

Gem City Dog Obedience

Club Board Minutes

8/1/21

Board Members Present: , Angela Profitt, Diana Stromley, Sherri Heizer, Donna Jennings, Maggie Melton, Kathy Roberts, Rick Roberts, Alicia Heidorn, Barb Siler, Charlotte Wisener, Tami Woodrow

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Angela Profitt. Motion to accept meeting minutes from 6/28/21 was made by Tami Woodrow, seconded by Diana Stromely. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President: Diana Stromley. Waiting on contract for Rhythm Dog Sports for 2022. Waiting for check from Elaine Stroemer for use of the building for nosework.

Membership: Tami Woodrow.

TABLE 1 – 2022 FEE STRUCTURE

100 – 999 HOURS	\$ 15	100 – 999 HOURS	15 MEMBERS
50 – 99 HOURS	\$ 30	50 – 99 HOURS	16 MEMBERS
20 – 49 HOURS	\$ 40	20 – 49 HOURS	43 MEMBERS
1 – 19 HOURS	\$ 50	1 – 19 HOURS	55 MEMBERS
0 HOURS	\$ 60	0 HOURS	60 MEMBERS

TABLE 2 – MEMBERS HOURS AS OF 8/1/21

APPLICANT MEMBERS	18
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	18
FAMILY MEMBERS	16
LIFETIME MEMBERS	18
REGULAR MEMBERS	119
TOTAL MEMBERS:	189

TABLE 3 – MEMBERS BROKEN DOWN BY MEMBERSHIP TYPE.

Because the Covid Restrictions were not removed until almost halfway through the year:

I propose that “The fee structure in table # 1 will be used and we suspend the 20 hours per year requirement for this year only”.

Also “That the requirement to work 50 hours to retain the key to the building be waived for this year”.

We included a service voucher last year for anyone who worked 20 – 49 hours last year but I do not propose that we do that again this year as very few members picked up their voucher.

Again this year members can see their hours and fee when they log into their account on the website.

Decline in Membership from 2017 to 2021:

2017 – 268 members

2018 – 212 members

2019 – 202 members

2020 – 191 members

2021 – 189 members

A motion was made by Tami Woodrow to discuss the proposed fee structure and to waive the member service hour requirement for 2021, it was seconded by Diana Stromely. Motion passed.

The proposed fee structure passed. It was decided that if a member had 20 service hours they would be able to retain their key for 2021/2022. For a new key, the 50 hour requirement stands. The 20 service hour requirement was waived for 2021 only, but those members will need to pay 50.00.

It was proposed that the fee structure for members and service hour requirements for members be placed in the standing rules.

Treasurer: Kathy Roberts. The club has 77, 542.70 in assets as of June 30th. All revenues are up and facility expenditure are up. The club is looking good.

Motion made by Sherri Heizer to accept the treasurers report; seconded by Maggie Melton. Motion passed unanimously.

Registrar: Maggie Melton. Some of the classes for session 5 did not fill. The Intro to Nosework and the Freestyle classes were cancelled due to no registration. The beginner and puppy classes are doing well. 75 non-members and 35 members are signed up for the puppy, beginner and advanced obedience classes.

Conformation: No director

Obedience: Kristina Morgan. Absent. Obedience trial filled, Rally did not fill

Agility: Sherri Heizer. Classes full. The agility trial was successful, though numbers entering are down due to there now being more competitions in the area. It was decided that members who do not do agility can now volunteer at the agility trials.

Old Business

Space Usage

There has been an ongoing discussion about the use of the turf room for some of the obedience classes.

Agility feels they need the entire turf room to run the classes properly. When a portion is cut out for an obedience class it disrupts the flow of the agility class and the training suffers. A petition was drawn and signed by agility members to have the turf room used exclusively for Agility. Agility had to combine some of the beginner classes and added two classes. Agility added a 5:00 Wednesday class and a 5:15 Thursday class.

It was stated that there is congestion in the front room when agility people come in and have to wait to go into the turf room for their class. This causes a disturbance for the obedience classes taking place in the front room. It was decided that the agility people will now be directed to walk straight through to the turf room and go to the side opposite from where the current class is taking place. They will be sent an email explaining this and told not to hang out in the front room.

It was proposed that the back entrance to the turf room be fixed. At this time it is unusable. If it was fixed, agility people could enter through that door. A quote will be obtained on the door repair.

There was an incident on Tuesday night where an obedience class thought they were going to use the turf room but they were denied. The ring they had been assigned in the front room was too small for the class. It was decided to flip the rings with the two classes, with the advanced obedience class taking the larger ring and the puppy class taking the smaller ring. The advanced obedience class will then split the ring into two during CGC testing.

It was decided for now that each session will need to be mapped out as we go. Kristina and Shei will need to work together so both agility and obedience have the room they need for classes.

New Business.

Review of proposal sent to board by Cathy Wright.

A proposed expansion of the front of the building was sent in by member Cathy Wright for review. The club feels it has reached capacity with the facilities available. More classes cannot be offered at this time. Kathy Roberts stated that the club does not have enough money for such a large project. It was proposed that possibly the land could be used for classes, possibly by placing a building on the land. Plans were drawn many years ago for the development of the land. Diana will obtain those plans from Kris Keifer for the board to review. The possibility of selling the land also came up as a way to pay for expansion of the building at Northcutt. It was decided that the club needs to hire a licensed architect to do an

assessment of the building to see if expansion is feasible. For now, this matter is tabled.

New Mask Guidelines

With the spread of COVID continuing and numbers beginning to rise, the state has recommended that vaccinated and unvaccinated people wear a mask indoors. After a discussion, it was decided to let vaccinated people decide for themselves. A sign will be put on the front door stating that unvaccinated people should wear a mask.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Sherri Heizer for adjournment at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Jennings