
The CATalyst

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You are reading the first issue of the CATalyst that I have edited. Trish Greenstreet was the previous Editor and she did a fantastic job of producing this newsletter – in addition to managing content, she was a wonderful designer.

With the widespread use of the web to view content, the purpose of printed club newsletters, including the CATalyst, has changed. Much information previously available only by newsletter can now be found on the web. Thus, agility-event calendars that are far more extensive than those in newsletters can be obtained on the internet, and information about CAT events appears on the club website (www.columbiaagility.org). My goal for the CATalyst is to provide a newsletter that will prove useful as a printed document and also when viewed at the CAT website. This goal will not be fully realized with this issue (e.g., no Table of Contents).

The success of all serial publications, including the CATalyst, ultimately relies on contributors for content and readers for feedback.

May we all share a healthy and rewarding new year. – *Matt Sachs*

It's Really Pretty Easy Being Green!

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I have been involved in, first, the CAT Agility League, then later, the NW Agility League, since the original startup. What a wonderful place to work in a small trial setting! Dogs, people, noise, motion, cheering - all things we need to get our dogs ready for competition or to work through issues that only show up in a trial. It has always been a wish of mine that novices, people preparing for their first trial experience, could be part of league. Who better to have that kind of exposure in a manageable dose?

Over the last three years that WAG has participated in the league, I've had a fantasy of each league site having a "green team", a team of novices to mentor and support, to watch grow and improve, to cheer for, and to congratulate both during league and at future trials.

This year I enrolled the Team Captains of the WAG Sunday night league in my fantasy and the first

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Sunday • 3-4:30pm
Open practice - *novice*
Sunday • 4:30-6pm
Open practice - *advanced*

Forest Grove

Van Dyke Farm Manager

Sue Woodson (503-640-0584)
is the barn manager

Calendar

CAT Annual Meeting

Jan 30 2005, 7 PM

Election of Club Officers

**Denny's Clackamas, 15815 SE
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Nominees:

President

Lisa Klein

Vice President

Wendy Ware

Secretary

Karen McAllister

Treasurer

Karla Forte

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Kitty Ware

Members at Large

Paige Pierce

Barb Stone

Tanya Sacks

Heather Christenson

Please attend and vote!

Agility Trials

Feb. 5-6 Australian Shepherd Club of Washington NADAC/ASCA Trial, Auburn WA

Feb. 12-13 Rainier Agility Team NADAC/ASCA trial, Elma WA

Feb 26-27 Columbia Agility Team NADAC Trial, Canby, OR

Mar 5-6 Rainier Agility Team NADAC Games Trial, Kent, WA

Mar 12-13 Willamette Agility Group USDA A Agility Test and Steeplechase, Corvallis, OR

Mar 12-13 Top Dog NADAC Trial, Elma, WA

Mar 26-27 Rogue Canine Agility NADAC Trial, Central Point, OR

Mar 26-27 Portland Agility Club AKC Trial, McMinnville, OR

Apr 1-3 Columbia Agility Team CPE Trial, Turner, OR

Apr 16-17 Rainier Agility Team USDA A Agility Test, Elma, WA

Apr 23-24 Extreme Agility Team NADAC Trial, Auburn, WA

Apr 29-May 1 Columbia Agility Team NADAC Trial, Ridgefield WA

Seminars

Feb 5-6 All American Agility Dog Training presents Stacy Peardot-Goudy

Feb 19-20 CAT presents Kathy Keats.

This is a seminar on performance analysis and decision making that will help pinpoint your weaknesses in handling and training and improve your decision making skills. Participants will end up with actual data to show where they are and how to improve.

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ever Green Team was born. The rules were simple. The Green Team was an exhibition only team. The Team Captain of that week's judging team would work up a nested novice course for the Green Team and modify the game to match the Green Team skill level. The Green Team would be judged, timed and scored but no scores would be submitted to the League Scorekeeper. *cont'd p. 4*

With the agreement of the Team Captains, we took signups for the Green Team and we had more than four! We had to do a random draw for Green Team slots. The draw took place at WAG's October trial and wow!!! You should have heard the excited cries for each name that was drawn. Those Greenies were so very thrilled to be chosen to participate.

