

**Gem City Dog Obedience
Club Board Minutes
10/13/19**

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 9/8/19 was made by Pam Murn; seconded by Angela Profitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership – Tami Woodrow. Invoices have been sent for membership dues. Paypal is the preferred form of payment, although checks are also excepted. Tami is evaluating ways of communicating with membership. Since earned vouchers also have to be mailed to members, next year's dues will be sent via hard copy through USPS. She is also working on the possibility of using electronic vouchers instead of hard copy vouchers. Vouchers will also only be mailed out once a year (end of cycle) versus mid-year and end of year.

Treasurer – Kathy Roberts. Kathy was not in attendance, but Rick provided a treasurers report on behalf of her. Checking and savings as of September 30, 2019 is \$105,555.06. Motion made by Elaine Stoermer to accept the treasurers report; seconded by Angela Profitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Registrar – Angela Profitt. All Beginner obedience courses were full this session. Registrations for all other obedience classes were also up this session.

Conformation—Cathy Wright. Nothing new to report.

Lure Coursing—Leah Schiller. The CAT trial went very smoothly. Total income of \$1069 for the two day event. Blue Grass Coursing is interested in returning in April to use our facilities for their events.

Obedience — Pam Murn. There was a net profit of \$916 for the obedience trials held on September 20 and 21, 2019. June trials were approved by AKC for Rally and Obedience.

Freestyle – Pam Murn. Nothing new to report.

Rally—Elaine Stoermer. Nothing new to report.

Agility—Sherri Heizer. Classes are full for this session. The last agility trial went well. A dog incident report was filed for an incident that occurred on September 11 in the Beginner series course. The members / dog have been moved into separate classes. A letter will be sent to the owners instructing them to have them on leash or in a crate while not working.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

The mailbox was vandalized with burned charcoal and ash. Leah reported it to the Police Department and the Post Office. Leah suggested the possibility of having the mail forwarded to Board member or to acquire a PO box (\$53/6 months). A motion was made by Pam Murn to remove the mailbox from the front of the property; seconded by Cathy Wright. Motion moved unanimously.

Leah received an estimate for \$300 to remove the brush that has been dumped at the back of the building.

A discussion was held on potential safety issues at the Northcutt facility. A motion was made by Cathy Wright to form a committee to evaluate security issues at the Northcutt facility and ways to ensure safety for members and guests; seconded by Pam Murn. Motion passed unanimously. Cathy Wright will chair the committee, Carol Coffey and Rick Roberts will serve on the committee.

Entries for the CAT Test were down to 60 compared 100 at past two day trials. Leah will reach out to AKC to see if Fast Cats / CAT tests are approved based on proximity to each location holding the event.

The toilet in the Men's restroom is not working. Pester will provide an estimate for repairs.

Angela Profitt is preparing the calendar for next year. Dates for events / trials should be provided to her as they become available.

A volunteer is needed to organize the Awards banquet this year.

Leah requested that Sunshine information be shared with membership. There was some concern with protecting members privacy.

Pam Murn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Marcks