

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

June 10, 2013

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: June 10, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Krista Anthony
Deb Arnold
Mary Beam
Nancy Beeman
Curt Givens

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

Karen Pompei (absent)
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 May 6, 2013 board meeting. It was seconded by Pam Murn and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$ 73,839.30
Savings	<u>\$ 44,368.80</u>
Total	\$118,208.10

Elaine distributed a detailed breakdown of the expenses and revenues and a summary of the June 2013 AKC Agility Trial. She noted that she has received receipts from the Earth dog trial and it appears that event will have a slight loss resulting from the added expenses of the judges who had a long distance to travel.

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

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

No report.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole distributed the summary for Session 3. There was a grand total of 219 dogs (102 in obedience, 25 in rally/freestyle, and 92 in agility). Carol Carter has resigned as registrar for Advanced Beginners. Donna Evans will be taking her place. It was noted that 4H kids pay half price class fees.

e. Obedience (Pam Murn)

Pam reported that there are still spots available for the Bridget Carlsen Obedience Seminar on September 28 and 29. Flyers for the seminar are being distributed at other activities and will be posted on the Gem City website.

Pam stated that obedience registrars should accept two over capacity for classes because usually a few dogs drop out. No one requesting classes should be turned away. If spots are not available in a specific class, they should be referred to a

similar class offered at a different time. Pam needs a new Wednesday night beginner instructor for one session. She announced that there will be no freestyle class offered during Session 4.

f. Agility (Diane Harrison)

Kathy Roberts reported that we must get more people to volunteer to work at AKC trials. Members of the Gem City agility classes at the Land helped take down the equipment and prepare it for transport. The club normally makes about \$7,500 profit from each AKC agility trial so they are our best income generator. Exhibitor comments are generally positive following a trial. If we don't have enough workers, it is hard to get the people who do volunteer to help again because they are worked so hard. The next AKC trial is the last weekend in February, 2014. A person has stepped up to be secretary but we need score table workers.

New plastic numbers were purchased from MAX 200 following the CPE Nationals event. These will only be used for trials. Other equipment purchased this month include a wobble board and training teeter for around \$250. Deb Arnold is making some beginner equipment that students can take home between classes to practice.

Several pieces of agility equipment have come up missing from the Land: 1 short pink tunnel and a set of 2x2 weaves. The hope is that they may be at the building or someone didn't realize they weren't allowed to borrow them. Kathy will make an announcement at the Membership Meeting next week about the missing equipment and the policy that states that agility equipment cannot be borrowed. Diane Harrison is considering bringing all equipment into the building at the Land during the summer break.

g. Conformation (Nancy Beeman)

Nancy reported that there will be a conformation show on November 9 & 10 and paperwork for judges has been submitted. There will be a photographer on site during the show taking Christmas card shots. You don't need to be competing at the event to come for photos.

Nancy reported that rally classes are going well although not full. Several class times are being changed. It was noted that smaller classes can make beginner handlers feel more comfortable and encourages them to take future classes.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that the last Earth dog tests did loss a little money. This was the first time in eleven years. There was some competition from other events which kept some of the usual competitors from attending. In addition, the judges came up from Tennessee which meant more expenses for gas, etc. The weather was good and there were some very good runs. He noted that they need to replace some of the dens.

The Border Terrier Club of Ohio has requested to use the facility on June 13, 2016. The last time they used our facility they did both agility and earth dog events the same day. In 2016 they plan to do the earth dog events at our facility and the agility at Queen City.

Curt mentioned that he learned about a program where you can receive significant discounts on hotel rooms. He suggested other trial chairs Google Corporate

Check Inn for details. He was able to reserve rooms for the earth dog judges that were normally \$117 for \$49 a night.

Curt reported that he had mowed the back field last week. He plans to bush hog the field three or four more times. If he can get it low enough, he would like to be able to use the turf mower. By keeping the field mowed shorter, it would reduce weeds and bull thistles. He hopes to smooth out the groundhog holes later this summer.