The very first ever Green Team members were Cheryl Henning (Danny), Tyler Gakstatter (Keno), Anne Minnich (Zelma), and Julie Mayeda (Fiona). Each week of league we watched these teams grow in confidence and skill. I know there were at least two weeks in which we had them do the same standard course as the rest of us. They were doing that well!

The impact to league night of the Green Team was pretty minimal. There were eight extra runs per night. We had to put out a second set of cones for their standard course. The judges had to remember to judge them on the Green Team course. Not a huge



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impact
I'd say!

Julie Mayeda, Green Team member, has this to say about her experience:

"Thank you so much for pushing

for the existence of a Green Team. It was perfect, not having to worry about letting other team members down with bad scores. Because our scores didn't count, I was able to run less conservatively and so learned even more about what my dog, Fiona, could do at this point and what she doesn't yet comprehend. I was rather pleased with what I found out."

Cheryl Henning, Green Team Leader, adds:

"I'm very thankful to the Sunday night league-ers for giving their time and support to the first-ever Green Team. And thank you, Helix, for dreaming up this idea! The experience was valuable for Danny Boy and me in many ways:

- I gained much-needed experience by walking the course and in strategizing how to handle different obstacle situations, on

the standard course and also with the games. This let me try to apply what I had learned in the preceding Thursday

night trial-like environment. An added bonus is that our trainers Bart and Debbie Pierce were also on Sunday night league, and were



NW Cup top finishers in Championship and Performance classes: Patty Shafer & Joy, Lisa Klein & Clip, Jane Fortny & Jamaica, Debbie Pierce & Kobie, Daisy Peel & Fly, Blynn Benson & Kitt, Barb Davis & PJ, David Wilkinson & Max. ©Pics of the Litter.

generous with their advice and support.

- ♦ I got to know my fabulous fellow Greenies and their great doggies, and met several other WAG members who I previously only knew by name.
- ♦ We've been able to largely overcome D-Boy's reluctance to being in his crate when not on the course and even learned a little bit about trial "etiquette."
- ♦ I would recommend to any novice team that they participate in league if at all possible -- it's a valuable experience and a lot of fun!"

Next year if any Site Leaders are interested in planting and growing a Green Team, write to me! I'd love to see more novices get a chance to play and learn the ropes of trialing.

The CAT 2005 USDA Northwest Cup

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January 8 and 9, 2005 marked the 8th running of the Columbia Agility Team's Northwest Cup. Traditionally, this is the first USDA trial of the year in the Pacific Northwest. It is an opportunity to get that first local Grand Prix qualifying run and to try to win the coveted Northwest Cup. The Northwest Cup is awarded to the fastest team managing two clean standard runs. Names inscribed on the Northwest Cup include such agility notables as Jim Basic, Nancy Gyes and last year's 22 inch USDA Nationals Champ Mary Gutknecht.

This trial presents another challenge. Ever since the date was moved to the first weekend after New Years (so that we could have the use of an indoor facility with three rings),

Portland's fickle winter weather has tested us. 2003 went without a hitch. But 2004 was something else. Ol' Man Winter blasted Portland with snow and ice. The roads were treacherous. The airport shut down (No judges!!!). And after much hand wringing and e-mailing back and forth, the trial committee wisely decided to cancel the trial (luckily, we were able to reschedule later in the spring).

What about 2005? At the beginning of the week, the forecast was for snow and cold. Would the judges be able to make it? Would we have to cancel again? But by the end of the week, it was mostly just cold with a smattering snow at the higher elevations. Heavy snow in the Siskiyou Mountains kept some of our California friends away and Judge Chris Vought had to fight her way out of 5 feet of snow at her home outside Reno to make it, but make it she did. We were thrown one last curve when, at the last moment, judge Penny Winegartner had a dog take ill and was unable to make it. But the redoubtable Bud Houston stepped into the breach to take over Penny's judging assignment. Becky Dean made it in from Ohio to complete our judging trio and the games were on.

