

**Gem City Dog Obedience
Club Board Minutes
9/8/19**

Board Members Present: Carol Coffey, Chris Kiefer, Sheri Heizer, Brenda Marcks, Angela Profitt, Kathy Roberts, Leah Schiller, Elaine Stoermer, Charlotte Weisner, Tami Woodrow

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chris Kiefer. Motion to approve board minutes from meeting held on 7/8/19 with changes was made by Tami Woodrow; seconded by Angela Profitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership – Tami Woodrow. The fiscal year for volunteer hours ends on September 30th. All hours need to be completed by that time. Invoices will be emailed to members versus being mailed through USPS. We currently have 201 members. Of those 201 members, 118 have 20+ hours; 65 have 50+ hours. The current fee for memberships is 10-19 hours - \$50; 20-29 hours - \$40; 30-39 hours - \$30; 40-49 hours - \$20; Over 50 hours - \$15. There is an additional fee of \$5 for family memberships. Motion to change fees to \$45 for 20-29 hours; \$35 for 30-39 hours; \$25 for 40-49 hours; and \$15 for over 50 hours with additional family member fee staying \$5 was made by Angela Profitt; seconded by Sheri Heizer. Motion passed unanimously. A motion to nominate Curt and Linda Givens as lifetime members was made by Tami Woodrow; seconded by Kathy Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Kathy Roberts. Kathy distributed the financial statement for January through August of 2019. Profit for classes are up approximately \$5,000. Current assets are approximately \$100,000. Motion made by Tami Woodrow to accept the treasurers report; seconded by Angela Profitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Registrar – Angela Profitt. An additional \$475 of funds was made by adding Disc Dog as an option for classes at the land.

Conformation—Cathy Wright. Confirmation run-throughs continue to follow the class session schedule. The ramp is being stored in the front storage closet. Carol Frank-Poore, with Trish Clute's assistance, will become an assistant instructor beginning in session 2 and 3 in Spring 2020. Class information is continuing to be posted on the Friends of Gem City and Ohio Show Dogs noting when run-throughs are being held.

Lure Coursing—Leah Schiller. Next trial is September 28-29. Friday Blue Grass Coursing Club is having a lure coursing and coursing ability test. The Bluegrass Coursing Club is furnishing the equipment and judges and we are providing the land.

Obedience — Pam Murn was not in attendance. Upcoming trial on September 21 and 22. We have been approved to offer the AKC Rally trial in June. Still waiting for Echo Hills to release the obedience date.

Freestyle – Pam Murn was not in attendance. Nothing new to report.

Rally—Elaine Stoermer. Nothing new to report.

Agility—Sherri Heizer. Next sessions courses have been added to the website. A Tuesday morning class option has been added to the schedule. The additional 5:00 class is working well and opened up time for other classes. The first agility run though held made \$160. Next run through will be September 27. Classes are requiring students to bring crates for their dogs use during classes.

Old Business:

Crossroads Canine Club provided their dates for upcoming trials for next year.

A discussion was held on fundraising opportunities. Ideas include members earning volunteer hours for cleaning the building after events versus paying for the service, and purchase of club logo clothing and mugs. An additional suggestion, Snacks with Santa, has been proposed to occur on Saturday, November 23rd. The event would include the opportunity to have your photo taken with Santa. Charlotte Weisner will Chair the event.

Cathy Wright provided the following report regarding the trash pickup efforts. The trash brigade gems have been regularly picking up the small trash and litter around the building since May 15, 2019. There are several concerns with illegal dumping. She has ordered 12x12 reflective aluminum signs to post that read "no Illegal dumping / under camera surveillance". The Police suggested that security cameras be added to the back lot. A stolen truck was dumped in our parking lot, reported to Montgomery County Sherriff's Office and towed off the property on August 29. The cemetery at the rear of our property is considered "inactive" and has access from the shopping area along Dixie.

New Business:

A nomination committee is being formed for nominations for next year. Charlotte Weisner will chair the committee. Sheri Heizer will serve on the committee.

September membership meeting will be at the land on September 25 at 7:00 pm.

First aid kits have been updated.

Angela Profitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Marcks