

Gem City Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting

November 5, 2012

Location: GCDOC Building

Date: November 5, 2012 6:30 p.m.

Board Members:

Krista Anthony
Deb Arnold
Mary Beam
Nancy Beeman
Curt Givens

Diane Harrison
Gayle Ingram
Carole Lenehan
Ronalee McKnight
Pam Murn

Karen Pompei
Kathy Roberts
Elaine Stoermer

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kathy Roberts called the meeting to order and welcomed all the new board members. She explained that Laura Martin, a club member and lawyer, had requested time on the agenda to discuss some suggested changes to our Liability release form and some insight regarding some of our policies. Kathy Roberts suggested that board members begin discussion on these changes tonight and then seek member feedback before taking action on the changes at the December meeting.

II. Guest Speaker: Laura Martin

Laura Martin thanked the board for allowing her to present her suggested changes to the current Club Liability Release. The biggest problem she saw was that there are potential issues that are not addressed in the current release resulting in lots of situations that would not be covered. She stated that instructors are responsible for collecting vaccination records, etc. which can be a potential issue. Rabies is the only vaccine required by law. Another big issue is when people train at the building alone. Even though the club's Standing Rules state "There should always be another person with you when you are training..." it is common knowledge that people do train alone. It is important that the club crack down on this practice and have consequences for breaking the rule or have people sign off on the risks involved in that activity. Many of the changes Laura is recommending place responsibility and assumption of risk on the dog owner/handler and removes liability from the club. The Board thanked Laura for her input and told her that they would discuss this further at the December board meeting.

Board members continued to discuss ways to track use of the building ranging from requiring a sign in / out sheet when entering the building when classes are not being held to installing security cameras to record everyone entering. It was noted that the rule is really for safety issues and can apply to other activities besides training. People often do cleaning, organizing, mowing, and maintenance at both the Land and the building alone. Ronalee noted that leaving the building at night can be dangerous due to activities that occur in the parking lot after dark. It was also suggested that we have people sign a Photo Release before we publish any pictures of them in our publications, particularly for any photos of children.

Kathy Roberts asked members to continue to think about the issues raised and others that should be considered before making changes to the Liability Release. She added that during the Strategic Planning process, a lot of comments were made concerning this issue. She strongly believes that any changes should be approved by the entire

Membership and not just the Board. Curt Givens moved to table this discussion until the December board meeting.

III. Reports

Because reports were presented at the November 2, 2012 Membership Meeting, only a few members had updates at this month's Board meeting.

Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Curt Givens moved to accept the minutes of the October 1 and November 2, 2012 board meetings. It was seconded by Nancy Beeman and passed unanimously.

Gayle also distributed a copy of the 2011-2012 Board Member Attendance Matrix.

Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

Curt reported that, although cold and rainy on Saturday, the Earth Dog Tests this past weekend were very successful. They had an income of \$1,275, expenses of \$667.75 for a net gain of \$607.25. Entries included 31 regular and 10 intro on Saturday and 33 regular and 4 IQ on Sunday. In addition to 38 hours spent over two days preparing for the tests, ten people worked 73.5 hours on Saturday and eight people worked 53.25 hours during the two days of the tests. The next event will be the Buckeye Dachshund Club tests on May 11-12, 2013. Gem City tests are scheduled for June 6-8 and November 2-3, 2013.

Membership (Krista Anthony, chair)

Krista distributed a list of current applicants. She also shared a list of people who have not yet paid this year's membership dues. Directors were asked to review the list to see if any of their instructors are on the list. After December 1st a late fee is added.

III. Continuing Business

Banquet: The Banquet Committee still needs a co-chair. The theme is "County Fair".

Store: Ronalee has thoroughly cleaned and organized the Store. The shelves are labeled and nothing is on the floor in an attempt to minimize mouse damage. She asked that people not place anything in the store without checking with her first.

Starline Nunley Award: Kathy reported that Cheri Davis has sent her a list of 20 members/organizations that could qualify for the Starline Nunley Award. Mary agreed to assist Kathy in establishing criteria for narrowing down the list. The review process will most likely include an interview with potential nominees before the board makes a selection. They will bring recommendations to the December Board Meeting.

