

**Gem City Dog Obedience Club
Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 2004**

Presiding: Christopher Beckerdite

Present: Tami Brown, Trish Clute, Kathy Combs, Roger George, Curt Givens, Carole Lenehan, Roberta Rupert, Karen Rheinberger, Morene Stickrod, Marra Wollpert

I. Call to Order

Christopher Beckerdite brought the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. and reviewed the agenda. New agenda topics from Trish Clute and Marra Wollpert were accepted.

II. Reports

Secretary's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Tami Brown distributed and reviewed the current net worth report:

Bank and Cash Accounts	
GCDOC Checking	\$37,175.00
GCDOC Savings	<u>\$75,904.96</u>
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	\$113,079.96
Other Assets	
GCDOC 2004 Assets	<u>\$78,792.21</u>
Total Other Assets	\$78,792.21
Total Assets	\$191,872.17
Net Worth	\$191,872.17

Roger George moved to accept the report. Carole Lenehan seconded the motion and the report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Tami reported that USDAA trial expense reconciliations will reduce cash by no more than \$500.

Tami reported that no revenues have been received yet for the AKC agility trial to be held on October 8, 9 and 10, 2004.

Membership Report

Karen Rheinberger distributed and reviewed the Membership Report as of October 3, 2004:

Members Count:	
Applicants	28
Associates	28
Household	50
Lifetime	3
Regular	110
Service Dog	<u>2</u>

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Total	221
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As of 10/3/04, there are 10 applicants to be voted on at the 11/5/04 membership meeting.

Sherrie & Mike Abbott
Leanne Malcolm
Connie & Kara Jones
Michael Kacik
Joan McMahon
Kristi & Evan Muller
Pamela Murn
John Pearson
Cindy Ratermann
C. Lynn Spatz

Karen noted that two applicant members were voted to be accepted as regular members even though they had just completed an application and were not validated by Karen as having completed all requirements. Discussion followed. In the future, Carole Lenehan will send the names of applicant members registered for classes to Karen. Roger George moved to accept the new members in spite of the application process breakdown. Carole Lenehan seconded the motion and the motion was passed by majority vote.

Registrar's Report

Carole Lenehan reported that 111 dogs are registered for Session V classes.

Carole presented a promotional idea (calendar book) that someone had mailed to her. She suggested that the idea may be appropriate for Ways & Means, trial gifts or other similar purpose.

Conformation Report

Trish Clute reported that she is planning to hold a puppy match next year, perhaps in March, although the exact date has yet to be determined.

Trish reported that Risa Wright will supervise run-throughs now.

Obedience Report

Kathy Combs reported on a smooth start-up of Session V classes. A new manual has been distributed to beginner's class instructors. Pilot classes using the new manual during Session IV went well. Therefore, they will use the new manual going forward.

Agility Report

Marra Wollpert reported that AKC agility trial for October 8th, 9th and 10th did not fill. Approximately 80% of the capacity for runs has been filled. Marra mentioned that she needs workers desperately.

Marra reported that the USDAA trial was very successful. There were very favorable compliments from participants, no complaints and high participation.

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Marra reported on a minor dog bite incident during the Wednesday Beginner 3 Agility class on September 15th. An incident report was completed and it was resolved that the biting dog would be run on-lead for the remainder of the session.

Operations Report

Roger George reported that additional tie-off points have been added to the outdoor ring as requested.

Roger noted that the building's fire extinguishers were last serviced in 1991 according to the tags. He will look into getting the extinguishers recharged or serviced.

Roger reported that additional stone has been added to the driveway at the land.

Public Relations

Morene Stickrod reported that the Responsible Dog Ownership Day event was successful. An estimated 500 people attended. Carole Lenehan, event coordinator, suggested that we continue hosting and managing this event in 2005. However, we will need to appoint a new chairperson for next year since Carole does not want to continue in that capacity.

Earth Dog Report

Curt Givens reported that AWTa test entries are still coming in.

Curt reported that the AKC approved the judge's panel for the November test. The premium will be posted to the club website next week.

Special Programs Report

Curt Givens reported that the Rally classes are full. The four week program planned around meeting conflicts has worked out better than the eight week program.

III. Continuing Business Topics

Conversion to Non-Profit Status

Roger George reported that progress is on hold pending the assembly of the club's financial documents and the community benefits documents.

Building Committee Update

Christopher Beckerdite reported that the initial requirements document was complete. It will be shared with several potential contractors soon. Then, the committee will ask the contractors for initial proposals.

Border Terrier Nationals

Trish Clute reported that the Border Terrier Club of America would like to adjust the dates for their national specialty to be held on the club's land. The new dates requested are:

June 22nd and 23rd for Earth Dog tests.

* June 23rd for Agility trials.

The Border Terrier Club will provide supplemental port-a-potties. Marra Wollpert will ask Ron Schumann to draft a lease contract.

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IV. New Business Topics

Agility Equipment Available for Use at the Building

Trish Clute noted that there is very little agility equipment in the building right now. Marra Wollpert stated that it was necessary to move extra equipment out to the land for the USDAA event and AKC trial. The equipment will be moved back to the building after the October AKC trial. Furthermore, it was noted that some jumps were loaned to the Humane Society for a weekend.

Requirements for Dog Vaccination

It was reported that Jeannette Burger has been asking for vaccination records to accompany agility class registrations. Historically, this has not been a club practice. Curt Givens motioned that handlers of new dogs entered into class will need to show shot records prior to the first class at GCDOC. Marra Wollpert seconded the motion which passed on a majority vote. The announcement of this new requirement should be made in the *Crateline* and at the Annual Meeting along with a reminder that bitches in season are not permitted at any GCDOC facility excepting club sanctioned puppy matches.

Eagle Scout Project Proposal

Curt Givens reported that the club has been approached by a Boy Scout seeking a community service project to complete Eagle Scout requirements. The project will be to clear a path at the land along the edge of the fence lines. Curt made a motion to have the club accept such a service project should it be offered. Trish Clute seconded and the motion passed on a majority vote.

2005 Budgets

Christopher Beckerdite led a budgeting session for all areas. The output was an initial draft of a 2005 operational budget for revenues, expenses and operating income.

V. Proposals for Next Board Meeting/New Business Topics

Finalize 2005 budgets.

Review the agenda and schedule for the November 5, 2004 Annual Membership Meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Trish Clute motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Carole Lenehan seconded, and the motion was carried by a majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 1, 2004, 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Beckerdite on behalf of
Dorothy J. Leibold, Secretary
Gem City Dog Obedience Club