

Gem City Dog Obedience Club Membership Meeting June 25, 2012

Location: The GCDOC Building

Date: June 25, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members:

Krista Anthony
Mary Beam (absent)
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

Prior to the start of the business meeting Dr. Susan Fife spoke to the members about canine conditioning and core strengthening. She demonstrated a number of exercises members can do with their dogs to prepare them for competition and to avoid injuries. Dr. Fife held a class in February at the building.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kathy Roberts called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked Dr. Fife for her presentation to the members.

Kathy announced that the Workers List for the last AKC trial has been lost. She sent around a sign in sheet for members who volunteered at the trial to list their hours. A link will also be set up on the club website for members to report their hours for that trial.

Stacy Parks announced that she would be placing an order with MONCO Enterprises for "Pets & People" dog treats. Created by people with disabilities, the production of these dog treats creates meaningful work opportunities. Stacy passed around an order form.

Pam Murn announced that the Gems and Stars Freestyle group is holding two events for the weekend of July 21st and 22nd. Saturday Paula Everett will be presenting a "Freestyle (Dancing with your Dog) Workshop. On Sunday, will be "Innovation extravaganza", a Glorified Freestyle Fun Match. She encouraged members to come learn about freestyle. She added that many of the exercises Susan Fife demonstrated can be incorporated into a freestyle routine.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Bob Miller moved to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2012 Membership Meeting. It was seconded by Krista Anthony and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$45,530.11
Savings	<u>\$44,302.45</u>
Total	\$ 89,832.56

Elaine noted that she does not anticipate having any funds come in during July since that is the break between sessions.

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

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista reported that the mid-year report on volunteer hours (through May) will be mailed to members very soon.

Mary Holland, member applicant, was asked to come forward, introduce herself and share her interests relating to the club. By unanimous vote, her membership was approved and she was welcomed to the Club.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole reported that there were 450 students in 2011 in Session 3. This year there were 433 so we are right on track. She noted that enrollment for Session 4 (August and September) are always lower because of vacations and school starting.

e. Obedience (Ronalee McKnight, Director)

Ronalee reported that the obedience classes have remained full. The AKC Obedience & Rally show is September 22-23 and they will be needing workers.

f. Agility (Maggie Melton)

Maggie reported that registration forms for Session 4 will be online shortly. She is currently waiting on confirmation from instructors. She announced that the next AKC Agility Trial will be held at the Champions Center on October 6 – 7. Lori Knowles will be out of town so she is unable to be trial chair for this event. Anyone interested in serving as trial chair should contact Maggie.

g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)

No report.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that the June tests were a success and thanked everyone who came out to volunteer. The Frosty Paws Test will be at the Land on November 3 – 4 and will include the annual turkey fry on Saturday night.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

Kathy reported that the new energy efficient LED lights have been installed. She will be talking to the landlord to see what can be done to increase the light capacity since the new fixtures do not light up the room as well as the old ones.

Kathy thanked John and Sigala Cannon for all the work they put into the building. They recently replaced the lock on the front door. Anyone needing new keys should contact them or Kathy Roberts. They also installed a window in the door going to the back room.

j. Sunshine (Joyce Osburn)

Kathy Roberts presented the report on members who received cards and flowers and donations made to local charities to the secretary to be included in the minutes. A number of memorial stones have been offered or are on order.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)

Cheri reported that the club had booths at the Furry Skurry and SICSA Walk for Strays/5K. She has been in contact with the Greater Dayton Pet Pages, a local Pet Resource Directory, so Gem City will be included in the next publishing of Pet Pages.

Karen Pompei announced that Gem City will be walking in the 4th of July parade in Centerville this year. She is looking for two pickup trucks to use for people or dogs who cannot walk the .8 mile route. She plans to have a banner on the trucks and stop along the route to have dogs do weaves and play in hula hoops. The parade begins at 10:00 but members are to arrive by 9:00 behind the high school. We are group #99. Anyone with a truck or more questions, should talk to Karen after the meeting.

- I. Store (Roberta Rupert)
No report.

III. **Continuing Business**

No continuing business was reported.

IV. **New Business**

Kathy reviewed the history of Gem City beginning with its creation in 1967. She stated that a lot of people did a lot of work to get the club to where it is now. It is now time to determine where we are going now. Kathy's goal is to develop a Strategic Plan which will be the model for how the club operates. A small group of volunteers met on June 8th to begin creating a list of potential organizational values by answering the following four questions: 1) When you think of Gem City Dog Obedience Club, what comes first to your mind? 2) When you are in class, what is it about your class you enjoy? 3) What are the benefits you receive for being a member or involved? 4. What about this process or idea brought you here tonight? Mindy used the responses to those questions to develop a survey which was sent to all GCDOC members to do a personal rating of those values and offer suggestions for others. Mindy Clark stated that 194 surveys were mailed and she received 77 responses. She reviewed the responses to the survey and listed all the responses to "When I think of Gem City..." and the "Recommendations for Improvement".

The next step in the process is to hold several more small group sessions to develop a statement which demonstrates our beliefs and should guide our actions as a club. There are three dates scheduled: Monday, July 9; Wednesday, July 18; and Friday, July 27th. Each session will be held at the building beginning at 7:00 p.m. Members were urged to attend at least one of these sessions. Throughout the process more surveys will be sent out consisting of 10 questions or less that can be completed in 10 minutes or less.

Kathy Roberts stated that the goal is to have something ready to review with the Board in August and for the membership to vote on in September.

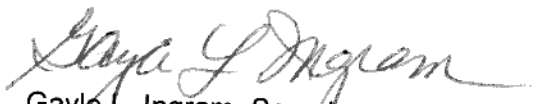
V. **Next Meeting**

The next Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2012, at the building.

VI. **Adjournment**

After members shared their brags, Maggie Melton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Krista Anthony seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Kathy Roberts, President