What about the games? There was a full slate of standard runs and games, including an extra Masters' Snooker for those seeking the elusive super Qs, Junior Handlers, and, of course, the Grand Prix. There were a total of 97 entrants in the Championship GP, with 50 qualifying. Forty-seven

entrants, of whom 26 qualified, illustrated the growing popularity of the Performance class. There were many great performances in the Grand Prix. Most notable was Spokane's Barb Davis sweeping the 16-inch division. She also placed second in the 26-inch division.

Top finishers in the Grand Prix were:

Championship Grand Prix

26"

- 1 – Slick & Lisa Bowers
- 2 – Zesty & Barb Davis
- 3 – Kestral & Craig French

22"

- 1 – Tess & Wade Robertson
- 2 – Twig & Emily Johnson
- 3 – Nop & Venita Barraque

16"

- 1 – PJ & Barb Davis
- 2 – Shimmer & Barb Davis
- 3 – Pistol & Barb Davis

12"

- 1 – BJ & Shirley Kostric
- 2 – Tigger & Robin Cohen
- 3 – Sarah & Nancy Ballerstedt

Performance Grand Prix

22"

- 1 – Jamaica & Jane Fortny
- 2 – K.C. & Julie Life
- 3 – Jake & Tanya Sacks

16"

- 1 – McKenzie & Dwight Cash
- 2 – Rusty & Evelyn Robertson
- 3 – Nikki & Blynn Benson

12"

- 1 – Mikaela & Lori Sage
- 2 – Buttons & Hilary Hibbard
- 3 – Quincy & Barb White

8"

- 1 – Surfer & Pritamo Kentala
- 2 – Shimmy & Pritamo Kentala
- 3 – Emma & Linda Friday

Top finishers (with no faults) for the NW Cup are listed by placement, class, and yards per second:

Mini (12 & 16 inch) Championship

- 1 – PJ & Barbara Davis
Mstrs, 4.22
- 2 – Chance & Clare Lovett
Mstrs, 4.13
- 3 – Tigger & Robin Cohen
Mstrs 3.74
- 4 – Tripper & Terrie Demierre
Mstrs 3.56
- 5 – Clip & Lisa Klein
Adv 3.36
- 6 – Dixie & JoAnn Mather
Mstrs 3.22
- 7 – Terra & JoAnn Mather
Strtrs 2.59

Open (22 & 26 inch) Championship

- 1 – Fly & Daisy Peel
Mstrs 4.59
- 2 – Dan & David Skvorak
Mstrs 4.37
- 3 – Kitt & Blynn Benson
Adv 4.29
- 4 – Vixen & Robin Cohen
Adv 4.27
- 5 – Diva & Lisa Bowers
Mstrs 4.06
- 6 – Max & David Wilkinson
Strtrs 3.5
- 7 – Nina & Ken Hynes
Adv 3.49
- 8 – Quip & Karin Haderly
Strtrs 3.13
- 9 – Maggie & Judy Carroll

Strtrs 2.8

Performance

- 1 – Jamaica & Jane Fortny
P3-Opn 4.13
- 2 – Lacie & Nancy Taylor
P3-12 3.8
- 3 – Mikaela & Lori Sage
P3-12 3.74
- 4 – Buttons & Hilary Hibbard
P3-12 3.39
- 5 – Sky & Matthew Sachs
P3-8 3.29
- 6 – Jake & Tanya Sacks
P3-Opn 3.12
- 7 – Joy & Patti Schafer
P1-Opn 1.62
- 8 – Trigger & Judith Parker
P1-Opn 1.52
- 9 – Jax & Emily Johnson
P1-8 1.3

October 12, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes

Clackamas Elmers

Called to order at 7:25 PM

Members present: Matt Sachs, Wendy Ware, Lisa Klein, Karla Forte, Kitty Ware, Janice Tsuchida, Paige Pierce, Barb Stone. Guest: Karen McAllister.

