

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

May 7, 2012

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: May 7, 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 (absent)
Jennifer Scott (absent)
Elaine Stoermer

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kathy Roberts called the meeting to order.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Carole Lenehan moved to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2012 board meeting. It was seconded by Mary Beam and passed unanimously.

Gayle reminded everyone that we have not decided on the hours of our September 9th AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD). AKC is asking for confirmations of our 2012 RDOD. Early responses get a box of goodies like we got last year. Cheri reported that Karen Pompei and Terri Jerkes have agreed to co-chair the event this year. Gayle was directed to contact them about the event plans and hours of operation.

Gayle reported that she had emailed AKC the membership roster in the electronic (excel) format they had requested. She has not received confirmation yet. *[Confirmation was received on May 9, 2012.]*

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$ 40,690.79
Savings	<u>\$44,296.82</u>
Total	\$84,987.61

Elaine distributed a detailed breakdown of the expenses and revenues and discussed several specific items. She pointed out that funds from obedience and agility classes have not yet been turned in to her. She reported that she had two returned checks. Maggie was able to get the funds from one and Elaine is working on the other one. She noted that we were charged for the cardboard recycling boxes. It was suggested that we consider having recycling receptacles available at trials at the Land. They would be removed between trials to avoid attracting bugs. Kathy will check with Leah Schiller, housekeeping, to see who empties these bins.

Curt Givens moved to accept treasurer's report. It was seconded by Cheri Davis and passed unanimously.

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista distributed an updated list of applicants. Three members have their required volunteer hours and can be voted on at the next Membership meeting.

Curt Givens moved to accept the Membership Report. It was seconded by Elaine Stoermer and passed unanimously.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole reported that we are one week into Session 3 so she does not have a final list of registrations. To date there are 14 Advanced, 30+ Advanced Beginners, and 30+ Puppies.

Cheri Davis suggested that we invite someone from the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center (ARC) to speak at a Membership Meeting. Members are familiar with SICSA and the Humane Society but are less informed about the ARC. Gayle Ingram will contact Mark Kumpf, ARC Director, and invite him to the September 17th meeting.

e. Obedience (Ronalee McKnight)

Ronalee reported that the information posted on the GCDOC website about obedience is incorrect, particularly the times listed for classes. She was told to contact Terri Jerkes with corrections. She also inquired about where to purchase more toys since she only has 50 left. There is also a need for more club pens. Cheri Davis will order more. Ronalee explained that there may not be as much available open ring time this session. A ring is set up but it is not a full size ring because classes take priority. Canine Cadence has the entire ring once a month. If anyone hears of complaints about availability, let her know. Because she will be in need of some new instructors soon, she is planning to do a training class for instructors. She will also be offering a new class to some puppy and puppy grad students to help better prepare their dogs to go on in obedience or other venues. Those handlers will be members who have prior training with dogs. The board approved not charging for the first class since she will be developing the curriculum. Ronalee inquired as to why rally and agility instructors do not receive more hours due to the extra time they spend setting and clearing courses. Maggie responded that the agility instructors use their students to help them do the courses. They can turn in a request for more hours if needed. Because of the extra time Elaine spends setting up / tearing down for rally by herself, and because she routinely extends her class beyond the published time, the board approved increasing the hours she earns per session from eight to twelve. Elaine reported that the AKC application has been submitted and shows up on their website as application pending. She is working on the premium.

f. Agility (Maggie Melton)

Maggie reported that there will be ice cream cups and non-alcoholic Margaritas sold as a fund raiser at the June AKC trial. Since it is such a relatively small trial, Kathy is considering alternatives to the usual big lunch menu. Perhaps cold sandwiches in the cooler.

Maggie recommended that the pre-requisite for Beginner Agility be changed to read "Dog must have completed the Foundation Course as well as have prior obedience training (excluding puppy classes)." The Standing Rules now state "Dog must have successfully completed Obedience for Agility class or 2 sessions of Gem City Obedience classes. An evaluation may be needed to insure that your dog is ready for agility." Maggie feels that the Foundation Course will determine if

a dog is ready to move on to agility classes. She stated that she does not want to turn people away from Beginning Agility because they have taken obedience classes somewhere else or have trained at home. Ronalee was concerned that people would only go to Puppy and Puppy Grad before moving on to Foundation and the enrollment in the other obedience classes could be impacted. Board members commented on the importance of having a strong "stay" and "recall" before going to agility. It was noted that the Foundation class offers off-leash exercises which other classes do not. It was suggested that criteria needs to be established for determining if a dog is ready to go to agility; perhaps a test at the first class. Maggie will write up her recommendation and bring it to the next Board meeting for consideration.

- g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)
No report.

