

Agenda

Gem City Dog Obedience Club Board Meeting

Location: Bullwinkles

Date: December 13, 2010; 7:00 pm

Board Members:

Mary Beam	Carole Lenehan	Roberta Rupert	Tami Woodrow
Cheri Davis	Maggie Melton	Jennifer Scott	
Lori Genaw	Rick Roberts	Gayle Ingram	
Curt Givens	Amy Runyon	Elaine Stroemer	

I. Welcome and Call to Order

a. Remarks

II. Reports

a. Secretary

g. Conformation

b. Treasurer

h. Earth Dog

c. Membership

i. Operations

d. Registrar

j. Sunshine

e. Obedience

k. Publicity/Public Relations

f. Agility

l. Store

III. Continuing Business

a. Review Calendar Items – next three months

b. Banquet update

c. Awards

d. Library

IV. New Business

a. Donation to Military dogs, suggested by the cleaning committee

b. Bringing in agility equipment before the snow

V. Next Meeting

VI. Adjourn

Gem City Dog Obedience Club Board Meeting December 13, 2010

Location: Bullwinkle's Restaurant

Date: December 13, 2010; 7:20 p.m.

Board Members:

Mary Beam (absent)	Maggie Melton*	Elaine Stoermer
Cheri Davis	Rick Roberts	Tami Woodrow
Lori Genaw	Amy Runyon	
Curt Givens (absent)	Roberta Rupert (absent)	* 1 vote
Gayle Ingram (secretary elect)	Jennifer Scott	
Carole Lenehan	Morene Stickrod	

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Lori Genaw called the meeting to order and welcomed all the members and spouses to the December meeting at Bullwinkle's Restaurant.

II. Reports

a. Secretary (Gayle Ingram)

Amy Runyon moved to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2010 board meeting. It was seconded by Elaine Stoermer and passed unanimously.

Gayle informed the group that she had contacted AKC Club Relations informing them that she will be the GCDOC Secretary in 2011. She received a confirmation from them today.

b. Treasurer (Tami Woodrow)

Checking	\$30,089.82
Savings	<u>\$44,203.08</u>
Total	\$74,292.90

Tami reported that the club has a larger balance than it had at this time last year.

The cost of cleaning up after trials was discussed. In the past most trials relied on volunteers to stay after the close of the trial to clean up which took a considerable amount of time and effort because only a few members stay to assist. Brian Bockman has done a very good job at cleaning the facility and charges a very reasonable rate (generally between \$60 and \$80). It was agreed by consensus to increase use of Mr. Bockman for clean up following trials.

Jennifer Scott moved to accept treasurer's report. It was seconded by Elaine Stoermer and passed unanimously.

c. Membership (Amy Runyon, chair)

Amy reported that she had emailed forty members who have failed to pay their 2011 membership dues. Only six or seven of those forty have responded. Amy has set a deadline of December 31st for payment of dues. Anyone not paid by that date will not be included as a member in the 2011 Membership Directory and will not receive any awards. Amy noted that seven or eight new applicants are still pending.

A committee was formed to review the rules related to Membership. This includes how to become a member and how to maintain membership. The committee consists of:

Amy Runyon, Elaine Stoermer, Maggie Melton, and Cheri Davis.

Pam Murn has the list of members who requested receiving the Crateline via email. When the next issue is ready to be released Mike Kasik will post it online and notify members it is available online and email to those who requested it in that format.

d. Registrar (Carole Lenehan)

Carole distributed a summary of class registration statistics comparing 2009 and 2010. Although there were 90 (12%) less students during the five sessions in 2010 compared to 2009, it was still felt that considering the state of the local economy it was a successful year. Session 5 was the only session which had more students in 2010 than in 2009 which was encouraging.

e. Obedience (Elaine Stoermer, Director)

Elaine reported that the Obedience show was successful and the club received a lot of positive feedback. Cheri Davis commented that she attended the show and completely enjoyed it. She felt we need to encourage more members to attend obedience shows. Elaine reported that all instructors will be back for Session 1 in 2011.

f. Agility (Maggie Melton)

Maggie reported that she is having trouble getting agility instructors to commit for 2011. They have lost the advanced instructor due to surgery. That class will now be offered as a Challenge Class which will have the students critique each other.

Maggie recommended to the Board that it consider contracting with Jennifer Crank (from IncrediPAWS in Columbus) to hold a one-day seminar for people who are interested in teaching agility. If the person commits to teach a class for an entire year, the Board would pay their registration. The seminar would be held at her facility and would not include dogs. Students would be required to sign a contract agreeing to teach for one year.

- Carole Lenehan made a motion to move forward with this seminar but limited the club expenditure to \$500. Amy Runyon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jennifer Scott announced that five GCDOC members have qualified for the AKC Agility Nationals to be held on April 1-3, 2011 in Lexington, Virginia at the Virginia Horse Center. She requested that the Board consider purchasing an ad in the program congratulating those teams.

- Amy Runyon made a motion to purchase a ½ page ad featuring pictures of the five teams. Maggie Melton seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Jennifer will find out the specific requirements for the ad, including the deadline for submission, and provide pictures of the teams to Lori to create the ad.

g. Conformation (Jennifer Scott)

No report.

h. Earth Dog (Curt Givens)

No report.

i. Operations (Rick Roberts)

Rick reported that the clearing of trees and brush along the fence line is nearly completed. Due to weather the piles of brush will remain until a chipper can be rented in the spring. Unfortunately, the "O" Turn mower has quit working. It sounds like the engine has locked up. Rick will make arrangements to take it in to be diagnosed. He anticipates that it will cost about \$1,000 to repair.

j. Sunshine (Cheri Davis)

Cheri reported that flowers were sent to Kandy Robinson following her knee replacement surgery.