Minutes of the September Board and General Meetings reviewed and approved pending changes.

Report of the President: Following agenda.

Report of the Vice President: Board Meetings: November 16 at Garlic Onion, December 14 at Clackamas Elmers. General Meetings:

October 24 at Delta Park Elmers, November 21 at Clackamas Elmers, no December meeting. The Holiday party will be at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn January 2, 2005.

Report of the Secretary: The following people were approved as new members, Joan Armstrong, Carol Wolfram, Debbie Gibbons, Leslie Winchester and Claudia Zerba. Welcome to CAT.

Report of the Treasurer: Balances for checking and investment accounts were given. As a club we have spent a considerable amount of money this year on new equipment.

Report of the Training Director: So far classes have been going well, the buja boards are being used consistently. Steve Ware built a ramp for wheelchair access for the Larsen barn. Thank you.

Unfinished Business:

Trial Review: The July trial is closed with a positive balance. The Columbia Cup will have improved scoring for next year and the rules for scoring will be listed in the premium. The board feels that for our Cup trials the rules for scoring should be listed in all premiums.

Upcoming trials: Black Cat, the board approved the budget given to us by Barb White. There will be the Halloween Fun Run again. CPE trial will be a one-ring trial held at Barb Whites barn November 6-7. The NW Cup is scheduled for January 8-9; The February 25-27 trial will include Friday night games.

Seminar Update: Janice Tsuchida is stepping down as coordinator and

Herb Gercke is picking it up. The Kathy Keats flyer is on the website and will be available at the Black Cat trial. Susan Salo will be coming back the third week of July 2005 for 6 days. She will teach at various levels.

Agility League Update: League sign-ups are available either through the website or by contacting Dwight Cash. Teams will be picked at the October 24 general meeting. League will be for seven weeks starting the first week of November.

Barn Equipment: The X-Pens for training weave poles have arrived at Larsen barn. Dwight has also fixed the tire. The dog walk is very narrow at the Larsen barn, it is the minimum width allowed for competition. However the board agreed to bring this to the Forest Grove barn as a second dog walk for outdoor use in the summer and purchase a new one for Larsen barn. The concern is, dogs who are learning on the equipment should not have the narrow dog walk as many dogs have fallen off. Especially since a lot of dogs are young and may not be aware of their body yet. The "new" tunnels that were taken out of trial equipment and placed in the Larsen barn are also not up to specifications and have wires sticking out. The board agreed to purchase new tunnels for trial equipment and replace any tunnels that are not considered safe. Consideration should be given to ordering some shorter tunnels for trials, as some judges don't want all 15 or 20 foot tunnels. The tunnels that are considered safe will go to the Larsen barn as replacements.

Membership Committee Program: Cheryl Huffman has made a plan for incoming members. She hopes to have it ready by the January trial to put it into place. Anyone interested in volunteering as a mentor, please contact Cheryl.

We need to change the date for the Columbia Cup because of short distances between us and EAT's trials at Argus Ranch. Considerations to trade dates for the July trial or the October trial are two possibilities. Cindi Pruitt will be asked to look closer into distances for NADAC as it is very close to the 150 mile limit.

We will be moving the storage shed from Wilsonville to Vancouver in November. Since most of our trials are in Vancouver it makes sense to have our hospitality and other such items closer. Lisa will ask Karin King to get some prices of a place close to the fairgrounds.

New Business:

The Fun match/judging seminar is still under consideration for August 25-28. We need to see if we can rent out Wilsonville Park for two days instead of just our usual one day. We need more specifications.

Dwight has requested a new measuring wicket for USDAA as one of the judges at the July trial said it was in poor condition. The board has not approved it yet; we will have Kyle Watson look into it.

The CATalyst is still in need of an editor in chief. Any volunteers please contact either Trish Greenstreet or any board member [position filled - Ed].

