

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

August 5, 2013

Location: Graeter's

Date: August 5, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

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

Diane Harrison (absent)
Gayle Ingram
Carole Lenehan
Ronalee McKnight
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 May 6, 2013 board meetings. It was seconded by Elaine Stoermer and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$ 62,927.58
Savings	<u>\$ 44,379.89</u>
Total	\$107,307.47

Elaine distributed a detailed breakdown of the expenses and revenues. She noted that there was not a lot of income during the break.

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

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Kathy Roberts reported that Krista plans to distribute the mid-year report soon. There is a new member who is anxious to volunteer. Kathy has talked to Krista about having her assist with the mailing.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole distributed the 2014 Training Schedule. Currently the registration for Beginner obedience is low but historically additional people show up on the first day of class. Carole reported that per the email responses she received, the consensus of those responding felt we should allow discounted class rates for foster dogs. Rescue dogs have always received a discount on their first eight week class. It was agreed by consensus that if a registrar is approached about classes for a foster dog, the request will be considered on a case by case basis for obedience classes only. They will receive the same discount as a rescue on the first eight week class.

It was agreed that if there are three or more students registered for a class, the class will be held. If there are less than three registered, it is up to the discretion of the instructor whether or not to hold the class or cancel.

Carole will be sending out a notice that the building will be closed the weekend of August 9 – 11. The Mason Dixon Multi-Breed Association group has rented the building for a conformation show. Kathy will talk to the other building tenants related to parking on Friday.

e. Obedience (Pam Murn)

Pam reported that registrations are coming in for the Bridget Carsen Obedience Seminar on September 28 and 29. There are still working slots available. She is also looking for more volunteers for the September 21-22 trial. She hopes to use students from the obedience classes.

She reviewed details of a complaint she received in May from a member who does not feel he is being treated fairly and who was involved in a verbal confrontation. After observing the class several times, Pam has sent him a letter addressing his concerns. He has also expressed interest in teaching; however, his teaching style does not conform with the positive-based philosophy used by the club. Pam will follow up with him.

f. Agility (Diane Harrison)

Kathy reported that Session 4 classes will begin this week. She reported that the AKC committee is meeting and subcommittees are being formed. They are recruiting a separate group of volunteers to come clean up at the end of the three day trials. They will receive double hours because this is hard work at the end of a long weekend. The premium is out for the October 4-6 trial. Deb Werts will be reaching out to the beginner agility students to come volunteer. Movers are hired to transport the equipment. There has been some discussion about purchasing a truck for this purpose but more discussion needs to occur before moving forward.

g. Conformation (Nancy Beeman)

Nancy reported that conformation classes are full. Trish Clute is doing a good job instructing. There is discussion going on with Crossroads Canine Club related to holding a joint show during an agility trial. They will work on setting this up in 2014.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that the application for the November earth dog tests has been submitted. The judges have been confirmed. As in the past, a Turkey Fry will be held on the Saturday evening of the tests.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

Kathy reported on several operations issues:

- The doors at the building have been painted.
- The French doors need to have the weather stripping replaced.
- Repairs are being made to the ramp.
- The mowers at the Land are working.
- They have a quote for \$1,200 to repair the nail holes in the roof of the Faulkner Building. Board members agreed by consensus to have the work done.
- The exterminator was out to spray for ants in both buildings.
- Foam insulation will be sprayed along the bottom of the buildings.
- 4H kids have been invited to come out and do landscaping by the buildings.
- New chairs have been purchased for the ring.

- There are trees growing along the fence line near the front gate and in the fence. Pam will work with land crew to cut and treat the stumps with pasture friendly growth inhibitors.
- j. Sunshine (Karen Pompei/Joyce Osborn)
Karen presented the report on members who received cards, flowers, and donations made to local charities. Members informed her of several others who have, or will have, surgery and two who recently had dogs pass. Ronalee noted that there are several memorial stones in the store. She has emailed the members to come pick them up.

RDOD is September 8th. A meeting was held last week to recruit members to help organize and facilitate the event. A food truck will be onsite. It was agreed that there will be no coupons for food. Vendor booths are free but they must sign a liability release. Karen has sent out emails to previous vendors and to those members who participated in the Meet the Breed in the past. Kathy Roberts noted that she talked to a K-9 handler who may be interested in doing a police demo during RDOD. She is also looking into organizing a Blessing of the Animals.
- k. Publicity/Public Relations (Karen Pompei)
Karen reported that the Xenia Splash and Dash is on August 17th. The club will have a booth and do an agility demo. She will follow up with several people who had signed up to work that event during the last Membership meeting. The club will be participating as a sponsor of the mvPTA's 8th Annual Happy HOWL-o-ween Dog Walk and Blessing for the Animals on October 19th.
- l. Store (Ronalee McKnight)
Ronalee reported that there is a TV in the store on a cart. No one appears to be using it so there are plans to dispose of it. There is a working TV on the lower level that is used. An email will go out to confirm that it is not being used and ask if anyone is interesting in taking it. The cart will be kept.

III. Continuing Business

Kathy reported that the 2x2 weaves were returned but the pink tunnel is still missing. In addition four jumps have now gone missing from the land. If equipment continues to disappear, it may become necessary to secure the buildings which no one really wants to do. An email will go out to the members (not via Yahoo group since everyone is not connected) related to the missing items and possible consequences.

Kathy reported (per message from Diane Harrison) that the floors in the building must be cleared on Friday morning for cleaning. Equipment is cleared prior to building rental and the floors are cleaned again following a rental.

IV. New Business

Karen Pompei agreed to chair the Nomination Committee. She will contact Roberta Rupert about joining her on the committee.

The deadline for Crateliner articles is approaching. Members were asked to submit their articles to Cheri Davis by August 15th. There will be an article from the 4H group about their experiences at the fair in this edition.

V. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013, at the building.

VI. Adjournment

Ronalee McKnight moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Nancy Beeman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary



Kathy Roberts, President