

Gem City Dog Obedience Club Membership Meeting June 17, 2013

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: June 17, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members:

Krista Anthony

Deb Arnold

Mary Beam

Nancy Beeman

Curt Givens (absent)

Diane Harrison

Gayle Ingram

Carole Lenehan (absent)

Ronalee McKnight

Pam Murn (absent)

Karen Pompei

Kathy Roberts

Elaine Stoermer

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kathy Roberts called the meeting to order. She reminded members that there is a form that members can submit if they wish to borrow Club-owned items. Agility/obedience equipment is not eligible to be borrowed. Items such as tables and chairs can be borrowed if it is available by submitting a form to the Board and leaving a deposit equal to the value of the items. If the items are returned in the same condition they were in when they left, the deposit is returned. Kathy mentioned this because several pieces of agility equipment are missing. The board is hoping that someone didn't realize they couldn't borrow it. She asked that the equipment be returned.

Kathy congratulated the many Gem City members who received awards at the CPE Nationals agility trial last weekend and Krista Anthony presented plaques to members who were in attendance. Special congratulations went out to April Johnson-Mozzetti for earning the High in Trial Enthusiast Award.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Nancy Beeman moved to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2013 Membership Meeting. It was seconded by Alicia Heidorn and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

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

Elaine discussed several specific items.

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

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista reported that the Gem City website was hacked twice recently but was up and running again thanks to the hard work of Mike Kacik. Krista has sent him a list of active members with their email addresses so they can access the members section of the site.

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

Rodney Clary	Ron Seiter
Barbara Siler	Tara Martinelli
Ann Marie Schuler	

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

- d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)
No report.

- e. Obedience (Pam Murn)

Elaine Stoermer reported that registrations are being accepted 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. The premium for the September 21-22 Obedience/Rally trial will be posted shortly. She also announced that next Session (beginning in August) the morning rally classes will be held on Wednesday instead of Tuesdays. Beginner and Advanced Beginner classes will be on Thursday morning.

- f. Agility (Diane Harrison)

Diane reported that she has purchased new tunnels for the building as well as wobble and tippy boards. None of this equipment will be allowed outside in the weather. She purchased stand up numbers that were used at Nationals which will only be used at trials. She reported that the Weave-A-Matic (WAM) system has arrived. It will do channel weaves, weave a matics, straight up, and 2 x 2. They will be at the Land but are not to be left outside. When finished using them they should be returned to the building.

The AKC agility trial went well. There is a need for more volunteers at these trials, particularly at the end of the trial to help pack up. Kathy Roberts noted that most the club's revenue comes from AKC trials, rentals, and classes. This revenue allows us to purchase new equipment. Diane noted that we have until September to purchase break-away tires. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, Diane reported that the new pink tunnel is missing. Hopefully someone borrowed it and will return it to the club. Diane asked that members let her know immediately if they notice any damaged equipment so she can get it repaired or replaced so no person or dog gets injured.

This session's classes are nearly completed. There is a break during July. Next session some instructors will be moved around and there will be some new instructors. Kathy noted that there will be some fun practice sessions during the break. Members were told to watch the Yahoo list for more information. Kathy also asked for volunteers to serve on the trial committee for the October AKC agility trial.

- g. Conformation (Nancy Beeman)

Nancy reported that there will be a Conformation show in November.

- h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Kathy Roberts reported that because there were several other events held the same weekend as our last earth dog tests, participation was lower than usual which meant the Club just broke even on the event.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

Kathy reported that the building roof has been repaired. There have been some issues with the mowers at the Land so they have had to be repaired several times so far this year. Jennifer Looper offered use of her zero-turn mower if ours are out of commission when the grass needs mowed. Kathy announced that the building will be closed for training on Monday, July 8th, because the steps leading into the building are being replaced. If someone absolutely must gain access during that time they can call Kathy Roberts to get a key to the lower level door.

j. Sunshine (Joyce Osburn)

Karen Pompei reported that Joyce Osburn has sent cards and flowers to a number of members who have been ill, had surgery, or lost dogs. She reminded members to let her or Joyce know if they hear of someone who should receive a card or flowers from the club. We do not want to miss anyone.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Karen Pompei)

Karen Pompei thanked members who attended several recent events. Cheri Davis and Christina Ludwig represented the Club at the SICSA event, Barbara Kimmell represented us at the WPAFB Pet Expo, and Cheri, Christina and Gayle Ingram manned the booth at the Humane Society's Furry Skurry. Events coming up later this summer are the Splash & Dash in Xenia on August 17th. They have asked for demos in the morning. mvPTa will hold their annual Howl -O-Ween Walk on October 19th. Karen announced that the club would not be participating in the Centerville Fourth of July parade. It was just too hot last year for the dogs (and the people).

Karen announced that the club's Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD) at the Land on Sunday, September 8th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will include a Meet the Breeds area, vendors, and demos from all our venues. Directors were asked to begin organizing their demos.

Kathy Roberts reminded members that the Club has cards and brochures that can be taken to local veterinary offices or pet rescue groups. We offer the first class at member rates for rescue dogs. 4H members also receive discounted class prices. Mary Beam noted that there is a free agility class for kids on Wednesday mornings.

l. Store (Ronalee McKnight)

Ronalee stated that if anyone places an item in the storeroom, they need to put a note on the item explaining why it is there and who it belongs to. Space is limited. She also asked for guidance on how long items should be kept in the Lost & Found.

III. Continuing Business

None to report.

IV. New Business

None to report.

V. Next Meeting

The next Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2013, at the building.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Nancy Beeman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Deb Arnold seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary



Kathleen A. Roberts, President