Cheri reported that \$560 was raised for Canine Cancer. \$299 came from the raffle and the rest from cash donations in memory of dogs who had died from cancer. Crossroads Canine Club had donated \$36 (to bring total to \$550).

- Amy Runyon made a motion for GCDOC to donate \$40 to bring the total raised to \$600. Rick Roberts seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

k. Publicity/Public Relations (Morene Stickrod)

Cheri requested that a portion of a bulletin board at the building highlight things to do with your dog. In one month increments, the board could focus on things such as freestyle, pet therapy, earth dog, etc.

Currently the bulletin board is split between Canine Cancer, Club business, and ads for dog related businesses (grooming, photos, etc.). There was some discussion on other ways to make the business information available. There was consensus that the bulletin board should remain since it is a way for club members associated with businesses to network.

- By consensus, it was agreed that a new bulletin board would be hung that would focus on things to do with your dog.

Since Morene Stickrod resigned from the board, a new champion for publicity/public relations is needed. Cheri Davis will consider taking on this responsibility.

Morene stated that she had enjoyed serving on the board. She noted that she will now have more time available to devote to teaching freestyle. Classes will be held on Monday evenings. She will hold four 2 hour classes: 2 in January and 2 in February. She will be contacting Mike Kasik to get the schedule on the website.

l. Store (Roberta Rupert)

No report.

III. **Continuing Business**

- Calendar Items: Members reviewed the calendar items listed on the GCDOC website calendars.
- GCDOC Banquet. The banquet which was originally scheduled for February 12th was moved to February 6, 2011 because several trials are being held that weekend. Lori proposed changing caterers this year. Rob's has catered the last few years with Ritter's providing a sundae bar. The cost has been \$16 which included \$4 for Ritter's.

Lori has contacted Christopher's Restaurant for quotes and menus. The cost would be more than the \$16 the club has charged members in the past.

- By consensus, agreed that in light of the current economy the cost should not be raised from \$16. They also felt the final menu/caterer should be the decision of the Banquet Committee.

Lori will be creating the slide show. Ronalee will help with the Rainbow Bridge and new Furkids section. We will once again have karaoke but try to start it sooner so more people will participate. Tami agreed to place the awards order with Gauntlet Awards in Vandalia. Maggie is updating the awards list online and will provide Tami the list when it is finalized.

- Library. Mara Wollpert has contacted Cheri and Lori about the Library. Caitlyn is no longer available to maintain the library. She is the young lady that created and organized the library. Cheri agreed to take over as coordinator of the library but will ask Caitlyn to select her successor. It would be good if we could have another junior GCDOC member take over.

IV. New Business

- Equipment at the Land. Lori raised the issue of agility equipment being left outside in bad weather. The equipment gets frozen to the ground and is damaged. Maggie and Cheri responded that they had hoped to have the equipment moved out for the AKC trial by this time to avoid this situation; however, bad weather arrived before they were able to move it.

It was noted that classes were in session at the Land up until Thanksgiving. Often weather causes the equipment to be slick and can be dangerous. The decision of whether to hold classes at the Land or move them to the building has been left up to the instructors. A suggestion was made to consider moving the last few classes in Session 5 to the building. A time could be scheduled in November to move the equipment into the Faulkner building. No decision was made on this suggestion.

- Funding Request. The Cleaning Committee has requested that the Club send a donation to the Military Working Dogs Cooling Vest Project which was initiated by club member Starline Nunley. The Board members noted that the Club has made numerous donations to this cause and continues to assist in promoting the project. Since that time, Starline has been able to expand her efforts nationwide and has received a grant from Pepsi to help purchase this much needed gear for the military dogs.
 - Tami suggested that she close out the account which was originally set up for this cause and the balance of approximately \$400 be donated to the Military Working Dogs Cooling Vest Project. The Board approved this action by consensus.

Discussion ensued on the many groups and causes that request donations from the Club. Currently groups have been allowed to hold raffles or provide food at trials with the proceeds benefiting their organization. This has worked very well but more and more requests are coming in so it was decided that an application process should be developed so that all requests are given equal consideration.

- Gayle volunteered to draft an application and scoring matrix for sponsorship requests.
- Amy announced that she would like to find a member who would like to earn extra hours by volunteering to assist her with the membership duties. She would like to

January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 8:00PM - BOARD MEETING	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 7:00PM - GAMING CADENCE	11	12	13	14 OCC. RENTAL	15
16 OCC. RENTAL	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 RENTAL - MASA BUS SHOW	29
30 RENTAL - MASA BUS SHOW	31					

February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 7:00PM - BOARD MEETING	8	9	10	11 7:00PM - SHILTS CLUB	12
13	14 7:00PM - GAMING CADENCE	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 7:00PM - GAMING CADENCE CITIZEN EVALUATION	23	24 8:00PM - GAMING CADENCE CITIZEN EVALUATION	25 8:00PM - GAMING CADENCE CITIZEN EVALUATION	26 8:00PM - GAMING CADENCE CITIZEN EVALUATION
27 8:00PM - GAMING CADENCE CITIZEN EVALUATION	28					

YEARLY STATISTICS 2009 AND 2010

SESSION	YEAR 2010	YEAR 2009	DIFFERENCE
1. JAN/FEB	134	165	-31
2. MAR/APR	158	179	-21
3. MAY/JUNE	145	162	-17
4. AUG/SEPT	105	129	-24
5. OCT/NOV	140	137	3
TOTALS	682	772	-90