Canine Cadence Photo: Kathy reported that Morene Stickrod loved the idea of taking a photo of the 2012 Canine Cadence team to hang in a place of honor at the club. Copies will also be made for each member in the picture. Stacie Parks will be taking the picture next week.

IV. New Business

Agility Equipment Organizing: Diane Harrison was pleased to report that 15-20 people turned out on Sunday to help with the organization of the agility equipment. She sent out an email thanking everyone and requesting members' help in keeping it organized. Several board members commented on how exhibitors respond favorably when a club

maintains and organizes their equipment well. Some equipment was brought over from the Land and placed downstairs to be sold. The proceeds from the sale of old equipment will allow the club to purchase much needed new equipment.

Equipment Sale/Auction: Kathy Roberts explained that around \$6,000 was spent several years ago due mainly to changes made by AKC related to 24" weaves and changes to the chutes. Kathy Kaufman is in the process of cutting down our old chutes to be used in practice. Some money was made on the equipment auction held in 2011. Diane reported that about 90% of the equipment identified to be sold is because it no longer meets specifications. Kathy noted that there are plans to make a slide show showcasing the equipment being sold and the equipment will be set out downstairs during the upcoming CCC agility trial. Ronalee noted that there are other items that could be included in the sale such as cameras and obedience equipment. Diane stated that her plans are to have a live auction of the larger ticket items (with minimum bids on some) as well as a garage sale for smaller, less expensive items. Both sales will be held in December.

Agility Equipment Spending: Kathy Roberts explained that most clubs are going to rubberized equipment. Diane Harrison and Mark Anthony have investigated the costs to rubberize our equipment and found that skins could be purchased for \$400. They should last 4-5 years. Most of our jump bars are discolored and warped. Many clubs keep quality bars that are only used for trials. Diane recommended purchasing 60 new four foot bars from Max 200 that are UV resistant PVC with color infused into the bar so no taping is necessary. The cost would be \$9/bar. This would be enough to cover two rings. Diane also recommends purchasing a weave-a-matic for training beginner dogs. Kathy noted that the club makes \$4,000 - \$10,000 per AKC trial so some of those funds could be used to upgrade our equipment. It was suggested that the club consider raising its rental fees for use of the equipment.

Mary Beam moved to approve the request for \$1,520 to cover the new agility equipment. It was seconded by Nancy Beeman and passed unanimously.

Other: Kathy reported that the AKC has established the "Sandy Fund" to help AKC clubs and affiliated organizations provide assistance for pets and their owners in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and future disasters.

V. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2012, at the building.

VI. Adjournment

Curt Givens moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Krista Anthony seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Gayle L. Ingram, Secretary


Kathleen A. Roberts, President

Agenda

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- 1) Welcome and Call to Order
- 2) Guest –Laura Martin (Review of Member Release and Potential Rule Changes)
Note: Laura has some suggested changes to our release and some insight regarding some of our policies. Due to time constraints, I wanted to open the discussion about these matters this evening, so board members can seek member feedback and other counsel before we add it for discussion and potential further action at the December 2012 meeting.
- 3) Reports- The following reports have been waived, due to the recent membership meeting
(Treasurer, Membership, Obedience (unless Pam has something she needs to share), Registrar, Operations, Agility, Sunshine, Public Relations)
 - a. Secretary
 - a) Earth Dog
 - i) Fall EDog Test
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Banquet—Co-Chair Needed
 - b) Store
 - c) Starline Nunley Award
 - d) Canine Cadence Photo
- 5) New Business
 - a) Agility Equipment Organizing
 - b) Equipment Sale/Auction
 - c) Agility Equipment Spending
 - d) Other New Business

2012 GCDOC Attendance Matrix (GCDOC FY November - October)

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Applicants Nov 2012

FirstName	LastName		
Amelia	Boomershine		
Lona	Bowman		
Moleeay	Coy		
Phyllis	Davis		
Elena	Duncan		
EJ	Kenworthy		
Jamie	Locker		
Ellen	McClellan		
Gemi	Sasson-Brickson		
Barbara	Siler		
Janet	Stebbins		