

Gem City Dog Obedience Club Board Meeting September 10, 2012

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: September 10, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Krista Anthony
Mary Beam
Cheri Davis
Lori Genaw (absent)
Curt Givens

Gayle Ingram
Carole Lenehan (absent)
Ronalee McKnight
Maggie Melton

Kathy Roberts
Roberta Rupert
Jennifer Scott (absent)
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 August 6, 2012 board meeting. It was seconded by Elaine Stoermer and passed unanimously.

Gayle confirmed that Mark Kumpf, director of the Animal Resource Center will be at the Membership Meeting on September 17th.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Checking	\$ 37,772.90
Savings	<u>\$ 44,319.16</u>
Total	\$ 82,092.06

Elaine distributed a detailed breakdown of the expenses and revenues and discussed several specific items. She noted that there wasn't a lot of income during this month. She has cancelled one of the club credit cards because it had some bogus charges. She was authorized to go to the bank to have herself put on as the contact for the credit cards. Currently signators are Marra Woolpert, Rick Roberts, and Tami Woodrow.

A suggestion was made that the club consider providing trial chairs pre-paid VISA cards to use for incidental expenses rather than reimbursing. They would still need to submit receipts for all charges when they turn in the card. The cards could then be reloaded for the next event. Elaine will talk to Chase Bank about getting cards.

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

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista distributed a list of member applicants and reminded members that September 30th is the last day to earn volunteer hours. She will have a report of current hours at the Membership Meeting if members want to confirm their numbers.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole had emailed her report Class Evaluation report to members. It shows that 122 students were registered for Session 4: 46 in puppy, 31 in Beginner, 16 in Advance Beginner, and 6 in Novice. There are also 23 in Rally. There was no Freestyle class this session.

e. Obedience (Ronalee McKnight)

Ronalee reported that the September AKC Obedience/Rally Trial didn't fill to capacity. Rally entries were good and there are a lot of Beginner Novice entries. The Wildcard class didn't go over well but the other classes did well. She commented on some of the problems she's encountered with the new computer program she is using.

Ronalee informed the Board that she has a request from instructor Karen Rheinberger to be reimbursed for an upcoming seminar. Since this is the club policy, it was approved.

Ronalee announced she will be having an obedience/rally instructor gathering and requested that the cost of the pizza be covered by the club. It was approved by consensus.

f. Agility (Maggie Melton)

Maggie reported that the Session 5 class registration was released today. There is one less class this session due to lack of an instructor.

The October AKC agility trial is filling. There will be 500 runs each day. Kathy Roberts commented that she's hearing that people like having Time 2 Beat first. Maggie asked Elaine for a Certificate of Insurance that is needed for the trial.

Cheri Davis noted that a club member had offered to haul the equipment to the trial for a fee but because it would have been in an open trailer and possible insurance issues, the board felt it was better to use the usual moving company for this trial. Kathy Roberts asked that Cheri obtain a W-9 from the mover for our files.

g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)

No report.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that he had several good prospects as a result of their demos at the Responsible Dog Ownership Day on Sunday. The next Earthdog test is the first weekend of November and volunteers are always needed. As usual, there will be a Turkey Fry on Saturday night.

Curt reported that between now and next May he will need to replace the original den which was built in 2001. It stays in the ground year round and while treated wood does not rot, it does have mold and mildew problems.

Curt reported that he is looking into the new sport of "Barn Hunt" which is often done in conjunction with earthdog events. It would be open to any dog that wants to hunt.

i. Operations (Rick Roberts)

Kathy reported on several operations issues:

- Fences at the Land appear to be in good shape. There are ongoing problems with animals digging under the fences.
- Training Guidelines in Standing Rules. It was agreed that the Standing Rules should be updated to state that the building should be closed for training when the cleaning crew is working, during building maintenance, and during trials. A sign will be made to hang on the door to alert any member stopping by that the building is temporarily closed for training purposes. Kathy Roberts will post a reoccurring reminder on the Yahoo Group and note on the GCDOD website calendar that the building is closed on Friday mornings during the weekly cleaning. This will be announced at the Membership Meeting.
- The steps coming into the building may need to be replaced.
- Kathy received an estimate for \$250 to remove the dead trees at the Land and grind the stumps. She was authorized to schedule the removal for this week. She noted that we also need to fill in some low spots at the Land in the parking / crating areas. They will be marked with cones at the upcoming event so no one is injured.
- Elaine noted that she met the new building tenant. They are a school for special needs children and hold classes during the day and some evenings. The owner is very pleasant and told her they will be holding an Open House in October.

