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# Gem City Dog Obedience Club Membership Meeting September 16, 2013

**Location:** GCDOC Building

**Date:** September 16, 2013 7:30 p.m.

**Board Members:**

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

Diane Harrison (absent)  
Gayle Ingram  
Carole Lenehan (absent)  
Ronalee McKnight  
Pam Murn

Karen Pompei  
Kathy Roberts  
Elaine Stoermer

**I. Welcome and Call to Order**

Kathy Roberts called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

She announced that a committee has been formed to begin looking at other possible locations for the club. Deb Arnold is heading this effort and anyone interested in participating should contact her.

Kathy recognized that everyone is concerned about the recent canine virus that has hit Ohio. At this point, there are a lot of rumors and guesses as to what is going on. Gem City has decided to continue classes at this point but strongly recommends that people get to their vet ASAP if their dog shows any vomiting or diarrhea. No dogs that are sick should come to classes or attend any events. She recommended that members be diligent about picking up after their dogs and not allowing them to eat or drink from any other dog's bowl.

Kathy announced that the cleaning committee has set up new clean up stations outside of the building.

**II. Reports**

**a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)**

Nancy Beeman moved to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2013 Membership Meeting. It was seconded by Pam Murn and passed unanimously.

**b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)**

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

Elaine identified a few revenue and expense items are not yet reflected in these numbers.

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

**c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)**

Krista reported that she had been delayed distributing the mid-year volunteer hours due to computer problems. She is mailing out the volunteer hour totals this week. Members will have two weeks to notify her of any changes. Vouchers will be mailed

out by the end of the year. Volunteer hours can still be earned through the AKC trial early in October.

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

Jennifer Robinson  
Amanda Schweinfest  
Warren Watson

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. Kathy instructed anyone interested in attending classes to talk to Carole.

e. Obedience (Pam Murn)

Pam thanked the obedience instructors on doing a wonderful job. Registrations are up. She encouraged new members to take obedience classes because they are the foundation for all other dog sports. There will be a new Novice Class on Thursday. She reported that working and audit spots are still available for the Bridget Carsen Obedience Seminar on September 28 and 29. There is an AKC Obedience Trial on September 21 -22. They probably have enough workers but anyone interested in working should contact her. She noted that the Wednesday morning puppy classes are being moved to Thursday morning during the next session. Freestyle classes will be held from 6:00 – 7:00 on Tuesday next session and on Sunday afternoons. Pam reminded members that they are ambassadors for Gem City no matter where you are. She has been approached by people to ask where she trained her dog. She stated that anyone who is interested in becoming an obedience instructor should talk to her. It is always good to bring new people in as instructors.

f. Agility (Diane Harrison)

Kathy reported that the new breakaway tires have arrived and will be used at the AKC trial in October at the Champions Center in Springfield. This trial always brings in many of the top competitors in the region. She reminded everyone that the trial needs a lot of volunteers to run smoothly. Deb Werts is coordinating people to come on Thursday to help set up and at the end of the trial to tear down and prepare to transport equipment back to the club.

Kathy announced that when Rob and Kandy Robinson decided to take a break from teaching it left the club without any master instructors for the next session. As a result, she has made arrangements for Yvonne Mancino from Columbus to come every other week. The club will pay her to teach which is not an uncommon practice among local dog clubs. Kathy 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.

g. Conformation (Nancy Beeman)

No report.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Kathy Roberts reported that the next earth dog tests are scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. As in the past, there will be a turkey fry on Saturday evening.

There has been a lot of interest by club members in the new sport of Barn Hunt. Curt has been providing some information on this as it has become more widespread in the nation but does not have time to devote to promoting it for Gem City. Mary Kempfues will be taking the lead. She explained that Barn Hunt is basically the same as earth dog trials except it is held above ground. Any dog that can go through a 22 inch hole can compete. She will be bringing the club more information on the sport and how we can bring it to Gem City.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

Rick Roberts reported that there have been a few more repairs to the 0-turn mower. He has learned that another hole has been cut in the fence just past the ring. It has been temporarily repaired with orange snow fence until permanent repairs can be made. Barb and Keith Swigart stated they had walked the fence line recently and did not find any other holes.

