networking and List Guidelines –

Rental Agreements –.

Membership Protocol and Vouchers-

IV. New Business

None

V. Next Meeting

Monday, February 3, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mary Beam made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Elaine Stoermer. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Swigart, Secretary

Kathy Roberts, President