- h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that he has mowed the field at the Land in preparation for the dachshund tests on May 12 – 13. It starts at 7:30 a.m. with the first runs at 9:00. It is generally finished around 3:00 or 4:00. Several board members have had inquiries about whether we offer earth dog classes. Curt responded that he offered classes once but students only came to one or two classes and quit. He has found it to be more productive to have several work days / practices a year. Anyone who is interested in earth dog should contact him. The GCDOC earth dog test will be held on June 9 – 10.

- i. Operations (Rick Roberts)

Kathy reported on several operations issues:

- Fire inspection: A fire inspection will be this Thursday morning. Arrangements have been made to have someone meet them.
- Parking Lot resurfacing: The owner of the building has recently sold his business. He will continue to own the building so the new business owner will rent from him. He has notified the club that he plans to resurface the parking lot. After looking at the calendar, the board will suggest several possible dates that would not interfere with club activities (May 18-19, May 25-26, or June 1-2).
- Building Lighting: The building owner is also planning to replace all the lights with new LED lights at no charge to us.
- Land items: During the recent Land Work Day the weeds around the Lenehan Building were cut down. This is an area that is difficult to mow so plans are underway to lay plastic and place gravel around the plants in that area. Curt suggested we lay Preen weed control fabric beneath the plastic to kill the weeds first. It was noted that the porta potties were set up incorrectly. We requested 3 in the front by the building and 1 in the back. Arrangements have been made to clean/empty them every two weeks as well as before any scheduled event.
- Building items: Last week the air conditioning wasn't working. The drain has been cleaned which corrected the problem. A window has been installed in the door going to the back agility room.

- j. Sunshine (Cheri Davis/Joyce Osborn)
Cheri presented the report on members who received cards, flowers, and donations made to local charities. She also announced that two GCDOC teams, Karen Rosga and Banjo and Jim Osborne and Suzy, recently completed the mvPTa pet therapy course and testing. Cheri's cat Lily also passed!

- k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)
Cheri announced Marketing Committee members have been revising the Club brochure and Terri Jerkes has done a first draft of the revisions. Karen Pompei and Terri Jerkes have agreed to co-chair the Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD) event on September 9th. They will be sending out "Save the Date" postcards shortly. Karen has suggested that the club participate in Centerville's July 4th parade. She has the application. Although it is summer and would be hot, the parade is in the early morning and we will have a truck. More details will come. We have a booth at the Furry Skurry in May and she will be sending the application in for the SICSA walk in June. Cheri is still accepting suggestions for the new club slogan. We want to focus on fun and having a good relationship with your dogs.

- l. Store (Roberta Rupert)
No report.

III. Continuing Business - none

IV. New Business

Due to some conflicts, it was recommended that the next Membership Meeting be moved from June 18th to June 25th. Carole said that Susan Fife is scheduled to be our guest speaker in June so she will need to contact her to see if she is available on the new date. Carole Lenehan moved to change the Membership Meeting to June 25th. Maggie Melton seconded the motion which passed unanimously. *[Following the meeting, Carole confirmed that Susan Fife is available for June 25th.]* Carole will change the date on the website calendar and it will be announced in the next Crateline.

Kathy reported that she had received a request from a club member to use our new projector. After consulting with the secretary and vice president, it was decided to allow him to use it if they completed the "Use of Property Request" form and submit a deposit of the full value of the projector. He later retracted his request. By consensus, the board members agreed to this procedure for future requests.

V. Next Meeting

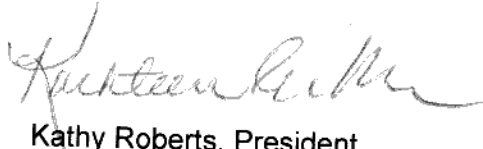
The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2012, at the building.

VI. Adjournment

Curt Givens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Mary Beam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Kathy Roberts, President

	LastName	FirstName	Member Type
#	Bowman	Lona	Applicant
	Davis	Phyllis	Applicant ~
18	Dees	Meredith	Applicant
	Duncan	Elena	Applicant ~
*	Holland	Mary	Applicant
	Joyce	Brian	Applicant
	Long	Mary	Applicant
	McCarthy	Mary	Applicant
	McClellan	Ellen	Applicant
	Rike	Linda	Applicant
	Schlecty	Darlene	Applicant
	Stebbins	Janet	Applicant
	Wise	Carol	Applicant

APRIL 2012 INCOME

Agility Classes (2 nd Session)	\$2,470.00
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Rentals – ICKC	\$ 225.00
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MVSSC rent	190.00
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GOASC- deposit	100.00
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<u>Bank Deposits:</u>		
	4-6-12	\$ 2,820.00
	4-23-12	326.50
	4-28-12	1,412.50

Total:	\$4,559.00
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