Members commented that the stairs entering the building are slick causing dogs to slip and fall. They also mentioned that there is a sharp edge across the back of each step. There was a report of one dog actually getting cut. Kathy Roberts will contact the landlord about having tread tape or some type of traction paint placed on the steps. She reminded members that the ramp is open during class times so dogs do not need to enter by the steps.

j. Sunshine (Joyce Osburn)

Karen Pompei presented the report on members who received cards, flowers recently. Kathy Roberts reported that Linda Givens was in a motorcycle accident Saturday and is in the hospital but doing well.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Karen Pompei)

Karen thanked everyone who came out to the Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD) earlier this month. Because of the hot weather and the number of other festivals around the region turnout by non-members was low. The members who came to do demos had a wonderful time sharing their passion of the many dog sports taught at Gem City. It was a good event.

The mvPTa's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Happy HOWL-o-ween Dog Walk will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Indian Riffle Park in Kettering. More volunteers are needed to man the Gem City booth.

The annual Dayton Children's Parade will be held in downtown Dayton again this year on the Friday evening following Thanksgiving. Gem City members and their dogs have marched every year since the parade began 40 years ago. Gene Bashor will provide more information at our next Membership meeting in November but members were urged to place the date on their calendars.

l. Store (Ronalee McKnight)

Ronalee stated that she has three Memorial Stones in the store that need picked up. Sandy Cron took Mindy Clark's stone to give to her. Vicki Humble and Barb Hull still need to pick up their stones.

m. Nomination Committee (Karen Pompei)

Kathy Roberts presented the nominations for 2014 GCDOC officers and asked for nominations from the floor. She read the requirements for serving as a Board member from the Bylaws which state that nominees must be an active member in good standing and have attended at least two Membership Meetings in the past year.

At-Large terms are for two years. Mary Beam and Curt Givens' seats are not up for reelection this year. Nancy Beeman moved to close nominations. Rick Roberts seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The following slate of officers were nominated for 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)  
Ronalee McKnight, At Large (2015)

The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kathy noted that there are three positions appointed by the Board: Agility Director, Confirmation Director, and Obedience Director. Anyone interested in serving in these positions should send a letter to Karen Pompei before the end of October indicating their desire to be appointed.

**III. Continuing Business**

Kathy Roberts reported that the building now has a portable defibrillator. It has been mounted in the back of the front room next to the door to the back room. This is the most convenient place and is quickly accessible to people in the front, back, and lower level. She reminded everyone that the first step is to call 9-1-1 if there is an emergency. She demonstrated how the defibrillator tells the user exactly what to do and when to do it. It is important to have this equipment, but her hope is that we never need to use it. Kathy also pointed out the building exits and locations of fire extinguishers. She reminded everyone that the downstairs door must be unlocked whenever classes are in session. She will investigate whether the intercom system is still functioning.

**IV. New Business**

Kathy Roberts announced the first Gem City Dog Club Furry Family Fun Night will be held at the Land on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 until 9:45 p.m. There will be a carry in dinner and lots of time to learn agility trial jobs and have fun with your dogs. The club will provide a main course, set ups and beverages. Members are asked to bring salads, sides or desserts. Those attending should rsvp to Kathy.

Several members made announcements:

- Ronalee McKnight announced that she and several other club members are doing dock diving. For those interested in seeing it, or competing, UKC Ultimate Air Dogs will be at Midwest Outdoor Experience at Eastwood Park on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Tami Woodrow announced that there will be a conformation show in November. Workers will be needed. Kathy Roberts encouraged people to attend to see the many breeds of dogs.
- Alicia Heidorn announced that the Humane Society will sponsor a Pet First Aid and CPR class. Anyone interested should go to PetTech.net to register.

**V. Next Meeting**

The next Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2013, at the building. This will be the Annual Meeting and carry in.

**VI. Adjournment**

After members shared their brags, Trish Clute moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mary Beam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary



Kathleen A. Roberts, President