Deb Arnold reported that she has been getting inquiries about Barn Hunt. Curt responded that we can run an event under Barn Hunt LLC rules and it would likely be a good moneymaker at first. We would need some strong people to haul the hay bales that are needed to set up the course. He feels strongly, however, that we should wait to begin holding events until they stabilize the rules.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

Kathy reported on several operations issues:

- The mower broke down and is being scheduled for repair.
- July 8th the building will be off limits to members while the front steps are being replaced. Kathy will have a key to the lower level if someone must enter.

j. Sunshine (Karen Pompei/Joyce Osborn)

Karen presented the report on members who received cards, flowers, and donations made to local charities. She noted that Jeannette Burger is having both knees replaced very soon.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Karen Pompei)

Karen reviewed a list of upcoming events. She spoke to someone from the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce recently and they are holding a Pet Expo at the Nutter Center in May 2014. They would like agility and dock diving demos. There were several successful events recently: a Pet Expo at the Air Force Base for base personnel, Furry Skurry, and SICSA. She asked that members contact her about requests that come in so she can coordinate.

l. Store (Ronalee McKnight)

Ronalee reported that there are a number of things in the lost and found and asked how long items should be kept. It was suggested that items be set out during the upcoming Membership meeting.

III. Continuing Business

Kathy Roberts reported that there was some confusion related to the voucher policy at the June AKC trial. The committee will review and report back.

Pam Murn stated that vouchers cannot be used for Freestyle entries because 100% of the entry fees go to the organization. Workers will be rewarded in some other way for their work.

The board agreed that it would be a good idea to purchase a portable defibrillator but delayed approval for purchase until pricing can be determined. Crossroads Agility Club agreed to split the cost of the unit.

IV. New Business

Camping requirements. Deb Arnold reported that the evening before the Earth dog tests she was asked not to lock the Land gate when she left because someone was camping and they were expecting someone else to arrive that evening. This situation has also come up during agility trials when people set up camp sites. Deb is concerned about leaving the Land unlocked because occurrence of missing items recently. She feels the property needs to be locked to keep our property secure from damage or theft. There is also a safety issue of having people, particularly non-members, on the property. The property is not zoned as a campground and there is the added possibility of campers dumping. Several members mentioned recent incidents where buildings at the Land were left unlocked.

Several ideas were discussed related to setting up rules for camping. Ideas included providing a key to anyone spending the night so that the gate can be locked. A deposit would be required. Curt mentioned that we could have a Fire Fighter / EMT box mounted outside the gate that would contain a key but only be accessible by emergency personnel.

It was agreed that the agreement campers sign should be amended to include the requirement to lock the property at night and necessity for leaving a deposit to get a key. We will also look into the Fire Fighter /EMT box as an additional safety feature.

Future property needs. Kathy Roberts reported that several board members recently learned that the Hostess Building close to the Land was up for sale. Because of the quick turnaround time necessary to place an offer, they went to see the property, which sits on four acres of land. The building has an air conditioned section and is big enough for trials; however, they did not feel we were in a position to meet the deadline to bid for \$80,000. There was not time to determine the property taxes and other possible expenses. Riverside is anxious to work with us to find other property that would meet our needs. Kathy proposed that she work with Elaine to develop a financial model. She also suggests that we look into getting a 501(C)(3) tax status which would be better than the (C)(4)status we currently hold. A (C)(3) status would give us property tax abatement and we could purchase property below value. Kathy said this is a wakeup call for us to look at our financials and prepare ourselves for purchasing new property if that is what we decide is best for the club. Our agreement for the Springfield Street building expires in 2016. She added that it would be helpful if we had an investor to work with us.

V. Next Meeting

There is no meeting in July. The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2013, at the Fairfield Graeters. It was agreed that members would pay their own bills.

VI. Adjournment

Curt Givens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Krista Anthony seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Kathy Roberts, President