

Gem City Dog Obedience

Club Board Minutes

2/26/25

7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Donna Jennings, Barb Siler, Deb Werts, Maggie Melton, Alicia Heidorn, Michelle Collett, Kathy Roberts, John Clifford, Tami Woodward

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Michelle Collet. The motion to accept the minutes from 1/26/25 and was made by Alecia Heidorn and seconded by John Clifford . Motion carried.

President: Michelle Collett. No report

Vice President: Steve Hart. Absent

Membership: Tami Woodrow. No report

Treasurer: Kathy Roberts. See attached report for more details. There is currently \$210,000 in the bank.

Motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Alecia Heidorn and seconded by Barb Siler. Motion passed.

Registrar: Maggie Melton. Session 2 registration will open tomorrow. The lower classes will open on Monday and the rally classes will open on Tuesday.

Obedience: Barb Siler. See attached report. There was a dog fight at the club which involved one of Donna Jennings' dogs. An action plan was designed for this dog with the help of a dog behaviorist. She will not bring the dog back to the club until and if it is deemed safe to do so.

Agility: Deb Werts. See attached report.

Deb is going to order 2 packs of cones for rally and agility foundation classes.

Maintenance Report: John Clifford. See attached report. The 33 lights in the front room need to be re-worked to install 4-foot LED bulbs. John made a motion to not exceed \$3500 in addition to a possible 15% increase in supplies to rebuild these light fixtures. Alecia Heidorn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The locks at the land are still freezing. The plan is to try covers for them and see if that helps.

Old Business

Obedience Director Confirmation

Barb Siler has decided to accept the position as obedience director. The board will now need to fill her vacant member at large position.

Confirmation Run Throughs

Heidi Farmer will be conducting these. The first one will be the first Wednesday of March. They will then be conducted bi-weekly if there is enough interest. Non-members will need to fill out a waiver form and they will be charged \$5. Members will be free.

Fast Cat at the Land

Tabled for now

Fetch Test

This was tabled until the next meeting

Conflict of Interest Policy

Everyone reviewed the conflict of interest policy that Kathy Roberts presented. All agreed to it. She will make copies for the board members to sign. It can be decided at a later date if future members will be required to sign it.

Web site/tech review

Barb Siler is working on this. She is hoping to get some proposals to present to the board.

New Business

First Aid Kit

Alecia Heidorn will check and replenish supplies as needed.

Use of Turf for Obedience

There was an issue between an obedience student and an agility student. The obedience student was told she could not practice obedience on the turf. The policy states that if a class is not in session, any student may use the agility turf or obedience rings. Dogs who are not enrolled in agility classes and who are not familiar with agility equipment are not allowed on the equipment but they may use the room for obedience training. People should limit their time to 15 minutes if someone is waiting. Deb Werts believes there is a sign already posted stating this policy but will check on this and report back.

CAT/Barn Hunt trial conflict

There is both a CAT and a Barn Hunt trial scheduled on the same weekend in May. Brenda Marcks has contacted AKC and they are allowed to hold both trials simultaneously. There has been some conflict between the CAT committee and the Barn Hunt Committee as to the use of the buildings and parking. The Board feels that these two committees need to workout the specifics of the trials between them and that the board should only get involved as a last resort.

Teaching Hours

Class instructors would like to see an hour added to the number of hours they are given for teaching a class. The current number is 7 hours. One hour for every hour taught. They feel that there is work being done

outside of class time that should be considered, such as setting up courses, paperwork etc. The board agreed that instructors can now take 8 hours for teaching a class.

Dog Incident at the Land

There was dog fight between two dogs at the land last week. It appears the fight was between two dogs who belong to the same person. It was not clear if the one dog was enrolled in the class. Since it was between two dogs in the same family, no further action was deemed necessary. Dogs who are not enrolled in classes should not be at the land or club. If this is the case, the person will be asked not to bring that dog back.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Maggie Melton for adjournment at 8:40 p m.

Next board meeting is March 23 at 7 pm

Next membership meeting is Feb. 27 at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Jennings
GCDOC Secretary

Treasurer Report – Gem City Dog Obedience Club, January 31,2025

Meeting Date – February 16, 2025

Banking Balances as of 01/31/2025:

Checking \$124,498.98

Savings \$89,469.46

Credit Card Balance \$3,501.82

Net Cash On Hand \$210,466.62

2024 A Year in Overview

Money We Make				
Crossroads:	UKC	\$	9,267.29	
	CPE	\$	12,470.29	
	WCRL	\$	1,500.00	\$23,237.58
Obedience	Trials	\$	4,046.25	
	Classes ETC	\$	34,059.87	\$38,106.12
Agility	Trials	\$	29,129.39	
	Classes ETC	\$	12,446.00	\$41,575.39
Freestyle		\$	1,541.13	\$ 1,541.13
Barnhunt	Trials	\$	10,342.18	
	Classes ETC	\$	3,493.63	\$13,835.81
EarthDog	Tests and Practic	\$	4,331.01	
Coursing	CCAT	\$	4,413.94	
	FCAT	\$	3,969.56	
Other	Rentals	\$	6,300.00	
	Sales/Donations	\$	2,862.92	
Membership (Less Awards/Su		\$	2,399.15	
			\$142,572.61	
\$592.13 in awards from Centar that have not been allocated				