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM
Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Klein

October 24, 2004 General Meeting Minutes

Delta Park Elmers

Called to order at 7:00 PM

Board Members present: Wendy Ware, Lisa Klein, Karla Forte and Kitty Ware

Report of the President: Following agenda, Lisa Klein presiding for Matt Sachs

Report of the Vice President: Board Meetings: November 16 at Garlic Onion, December 14 at Clackamas Elmers. General Meetings: October 24 at Delta Park Elmers, November 21 at Clackamas Elmers, no December meeting. The Holiday party will be at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn January 2, 2005.

Report of the Secretary: The following people were approved as new members at the last board meeting, Joan Armstrong, Carol Wolfram, Debbie Gibbons, Leslie Winchester and Claudia Zerba. welcome to CAT.

Report of the Treasurer: A balance for checking and investment accounts were given. As a club we have spent a considerable amount of money this year on new equipment.

Report of the Training Director: So far classes have been going well, the buja boards are being used consistently. Steve Ware built a ramp for wheelchair access for the Larsen barn. Thank you.

Unfinished Business:

Trial Review: The July trial is closed with a positive balance. The Columbia Cup will have improved scoring for next year and the rules for scoring will be listed in the premium. The board feels that for our Cup trials the rules for scoring should be listed in all premiums.

Upcoming trials: Black Cat, the board approved the budget given to us by Barb White. There will be the Halloween Fun Run again. CPE trial will be a one-ring trial held at Barb Whites barn November 6-7. The NW Cup is scheduled for January 8-9; The February 25-27 trial will include Friday night games.

Seminar Update: Herb Gercke, new seminar chair gave a report. The Kathy Keats flyer is on the website and will be available at the Black Cat trial. Susan Salo will be coming back the third week of July 2005 for 6 days. She will teach at various levels. Sandy Rowan will be giving a seminar on foundation, date to announced.

Agility League Update: League Teams will be picked at the end of the meeting. League starts the week on November 1st.

Barn Equipment: The X-Pens for training weave poles have arrived at Larsen barn. Dwight has also fixed the tire. The dog walk is very narrow at the Larsen barn, it is the minimum width allowed for competition. However the board agreed to bring this to the Forest Grove barn as a second dog walk for outdoor use in the summer and purchase a new one for Larsen barn. The concern is, dogs who

are learning on the equipment should not have the narrow dog walk as many dogs have fallen off. Especially since a lot of dogs are young and may not be aware of their body yet. The “new” tunnels that were taken out of trial equipment and placed in the Larsen barn are also not up to specifications and have wires sticking out. The board agreed to purchase new tunnels for trial equipment and replace any tunnels that are not considered safe. Consideration should be given to ordering some shorter tunnels for trials, as some judges don't want all 15 or 20 foot tunnels. The tunnels that are considered safe will go to the Larsen barn as replacements. There was a reminder for a broad jump request for the Larsen barn. The missing equipment has re-appeared at the Larsen barn.

Membership Committee Program: Cheryl Huffman has made a plan for incoming members. She hopes to have it ready by the January trial to put it into place. Anyone interested in volunteering as a mentor, please contact Cheryl.

We need to change the date for the Columbia Cup because of short distances between us and EAT's trials at Argus Ranch. Considerations to trade dates for the July trial or the October trial are two possibilities. Cindi Priutt will be asked to look closer into distances for NADAC as it is very close to the 150 mile limit. Tanya Sacks mentioned that [as NADAC states in the rules] the distance is actually 300 miles, not 150 as it used to be.

We will be moving the storage shed from Wilsonville to Vancouver in November. Since most of our trials are in Vancouver it makes sense to have our hospitality and other such items closer. Karla Forte has gotten us new storage off the 134th street exit in Ridgefield.

New Business:

The Fun match/judging seminar is still under consideration for August 25-28. We need to see if we can rent out Wilsonville Park for two days instead of just our usual one day. We need more specifications.

Dwight has requested a new measuring wicket for USDAA as one of the judges at the July trial said it was in poor condition. Kyle Watson was able to fix it at our Black Cat trial, thank you Kyle for always being prepared!

The Catalyst is still in need of an editor in chief. Any volunteers please contact either Trish Greenstreet or any board member.