j. Sunshine (Cheri Davis/Joyce Osborn)

Cheri noted that she did not receive a report from Joyce this month. The Board was aware of several canine and human losses. Cheri commented once again on the wonderful job Joyce does. A member requested a larger memory stone and was told he would have to pay the difference in cost from the smaller size provided by the club.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)

The Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD) was a complete success. Twenty-seven breeds were "registered" for the Meet the Breeds although there may have been even more. We had 19 vendors this year. GCDOD had a revenue of \$110 from vendor space rental (members and non-profits were not charged). Three different pet therapy groups attended. Cheri plans to send a follow up survey to the vendors but all seemed to be very pleased with the day. This year we had demonstrations going on all the time. Participation by members was excellent – 53 members signed in to work. There was no way of getting an accurate attendance number but considering that we were competing with the Greek Festival, Italian Festival, Downtown Dayton Revival, a Doggie Swim in West Carrollton, and the Popcorn Festival we did very well. Cheri highlighted some things that worked well and shared ideas for next year.

Maggie reported that there was an incident at the RDOD concerning a member who had his dog on an e-collar. He was told that the club does not allow e-collars and asked him to put his dog on a leash. There is speculation that he may try this at other club activities. Kathy Roberts agreed to contact him and explain that this is a club rule.

- I. Store (Roberta Rupert)
Roberta reported that the Store is well stocked. She stated that she intends to set out the Lost and Found items at the Membership Meeting. She is also considering placing some items that haven't been selling on a special "Clearance" table.

III. **Continuing Business**

Nominations Committee

Roberta presented the nominations she has received for Board of Directors 2013:

President	Kathy Roberts
Vice President	Deb Arnold
Secretary	Gayle Ingram
Treasurer	Elaine Stoermer
Membership	Krista Anthony
Registrar:	Carole Lenehan
Member at Large	Mary Beam
Member at Large	Curt Givens

At-large terms are two years so Cheri Davis and Roberta Rupert's terms do not expire until next year. Unfortunately both Cheri and Roberta have submitted their resignations so it will be necessary to elect two At-Large members for one year terms to fill these seats. Because the Nomination List has already been posted in the Crateliner, Kathy Roberts will send a notice to members via the Yahoo Group reminding them of the Membership Meeting and submitting the additional names for one-year Members at Large: Karen Pompei and Ronalee McKnight.

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

It was announced that Maggie Melton and Ronalee McKnight will be resigning their positions as agility and obedience directors. Kathy Roberts noted that she has heard from people who have expressed their interest in filling these seats. To be considered, members must submit a letter of interest to the Board by or before the November Membership Meeting. The Board will make their appointments immediately following the Membership Meeting.

Curt Givens moved to accept the nominations for 2013 Board of Directors. It was seconded by Mary Beam and passed unanimously.

IV. **New Business**

Kathy Roberts announced that the young lady who set up the Club Library is unable to continue the maintenance and upkeep. Ester Brown has offered to take over the monitoring of the Library. The Board agreed by consensus and noted that more shelves might be needed. Kathy will talk to Ester.

Ronalee McKnight reported that "Sit Means Sit" dog training is becoming more prevalent in the area. This is a training program that uses the e-collar.

Members discussed possible changes and additions to the walls at the Building. It was suggested that we decorate the wall going down the ramp to the lower level using more member dog pictures. Some of the old historic jump standards could be hung. Joann Jozwiak could be asked to do a creative layout of the area. There could also be an area for "High Dogs" each year.

Kathy announced that we need a new Banquet Chair. Cheri offered to assist. Maggie will continue doing the awards. Ronalee will work on the slide show. It is imperative that members submit their pictures by the deadline this year. Late submissions should not be accepted.

Maggie noted that the website is accepting 2012 titles. She suggested people begin submitting their titles now instead of waiting until the end of the year.

V. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2012, at the building.

