

Gem City Dog Obedience Club
Membership Meeting
February 25, 2026, 7pm

Board Members Present: John Clifford, Michelle Collett, Lynn Conrad, Rachel Corbett, Steve Hart, Alicia Heidorn, Maggie Melton, Kathy Roberts, Barb Siler, Deb Werts

Call to Order: Michele Collett called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Motion to accept membership meeting minutes from 11/7/2025 was made by John Clifford, seconded by Alicia Heidron, motion passed.

President: Michelle Collett. Discussion regarding being nice to each other. She takes pride in the friendliness of our club and would like it to continue to be a welcoming place for all.

Vice President: Steve Hart. Updated new rental agreements and accepted new contracts for 2026.

Membership: Sam Davis. Sam announced a list of people who have an envelope of vouchers.

A new member applicant, Sandra Kistler addressed the membership. A motion was made to make Sandra Kistler and member. The motion passed. Sam reviewed the new membership application with the membership. They are available at the club, the barn hunt club, and online. Sam also made an update to the volunteer log. Sam spoke of the forthcoming membership kiosk to record volunteer hours. Sam would like to put together a new membership packet. Sam asked for some volunteers to help make a new membership packet. If anyone would like to help, contact Sam.

Treasurer: Kathy Roberts. There is \$249,732.98 in the checking and savings account. The credit card bill is \$4,998. Kathy mentioned that she is willing to meet with any member who would like to go over the books. Cathy Wright made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Alicia Heidorn, motion passed.

Registrar: Maggie Melton. Registration for the current session will close this weekend. Everyone should have their vouchers through session 5 of 2025. If you do not have them, let her know. To get your vouchers, you must turn in your class roster.

Agility: Deb Werts. There was an AKC agility trial last weekend. Lots of volunteers. 449 volunteer hours were served.

Obedience/ Rally /Freestyle: Barb Siler. The seminar for instructors was successful. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Obedience/Rally trials on March 21-22, the Rhythm Dog Sports Trials on March 28-29 and the WCRL Rally Trials on April 11-12. Many people made national rankings in rally and obedience. GCDOC swag is available to purchase on the GCDOC website.

Maintenance Report. John Clifford. We had a large snow fall over the winter. Drifting was an issue and snow removal was difficult. There was a bat that was hanging on the center post between the front doors, about 8' high. The bat was removed by professionals. We had an issue with a blinking light in the agility room. It seems to have resolved itself. If anyone sees a light blinking, let John know. Sam spoke about the plowing of the snow at the land and that the ground is a little disturbed now. John mentioned that the bait stations are bait stations and not mouse traps. It was worded incorrectly in the previous membership meeting minutes. If you see a black box on the floor, it is a bait station and it should not be moved.

Old Business: None

New Business: Michelle spoke about the club picnic at the land. It will be held on June 30th in conjunction with the membership meeting. Marcia Pittman, Michelle Collete, Rosa Delk, and Kathy Roberts are on the committee. No dogs will be allowed at the picnic.

Kathy Wright asked about any long-term plans for spending the savings. The board is looking at the HVAC system and roof. Some door and lock updates have been made at the land. Michelle said that the Banquet food will be free for members and we offered a free Seminar to instructors. Kathy spoke of using money wisely to align with the club mission and to foster our relationship with the public and our membership while also being prudent to ensure the club is in a good position to make needed repairs as they occur. She stated that we are under a lot of pressure because AKC has raised their fees. Barn hunt trials need a couple more volunteers.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Hart at 7:36

Respectfully Submitted

Rachel Corbett

GCDOC Secretary