

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

May 6, 2013

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: May 6, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

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

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

Curt Givens moved to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2013 board meetings. It was seconded by Pam Murn and passed unanimously.

Gayle distributed copies of the current Standing Rules which were amended at the March meeting. Diane Harrison requested an additional change to the Blue Ribbon Voucher chart on page 2: Person in charge of transporting/monitoring the timers, drills, *wheels and any other equipment designated by the trial chair*. The change was approved by consensus.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$ 62,777.48
Savings	<u>\$ 44,363.16</u>
Total	\$107,140.64

Elaine distributed a detailed breakdown of the expenses and revenues and discussed several specific items.

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

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista distributed the current applicant list and noted that at least three applicants are ready to be voted on at the next membership meeting.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole reported that there are 33 puppies currently enrolled in Session 3. There are 19 Beginner and 3 Advanced Beginner registered for a total of 55. She anticipates that we will get up to around 100 which is the normal for this Session which is normally lower than other Sessions.

e. Obedience (Pam Murn)

Pam reported that the Freestyle Event made \$264. Since it was such a good success, she will apply to hold another event next year. She expects the second

year to have more revenue. Morene Stickrod sent an email to the board resigning as the Freestyle Director and recommending Kathy Combs as the new Freestyle Director. The board members explained that this is not an official title so the Freestyle program can make changes without board approval. Pam will update the website to indicate Kathy Combs as the contact person for Freestyle. The board suggested that there be a freestyle performance at the next Membership Meeting.

Pam noted that she would like board members to act as ambassadors again the first week of obedience classes. Several people volunteered.

Information about the September Bridget Carlson obedience seminars will be placed on the website. Board members will also help spread the word.

f. Agility (Diane Harrison)

Diane reported that she has ordered four new tunnels for the building. The ones at the building will be moved to the Land. She will be selling the dark tunnels. The Weave a matics are about to ship. She is still waiting on purchasing the breakaway tires until they decide how they are to be calibrated.

An incident report was distributed related to an instructor being bit during the May 2, 2013 agility class. Kathy Roberts will write a letter to the owner of the dog informing her that the dog must be muzzled at all times when on GCDOC property. The dog is never to be off leash unless she is the only dog (one on one instruction). Diane has notified all instructors.

The AKC trial committee will meet next week for the May 31 – June 2 trial at the Champions Center in Springfield. Kathy noted that they do not have a trial secretary for the February trial.

g. Conformation (Nancy Beeman)

No 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 uncovered the dens last weekend. He will send Kathy an email related to reserving hotel rooms for the judges at the Red Roof Inn on Miller Lane.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

Kathy reported on several operations issues:

- The belt on the 0-turn mower kept falling off so it was sent for repair. It will be back in time to mow for the GOASC trial.
- John Cannon has informed the board that the steps to the building need replaced. There was a question as to whether that should be our expense or the expense of the landlord. Kathy will talk to the landlord. John is getting estimates.
- There are two orange cones at the land marking where wires are coming out of the ground. Deb Arnold is investigating to make sure they aren't live. It is possible it is actually wire from when the trees were planted.
- The smoke alarm system in the building needs to be replaced. There are several types of alarms that can be installed. Kathy will ask Sigalia Cannon to develop a list of options and estimates.

- The board will investigate installing defibrillators on Gem City property. Red Cross offers training although the new machines will walk you through how to operate them. The first action should always be to call "9-1-1" before using any life saving techniques.

j. Sunshine (Karen Pompei/Joyce Osborn)

Karen presented the report on members who received cards this month.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Karen Pompei)

Karen reported that Cheri Davis will be chairing the Furry Skurry booth on May 18th. We have been invited to a Pet Expo at the Air Force Base for base personnel. This could be a good way to make them aware of classes at GCDCC.

Carole noted that May 17th is the Mason Dixon Show. This is during the day on a Friday so parking will be an issue. The parking area will need to be marked so there won't be an issue with the neighboring businesses. Kathy Roberts will ask Deb to talk to KOI to request their employees park up front to allow more room for our participants.

l. Store (Ronalee McKnight)

No report.

III. **Old Business/Status Reports**

Nothing to report.

IV. **New Business**

AKC Show Committee Seminar: Kathy distributed information related to holding an AKC Show Committee Seminar. Gem City could host a webinar rather than have members travel to New York. The board authorized Kathy to investigate further into the possibility of a webinar.

V. **Member Requests**

- Jennifer Ison requested white gating for the downstairs puppy class so that she can have a boxed in area to section off little dogs from big dogs during their off lead play time. The board agreed to purchase materials to build more gates. Kathy will locate someone to assemble them.

In addition Ms. Ison requested hanging plastic drapes along the ramp area to keep the bottom cooler during the May/June and August/September sessions. The board decided not to purchase drapes as they did not feel the drapes would accomplish the desired effect.

Ms. Ison also requested purchasing a larger fan to circulate air downstairs. Although fans are noisy and can frighten puppies, Kathy will look into purchasing another fan for the downstairs.

- Trish Clute expressed her concern about the use of flexi lead in the building or walking dogs in and out of the building. She felt they were dangerous if not used properly. The board referred to the Standing Rules which state that *"Dogs should be on lead in the building during training classes, except when doing classroom off-lead work. In agility, dogs should be on lead or under full control when not running a course. "Dogs under control" means that people will keep their dogs close to them and not at the end of a 6' or 4' lead."* The board agreed by consensus that it was inappropriate to designate the type of lead a members uses. It is appropriate to

remind members and instructors about the importance of keeping dogs under control at all times.

Ms. Clute also recommended that Obedience seminars should be reimbursed for any instructor regardless of the venue they teach. The board agreed by consensus that the current policy is appropriate: *An instructor who attends a seminar related to his/her activity (i.e. obedience seminar for obedience instructor) may request either \$50 or up to 25% of the seminar fee (with a maximum of \$250 for a \$1,000 seminar) following the seminar and with proof of attendance. If the member wishes reimbursement, he/she must commit to teach a minimum of two 8-week sessions for the club. Retroactive instruction does not apply. Reimbursement requests must be pre-approved by the director of the activity to be considered and only one reimbursement per year is allowed.* The board agreed that the final decision related to reimbursement should be made by the director.

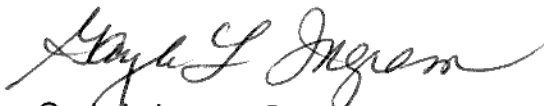
VI. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013, at the building.

VII. Adjournment

Diane Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Nancy Beeman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Kathy Roberts, President