

General Meeting  
February 22, 2004

Called to order at 7:05 PM at Delta Park Elmers

Matt Sachs, President, introduced the new board members that were present at the meeting: Himself as President, Wendy Ware as Vice President, Lisa Klein as Secretary, Paige Pierce and Barbara Stone as Members at Large.

Vice Presidents Report: Next board meeting is March 16th, next general meeting is March 21st at Busters in Tigard.

Treasurer's Report: (given by Lisa Klein for Karla) Susan Goble and Karla Forte are still in progress changing hands, it is going well. Please give any receipts to Lisa that need reimbursement.

Secretaries Report: People voted in at last board meeting were: Cheryl Vincent, Debbie, Ernie and Matthew Sandoval, Kathie Raisler and Jennifer Evans.

Reviews: The Columbia Cup still needs a chairperson and committee, we will post a message on AgileCAT.

The club is considering not printing numerous copies of the running order to pass out at trials. The present membership did not oppose this as other clubs are doing the same thing. There would be numerous copies hung around the arena so people could get an idea of when they would run but would need to go to the gate to check for conflicts and changes. This would save a lot of paper waste and money. It will also be considered to post it on the website a few days before the trial, however, there are a lot of last minute changes which would not be reflected and it is a large extra step for trial secretary whose job gets more difficult closer to trial time.

Old Business:

Barn news: The board approved the purchase of a new tire and five new jumps for the Forest Grove barn and three new tunnels for the Larsen barn. We are getting estimates for sprinkler installation for the Larsen barn. Also approved was new outside lighting for the Forest Grove barn, Mr. VanDyke will install a new motion light for the parking area.

Barn practice hours for both barns are from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

At the January general meeting CAT instructors compensation was brought up. The current payment for CAT instructors is \$25.00 in "Seminar Bucks" for each seven week session. Student's pay; \$30.00 for junior handlers, \$45.00 for CAT members and \$60.00 for non-CAT members. There have been a few instructors lost to schools where they are getting paid "real money". CAT instructors would like better compensation. Herb Gercke (past training director) was present at the meeting and stated, "if we paid people then everyone would want to do it". The board will decide a new payment policy which would include making payment into "CAT Bucks" which could be used for trial entries as well as for seminars. The new value will be determined to help cover expenses for gas. Board members who are also instructors will be allowed to vote in the final decision at the next board meeting.

New Business:

Janice Tsuchida announced future seminars coming in 2004:

Elisha Calhoun May 8-9 "Stuck in Open or Excellent A" She will address nagging problems that keep you stuck in the same class time and time again. It is required that people be in the open or higher levels. She is accepting 12 participants \$160.00 per space and \$25.00/day for auditing. It will be held at Mary Crittendon's barn in Vancouver. CAT members have first priority.

Susan Salo July 3-5 Jumping Seminar for dogs who don't know how to jump properly. The only requirement is the dogs growth plates need to be closed. This seminar starts with a lecture before the dogs start jumping. She is accepting 18 dogs as participants, maybe more. \$145.00 for participants and \$20.00/day for auditors. Janice still needs a location with a lot of space

October is still open for a seminar time, Janice is trying to get Kathy Leggett

Lelani Baker has created an online calendar for the Forest Grove barn. This has class times and rental times. [Http://my.calenders.net/van\\_dyke\\_farm](http://my.calenders.net/van_dyke_farm)  
Thank you Lelani.

Upcoming trials:

February 27-29th NADAC at Canby, please donate raffle items, Erin Hildahl will have the library.

Martha Mullis reminded everyone that the NW Cup in April will have a general raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Klein