

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

March 4, 2013

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: March 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
Kathy Roberts
Elaine Stoermer

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kathy Roberts called the meeting to order.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Nancy Beeman moved to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2013 board meetings. It was seconded by Mary Beam and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$ 68,811.00
Savings	<u>\$ 44,346.98</u>
Total	\$113,158.83

Elaine distributed a detailed breakdown of the expenses and revenues and discussed several specific items including the February AKC agility trial. The numbers above include deposits from the AKC trial but not the expenses. She reported that the cleaning crew had purchased two new industrial strength vacuums from Sam's.

Mary Beam moved to accept treasurer's report. It was seconded by Karen Pompei and passed unanimously.

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista distributed the list of March 2013 applicants. Four members have their required volunteer hours and are therefore eligible to be voted on at the next Membership Meeting.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole reported that she has 39 dogs registered for Session 2. There is still one week before classes begin so she anticipates more registrations to arrive.

Carol reported that we will be renting the facility to the Mason Dixon group for a conformation/rally show in May and a conformation show in August.

e. Obedience (Pam Murn)

Pam reported that the flyer for the Bridget Carlsen Competition Obedience Training Seminar in September is completed. There will be room for 20 working slots and

she's already received interest in three. Pam plans to distribute the flyer the first of March and accept members only until March 15th when slots will be opened for the general public.

Two incident reports had been shared with the Board this month. The first incident on 2/7/13 was during an obedience class. The second on 2/28/13 was during a conformation class.

Pam reported that six people have signed up so far for her Clicker class which will be held on Monday's next Session.

Several people volunteered to serve as Club Ambassador's the first week of Session 2 classes. Their function is to be available on the first day of class each session to guide students to their proper location and provide guidance related to "student etiquette".

f. Agility (Diane Harrison)

Kathy Roberts reported that an incident occurred at the February AKC trial at the Champion Center in Springfield. A dog being held nipped a person walking by. The bite did not break the skin and the person did not mention it to the dog's handler. A complaint was made to the trial chair. The trial committee reviewed the details of the complaint and reported the incident to AKC. The handler was sent a letter to be more aware of her dogs and ask for help from other members when she needs to run multiple dogs in quick succession. The Gem City board felt the trial committee did their due diligence and no additional action was needed.

Diane Harrison reported on several items:

- Agility course of Study 2013. The Course Development Committee developed a structure which outlines the specific skills and behaviors that should be covered in each of the following classes: Foundation for Agility, Intro to Beginners, Beginners 1, Beginner 2 – 3, Intermediate and Novice classes. The committee felt that dogs were being moved forward too quickly and weren't focusing enough on foundation skills. This document can be used as a guide so that class content is consistent.
- Drop in classes. Diane posted an email on several Yahoo lists listing the number of spaces available in each class for drop in participation. Anyone wishing to attend must notify the instructor at least 24 hours prior to the class. Payment must be made at the class. Drop ins will not be allowed for Foundation or Beginner 1, 2, or 3 classes.
Curt Given moved to approve the Drop In Class procedure. It was seconded by Krista Anthony and passed unanimously.
- Diane requested that the Agility Committee recommends that instructors who spend more than their allotted class time be allowed to receive additional volunteer hours. Some instructors must spend time prior to, or following, their classes to set up equipment. The board agreed by consensus that those instructors should notify the Membership Chair (Krista Anthony) of the additional hours.
- Break away tire. As most board members were aware, the AKC Board of Directors has approved the regulation allowing the use of a break away tire for AKC agility trials. Because there has been so much discussion about the tire design requirements, Diane has decided to wait to purchase a break away tire for the Club until closer to the October 6th AKC trial. The board agreed with her decision.

