

Gem City Dog Obedience Club
Membership Meeting
Sept. 25, 2024
7:00 pm

Board Members Present: Angela Profitt, Kathy Roberts, John Clifford, Steve Hart, Donna Jennings, Michelle Collett, Tami Woodrow, Barb Siler, Deb Werts, Maggie Melton, Alicia Heidorn, Kristina Morgen, Michelle Collett

Call to Order: Angela Profit called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Motion to accept membership meeting minutes from 6/30/24 was made by Alicia Heidorn, seconded by Cathy Wright. Motion passed.

President: Angela Profit. No Report

Vice President: Steve Hart. No Report

Treasurer: Kathy Roberts. There is approximately 173,908.36 in the bank. She still had checks to deposit from recent events. If anyone wants to see the books, just let her know. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Leah Schiller and seconded by Pam Murn. Motion passed.

Membership: Tami Woodrow. Volunteer hours need to be turned by Sept. 30th. Any hours turned in after that will go towards 2025. The number of volunteer hours and dues will be posted under the profile of each member. The dues can be paid by PayPal. If there's a problem with PayPal, you can mail her a check, but the waiver must be signed online. If you did not work the 20 required volunteer hours, you are ineligible for full membership. You may become an associate member for \$15.00, and be reinstated as a full member when you work your 20 volunteer hours.

Five applicants need to be voted in as members. They are: Jessika Seward (Munday), Yvonne Vadeboncoeur, Richard Blankenship, Jennifer Robinson, Heidi Clinger.

Laurie Knowles made a motion to accept these five into the membership. Pam Murn seconded the motion. Motion passed. Welcome new members.

Registrar: Maggie Melton. No report

Obedience/ Rally /Freestyle: Kristina Morgan. The obedience handouts are being rewritten. It has been a huge undertaking but they are almost done. Their goal is to be done by the beginning of the year. The obedience committee will be meeting during the break in December.

There's a barn hunt trial on Oct. 12 and 13th. They have received good feedback on the trials. They need volunteers and try to keep the hours in short increments. A new refrigerator was donated to the land for use during the barn hunt trials.

Agility: Deb Werts. There was a clean up at the land. The club earned approximately \$ 2500.00 from the sale of old unused agility equipment. There is an AKC agility trial Oct. 4,5,6. We need some volunteer to run the turf fluffing machine before the trial.

Maintenance Report. John Clifford. There is a hole high up in the wall of the turf room. A bird got through this during the obedience/rally trial in September. He is meeting with a guy tomorrow who will need to build some scaffolding to reach it and patch it.

He needed to call an emergency plumber to unclog two toilets during the Sept. obedience/rally trial.

The building now has 8 cameras, 4 in and 4 outside. They provide the ability to look and see if there is an incident or if the ADT alarm goes off. John Clifford, Angela Profitt, Kathy Roberts, and Barb Siler currently have access to the cameras. This is visual only, there is no audio.

The last of the lights has been installed outside the building.

A new faucet was installed in the women's restroom

Bait traps have been put in place. They are not readily accessible to dogs, but dogs should not be running around the building unsupervised.

Wifi has been installed. It is only for use for the Ring Cameras and by the trial chairs during a trial.

Old Business:

None

New Business

Nomination of Deb Arnold for Lifetime Membership

After a presentation, Pam Murn nominated Deb Arnold for a lifetime membership. A vote was conducted by private paper ballots. The ballots were counted and the vote was unanimous for Deb Arnold to become a lifetime member. Pam Murn made a motion to accept the vote and John Clifford seconded. The motion carried. Deb Arnold is now a lifetime member

Proposal of Cell Tower on Land

See attached report. Pam Murn met with Crossroads Engineers about the possibility of leasing some land to place a Verizon cell phone tower at the Land. This was simply an inquiry, the company is also looking at other possibilities. The cell tower would be in a 100 x 100 ft. fenced in area, which would be maintained by Verizon. A gravel driveway would lead from the gate to the tower. They would pay the club \$800.00 /month for 50 years or \$ 80,000 up front. This money could be used to improve the Land. They will come back with a proposal if they are interested. It could take 2 years before it is built. Many members present at the meeting objected to the lease for various reasons. Some felt it would be disruptive to the dogs, especially during construction. Others felt the gravel driveway presented a problem, especially with mowing. It was proposed that a google sheet link be placed on the members Facebook page. This is where questions could be asked by the members. Their concerns could be written down. Sam Davis has volunteered to look at the feedback and do an analysis of the data. If a proposal is made then the board will vote on it after they receive the data from the google sheet. The board has asked that if anyone knows of someone who has had a first hand experience with a cell tower to please also submit that on the google sheet.

Class Registration

Some members have complaints about the registration process. Some have lost their places on class. They would like to see an improvement in the process. The board will look into this.

Board nominations

The following members were nominated by the nominating committee for board positions:

President: Michelle Collett

Vice President: Steve Hart

Treasurer: Kathy Roberts

Membership Director: Tami Woodward

Secretary: Donna Jennings

Member at Large: Barb Siler
Alicia Heidorn

Nominations taken from the floor:

Vice President: Sam Davis

Members at large: Rachel Corbett
Kathleen O'Neill

Nominations are closed. The board members will be voted on at the membership meeting on Nov. 1, 2024

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm was made by Laurie Knowles

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Jennings
GCDOC Secretary

Next membership meeting Friday, Nov. 1 at 7:00 pm



See above for the proposed site of the cell tower.

1. Tower will be 150 or 200 ft tall.
2. Tower must be situated 2 times its height from residential zone.
3. The industrial area that will be adjacent to the tower is in Riverside. There should not be a zoning issue.
4. Tower will be fenced. Each side 100 foot. Grounds inside fence will be maintained by Verizon.
5. There will be a twenty foot wide easement to the tower, consisting of a 12.5 foot wide gravel drive with about 5 ft wide space next to it containing utilities and fiber.

The process is;

1. The club and Verizon (or the contractor) agree to the site location and the economic conditions.
2. A lease is drafted by the contractor's legal representative. Gem City reviews and comments on the lease. Comments are negotiated.