

Gem City Dog Obedience Club Board Meeting February 4, 2013

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: February 4, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Krista Anthony
Deb Arnold
Mary Beam
Nancy Beeman
Curt Givens

Diane Harrison
Gayle Ingram
Carole Lenehan
Ronalee McKnight
Pam Murn

Karen Pompei (absent)
Kathy Roberts
Elaine Stoermer

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kathy Roberts called the meeting to order.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Curt Givens moved to accept the minutes of the January 7 and January 22, 2013 board meetings. It was seconded by Elaine Stoermer and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$ 48,999.51
Savings	<u>\$ 44,346.98</u>
Total	\$ 93,346.49

Elaine distributed a detailed breakdown of the expenses and revenues and discussed several specific items. She noted that income from the banquet has not yet been deposited.

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

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista distributed a list of the applicants that can be voted on at the February Membership Meeting. The 2013 Membership Directory should be ready to distribute at the Membership Meeting. She noted that she is still receiving some dues payments.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole distributed a summary of the Session 1 registrations. We have a total of 258 dogs registered in obedience (125), rally/freestyle (38), and agility (95) with a total income of \$7,992.50.

Kathy Roberts has received an inquiry from someone wishing to teach a frisbee class at the building during the cold weather. Kathy Roberts agreed to show her the building and determine whether there is a time available and whether the building would be appropriate for such training.

e. Obedience (Pam Murn)

Pam reported that Lori has offered to teach two rally classes on Thursday mornings. Connie Martin would like to teach a class in Freestyle or Pet Therapy. Pam has told Connie that she would prefer her to teach a Star Puppy Class on Thursday mornings. The puppy class will be held in the basement since other classes are in the building at that time. Miami Valley Pet Therapy would like to teach a class at the building which prepares students for the therapy dog test. Before moving forward with this, Pam has asked for a syllabus of the class. She anticipates this class beginning in the Fall.

As a result of comments Ronalee heard during the banquet, she suggested that we have Club Ambassadors available on the first day of class each session to guide students to their proper location and provide guidance related to "student etiquette". The ambassadors would not have dogs with them so they can help students with things such as how to handle their dogs around other students and where to enter and exit the building. While many instructors cover some of this information at the first class, it would be good to have people greeting them before class begins. Roberta Ruppert and Cindy Alles often meet students on the dock but it would be helpful to have others inside the building on the first night. It was suggested that Board members could take on this role.

Pam requested that the Club purchase a laptop for use at AKC obedience trials and freestyle events. The software license states that it can only be loaded on one machine so it is not good to place it on someone's personal laptop. Kathy Roberts noted that the laptop purchased last year for agility trials cost around \$380. Deb Arnold moved to approve purchase of a laptop for use at obedience trials at a cost not to exceed \$500. Carole Lenehan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

It was noted that there had been posts on the Yahoo list related to conflict between daytime beginner obedience students needing to use the agility room for about 15 minutes because of the large number of students. Issues such as this should be directed to the Directors to resolve. Diane Harrison reported that she has sent out a notice that the agility back room will be closed to practice from 10:00 to 10:30 on Thursday mornings so the obedience students can use that room.

f. Agility (Diane Harrison)

Diane reported that the February AKC trial is coming up on the 23rd through the 25th. Mark Anthony has made more weave poles. New screws have been purchased, as well as new tool boxes for each ring and shrink wrap to make moving items easier. She would like to purchase a new hammer drill so we can quit borrowing a member's drill. It was decided that until the trial committee decides exactly what type of drill it wants, the club will continue to borrow Rick Robert's drill.

Diane reported that she has a committee that is working on class development. They are developing criteria for each class. This information will be available for instructors once completed.

She announced that a Stretching & Warm up Seminar will be held on April 26th from 7:00 – 9:00. This is a class to train handlers to warm up their bodies to prevent injuries. The class will be free. Anyone signing up should bring their own mat. Krista Anthony moved to approve payment of \$100 to the instructor of the seminar. Deb Arnold seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- g. Conformation (Nancy Beeman)
No report.

- h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that there will be a three day test in June (Friday thru Sunday) if they are able to get judges. He will submit the application as soon as the judges are confirmed.

There has been some interest in coursing agility. It would cost \$1,500 - \$2,000 for equipment but it might be possible to rent equipment from a club that has it. It is essentially a lure course. There would be two courses: one is 600 yards, the other is 1,200 yards. The issues to consider are the cost of equipment and determining if there is adequate space at the Land for both courses. This idea will be put on hold for until a later date.

Curt explained that there is a lot of interest in holding Barn Hunts at Gem City. Any dog with prey drive that can go through an 18" hole made out of straw or hay bales can compete. The equipment needed would be 30 - 40 bales of straw (or hay) and rat coups. We have six potential judges at the club. He is investigating the possibility of holding a judges workshop in late summer. Curt explained that in the lowest class of Barn Hunt there would be three tubes - one would contain a rat and the other two would be empty. In the higher classes there would be more tubes and more rats. Curt stated that AKC has agreed to recognize Barn Hunt titles. Board members agreed that Curt should continue to move forward on bringing this to Gem City.

- i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

Kathy reported that it was necessary to purchase a new motor for the furnace prior to the January trial. Deb Arnold is investigating to confirm that we have the proper filters for the furnace.

Deb Arnold reported on her research on improvements to the Land. She has obtained several quotes and has found the best prices are with a well established, reputable contractor who has been in business for 20 years. She knows him and he has done work for her in the past. He has been talking with the City of Dayton related to permits and approvals.

The first phase of the improvements would be the installation of plumbing. The City recommended bringing water in from the back of the property at \$100/foot. In lieu of that, we have obtained permission to install a septic system with a special drainage system. The total cost of \$35,000 would include four toilets (handicapped accessible), two drinking fountains, and a sink. These would be installed in the first building inside the gate. It was noted that we currently pay around \$350/month for the porta potties at the Land.

She has also talked to him about building a pavilion on the property where the ring is currently located. The City has agreed this could be done without holding public hearings related to the improvement. The pavilion could later be enclosed. A parking lot would be required but it could begin as a gravel lot. The contractor has agreed to act as our investor.

The board was reminded that the lease on our current building on Springfield Street is up in September 2016. The club has been there for 26 years. There have been issues lately related to the parking lot and there is no guarantee that we will be offered a lease renewal.

Deb had obtained a quote of \$28,500 for spray on insulation for the back agility room which was too high to consider.

Deb was asked to continue working with the contractor. The board requested that she obtain something in writing from the City that they would approve the proposed improvements as well as written quotes from the contractor on each phase of the proposed construction.

- j. Sunshine (Karen Pompei/Joyce Osborn)
No report.
- k. Publicity/Public Relations (Karen Pompei)
No report.
- l. Store (Ronalee McKnight)
No report.

III. Continuing Business

A Dog a Fair Awards Banquet. Everyone felt the banquet was a great success. Ronalee McKnight distributed a summary of the banquet expenses and the results of the banquet surveys that were returned (19). The food cost per person for this year was \$15.32 per person (a reduction from the \$17.56 per person last year). Members were charged \$16.00 per person. The survey and comments to board members indicated that people were pleased with the food except for the fact that they ran out of side dishes before everyone was served. The current members of the Banquet Committee have agreed to serve again next year and have come up with some ideas for next year's banquet.

IV. New Business

There was no new business to report.

V. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013, at the building.

There is a Membership Meeting on February 18, 2013.

VI. Adjournment

Curt Givens moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Ronalee McKnight seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Kathy Roberts, President