

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Membership Meeting

September 17, 2012

Location: The GCDOC Building

Date: September 17, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members:

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

Gayle Ingram
Carole Lenehan
Ronalee McKnight
Maggie Melton (absent)

Kathy Roberts
Roberta Rupert
Jennifer Scott (absent)
Elaine Stoermer

Prior to the start of the business meeting Mark Kumpf, Director of the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center (ARC), spoke to the members about the Center. Mark reported that the new Animal Resource Center building opened in May 2005. The Center provides responses to lost & stray dog complaints, has dog licensing program (75,000 licenses are sold each year), cruelty investigations, humane care & medical care, cat care under contract, spay / neuter & adoption. The Center receives 15,000 calls related to strays or animal cruelty each year and has a 100% conviction rate. They have 10 officers who are all nationally certified. They also have an in-house vet clinic. The Center sees 9,000 – 10,000 animals each year (70% dogs/30% cats). All animals leave the facility altered. They work with many of the local breed rescue groups and partner with SISCA and the Humane Society. The ARC has a large number of volunteers that work daily at the Center caring for or just spending time with the animals. The ARC is the official Animal Disaster Team for the region. Mark encouraged members to have a "Go Bag" for their animals that is ready if you would need to evacuate your home quickly. He was proud to announce that the National Animal Control Association (NACA) has selected the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center as the recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Animal Control Agency Award. Mark responded to a number of questions from club members.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kathy Roberts called the meeting to order. She thanked the guest speaker, Mark Kumpf for speaking to the members and sharing information about the Animal Resource Center.

A video of pictures from the Responsible Dog Ownership Day was shown. Kathy thanked Cheri Davis and Karen Pompei for the wonderful job they did coordinating the event on September 9th. There was a very good turnout of members and non-members. Kathy stated that she was very proud of the club and its members.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Nancy Beeman moved to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2012 Membership Meeting. It was seconded by Karen Seitz and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

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

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

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista reported that there were no new member applicants ready to be voted on this month. She reminded members that September 30th is the last day to earn volunteer hours for this club year. She added that she will need help stuffing envelopes if anyone needs more hours this year. She sent out a mid-year report to members recently that included hours through the end of May. She will be compiling the final year end report once all the hours have been submitted.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole reported that there is only one week left of Session 4. The last session of the year, Session 5, will begin the week of September 24th. There is a break following Session 5 and classes will resume the week of January 7th. Carole reported that registration shows that we are one student ahead of where we were this time last year.

e. Obedience (Ronalee McKnight, Director)

Ronalee reported that the AKC Obedience/Rally trial will be held this weekend. She noted that Thursday night the agility equipment will be moved from the back room to make room for crating. Anyone interested in volunteering to work should contact Pam Murn.

f. Agility (Maggie Melton)

Maggie reported that the next AKC Agility Trial will be held at the Champions Center in Clark County on October 6th and 7th. They will need workers for this event.

g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)

Trish Clute reported that the structured class is full this session. The next Beginner's Class will be held in March and it is already half full. Anyone interested in taking the Beginner's Class should contact Trish.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that the Frosty Paws test will be held on November 3rd and 4th at the Land. They will need workers. They will also hold the annual Turkey Fry on Saturday night. Anyone can attend but they need to RSVP by the Tuesday before. Cost is \$5.00 and a dish to share. The test begins at 8:30 a.m. each morning and is usually finished by 3:00 p.m.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

Kathy reported that she has talked with the landlord about the new lights and he is going to address our issue that they are not as bright as the ones we had. She thanked Keith and Barbara Swigart for clearing the area around the fence line at the Land. They have almost finished the entire earth dog area. They have requested that the Club rent a chipper to dispose of the limbs. The chips could be used around the earth dog dens. Kathy reported that the buildings at the land need to be cleaned out so we can bring in exterminators. Jennifer Looper is getting a quote for the exterminators.

j. Sunshine (Joyce Osburn)

Kathy Roberts read a report submitted by Cheri Davis who was unable to attend. Stones will be offered to Ron Schuman for Ace and Karen Pompei for Chip. Get well wishes to Christina Ludwig. She reminded members to let Joyce Osborn know about sunshine.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)

Kathy Roberts read a report submitted by Cheri Davis. She thanked everyone who helped with Responsible Dog Ownership Day. She was impressed to see members just pitching in to help without being asked, over and over again. Connie Martin did some PR in Richmond at a doggie event. This Friday, Karen Pompei is manning a table at a AAA doggie event in Dayton and possibly doing a demo. Cheri is visiting an event at the Centerville Dog Park promoting Gem City. We will be promoting Gem City at the mvPTa Howl Walk on October 20th. Volunteers are needed for the booth. Canine Cadence will be performing.

She reminded members that there are many opportunities to market Gem City in the community. Anyone interested in manning a booth should contact Cheri.

l. Store (Roberta Rupert)

Roberta announced that she will have a sale table set up during the November Membership Meeting with special prices on some items that need to be moved out. As always, any time you purchase an item put the money in an envelope, indicate what you purchased, and place the envelope in the box on the wall outside the store.

m. Nomination Committee (Roberta Rupert)

Nancy Beeman presented the nominations for 2013 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.

Nancy noted that At-Large terms are for two years. Cheri Davis and Roberta Rupert are not up for reelection this year; however, both have resigned so these two seats must also be filled for one year to complete their terms.

Nancy Beeman moved to close nominations. Karen Rosga seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The following slate of officers were nominated for 2013:

Kathy Roberts, President.
Deb Arnold, Vice President
Gayle Ingram, Secretary
Elaine Stoermer, Treasurer
Krista Anthony, Membership
Carole Lenehan, Registrar
Mary Beam, At Large (2014)
Curt Givens, At Large (2014)
Karen Pompei, At Large (2013)
Ronalee McKnight, At Large (2013)

The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on Friday, November 2nd.

Nancy 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 Nancy Beeman before the end of October indicating their desire to be appointed.

III. Continuing Business

Kathy Roberts provided an update on the Strategic Planning process. She noted that a survey is being finalized. After a review by the team members that attended the work sessions, it will be distributed to the Club members for comment. The goal is to get input from the membership on the aspirational statements. We want these statements to be something that makes us all feel good about our club. The survey will come from gcdocfeedback@gmail.com.

IV. New Business

Karen Rosga addressed the members. Karen is a Park Ranger at the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. She will once again hold a series of ranger-led walks. The walk is called "Going to the dogs with Orville and Wilbur Wright". It will be held three times this fall: October 6, 7, and 13th. The walk through Huffman Prairie begins at 9:00 and takes a couple hours. She encouraged members to come and bring their dogs for a relaxing and educational walk. People coming to walk should enter the Base through Gate 16A. There will be no security.

Gene Bashor announced that Gem City has once again signed up for the Dayton Children's Parade. This will be the 39th year the club has marched. Members and their dogs should meet at Second Street & Perry at 7:30 on the Friday after Thanksgiving (November 23). Members were encouraged to come out and enjoy this wonderful way to kick off the holiday season. We usually have around 100 dogs march each year.

V. Next Meeting

The next Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, November 2, 2012, at the building. This will be the annual carry in dinner.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Keith Swigart moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Barbara Swigart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary

Kathy Roberts, President