

**Gem City Dog Obedience Club
Board of Directors Meeting
December 6, 2004**

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Presiding: Tami Woodrow

Present: Trish Clute, Kathy Combs, Curt Givens, Carole Lenehan, Karen Rheinberger, Marra Wollpert, Morene Stickrod, Elaine Stoermer, Kathy Roberts, Roberta Rupert, Roger George, Dorothy Leibold

I. Call to Order

Tami Woodrow brought the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed the new members to the board. Tami reviewed Board Policy in regards to etiquette and requested that if you are unable to attend a board meeting to let her know as soon as possible.

II. Report

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the November 5th special board meeting were distributed. Curt Givens moved to accept as published. Elaine Stoermer seconded and the motion carried with a majority vote. A copy is on file. Minutes of the November 1st meeting will be distributed at the January 3rd meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Roberts reported that the AWTa did make some money, which they were very pleased about. To date not all receipts are in for the UKC trial. Kathy noted that we need a better system for depositing checks. The trial secretaries are holding the checks, but they should be turned in immediately following the trial. She will be working on a procedure to address this issue. It was noted that this new policy/procedure should be brought to the board and voted on before it is actually instituted.

Membership Report

Karen Rheinberger noted that she had nothing new to report at this time. She is still receiving member renewals.

Registrar's Report

Carole Lenehan reported the ads for our classes have been placed in the newspaper. Carole noted that she has received a letter from CGC regarding evaluators. CGC will be charging \$25.00 per evaluator, renewable every two years. Karen Rheinberger will be stepping down as the Utility/Open Registrar in January, 2005. There will be a large printing bill coming in soon due to the printing of the new manuals and other paperwork.

Agility Report

Marra Wollpert reported that the Equipment Committee voted that the \$1500 made from the silent auction be put into the building fund. The Show-n-Go Committee is considering having a Show-n-Go approximately every other month to coincide with trials. New agility equipment has been ordered. The Agility Equipment Committee would like to put up at least one

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additional pole with three lights and one with two lights on the property. Money from the summer trial of \$7000 is to be earmarked for this. Marra motioned that money from the trial in July of 2005 be used for the purchase of the additional lighting. Trish Clute seconded. Curt requested that Marra look into separate breakers and plus for the other side of the arena. It was also requested that she check into speakers for the land as well. Marra amended the motion to include the speakers. Kathy Roberts seconded. The motion passed as amended with a majority vote. The Trial Committee has met and they are currently working on the July trial that will be cosponsored by the Dayton Dog Club on July 1,2,3,4, 2005. The Trial Committee wanted to ban two exhibitors from future trials after an incident at the UKC Trial. Marra overrode the committee on this matter. It was felt that in the future letters should be sent to all exhibitors regarding our expectations regarding appropriate behavior at trials and per UKC we must post any rules we impose on exhibitors in advance and it should be published in our premiums and any correspondence sent to them. Marra noted that the new title reporting form is now on the GCDOC website. Marra, on behalf of the Chinook Club would like to use the building for their Midwest Gathering. Trish motioned that the Chinook Club be permitted to use the building for their Midwest Gathering. Curt seconded the motion, which passed by a majority vote.

Conformation Report

Trish Clute reported there will be an Advanced Class starting in January and a Beginners Youth Class beginning in March. Trish is looking into the possibility of Echo Hills and Gem City sponsoring a joint seminar sometime next year. She has spoken with Charlie McMasters, President of Echo Hills and will follow-up with additional information to the board as it becomes available. Conformation run-throughs have been cancelled through January.

Earthdog Program Report

Curt Givens noted that AWTA was successful and that money was also made on the November test. Work will be done on the dens this winter, which his committee will handle.

Special Programs Report

Curt Givens reported that the four week Rally Obedience Session in November was well received, and money is actually coming in for it. The next session will begin January 10th for four weeks. They are looking into doing a Saturday morning sessions for four weeks, but this has not been confirmed to date. We have had a member come forward willing to chair an APDT Rally Trial in late spring or early summer. A date has not been confirmed at this time. We are still attempting to pull the information together for AKC to become a member club. Flyball is currently on hiatus.

Obedience Program Report

Kathy Combs reported that she would like to have an informal instructors meeting before the January session begins. She will be replacing one member of the Obedience Committee, who will be named at a later date.

