

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Membership Meeting

April 22, 2013

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: April 22, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members:

Krista Anthony

Deb Arnold

Mary Beam

Nancy Beeman (absent)

Curt Givens

Diane Harrison

Gayle Ingram

Carole Lenehan (absent)

Ronalee McKnight (absent)

Pam Murn (absent)

Karen Pompei

Kathy Roberts

Elaine Stoermer

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kathy Roberts called the meeting to order, thanked everyone for attending and invited them to make themselves ice cream sundaes to enjoy during the meeting. She explained that the regular meeting items would be first and then she would show a PowerPoint presentation about our club. Because the club has grown so much since it began in 1967, there may be some things that members aren't aware of.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Curt Givens moved to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2012 Membership Meeting. It was seconded by Keith Swigart and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$ 65,314.36
Savings	<u>\$ 44,357.34</u>
Total	\$109,671.70

These numbers include the revenue from the AKC trial. Since moving the trial to the new location in Springfield, the trials have brought in more revenue. Due to the efficient handling of moving equipment to the trial site, transport costs have been reduced. There was also revenue from the Freestyle event. Elaine reminded members that they must fill out a reimbursement form with their receipts to be reimbursed for expenses.

Trish Clute moved to accept treasurer's report. It was seconded by Dede McElroy and passed unanimously.

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista distributed the 2013 Membership Directory.

-The following member applicants were asked to come forward, introduce themselves and share their interests relating to the club:

Sherry Priddy

Lisa Drewing

Cindy Wilkins

Angela Profit

Moleeay Cox

There being no objections, all applicants were approved by consensus. The new members were welcomed to the club.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole was unable to attend the meeting so Gayle Ingram presented her report stating that the Thursday morning Rally classes, both Beginner and Advanced, have moved to Tuesday morning for Session 3. Beginner is at 10 AM to 11 AM and Advanced is from 11 AM till noon. The Novice Obedience class will stay at 7:00 PM on Thursday. Beginners may sign up for Freestyle class. We will split the class if we have both beginners and advanced.

e. Obedience (Pam Murn)

Pam was unable to attend so there was no Obedience report.

f. Agility (Diane Harrison)

Diane reported that classes are in session. There are trainings being made available to instructors and the Course Development Committee developed a structure which outlines the specific skills and behaviors that should be covered in each of the agility classes. She reminded members that trials need a lot of volunteers to run smoothly. That includes help for before and after a trial, particularly for those trials held at other locations such as the Springfield Champion Center. Recent purchases include new wheels for the judges and rubberizing the small dog walk. New tunnels will be purchased soon. 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 required deadline. Anyone who notices damaged equipment is asked to contact Diane directly so it can be repaired or replaced. Damaged equipment is a hazard to both humans and our dogs so how it was damaged is less important than repairing the damage. She also asked that anyone with issues or questions related to agility classes or the agility program should contact her direct, not through the Yahoo list.

There will be a work day at the Land this Sunday, April 28th. Members were encouraged to come out to help set up the fences, bring out the agility equipment, and do any needed repairs. Work will begin at 10:00 a.m.

g. Conformation (Nancy Beeman)

Nancy was unable to attend so there was no Conformation report.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that 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. He will be looking for volunteers to assist with the tests. He plans to open the dens this weekend but doesn't anticipate any major issues. He reported that there are no plans yet to hold a Barn Hunt event at Gem City.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

Kathy reported that the roof leak at the building has been repaired. Keith and Barb Swigart have cleared a path around the fence line at the Land so you can let your dogs walk the perimeter. Kathy asked that members notify her if they see any damage to the fence.

Rick Roberts announced that grass cutting season is here and the mowers are back from having routine maintenance. Sandy Price will be doing the cutting schedule this year. Anyone interested in mowing should contact Sandy. Anyone interested in learning to use the mowing equipment should contact Rick for training. Rick reminded those mowing to blow off the mowers after every use to avoid damage.

Deb Arnold reported that someone had hit a pole at the Land and damaged electric lines. This was not reported and someone could have been seriously injured. She has repaired the problem and it is safe now. Deb and Kathy stressed that if something happens at the Land or at the Building where equipment or property is damaged, let a board member know right away. Accidents happen and our main concern is to repair the damage before a person or dog is injured.

j. Sunshine (Joyce Osburn)

Karen Pompei reported that during 2012 sixty-three cards were sent (sympathy, loss of pet, get well, baby congrats, thinking of you), 27 Pet Memorial Stones were offered, 12 flowers were sent, and six various donations were made. Members were asked to let Joyce Osburn or one of the board members know if they are aware of anyone who would appreciate a card or gift from the club. The Sunshine Committee was formed many years ago so that the club could reach out to members who had a loss in their lives or were experiencing illness or other situation in their lives. Members have expressed how much they appreciate receiving cards and/or flowers at the more difficult times in their lives. The memorial stones for the loss of pets are truly appreciated.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Karen Pompei)

Karen Pompei distributed a flyer recruiting members to work at the various events this summer and represent the Club. These are fun activities and a great way to recruit new members. Sign up sheets were passed around. The club's Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD) will be held at the Land on Sunday, September 8th. Members are encouraged to come out and participate in the demonstrations and mingle with other club members. It's a great opportunity to learn more about the many things we do at Gem City.

l. Store (Ronalee McKnight)

Ronalee was unable to attend so there was no report.

III. Continuing Business

Deb Arnold reminded everyone that the Club now has an Agility League. Each time the league meets, it plays one venue (CPE, AKC, etc.). The teams are made up various level dogs and is totally for fun. There is a judge and it is treated like a mock trial which is great practice, particularly for less experienced dogs. This is not to be used like a class but treats can be used sparingly to address issues that occur during trials (e.g., visiting the judge or bar setters). Notices will go out when it's time to sign up for the next League session.

Kathy Combs provided an update on the Club's first Freestyle Event that was held early in April and was a great success. Our members did well and everyone who participated enjoyed themselves. Competitors came in from as far away as Michigan and Indiana. Plans are underway to hold another event next year. She encouraged people to sign up for Freestyle classes. It is a great way to bond with your dog and build on skills that can be used in other dog sports.

IV. New Business

Kathy presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Things you probably already know but maybe forgot you knew!" The presentations reviewed general things about the building, what classes we teach, how to get information to the program directors, the store, the Paws Café, and the bulletin board. Kathy updated the members on the issues

related to the parking lot. Because the new neighbor, KOI has trucks arriving throughout the day, a path for semis needs to be open in the parking lot. No parking signs have been hung which must be obeyed up until 6:00 p.m. on weekdays to allow access to the ramps going to the basement. She discussed class etiquette and how to avoid injuries during, before, or after classes as well as other safety issues related to using the building or the Land. Members were reminded that the building was recently set up with racks for the agility equipment. Equipment must be put away after use. She also reviewed volunteer opportunities and how to earn service, instructor, and Blue Ribbon vouchers.

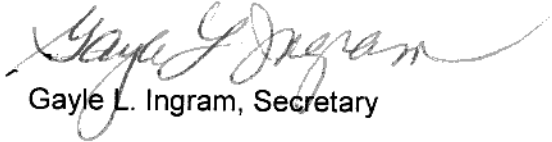
V. Next Meeting

The next Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2013, at the building.

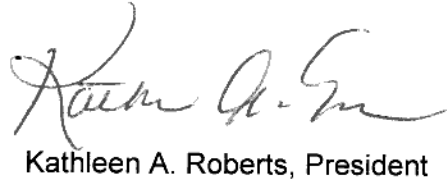
VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Deb Arnold moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Rick Roberts seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary



Kathleen A. Roberts, President