Teams were picked for the NW Agility League-thank you Dwight!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Klein

November 15, 2004

Board Meeting Minutes

Garlic Onion

Called to order at 7:25 PM

Minutes of the October Board and General Meetings were reviewed and approved pending changes.

Members present: Matt Sachs,

Wendy Ware, Lisa Klein, Karla Forte, Janice Tsuchida, Paige Pierce, Barb Stone. Absent: Kitty Ware and Mary Crittendon.

Report of the President: Following agenda

Report of the Vice President:
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Report of the Secretary: The following people were approved as new members Dave and Kathy Benjamin, DeAnne White and Natalia Kreitzer. Welcome to CAT.

Report of the Treasurer: A balance for checking and investment were given. Karla will allow a 90 day period for receiving re-imbursement from the club from trial expenses otherwise there will be no re-imbursement.

Report of the Training Director: No report given.

Unfinished Business:

Trial Review: The July trial is closed with a positive balance. The Columbia Cup ended on a positive balance. The Black Cat trial will end up negative. The November CPE trial was successful. The NW Cup is scheduled for January 8-9, Jim Hibbard turned in a budget that was approved by the board; The February 25-27 trial will include Friday night games, Karla turned in a budget that was approved by the board. The April

29-30, May 1st trial is underway, so far there are two judges assigned.

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Barn Equipment: The board gives permission to Dwight Cash to purchase a dogwalk for the Larsen Barn.

We need to change the date for the Columbia Cup because of short distances between us and EAT's trials at Argus Ranch. Lisa will contact our NADAC liaison to help see if we can either share dates with EAT or if we are able to get our September date back. The preference is to keep the date but if we need to switch then it is in our best interest to have a grand prix at the USDAA trial. Janice will ask USDAA if CAT is allowed to have 3 Grand Prix's in a year. We are also considering pre-paying for the next several years to hold the Columbia Cup spot for us. **Note:** Since this meeting it was discovered that EAT had changed their date and this is no longer an issue, the Columbia Cup will be scheduled as previously planned.

The board approves the slate for next years board of directors:

President: Lisa Klein, Vice President: Wendy Ware, Secretary: Karen McAllister, Treasurer: Karla Forte, Training Director: Kitty Ware, Members at Large: Paige Pierce, Barb Stone, Tanya Sacks and Heather Christenson. The board would like to see additional people run for member at large as well.

New Business:

Dwight Cash, head of the financial committee requested that for 2005 dues, there be a late fee for people who don't pay their dues on time. The late charge would be an additional \$5.00 added onto the regular fees if paid past January 30th, 2005. The board approved this request. Dwight will send out membership statements out after the general meeting this Sunday.

Pat Weinkauff has volunteered to do hospitality for all of the CAT trials next year. The board suggests that she get one or two other people to help along the way.

Stipends for national competitions: Barb Stone will work on a form that CAT members can download off the website to apply for a stipend when they go to any national event, not including breed nationals.

Tara Choate has requested the purchase of many new books and DVDs for the CAT library. The board has approved this request as we have not purchased anything since the beginning of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Klein

November 21, 2004

General Meeting Minutes

Clackamas Elmers

Called to order at 7:00 PM

Report of the President: Following agenda

Cheryl Huffman introduced guests and prospective members to the group.

Tara Choate brought the library. She has a list of books that are on order, you may sign up to get first dibs on book rental when they come in.

Report of the Vice President: Given by Lisa, Board Meetings: December 14 at Clackamas Elmers. General Meetings: There is no December meeting. The Holiday party will be at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn January 2, 2005. The annual meeting will be January 30th at the Clackamas Denny's

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Report of the Treasurer: Given by Lisa. A balance for checking and investment were given. Karla will allow a 90 day period for receiving reimbursement from the club from trial expenses otherwise there will be no re-imbursement.

Report of the Training Director: Classes are done for the year. Classes will re-start the week of January 16, 2005. Kitty would like to have another intermediate class out at the Forest Grove barn.

