

Gem City Dog Obedience Club Membership Meeting November 2, 2012

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: November 5, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members:

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

Gayle Ingram
Carole Lenehan
Ronalee McKnight
Maggie Melton (absent)

Kathy Roberts
Roberta Rupert
Jennifer Scott (absent)
Elaine Stoermer (absent)

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kathy Roberts called the meeting to order. She thanked everyone for attending the Annual Membership Meeting tonight and hoped everyone enjoyed the carry in meal.

Before beginning the business meeting, Kathy explained that Alicia Sanders, one of our club members, took a job with the Society for the Improvement of Stray Animals (SICSA) as an Adoption Coordinator. Alicia asked to come to the meeting to talk about SICSA's Foster Care Program; however, tonight she is home with a sick child so Dawn Loase came in her place. Dawn explained that volunteer foster families allow SICSA to accept more pets into their program by taking pets into their home temporarily until the pet is adopted. Fosters can choose the pets they would like to foster and the time of year. Some fosters are particularly knowledgeable about a certain breed and choose only that breed, others may foster only a female or male, etc. There is a special need for foster families to care for under age dogs and dogs with behavior problems. Some dogs have problems with being in cages foster families can give them a break from that stressful environment. It is especially helpful if the foster family can assist in training so the dog is more adoptable. Foster families receive emails about potential pets available or they can choose a pet from their website. Fosters see the SICSA veterinarian and bring the pet to SICSA on weekends until adopted. There is also a temporary cat foster program which assists in helping the stray get vaccinated, sterilized and find it a loving home. SICSA is open from 12:00 to 7:00 Monday through Saturday and 12:00 to 4:00 on Sunday.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Curt Givens moved to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2012 Membership Meeting. It was seconded by Rick Roberts and passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer (Elaine Stoermer)

Elaine was unable to attend so Kathy Roberts read her report.

Checking	\$45,641.44
Savings	<u>\$44,330.25</u>
Total	\$89,971.69

Kathy gave some specifics related to income from classes, rentals, and trials.

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

c. Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista reported that Membership dues should be paid by today and was accepting payment at the meeting.

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

Michelle Kleingers
Meredith Dees
Jessica Keegan
Linda Rike

All applicants were approved by consensus of the members in attendance. The new members were welcomed to the Club.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole reported that this year (Sessions 1 – 5) we had 698 students/dogs trained at Gem City. That is an increase over last year which had 675 students/dogs. Trish Clute noted that there were also 45 confirmation dogs trained this year. The next session will start the week of January 7, 2013.

She reminded everyone that the club does offer a 50% discount on a class for rescue dogs.

e. Obedience (Ronalee McKnight, Director)

Ronalee reported that the Obedience Department had the same instructors all five sessions. To celebrate she hosted a party for the Rally/Obedience instructors. She encouraged students to thank their instructors. It was a great year and she is looking forward to next year. She added that new instructors are always needed, so anyone interested should let her know.

f. Agility (Maggie Melton)

Maggie was unable to attend so Kathy Roberts provided an update. She reported that AKC is now allowing four more days of agility trials. Another trial could add an additional income of \$8,000 - \$9,000. 2013 trials are already scheduled for the second weekend of October, last weekend of February, and the first weekend of June. The club will need to determine when a good date would be to add another trial. Kathy stressed that members would need to step up to work in order to make another trial possible.

The AKC trial was very successful and she thanked all those who helped. There is an agility work day on Sunday at the building. The equipment will be hung on the walls to keep it off the floor so it stays in better condition. Kathy noted that the buildings at the Land are being exterminated after the Earthdog trial. Signs will be posted.

February 22 – 25 is the next AKC agility trial. The equipment will be organized for transport prior to that date.

g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)

Jennifer was not present so Kathy Roberts reported that a confirmation trial will be held next weekend with regular and altered classes. Workers are needed.

Trish Clute reminded members that they do not need to have a confirmation dog to take confirmation classes. These classes help you build a great relationship with your dog. There are two beginner classes a year (March and October) and two advanced classes (January and March).

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that the Earthdog tests will be held at the Land this weekend. They begin at 9:00 a.m. and workers are needed. He was happy to report that pre-entries exceeded the total entries for the June tests. This will be the last event at the Land until next May. He reminded those who signed up, that the annual Turkey Fry will begin at 6:00 Saturday evening.

i. Operations (Kathy Roberts)

No report.

j. Sunshine (Joyce Osburn)

Cheri Davis thanked the club for the beautiful flower arrangement and sent special thanks to those who attended her father's viewing and/or sent cards. She commented on several other members who are having tough times right now as well.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Cheri Davis)

Cheri Davis reported that everyone attending the HowlWalk had a great time. Our Canine Cadence group performed. She also announced that Gem City will be in the 2013 edition of the Pet Pages magazine. We will be provided copies to distribute at the club and at events.

Cheri reported that the Gem City Banquet is scheduled for February 2, 2013. The theme this year is "A Dog A-Fair". Several more people are needed to serve on the Banquet Committee. She reminded members of deadlines:

Submitting 2012 Titles on the GCDOC Website – January 11, 2013

Submitting Pictures for the Banquet to Lori or Ronalee – January 11, 2013

Submitting nominations for the Scottie Meyer Award – January 11, 2013

Pictures can be submitted in several categories:

New Furkids

Rainbow Bridge

Titles

Cute/Fun pictures for general slideshow

l. Store (Roberta Rupert)

Roberta Rupert reported that they have been cleaning out the store and many things that have been in the store for too long have been set out for sale at special reduced prices. Items from the Lost & Found and excess items from the kitchen were also set out. Anything not sold will be donated to the Salvation Army or rescue.

m. Nomination Committee (Roberta Rupert)

Nancy Beeman asked Gayle Ingram to present the slate of GCDOC officers for 2013 which were nominated at the September 17th meeting. 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.

Because all officers were running unopposed, Nancy Beeman moved to approve the nominated officers. Mark Anthony second the motion and the following slate of officers was unanimously approved by a verbal vote:

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)

III. **Continuing Business**

No continuing business was presented.

IV. **New Business**

Gene Bashor reminded everyone that the Dayton Children's Parade is once again being held on the Friday evening after Thanksgiving. Members and their dogs should report to the area at Second Street & Perry at 7:30 p.m. for the 8:00 parade. They should check in with Gene so he can record who was there. This is the 39th year Gem City members have marched in the parade. This year, besides bringing friends and family, he encouraged everyone to bring a bell.

Kathy Roberts encouraged members to come to the club on Sunday to help organize the equipment. She added that there will be another equipment auction coming up soon. More details on the auction will be available soon. Ronalee McKnight added that the Store will also be cleaned out on Sunday so anything that does not belong in there will be pitched.

V. **Next Meeting**

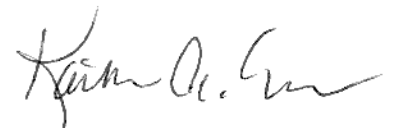
The next Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2013, at the building.

VI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Curt Givens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Rick Roberts seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Kathleen A. Roberts, President