VI. Adjournment

Mary Beam moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Krista Anthony seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Kathy Roberts, President

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL SUMMARY (9/10/12)

Elaine M. Stoermer

Chase Checking

\$ 38,764.98	(bank balance 09/10/12)
- 992.08	(outstanding checks)
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\$ 37,772.90	(balance 09/10/12)

Money Market

\$ 44,319.16	(Bank balance 08/05/12).
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Total Cash Accounts **\$ 82,092.06**

Chase credit card statement ---Wollpert card canceled

August: \$723.52

Flowers -	\$ 96.20
Stones -	140.80
Clean Run	135.45
AKC Earthdog	70.00
Tractor Supply	281.07

Sept. \$ 92.67

Graeters	\$44.57
Flowers	48.10

Income – Deposits 9-7-12 \$2,201.50

CCC rentals:	\$1,400 (2 events – UKC)
Rental deposits:	200
Classes(Obed/Rally):	402.50

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CLASS EVALUATIONS

Session 4, 2012

CLASS	#DOGS	\$65	\$32.5	VCH	RESC	CCI	COUP	CRED	INCOME	AMT DEP	DIFF
PUPPY	46	24	1	7	8	3	3@55.	0	2017.50	1985.00	- 32.50
BEGINNER	31	21	1	3	5		1@57.	0	1617.00	1635.00	+18.00 For store
ADV BEGINNER	16	5	5	1		3	1@55. 1 free TV	0	542.50	572.50	+ 30. mbr/fee
NOVICE	6	2	2	2					195.00	195.00	
OPEN	0										
TOTAL	99	52	9	13	13	6	6	0	4372.00	4387.50	+ 15.50
RALLY 1	10	2	4	4					260.00	260.00	
RALLY 2	13	2	4	7					260.00	260.00	
FREESTYLE	NO CLASS										
TOTAL	23	4	8	11					520.00	520.00	
GRAND TOTAL	122	56	17	24	13	6	6	0	4892.00	4907.50	+ 15.50

PUPPY class 1 person not paid \$32.50 (Tuesday)--- plus \$18. For store (Beginner)-----plus \$30 membership fee (Adv Beginner)

RDOD 2012
Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Meet the breed: 27 breeds were “registered”, I think we had more than that.

Vendors:

21 Vendors were signed up to come/**19 were there** (Vitas and Tastefully Simple cancelled at the last minute)

- This year vendors were charged \$20, \$15 if they registered early
- Members and non-profits were not charged
- 4 of the vendors were rescue groups (SICSA, Greater Ohio Boxer Rescue, Miami Valley Pit Crew, and S.A.S.S.-shih tzu rescue)
- We had 3 different pet therapy groups

Vendors that I talked to were pleased with the traffic they had. Vendors liked that we had “vendor bingo” to encourage the public to visit them.

Several have asked to come back for other events we have (that photo studio and Routsong)

I think we took in around **\$110** in vendor fees

Demonstrations were fabulous

This year we had many more of each

Attendance:

My method to attempt to calculate was printing 240 “vendor bingo” fliers. I have 135 left.

I was going to use “bingo” forms turned in, but only got a few. Considering the Greek Festival, the Italian Festival, the Downtown Dayton Revival, some doggie swim in West Carrollton, the Popcorn Festival, I am very pleased.

53 Members signed in to work

What Worked:

- The members really pitched in to help and help each other.
- Those who said they were volunteering showed up
- Weather was perfect
- Publicity and fliers
- Starting early. I developed the “Save the Date” flier and distributed to vendors starting the Furry Scurry. Met many of the vendors at other events
- Vendor Fee-not high compared to others, but seemed to guarantee presence
- Having the registrars at a separate table

- Every hour raffle for just putting in your name
- Sign on Valleycrest and Brandt at a cost of \$70

For next year:

- No kids activities
- No microchipping
- Develop fliers early and mail and distribute
- Better info on web site
- More committee members: it was basically Karen and I. Terri Jerkes was going to help, and did get info on the web site. Jennifer had all these "ideas" for PR but didn't do much more than I did last year.
- We need to continue to build our connections with vendors and PR
- I'm putting everything on a disc so they don't have to start from scratch
- Tweak vendor bingo and meet the breed bingo. It seemed like a good idea, but not a lot of participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheri Davis

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September 11, 2012

Notice to membership

Membership Meeting: Monday September 17, 2012
7:30 pm Training Building

Speaker at 7pm – Mark Kumpf
Director of the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center

Effective September 10, 2012, the Gem City Board of Directors learned that there will be two board member vacancies.

In accordance with the Club Constitution and ByLaws Article 3, section IV an election will be held to fill these positions.

The following individuals have been nominated to serve on the Gem City Board as Members at large:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Karen Pompei	2013
Ronalee McKnight	2013

Additional nominations may be made at the September 17, 2012 membership meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate.

An important note, any person running for a Board of Directors position must have attended at least 2 membership meetings during the Club year¹

¹**ByLaws and Constituion Article 4 Section 4.**

NOMINATIONS. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not attended two regular membership meetings during the current club year, and who has not been nominated. No person may be a candidate for more than one position