What we Spend	\$\$\$\$			
Northcutt Overhead		\$ (43,558.43)		
Land Overhead		\$ (17,843.34)		
Insurance and Admin		\$ (7,948.49)		
Land Activities:				
BarnHunt	\$ 13,835.81			
Earthdog	\$ 4,331.01			
CCAT	\$ 4,413.94			
	<u>\$ 22,580.76</u>			

Board Meeting - BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT: February 16, 2025

- 1) The 33 lights in the front room need work/replacement. Deb Arnold, Rachel Corbett and I have quotes. Plan is to hire Rachael to re-work existing fixtures to install 4-foot LED bulbs. Not to Exceed \$3500, if supplier does not increase costs. Other options to remove and replace with new fixtures are significantly more (\$5700 or \$7070). It will require renting a lift and buying plywood to protect the floor. This will be done on weekend in May 17-18. If approved.
- 2) The 4 smoke detectors in the Northcutt building were replaced by Rachael (\$80 labor) and \$115.41 (I bought these) for the detectors. Kathy, Invoice from Rachel and copy of the material receipt sent separately.
- 3) The Storage room has several things that I continue to pursue cleaning up. Next are three (5) gallon partial buckets of paint buckets. I have also installed restraining bungee to contain the 5 grooming tables.
- 4) Heater in front room work instructions posted.
- 5) Land maintenance update from discussion with Suzie Freeze:
 - a) Plan is to have a "bobcat" at the land for a day (no charge, belongs to a member's husband) before the May 3-4 trial(s?) to get ruts smoothed out, stumps removed, gravel smoothed out.
 - b) While it is there, Suzie is proposing to get a load (5 ton) of coarse gravel to use on the driveway. She has a dump trailer. Cost TBD
 - c) Also, plan is to get some mulch (free if possible) from the county to spread around the buildings
 - d) Significant progress in removing the honeysuckle (by Rosa and Suzie).
 - e) Plan would be to get a couple of benches donated?
 - f) The concept of a **club** picnic to be held there sometime this year is still being floated for everyone.

John Clifford 2-16-2025

OBEDIENCE REPORT

2/16/25

- Class schedule sent to Maggie/Chris this week
- New beginner class - hooray! - on Thursday nights at 7:45pm. Kathy Hilt and Laurel Finch are instructing.
- Wednesday trick dog and AKC beginner rally cancelled due to lack of interest last session
- Incident report filed on 2/13 involving rally class; no dog injuries, just one human injury - bite on the wrist
 - BTW, what happens with incident reports after they've been filed?
- New curriculum is rolled out
 - Binders with lesson plans for each obedience class will be in the cabinet after our break between sessions
 - Still need a puppy grad curriculum
- Jessa has assembled a "family dog" curriculum
- Memo is going out to all instructors with some guidelines/clarifications as far as the facility, procedures, etc. If anyone wants a copy, let me know. These were things that instructors brought up at the instructor meeting.
- Next instructor meeting will be during the summer break
- New teacher hunt continues. Requirements for becoming an instructor need to be added to something, but I don't know what. Standing rules?
 - Obedience instructors agreed that new instructors need to attend seminars (in the planning) and shadow an obedience teacher for at least two sessions
- Supplemental papers in the drawer - need to be created and/or duplicated for distribution to obedience classes
 - Protecting/restraining your dog in the car
 - Summer temperature guidelines - already exists
 - Insurance - already exists
 - Dog behaviorists - already exists
- Other papers needed in the drawer...
 - Trick dog check off lists
 - STAR puppy (I just purchased 25 to get us by)

Board meeting

February 16, 2025

Agility report

- 1. We had a run through on Feb 15. We made \$165. We had 21 people (8 were non-members. Many from out of town) & 33 dogs.**
- 2. Received the new Clip-n-Go a frame. Sherri Heizer and her son-in-law put it together this morning. We will take down the old one and put up the new one this week some time.**
- 3. Both Rally & agility Foundation class use a lot of cones. I would like to know the maximum number of cones needed by rally (two rings) so that, if needed, we purchase more cones for agility. I have asked both Lynn Conrad and Michelle to figure out how many they need.
I talked to Angela. AKC needs 12 per ring for trials. I propose that we buy 2 sets from Amazon and take the best ones from those exiting to make 30 cones for rally and the rest go to the back of the turf room. We are going to mark them some way.**

Cost (all pick-up at the store):

Home Depot: 5 for \$14.27 each

TSC: \$18.99

Harbor Freight: \$9.99 (collapsible)

Menards: \$9.49

Online order:

Amazon: 12 pack \$98.97 (\$8.24 each)

- 4. AKC trial this coming weekend – Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

5. Started posting photo of our white board calendar on Facebook to help those who want to participate in activities.
6. Barb and I consolidated the classes on a sheet. I will share it with you as soon as Barb checks it over. We would like to post it on the bulletin board so that people know who is teaching on the various nights and so that everyone can see when the various rooms are open for training.

Deb Werts
Agility Director