

Gem City Dog Obedience
Club Board Minutes
12/3/18

Board Members Present: Carol Coffey, Sherri Heizer, Chris Kiefer, Brenda Marcks, Pam Murn, Angela Profitt, Leah Schiller, Kathy Roberts, Elaine Stoermer, Charlotte Weisner, Cindy Wilkins, Tami Woodrow; Cathy Wright

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Chris Kiefer. Motion to approve board minutes from meetings held on 10/14/18 and 11/3/18 was made by Elaine Stoermer; seconded by Angela Profitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership—Tami Woodrow. We currently have 213 members, which includes 17 Applicants; 31 Associates; 20 Family; 16 Lifetime; and 129 Regular. As of today, 108 of the 129 regular members have paid their dues. Twenty-one regular members remain unpaid.

Treasurer—Kathy Roberts. Kathy distributed a balance sheet as of November 30, 2018. Current balances are Checking: \$60,398.58; Savings: \$14, 435.87; Petty Cash Advance: \$854.37 for a total of \$75,688.82. A motion to accept the Treasurer report was made by Elaine Stoermer; seconded by Angela Profitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Barn Hunt / Earth Dog — Nothing new to report.

Registrar— Angela Profitt. Number of students for Session 5 included 95 obedience; 26 rally; 3 freestyle; 98 agility and 6 conformation for a total of 228 students.

Conformation—Cathy Wright. Beginning in the 2019, conformation will run the same as all other GCDOC sessions. Classes will not be held during breaks. Nine judges are in place for rotation during the upcoming sessions. A liability / waiver form will be created for non-members / guests attending the class.

Freestyle — Chris Kiefer. Jingle Star Fling was held on Saturday, December 1. It was very well attended by both members and non-members. GCDOC will host a freestyle trial July 19 – 21.

Lure Coursing—Leah Schiller. K-9 Splash Zone has offered June 22-23 for GCDOC to offer a Fast Cat at their facility. They would also be able to offer a dock diving fun match during the same weekend. Sheryl Sabino will be Chairing the Fast Cat trial.

Obedience — Pam Murn. Judges have been assigned for the 2019 and 2020 AKC trials to be held in September.

Rally—Elaine Stoermer. A workshop was held on Monday, November 12 to review the Master course signs. In order to keep the Rally signs secure, a lock has been added to the Rally box.

Agility—Sherri Heizer. Registrations are coming in for the next session. Several new instructors have been added for this session. A seminar will be held on December 16.

Old Business:

Leah has been trying to obtain quotes for the front of the building. She still has not been able to find someone. Due to weather during the winter months, this issue will be tabled until spring.

New Business:

Member at Large members, Cindy Wilkins, announced that the Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 2. Ronalee McKnight and Patti Clifford will continue to serve on this committee. Kohler Catering will be providing the food. Tables and chairs have been reserved. Cindy requested board members meet and greet arriving guests at the banquet. She also requested that board members help serve food.

GCDOC member, Janet Jones, chaired the Barn Hunt trial on November 10. There were a few concerns with the trial and with the upcoming changes to Barn Hunt. Due to these issues, it was suggested that barn hunt activities be suspended. Cathy Wright make a motion to suspend all barn hunt activities indefinitely, seconded by Pam Murn. Motion passed unanimously.

Members at Large duties include an expectation to volunteer to chair at least one committee. Committee chairs for 2019 will be as follows:

Awards/Entertainment Committee – Cindy Wilkins

Cleaning Committee – Leah Schiller

Finance Committee – Kathy Roberts

Hospitality Committee – Carol Coffey

Sunshine – Leah Schiller

Land Committee – Leah Schiller

Maintenance Committee – Cindy Wilkins

Newsletter Committee

Publicity Committee – Carol Coffey

Ways and Means Committee – Charlotte Wisener

Member at Large member, Leah Schiller, will also be reporting on Earth Dog at future board meetings

A website committee is needed to edit the content of the website.

Angela Profitt, Registrar, provided a calendar of dates for the 2019 calendar. Course sessions will run as follows:

Session 1 – January 2 – February 19

Session 2 – March 4 – April 18

Session 3 – April 22 – June 10

Session 4 – August 5 – September 23

Session 5 – October 7 – November 21

A discussion was held about online registration for obedience classes. Angela Profit made a motion for online registration for puppy, puppy grad, beginner, and advanced obedience classes being paid through PayPal; seconded by Pam Murn. Motion passed unanimously.

Pam Murn made a suggestion to add all club activities to the website calendar. Cathy Wright made a motion to add all club activities to the current calendar on the website; seconded by Pam Murn. Motion passed unanimously.

Several trees need to be removed at the land. Leah Schiller will contact the same person who recently cleared the brush at Northcutt.

Jennifer Looper contacted the Board for a donation to purchase Christmas gifts for the Eastway Boys. Cathy Wright made a motion to donate \$500 to give to the Eastway Boys; seconded by Cindy Wilkins. Motion did not carry.

Elaine Stoermer made a motion to donate \$200 to purchase Christmas gifts for the Eastway Boys; seconded by Kathy Roberts. Motion passed with two dissenters.

Due to the congestion at agility trials, Kathy Roberts made a suggestion to rearrange the current storage in the front room. Kathy will work with Pam Murn, the obedience director.

Cathy Wright made a suggestion for a weather contingency plan for the building. Pam has a concern with instructors cancelling classes instead of waiting for the club to cancel classes. Cathy made a suggestion that all closing decisions be made by 5:00 p.m. for evening classes and posted to members via all available areas.

Cathy Wright will be adding a liability / waiver form to be created for non-members / guests attending the conformation class.

Member at Large member, Leah Schiller, was contacted by a member about receiving a stone for a deceased dog. To improve communication among members, a "Sunshine" button will be added to the website to make announcements.

Pam and her husband will be redoing the gates that are in need of repair. Pam Murn made a motion that the Board allow a group to redo the gates and spend up to \$200 to buy parts to repair; seconded by Tami Woodrow. Motion passes unanimously.

Chris suggested a maintenance committee person be available to meet contractors to ensure that classes are not interrupted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Marcks