

**Gem City Dog Obedience
Club Board Minutes
5/19/19**

Board Members Present: Carol Coffey, Chris Kiefer, Brenda Marcks, Pam Murn, Angela Profitt, Kathy Roberts, Leah Schiller, Elaine Stoermer, Charlotte Weisner, Cindy Wilkins

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chris Kiefer. Motion to approve board minutes from meeting held on 4/5/19 was made by Elaine Stoermer; seconded by Leah Schiller. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership – Tami Woodrow. We currently have 199 members in the database. Of the 199 members, there are 20 applicants, 22 associates, 20 family, 15 lifetime, 122 regular, and 2 service dog members. Forty-five members have worked 50+ hours, 50 members have worked 20-49 hours, and 55 members have worked 1-19 hours. Volunteer opportunities should be emailed to Chris to add to the volunteer opportunities section of the website. A discussion was held on the limited number of hours available for members. Membership will be handled online this year, including payment of dues through Paypal. Cathy Creager has applied for reinstatement to membership. Tami Woodrow made a motion to reinstate Cathy Creager as a member; seconded by Angela Profitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Kathy Roberts. Kathy provided a Profit and Loss statement from January through April of 2019. Our net income is approximately \$15,618. Tami Woodrow made a motion to accept the treasurer report; seconded by Leah Schiller. Motion passed unanimously.

Earth Dog – Leah Schiller. Nothing new to report.

Registrar – Angela Profitt. Angela recently deposited \$4500 from Paypal for obedience classes this session. Barbie Demmy will be the new registrar for the advanced classes.

Conformation—Cathy Wright. Cathy was not in attendance but provided an update. Conformation run-throughs will continue until the end of Session 3. Classes will resume in Session 4. The Advanced class, taught by Trish Clute, is finishing up. The Beginner class will be held during Session 4 with the Advanced Class to repeat in Session 5. The class is registering online with the approval of instructor only. First-time club members registering for the course will receive preferential registration. The ramp has been redesigned, rebuilt and returned to the club. Judges and instructors will be asked to return it to the front closet if weekend use of the club is notated on the whiteboard.

Lure Coursing—Leah Schiller. We did not make money on the trial held on April 13th for several reasons, including providing lunches for volunteers. The judge / lure operator were interested in doing a fast cat at the land in September in conjunction with the CAT. The Fast Cat trial made approximately \$1,000. The Fast Cat committee was recently notified of complaints regarding the behavior of volunteers. A discussion was held on the importance of providing knowledgeable, friendly volunteers for all GCDOC events.

Obedience — Pam Murn. Instructors are still needed if anyone is interested. A beginner class will be added next session on Tuesday mornings.

Freestyle – Pam Murn. The head of the World Canine Freestyle Organization has decided to move the July trial from GCDOC to the Roberts Center. This event will be a TV documentary series. Gems and Stars will have very limited involvement with this event. They are planning on a December event at GCDOC. There will be no hours given for volunteers who choose to work this event.

Rally—Elaine Stoermer. Nothing new to report.

Agility—Sherri Heizer. Not in attendance.

Old Business:

Leah obtained quotes to enhance the front door entrance area. Both quotes include building a retaining wall. The first proposal uses railroad ties to build the wall at a cost of \$9,000. The railroad ties are treated lumber with a life use of 8-10 years. The second proposal is for a wall using decorative stones is \$13,500. Leah will reach out to the company with questions raised by the board.

Pam is working with the roofer on the date of installation.

Pam and Charlotte will meet to discuss possible fundraisers. We need to raise approximately \$25,000.

Cindy is working with Susan Fife on the chiropractor visiting the club for members dogs. All spots were full last session.

Leah is working on cleaning out the Barn Hunt building. She will continue to clean out the building.

New Business:

Bob Ryan attended the meeting to discuss the K9 Frisbee Toss Fetch. Bob is interested in hosting a K9 Frisbee Toss and Fetch League Team. This would be a GCDOC class offered at the land. They would use the fenced-in area of the GCDOC land. There would be 8 to 20 dogs attending during week nights. This opportunity has the potential to increase GCDOC membership and revenue. A discussion was held on the importance of following the rules of the land regarding control of dogs while in attendance of GCDOC classes.

Cathy has organized sign-ups for litter pick-up duty around the building. She is monitoring the program and will continue to monitor throughout the summer. Times / areas are available if anyone is interested.

Pet Fest (previously Howloween) by Miami Valley Pet Therapy has sent a request for volunteers to participate in their event. The Fundraising committee will work on suggestions.

The club has acquired a new telephone number. The new number is 937-867-0406.

The Board received two written reports regarding the inappropriate behavior of a current member. A discussion was held. Pam Murn made a motion to send a letter informing the member that her behavior was unacceptable and because of these incidents, she will be removed from teaching for a year. This letter will be reviewed by her fellow instructors; seconded by Tami Woodrow. Motion passed unanimously. A full report of the incidents and a copy of the letter mailed to the member will be retained by the Secretary

Upcoming board meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

July 8, 2019 (Graeter's in Oakwood)

August 4, 2019 (Northcutt)

September 8, 2019 (Northcutt)

October 13, 2019 (Northcutt)

Angela Profitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Marcks

