

## Gem City Dog Obedience Club

February 27, 2025

President Michelle Collett called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

Michelle asked for a motion to accept the Minutes as posted. Alicia Heidorn made the motion and Steve Hart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

**President** (Michelle Collett) – nothing to report

**Vice President** (Steve Hart)- nothing to report

**Membership** (Tammy Woodrow)-

\*We currently have 200 members.

\* Due to knee surgery last fall, she did not follow up on unpaid dues. She is now going over accounts. If you have not paid your dues, please go to your account on the website and take care of that. If not paid by March 6, your membership will be revoked.

\*Tammy will retire as the Membership Chairperson after September. We need someone to volunteer to be the Membership Chairperson. Tammy says it used to be a 2-person job and can go back to that. We also need to revamp the system as it is getting old and hard to keep up. If you are interested, talk to Tammy. She will help whoever takes over the job.

\*We have 3 applicants for membership to vote on tonight.

Kristen Armstrong has 3 dogs.

Amanda Rice- 5 rescue dogs, has lived in area for 4 years. Interested in Rally, Freestyle, Scent work, and Barnhunt.

Jackie Litteral- 1 dog, retired military. Raises horses. This is her first time training a dog.

Motion to accept new members was made by Tammy Woodrow. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Murn. Motion carried.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Treasurer** (Cathy Roberts)

\*Cathy reported that we have \$188,745.27 currently in the bank. She has deposits of \$15,000 to make as of today. Motion to accept made by Cathy Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Murn. Motion carried.

**Registrar** (Maggie Melton)

\*Class registration closes Sat, March 1. Currently have openings in Puppy, Puppy Grad, Beginners, Advanced Beginners. Barnhunt also has openings. Agility classes will close on March 3.

**Agility** (Deb Werts)

\*We have a new A frame.

\*There will be a Run Thru on March 8 from 2-5:30 and on April 19 from 2 – 5:30

\*AKC trial last weekend with 26 members volunteering to help. The trial went very well.

## **Obedience and Rally (Barb Siler)**

- \*We added a new Beginning Obedience class and a WCRL class on Thursday.
- \*The new curriculum is coming soon and will be in the cabinet.
- \*There is a UKC trial on March 22 & 23. Volunteers are still needed.
- \*The store will be restocked soon. If you have items you would like to see offered, let Barb know.
- \*The Obedience team will meet in June. Hoping to have a speaker and training on the new curriculum.

## **Maintenance (John Clifford)**

- \*Lights will be replaced in the main room and restrooms on May 16, 17, & 18. The building will be closed on those dates.
- \*Smoke detectors have been changed due to age of the units
- \*Storage room – if you put something in the room, please label it and it's use. Use the straps for the grooming tables.
- \*Thermostat now has instruction posted. Please follow carefully.
- \*Land
  - The door on the Lanahan building has been causing issues. Pam Murn has a company giving us a quote to replace the door and the frame. He will also quote a new door handle for the Barnhunt door to meet ADA regulations.
  - Arrangements are being made to have a bobcat smooth the driveway and do some general cleanup of the area.
  - The back gate must be left unlocked during trials per the Fire Department.
  - If you are a Montgomery County resident and have a way to get old tires to the Dump, let John know. (These were dumped on the land by "neighbor")
  - The coyote holes are being patched.

## **Old Business – none**

## **New Business**

### **\*Lifetime membership nominations by Cathy Roberts**

Barb Browning has been a member since 1999

Mary Beam has been a member since 1997

Carole Lanahan has been a member since 2001

These 3 members have been very active in the club over the last 20 + years and are deserving of the lifetime membership status. Cathy Roberts made a motion to award the lifetime memberships. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Clifford. Ballots were distributed and counted. All 3 were approved. Congratulations! (Cathy Wright added that WCRL was added to the club due to Carole and Mary's initiative.

### **\*Sharing Space within the Club**

-Deb Werts and Barb Siler reported that a new colored coordinated schedule is located on the bulletin board. All Club areas are open to all members if classes are not in session.

-Current Rules are posted on the bulletin board and will be updated.

\*Katie Bills-Tenney wanted to know if a protocol could be put in place for communications to club members.

Discussion followed with Web pages being the best place to check first.

\*Practice rings– put on calendar.

\*Barnhunt news reported by Sam Davis

In 2024 they held 59 barn hunt practices open to members and non-members. Over 1000 runs that served over 600 dog/human pairs. Introduced about 100 new dogs to Barnhunt. Helped 4 sold out and successful trials. In 2025 so far, we had our first trial with over 50 dogs (and 40 humans) representing 27 breeds. Thank you to the board for the snow removal prior to the trial. Open practices will continue weekly-ish and we encourage everyone to join us. March practices will be March 10, 13, 17, 24, and 31 at 6 PM at the land. Registration for the May trial will open early next week.

Motion to adjourn made by Pam Murn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM

Submitted by Patti Clifford