- Diane reported that she needs to purchase four more tunnels (two 20' and two 15'). All of the old tunnels were sold at auction. Her intention is to purchase new tunnels for the building and take the tunnels from the building, which are somewhat worn, to the Land. She estimates the cost to be around \$500. The board agreed that this purchase was within her authority as Agility Director.
- The Course Development Committee would like to post a flow chart in the back agility room that breaks down the progression of agility training. This would be much like the obedience flow chart that is posted in the club entrance. The board agreed to this and suggested that handouts also be produced.
- The Course Development Committee also recommends that a magnetic / dry erase board be hung in the back agility room. The layout of the room would be on the board and the weekly course design laid out.
- AKC Trial. Diane requested a breakdown of the expenses of the AKC trial so she can identify areas where we could cut down costs in the future. This trial the moving expenses was reduced due to good organization and planning. There may be other areas where reductions can be found. She reported that she heard no complaints related to the 4 foot bars and there were some complements. The bar carts worked very well. Ron Siwecki is ordering a drill and batteries so we won't need to borrow one at future trials. In order to keep it safe, whoever transports the timers will also transport the drill.
 - Questions related to the number of worker hours can be claimed. Some people (e.g., committee members) are on call for the entire trial and should be allowed to claim the full time they are there. The board agreed by consensus. There will be a debriefing meeting for the trial committee.
 - A number of people stepped up to work at this trial in leadership positions and as ring workers. The committee distributed coupons worth \$3 off runs and \$3 off lunch which were well received. The board approved giving Erika Behnke an additional \$150 gift card for her extra efforts.
- Kathy Roberts requested that the chart in the Standing Rules designating the number of Blue Ribbon vouchers distributed to volunteers who assume leadership roles be modified to say that for off-site trials, the person who coordinates the movers and the person in charge of transporting/monitoring the timers and drills should receive 1 Blue Ribbon voucher for the weekend. The Board approved this change by consensus.
- Diane reported that she has received a request to borrow our timers for the CPE Nationals in June. The Ohio host group would replace them if they were damaged. The board members noted that Gem City's policy is not to rent equipment off of Gem City property. By consensus, the board decided not to loan the equipment.

g. Conformation (Nancy Beeman)
No report.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that he is working on hiring a couple from Tennessee he's never contracted with before to judge an upcoming Earthdog event. They are asking for a number of things and Curt asked if he could get copies of basic judge agreements from the other venues. He currently offers lodging, meals (\$25/day per diem), \$1/dog entered, and gas reimbursement. Elaine Stoermer and Mary Beam have contracts they can share with him. The Buckeye Dachshund Club will hold its Earthdog tests on May 11-12, the same weekend as the GOASC agility trial. The Gem City Earthdog tests will be June 7-9.

Curt reported that details surrounding Barnhunt events are constantly changing. The final revision of the rules have not yet been released. There was a judges workshop in February. He is considering doing one Barnhunt event here just for fun before deciding whether to do an official AKC event. Dogs must be registered for Barnhunt to compete.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

- Kathy Roberts reported that the cleaning crew has suggested that the club purchase two "pick up" stations for outside the building. They look professional and the trash cans are secure. If they work out well more could be purchased for the Land. The board agreed to the purchase.
- Kathy also reported that during trials at the Land, the full size trash cans are filled to capacity with poop, food, and other trash. These are very difficult, and unpleasant, to empty. It was suggested that smaller trash cans be purchased for disposal of poop bags only. The board agreed to the purchase.
- Deb Arnold reported that a pole at the Land was damaged. It appears that someone may have hit it with a car and snagged the wires creating a very unsafe situation. She has done temporary repairs to make it safe and make the lights work; however, she will do permanent repairs at a later time.
- Gayle Ingram reported that two sections of fence at the front corner of the ring at the Land has been damaged. Kathy will arrange for someone to look at it and see what can be done to repair.

j. Sunshine (Karen Pompei/Joyce Osborn)

Due to bad weather starting, this item was postponed until next month. Karen did submit a written summary of distributions.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Karen Pompei)

Due to bad weather starting, this item was postponed until next month.

l. Store (Ronalee McKnight)

Due to bad weather starting, this item was postponed until next month.

III. **Continuing Business**

Deb Arnold provided an update on her activities related to improvements at the Land. She met with staff from the City of Dayton. The Development Manager informed her that Gem City has never taken out a permit for our Sunday events. He believes that according to the Dayton Ohio Zoning Code we should be obtaining permits for trials. They are very interested in presenting other properties in Dayton that might be suitable for use by Gem City rather than building at the Land. Deb will continue working with them and in the meantime, board members will review the Zoning Code and share with others to determine if it actually applies to the Club events.

V. **New Business**

No new business to report.

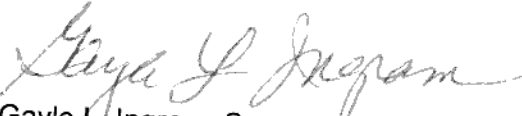
V. **Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2013, at the building.

VI. Adjournment

Elaine Stoermer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Carole Lenehan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Kathy Roberts, President