

**Gem City Dog Obedience Club
Membership Meeting
April 29, 2024
7:00 pm**

Board Members Present: Angela Profitt, Kathy Roberts, John Clifford, Steve Hart, Donna Jennings, Alicia Heidorn, Michelle Collett, Tami Woodrow,

Call to Order: Angela Profit called the meeting to order at 7:01. Motion to accept membership meeting minutes from 2/26/24 was made by Elaine Stroemer, seconded by Alicia Heidorn. Motion passed.

President: Angela Profit. Nothing to report

Vice President: Steve Hart. South Ohio Canine is interested in renting the land. More details will follow

Treasurer: Kathy Roberts. See attached report. There's approximately \$163,000 in checking/savings. She believes that there's more in the PayPal account. She doesn't see that money until it's transferred into the bank account. Maggie Melton manages the PayPal account. If anyone would like to look at the books they are welcome to get in touch with her.

Membership: Tami Woodrow. Tami made a motion to vote two applicants into the membership. They are Brenda Bernner and Mindy Britton. Elaine Stroemer seconded the motion. The membership voted unanimously to accept them into the membership. Welcome Brenda and Mindy.

Registrar: Maggie Melton. Absent

Obedience/ Rally /Freestyle: Kristina Morgan. Absent. Michelle Collett has offered to help Kristina. The goal for fall is to get the fit dog class ready. She has suggested that she loan her equipment and other members could loan their equipment for the first session. This would allow the instructors to determine what is really needed and what the response will be to the class. She also suggested that the class be advertised prior to the opening of registration.

They are going to work on making new handouts for fall. They will be electronic, and instructors can print out what they need.

Instructors are needed for obedience and rally classes. One thought is that members who are interested in being an instructor, but not sure how to go about it, can shadow instructors for that course until they feel comfortable enough to teach on their own.

There's an obedience/ rally trial June 8th and 9th. On June 9th the Canine Kitchen will be coming. They make dog treats. There was a question about vendors paying for the space. Michelle will ask her to donate a basket for a raffle instead of a payment.

Agility: Deb Werts. The past weekend was a 2-day agility trial. Saturday was filled and Sunday was almost filled. 23 members and 2 applicants worked a total of 285 hours.

Maintenance Report. John Clifford. He is in the process of getting a new security camera installed. There will be two cameras inside the building, one at the back door and one at the front door. Board members will be able to look at the footage from home if there's an emergency. Two more lights will be installed on the back wall outside.

Steve added that he is getting quotes for new floors in both restrooms.

Old Business:

None

New Business

Developing a policy for signing up for classes and a hierarchy for availability

Cathy Wright would like the board to develop a registration policy. She has concerns about students not being able to get into classes and students advancing when they are not ready. There was a discussion about this, but the board feels this should have been presented to the board first. The board will discuss this at the next board meeting.

Sale of Land Items

There will be a sale of unneeded items at the land. There is still more work to be done before the sale. Everything has not been itemized at this time. The plan is to have a sale during the month of July. Deb Werts is not saving any items for anyone. Anyone who wants to purchase an item will need to go to the land on that date to purchase it. It will need to be removed promptly. More information about the sale will be posted when it gets closer to the date.

There is a small riding mower that is no longer used and not running. Some people have expressed interest. John Clifford will make a post informing people to make an offer by a certain date if they would like to purchase it.

Land Perimeter fence

Jennifer and Rachel Corbett are concerned about the holes in the fence around the perimeter of the land. They are concerned about dogs getting out and other animals getting in. Some dogs have already gotten out during Earth Dog and Fast Cat trials. During the discussion it was pointed out that dogs should not be running loose at the land if they do not have a solid recall. The club cannot provide assurance that dogs won't get out. In order to secure the fence, the brush would need to be cleared out first. They would like to try some posts with wires which are attached to the bottom of the fence and stick into the ground. This might make the fence sturdier. They will purchase one pack and see how it works. If it doesn't work well, she'll send it back. If these don't work the board suggested she write up a report with a plan and costs for the repair.

Earth Dog

Curt Givens is stepping down from overseeing Earth Dog. Jennifer Corbett has agreed to take this over. She is hoping to have more practice and trials.

The Club thanks Curt for his long service and support for the Earth Dog program.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm was made by Cathy Wright

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Jennings

Next membership meeting June 30 2024 at 6:30pm