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Operations Report

Roger George reported that the leaks in the roof were pointed out to the roofers this past Sunday and hopefully this issue is now resolved. Emergency lights are operational again. All other lights are working and two fixtures have been replaced. Roger recommended we purchase three new fire extinguishers, which he will take out of his budget. These will be replaced with ABC Extinguishers as our current extinguishers are water only. Roger will look into seeing if we can trade these in. Roger reported that a new faucet has been put in the sink and also a new light switch.

Public Relations

Morene Stickrod reported she has received several inquiries about Freestyle, Tricks and Drill Team. Morene would like to create a core of volunteers who would be willing to do routines in agility, obedience, etc. at public events to promote the club. She suggested that this group could work together on routines and perhaps all wear the same type of t-shirt or other articles of clothing so they present as a cohesive unit. Morene will be talking to Julie Bellar, who has some interest and experience with her 4H students. Morene would like to begin a trick class. Trish Clute knows of someone who does freestyle who might be willing to assist. Morene also is looking into having a Pet Night Competition. Public Relations have been selling T-shirts \$16.00 at our events to promote the club and our activities.

Ways and Means

Robert Rupert reported that the Sensation Harnesses are in. The order for small dog harnesses was underestimated and they will be reordering. The clickers that have been ordered should be here by January 1st. Roberta Rupert noted that Mike Kasick has contacted her regarding putting the store on our club's website.

III. Continuing Business Topics

Conversion to Non-Profit Status

No Report Given.

Building Committee

Tami Woodrow reported that three different builders have given presentations to the committee. A meeting was held just prior to Thanksgiving, but Christopher has not sent her the report yet to present to the board. Tami noted that the cost for the new building is approximately one-million dollars. The committee is now looking at our options. We are looking at the possibility of building a portion now, with the middle pod being the most likely choice. A brief discussion followed. Morene Stickrod motioned that a financial committee be appointed. Roger George noted that we need to get a final report from the Building Committee to the Board before this committee be formed. The motion was tabled for now.

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IV. New Business Topics

2005 Schedule of BOD Meetings

Tami reviewed the 2005 Schedule of Board Meetings. Marra moved that the schedule reflect the following changes: Change the September 5th meeting to September 12th and add July 11th. Curt Givens seconded and the schedule was approved by a majority vote.

2005 Schedule of Membership Meetings

Marra Wollpert moved that the scheduled be accepted as published. Curt Givens seconded and the motion was approved by a majority vote.

Member Work at Trials to be Required

Marra Wollpert is instituting a new policy for all agility students to work the equivalent of one trial as a requirement of the program. Letters will be sent to the students with an overview of the new requirement and expectations. This will not be closely monitored during the first portion of the year, but after that time it will be mandatory. After this has been fully instituted, a student who does not fulfill this portion of the requirement will be required to pay the full cost of their classes.

New Signage

Marra Wollpert reported that a new sign for the land has been made to replace the damaged one. She would like to order a banner for outside of the main building which would be approximately 4x8 and cost approximately \$125.00. This would be permanently mounted on the end of the building. A brief discussion followed. Morene motioned that funds be allocated in the amount of \$125.00 for the banner. Carole Lenehan seconded and the motion passed by a majority vote.

Awards Dinner

Kathy Roberts is chairing the Awards Dinner. The theme will be "Pawdi Gra". Due to the change in venue it is being requested that the board underwrite the cost of the banquet hall in order to keep the reservation fee affordable for the members. Marra motioned that we underwrite the cost of the building rental. Curt Givens seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Incident at October CPE Trial

Marra Wollpert reported on an incident at the CPE trial between two members Tami Woodrow and Stacy Alcorn and her two dogs, which were on leads. Tami was bit by "Aussie", Stacy's dog as she was entering the building and Stacy was exiting. This biting incident was unprovoked by Tami and the second unprovoked incident here at the club. After a brief discussion Marra motioned that Stacy must keep "Aussie" muzzled at all times while on Gem City Dog Obedience property (i.e. club site/land) and that he not be entered in any shows sponsored by GCDOD for at least a year. At that time the dog will be re-evaluated. Stacy would be notified of the Board's decision by mail. Curt Givens seconded the motion and it was passed by a majority vote.

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V. Proposals for Next Board Meeting/New Business Topics

No additional items given.

Trish Clute noted that the underwater treadmill therapist she is currently using with her dog does seminars and would be willing to give a seminar to our club. This is something for us to consider for a future membership meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Curt motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Carole seconded, and the motion was carried by a majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 3, 2005, 7:00 p.m., (Gem City Dog Obedience Club in lieu of the meeting in September.)**

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Leibold
Secretary
Gem City Dog Obedience Club

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of Minutes
for December*