Unfinished Business:

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Barn Equipment: The board gives permission to Dwight Cash to purchase a dogwalk for the Larsen Barn. Consideration is being made for a reversible dogwalk, slatted on one side and slatless on the other. Three new tunnels are on order.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the 2005 Columbia Cup and the Black Cat trials. We may need to change the date for the Columbia Cup

because of short distances between us and EAT's trials at Argus Ranch. Lisa has contacted our NADAC liaison to help see if we can either share dates with EAT or if we are able to get our September date back [subsequently resolved by EAT changing the date for its trial - Ed]. The preference is to keep the date but if we need to switch then it is in our best interest to have a grand prix at the USDAA trial. Janice has asked USDAA if CAT is allowed to have 3 Grand Prix's in a year. We are also considering pre-paying for the next several years to hold the Columbia Cup spot for us. Overall the general membership at the meeting was in favor of trying to keep our September date and continuing on our regular schedule as there are many factors that would change.

The membership approved the slate for next year's board of directors: President: Lisa Klein, Vice President: Wendy Ware, Secretary: Karen McAllister, Treasurer: Karla Forte, Training Director: Kitty Ware, Members at Large: Paige Pierce, Barb Stone, Tanya Sacks and Heather Christenson. There were no other volunteers who wanted positions on the board. The 2005 Board will be voted in at the January 30 annual meeting at Clackamas Denny's.

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There is a club in Bend that will hold the October CPPE trial in 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Klein

December 14, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes

Clackamas Elmers

Called to order at 7:30 PM

Minutes of the November Board and General Meetings were reviewed and approved pending changes.

Members present: Matt Sachs, Wendy Ware, Lisa Klein, Karla Forte, Kitty Ware, Janice Tsuchida, Paige Pierce, Barb Stone. Absent: Mary Crittendon.

Report of the President: Following

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Report of the Vice President:

Board Meetings: General Meetings: no December meeting. The Holiday party will be at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn January 2, 2005. The last board meeting will be at Matt's house on January 15th. The annual meeting will be January 30th at the Clackamas Denny's

Report of the Secretary: The following people were approved as new members; Linda Farrell, Kirsten Burnham, Julie Padbury, Faye Hansen and Marybeth Salyers. Welcome to CAT!

Report of the Treasurer: Balances for checking and investment accounts were given.

Report of the Training Director: Classes will restart the week of January 17th. All beginners will start with a foundation class.

Unfinished Business:

Trial Review: The July trial is closed with a positive balance. The Columbia Cup ended on a positive balance. The Black Cat trial will have a positive balance, not a negative balance as previously thought. The NW Cup is scheduled for January 8-9, the February 25-27 trial will include Friday night games, Karla turned in a budget that was approved by the board. The April 29-30, May 1st trial is underway, so far there are two judges assigned. Karla Forte proposed that the July trial may be chaired by herself and Venita Barraque, it may be a DAM tournament, Steeplechase and Grand Prix only instead of having regular

classes. At Vancouver Lake Park there is no overnight RV camping or tent camping.

Seminar Update: Susan Salo will be coming back July 21-24th for two 2 day sessions with 3 groups per session. It will be held at the Forest Grove Barn and working spots will be \$110.00.

Agility League Update: League is going well. There was an instance of dog aggression that was handled well by Dwight Cash and Judy Mace.

Barn Equipment: The board gives permission to Dwight Cash to purchase a dogwalk for the Larsen Barn.

Procedures to obtain stipends for attending nationals is being put together by Barb Stone and will probably be handled by the 2005 board of directors.

After January 31st there will be a \$5.00 late fee attached to the current annual membership fee. This will hopefully prevent people from turning in dues throughout the year.

The CATalyst has found a new editor, the board is unsure at this time who that person(s) are [resolved - Ed].

New Business:

Dwight brought a budget for the CPE trial that will be taking place at Barb White's barn April 1-3 to hopefully certify CAT members who want to be CPE judges. This will again be a one-ring trial. The board approved this budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

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