

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

April 2, 2012

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: April 2, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Krista Anthony
Mary Beam
Cheri Davis
Lori Genaw (absent)
Curt Givens

Gayle Ingram
Carole Lenehan
Ronalee McKnight
Maggie Melton

Kathy Roberts
Roberta Rupert
Jennifer Scott
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 February 6, 2012 board meeting. It was seconded by Krista Anthony and passed unanimously.

Gayle Ingram announced that the AKC has requested clubs submit information about their 2012 Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD). The first 500 clubs and organization that confirm event details with them will receive a new and improved resource-filled packet. Gayle distributed a draft write up about our event for approval. Cheri Davis announced that her committee will be meeting soon to discuss the event and determine the timeframe for this year. Gayle was instructed to hold off submitting any information to AKC until the details are finalized.

Gayle Ingram, and several other board members, received an email from AKC related to the Membership Roster. Gayle submitted a roster in December 2011 but they are now requiring it be submitted in Excel format. Gayle will obtain the roster from Krista Anthony and submit it to AKC by their deadline.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$42,897.31
Savings	<u>\$44,291.19</u>
Total	\$87,188.50

Elaine Stoermer reviewed the credit card transactions per the statement on 2/27/12. She confirmed that there are three physical credit cards being used by board members. It was suggested that she investigate having new cards issued with the names of the people who are actually using them. Elaine reported that she has been in contact with AT&T regarding the club's phone book listing.

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

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista reported distributed a current applicant list. Three applicants are ready to be voted on at the next Membership Meeting. The list will be posted in the Crateline

as required by our bylaws. Krista noted that she is investigating several survey software applications that could be used to receive feedback on trials, classes, and other events. She will report back on her findings.

Curt Given moved to accept the Membership Report. It was seconded by Mary Beam and passed unanimously.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole reported that registration for this session is higher than the last session. She reminded everyone of the process for retrieving calls made to the main club phone number. She requests that messages be retrieved at least every three days. Trish Clute takes the "0" calls so she receives the most calls.

Dr. Susan Fife, who held the Canine Conditioning & Core Strengthening Class in February, has asked to attend a Membership Meeting. Carole Lenehan moved to invite her to do a presentation at the June 18th Membership Meeting. Jennifer Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously. It was also agreed that the June Membership Meeting be held at the building instead of having a picnic at the Land as has been customary.

e. Obedience (Ronalee McKnight)

Ronalee reported that the committee has been assembled for the September 22-23 AKC Rally & Obedience trial. They have two judges lined up but need one more. Paperwork is due by the end of the month. She will let Carole know about the need for Thursday classes next Session. Elaine announced that there will be no Open class next session. Pam may do a clicker course next session and it was suggested that we might ask her to do a half-day seminar. There will be no freestyle classes due to the fair.

f. Agility (Maggie Melton)

Maggie reported that the June Trial Committee has been set. The premium will be submitted to Mike Kacik to post by the end of the week. There was a question as to whether Trial Committee members must be members of the Club. Kathy will email our AKC representative to confirm since this issue has been raised in the past.

g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)

Jennifer reported that she is looking for a show chair. She'll put a request in the Crateline and on the Yahoo list. Release forms are now available for Wednesday night confirmation walk throughs. This class is free to members. Jennifer will remind instructors to collect from non-members. It was suggested that we might want to consider offering a punch card to Dayton Kennel Club members who come to the class. They could pre-pay and receive a discount.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that he is planning a Practice/Work Day at the Land on April 7th and April 21st to open the dens and make repairs. The dachshund test is set and he is working on the premium. He was informed that the new ribbons will be ready for his test. He stated that he needed to have them by June 8th. He asked if club members can earn volunteer hours working at the dachshund test. It was decided that members cannot earn hours.

i. Operations (Rick Roberts)

Kathy announced that the Work Day at the Land will be held on Saturday April 28th from 9:00 until 1:00 or 2:00 with a rain date of April 29th. She will be hanging posters around the club. It will also be announced at the Membership Meeting. She stated that she has received some questions related to the type of fertilizer being used on the ring. The vendor doing the applications is open to alternatives and could go all organic (at a significant price increase). She posted to the Yahoo list that anyone interested in working with him contact her.

She noted that she has been receiving complements on the floor in the back room. The cleaning worked and there was no slipping reported at the agility trial. People are still using the paw wax so it is likely that the problem will reoccur. Maggie was asked to address this with instructors so class members can be informed about the problem. There is a product called Firm Grip that keeps dogs from slipping without leaving a residue on the floor.

j. Sunshine (Cheri Davis/Joyce Osborn)

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

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)

Cheri Davis reported on a number of events where GCDOC will be attending and setting up booths including the Healthy Pet Fair, SICSA, Furry Skurry, and Furry Fun Fair at Ginghamburg Church. Spring and summer are very busy and often she has very little time to commit. In the past she has done a number of raffles to pay the fees but she is concerned that we may have been doing too many. She asked the board to consider paying the sponsorship fees. These events provide valuable publicity for our club. Fees can range from free to \$750 depending on the level of the sponsorship (such as inclusion in publications or club name printed on the event shirts). Kathy Roberts suggested holding one major raffle such as the Dyson vacuum raffle we held in the past.

Curt Givens moved that Publicity/Public Relations be provided a budget for 2012 of \$1,500 to be used for all charitable events. Krista Anthony seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The PR Committee was given the authority to determine how the funds are spent.

Cheri announced that she is reaching out to the membership through the Crateliner to adopt a new slogan for the club. It is currently "We train you to train your dog". This is the same slogan as several other local clubs use.

l. Store (Roberta Rupert)

Roberta Rupert announced that the store key is now hooked to a dog collar which will make it harder for people to forget to return to the key rack.

III. Old Business

Lori Genaw has committed to purchasing a projector for the club prior to the Membership Meeting so it will be available to show the Slide Show prepared for the banquet.

IV. New Business

We are coming up to the 20th anniversary of being in the building.

A link to the Furry Skurry website will be added to the GCDOC website. In addition, there will be a raffle set up for several weeks beginning the week of April 30th. The drawling will be held on May 6th.

Requests for charitable contributions should now be delegated to the PR Committee.

V. Next Meeting

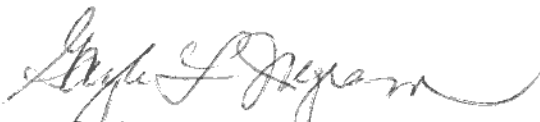
The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2012, at the building.

The next Membership Meeting is April 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Curt Givens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mary Beam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary



Kathy Roberts, President