

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

April 1, 2013

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: April 1, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Krista Anthony
Deb Arnold
Mary Beam (absent)
Nancy Beeman
Curt Givens (absent)

Diane Harrison (absent)
Gayle Ingram
Carole Lenehan
Ronalee McKnight (absent)
Pam Murn

Karen Pompei
Kathy Roberts (absent)
Elaine Stoermer

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Deb Arnold called the meeting to order.

Kathy Roberts was unable to attend, but had emailed the members stating that the next Membership Meeting is scheduled for April 22nd. Since there is not time to produce an edition of the Crateline Kathy suggested sending out a flyer about the meeting and whatever events we have coming up. A full edition of the Crateline could go out right after the membership meeting with articles and perhaps the registration forms for classes. The Crateline could also be distributed at booths this summer. Since they are distributed online the cost is not very significant to do both. Cheri Davis will prepare the 2 page flyer. The board agreed to this by consensus.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Krista Anthony moved to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2013 board meetings after moving one paragraph from Obedience to Agility as requested by Pam Murn. It was seconded by Nancy Beeman and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$ 63,242.55
Savings	<u>\$ 44,357.34</u>
Total	\$107,599.89

Elaine distributed a detailed breakdown of the expenses and revenues and discussed several specific items. There has not been much revenue from the new agility drop-in policy; however, the new agility league brought in \$851. The expense for shoveling snow was less this year since it was only necessary twice this winter.

Pam Murn moved to accept treasurer's report. It was seconded by Nancy Beeman and passed unanimously.

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista reported that she will email members the list of applicants. Three members are eligible to be voted on at the April Membership Meeting. The Club Directories will be distributed at the Membership Meeting.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole distributed the summary report for Session 2. There are 245 dogs registered which is slightly lower than Session 1. There are fifty puppies taking classes this Session which will hopefully follow through with Beginner classes next session. Agility registrations are down from 95 to 87 this session.

e. Obedience (Pam Murn)

Pam reported that the incident she had emailed members about where an applicant member broke his arm trying to control his dog has been closed. The dog was removed from the class and the handler will receive a refund of his class fee. Pam sent him a letter recommending that he seek guidance in modifying his behavior from a Certified Animal Behaviorist or a professional specializing in treating and remediating dog on dog aggression.

She submitted another Incident Report from a February 28th conformation class where a student fell and cut her face and injured her shoulder. Ice was applied and 9-1-1 was called. No further action is anticipated.

There is a Freestyle event this weekend and Pam asked permission to distribute vouchers. She was informed that permission was not needed because the earthdog and freestyle programs have been given authority to distribute vouchers as they see appropriate. Pam stated that they don't expect to make money on this first Freestyle event but are hoping to break even.

f. Agility (Diane Harrison)

No report.

g. Conformation (Nancy Beeman)

No report.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

No report.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

Kathy Roberts had submitted the following report via email:

- Ramp flooring. Jennifer Looper and her folks are trying to work us in. Jennifer and Kathy think it would be best to glue the flooring down on the ramp. Jennifer will contact Dandy Flooring to discuss what materials and conditions will work best.
- "No Parking" signs for parking lot. The Club's new neighbors (KOI Auto Parts) do a lot more trucking work during the day and need to keep a path for semis open in the parking lot. They stopped in the other day and asked Lori if we could please ask folks not to park in the path. Kathy Roberts suggests that the Club purchase/make some sort of portable NO PARKING signs and to give to KOI to set out when they are expecting trucks – possibly plastic saw horses with a NO PARKING sign. She felt KOI should have the signs because they know where the semi path needs to be and can put the signs out before students begin to arrive at the building for classes. If the signs are portable enough, they will be more likely to care for them and use them effectively (bring them in at night). Kathy also suggested that whoever speaks with them ask if they could be a little more cognizant of their litter in the parking area. There

has been a lot of KOI Auto parts paperwork lying in the parking lot in the past few months.

Several board members noted that KOI had come into the building requesting people move cars so they could bring their trucks in last week. This disrupted at least three classes. Deb Arnold agreed to talk to KOI to work out a solution. Board members identified several cement filled buckets with sign hangers that can be used to post the signs.

Deb Arnold noted that it is important that we have the correct filters on hand for both the furnace and the A/C unit and replace them often – every week to two weeks – so they function properly and extend the life of our HVAC equipment.

Deb Arnold reported that she had received a message from the planning department at the City of Dayton to follow up on her meeting with them last month. She noted that everything on the list they gave us has been completed. She will respond to his message this week. She will continue to stress to the City that GCDOC is a responsible property owner and continues to make improvements to our property.

j. Sunshine (Karen Pompei/Joyce Osborn)

Karen presented the report on members who received cards, flowers, and donations made to local charities.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Karen Pompei)

Karen announced the dates for a number of events in 2013:

May 18 – Furry Skurry

May 18 – 4H Kids at the Land

May 18 – Day in May

June 8 – SICSA Lift Your Leg 5K Run and Walk for Strays

July 4 – Centerville 4th of July (will determine later if we want to do this again.

It was very hot and stressful for our dogs)

August 17 – Splash & Dash (Xenia)

September 7 – Community Pet Fest (last year in Tipp City)

October 19 – mvPTa Howl-O-Ween Walk

Karen asked that members contact her about requests for other events that come in so she can coordinate.

The board set the date for the 2013 Responsible Dog Ownership Day for Sunday, September 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00. Karen will contact those who participated in the Meet the Breed area last year.

l. Store (Ronalee McKnight)

No report.

III. Continuing Business

There were no Subcommittee reports.

IV. New Business

There was no new business to bring forward.

V. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013, at the building.

The next Membership Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22nd.

VI. Adjournment

Karen Pompei moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Nancy Beeman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Deb Arnold, Vice President