

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

September 9, 2013

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: September 9, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

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

Diane Harrison
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)

Gayle distributed the draft 2014 Board Meeting schedule. Curt Givens moved to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2013 board meetings. It was seconded by Carole Lenehan and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$ 59,160.55
Savings	<u>\$ 44,385.35</u>
Total	\$103,545.90

Elaine distributed a detailed breakdown of the expenses and revenues and discussed several specific items. Curt Givens moved to accept treasurer's report. It was seconded by Pam Murn and passed unanimously.

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Kathy Roberts reported that Krista is working on the membership reports. Reports will be mailed for members to review prior to having the vouchers sent.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole distributed the summary of registrations for Session 4. There is a grand total of 206 dogs registered including 94 Obedience, 33 Rally/Freestyle, and 79 in agility. She noted that these numbers are about average for this time of year. The best numbers are generally for the March/April Session. She noted that contracts have been sent out for the 2014 Mason Dixon Conformation/Rally Shows.

e. Obedience (Pam Murn)

Pam reported that there are still quite a few working and audit spots open for the Bridget Carsen Obedience Seminar on September 28 and 29. Vouchers can be used. She noted that instructors can get seminar reimbursement. She is very disappointed that more instructors have not signed up to attend. She will send out the notice again in hopes of getting more people to sign up. Pam announced that she is looking for a new instructor because she is losing her Thursday morning beginner instructor next session. She was very happy to report that there will be a Graduate Novice Class next session. She reported that she has sent a letter

Michael Gilbert regarding the complaint she received from him (reported at the August Board Meeting) but he has not responded.

Kathy Roberts commented that she is still hoping to do some cross training between departments at the club. She envisions having interactive demonstrations where people can try their hand at freestyle or agility or other activities.

Elaine Stoermer stated that many non-club members enjoyed watching Charlie and Megan perform at RDOD. Everyone agreed that the club needs to have more younger members. Kathy noted that AKC offers a junior handler discount.

f. Agility (Diane Harrison)

Diane reported that the breakaway tires have arrived. Crossroads Canine Club has donated one tire and one table that will not leave the building. K Bar K has redone the tunnel bags at the Land but the bags at the building still need done.

A trial committee member asked if, when taking judges out to dinner on a trial weekend, is it appropriate for the club to pay for the committee member's dinner. The board agreed by consensus that their dinner can be paid. There is a maximum limit of \$25 for the member and the club will not pay for any alcoholic beverages.

Diane reported that she has received a request from two past instructors for reimbursement of a seminar they attended in May. At this time, they have not committed to teach more classes. The policy states that "An instructor who attends a seminar related to his/her activity (i.e. obedience seminar for obedience instructor) may request either \$50 or up to 25% of the seminar fee (with a maximum of \$250 for a \$1,000 seminar) following the seminar and with proof of attendance. If the member wishes reimbursement, he/she must commit to teach a minimum of two 8-week sessions for the club. Retroactive instruction does not apply. Reimbursement requests must be pre-approved by the director of the activity to be considered and only one reimbursement per year is allowed." The Board agreed that they cannot be reimbursed because they did not get approval prior to the seminar and they have not committed to two upcoming 8-week sessions.

Diane announced that she was unable to find any master instructors for the next session. As a result, she has made arrangements for Yvonne Mancino from Columbus to come every other week. On the off weeks, the class will critique themselves on assignments from the previous week. The club will pay her to teach. The class will be limited to six dogs per class and she will teach for two hours (an Open class and a Masters class). Only current instructors can register for the class and no vouchers will be accepted. The Masters class is already full but there are slots available for the Open class. Kathy Roberts stated that when a club loses advanced instructors, members begin traveling to other clubs for classes. Gem City did not want to lose members and felt this was an important move to keep our advanced class momentum going. The class will be structured so it is actually a guest instructor for instructors. It will be in a seminar format. The hope is that past instructors will want to come back so they can attend.

Diane also announced that League will begin next session. It will also be held on Tuesday evenings. The funds received for League will offset the cost of paying for Ms. Mancino to teach. League will initially be held weekly at the Land. When it moves back to the building, it will be held every other week.

g. Conformation (Nancy Beeman)

No report.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that there will be four tests over two days in June. He noted that he was at a test in Pennsylvania and after six years, their dens still look brand new. They use Azek building materials for the dens. They estimate \$1,800 for four dens. We would need to replace three. Curt is looking into a local source to purchase a 16' length to build our dens. He will bring a quote back to the board.

People continue to approach him about Barn Hunt. He does not have time to coordinate this at Gem City but can connect anyone who does have the time and interest to the appropriate contacts. Krista Williams is one of the currently licensed Barn Hunt judges in Ohio and will be leading the statewide effort. Curt sent out an email to the Gem City group and has received some responses. Curt will continue to keep the board updated.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

Kathy reported on several operations issues:

- There is a hole in the fence on the far side of the ring.
- The portable defibrillator has been mounted and a demo will be done at the Membership Meeting.
- John and Sigalia Cannon will be removing the strip off the double door that is causing them to stick.

Curt Givens asked that the diesel fuel cans be filled so he can mow the back section of the Land.

j. Sunshine (Karen Pompei/Joyce Osborn)

Karen presented the report on members who received cards, flowers, and donations made to local charities.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Karen Pompei)

Karen reported that we will have a booth and Canine Cadence will be performing at the mvPTa's 8th Annual Happy HOWL-o-ween Dog Walk on October 19th at Indian Riffle Park in Kettering. More volunteers are needed to man the Gem City booth. There is another event being held at a park in Centerville on September 20th. Gem City will have a booth there as well.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD) was held on Sunday, September 8th. The turnout by the public was low due to the extreme heat and the many other festivals going on that weekend. The members who came to do demonstrations had a great time. Kathy Roberts raised the idea of holding an event of our own at a different time of year (AKC says RDOD must be held in September). It was suggested that an event be held at the building in the Spring.

l. Store (Ronalee McKnight)

No report.

III. Continuing Business

Kathy Roberts and Deb Arnold are organizing a Family Fun Night Picnic for club members to be held at the Land on September 27th. More information will be shared at the upcoming Membership Meeting.

More agility equipment has gone missing. We have now lost four jumps from the back room of the building and a baby tunnel from the Land. Deb will investigate security camera. If we decide to install them, it will be important to make members aware that they are in place.

Kathy reported that a committee is being formed to investigate a possible new building for the club. They are currently looking at several properties. The property will need to have good access and have room to be a multi-purpose facility. People who have volunteered to date: Ron Siwecki, Deb Arnold, and Jennifer Looper. Board members Pam Murn and Mary Beam volunteered to join the group.

IV. New Business

Nominations Committee

Karen Pompei presented the nominations she has received for Board of Directors 2014:

Kathy Roberts, President
Deb Arnold, Vice President
Barb Swigart, Secretary
Elaine Stoermer, Treasurer
Krista Anthony, Membership
Karen Pompei, Registrar
Jennifer Looper, At Large (2015) *(not confirmed)*
Ronalee McKnight, At Large (2015)

At-Large terms are for two years. Mary Beam and Curt Givens' seats are not up for reelection this year.

Nominations may also be accepted from the floor at the September Membership Meeting.

V. Next Meeting

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

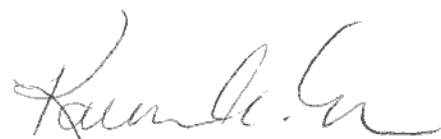
There is a Membership meeting on September 16th at 7:30 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Curt Givens 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