

April 24, 2005 General Meeting Minutes
Clackamas Elmer's

Called to order at 7:05 PM

Board members present: Lisa Klein, Kitty Ware, Karen McAlister, Wendy Ware, and Paige Pierce.

Report of the President: Following agenda

Report of the Vice President: Given by Lisa Klein on behalf of Wendy Ware.

Board Meetings: 05/11/05--Delta Park Elmer's, 06/14/05 Wilsonville Garlic Onion, 07/20/05 Clackamas Elmer's, 08/16/05 Delta Park Elmer's.

General Meetings: 04/24/05--Clackamas Elmer's, 05/15/05 Tigard Buster's, 06/19/05 Delta Park Elmer's, No July General Meeting, 08/27/05 – Wilsonville Memorial Park.

Report of the Treasurer: Given by Lisa Klein on behalf of Karla Forte. A balance for checking and investment were stated.

Report of the Training Director: Kitty Ware. CAT has certificates of completion for the instructors to give out at the completion of class. CAT has 10 instructors and about 55 students each term. Kitty praised the dedication and skill of the instructors. The Junior Handler class at Forest Grove is continuing to grow. A foundation class may be offered during the summer.

Report of the Secretary: New members voted in at the 04/12/05 board meeting are: Carol and Daniel Mann with Pete and Nash the border collies. Katie Barber with Lucy the smooth coat collie and Ernie a yellow lab.

Seminar Update:

Kathy Legget seminar is canceled due to conflict with the 2005 Columbia Cup and lack of a volunteer to take this seminar. Susan Salo seminar is July 21-24th at Forest Grove with two 2-day sessions with 3 groups per session. Working spots are \$110.00.

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Trial Review:

The January 2005 NW Cup closed with a positive balance.

Feb. 25 –27, 2005 NADAC trial. 1 bill outstanding but should close with a positive balance. Charitable donation to go to Canine Connection and Sue Roake to assist with veterinary bills incurred from an attack on her dog by another dog.

The April 1-3 CPE trial. Bills outstanding, but projected to close with a positive balance.

The April 30, May 1st NADAC trial budget submitted. Moved and approved.

The July 15, 16, 17 2005 USDAA trial to be chaired by Karla Forte and Venita Barraque.

Barb White is the chief ring steward. There will be a Performance Grand Prix on Saturday and Sunday. USDAA would like to advertise 6 and 3 weeks before the trial.

Karla Forte is the contact.

The September 2005 is planning is well on its way. Lynda King will chair.
The October 15 – 16, 2005 Black Cat USDAA trail will be chaired by Barb White. There will not be games.
The January 2006 NADAC trial will be chaired by Lisa Klein.

Welcome Prospective Members:

Jan Johnson, Diane Eatherton, Mary and Les Moore, Hope Bernstein

Old business:

Workdays at Larsen Barn and Forest Grove Barns will be scheduled this summer. Barb Stone and Barb Perrson are working on the workday at Larsen Barn. Some equipment from the Larson Barn may be “recycled” for door prizes or may need to be thrown away. Forest Grove needs a clean up and minor equipment repairs.

Clark County Fairgrounds is under new membership. The food vendor will be inside the building and will accept CAT lunch coupons. Members who use coupons are asked to have the vendor write down the price of the items. Lisa will be making a site visit on 04/26/05 to try to get the arena raked and wetted down. The raffle becomes a door prize. Since the fairgrounds are under new management, CAT members are asked to be even more aware of the rules and regulations, such as no propane heaters and only 1 off leash area.

Trial date changes for 2006. The NW Cup will be April 22 and 23, 2006. There will be NADAC trials in January and February of 2006.

Aug. 27/28 General Meeting, Fun Match and Picnic. Need a volunteer for the BBQ. Changes to CAT By-Laws and Policies will be voted on at the General Meeting. The fun match will double as a USDAA judging clinic. The second day of the USDAA judging clinic will be held at Debbie Berkley's.

OFASA Bark in the Park will be Aug. 6th. There is no grassy area to set up a confidence course. Thus, no confidence course

Forest Grove barn fun matches are the first Saturday of the month March through November. 9:00 to 12:00 are beginners and 12:30 to 3:00 are advanced.

Larsen Barn rental slots are now available in ½ hour increments. Rented to equal 1 hour time slot in a week.

New Business:

Gresham Dog in the Park, June 18, 2005. They have asked CAT if we can put on a morning agility demo. There is a 70 X 70 grassy area with shade. Anyone interested?

Aloha area off leash Dog Park fund raiser on 07/24/05. There will be a confidence course. Money earned will be donated to Friends of Dog Parks. Watch for more information in the Catalyst.

A dog aggression incident form will soon be available at CAT sponsored events. It will provide a mechanism for to track incidents.

A non-complimentary note regarding CAT was posted on a NADAC list. A delay in posting NADAC trial results was blamed CAT's tardy submission of the CAT Feb. 2005 NADAC trail scores. The scores were made available to NADAC by mid-March 2005. No response to the NADAC list is warranted.

Free Trial entries will be worth a flat \$65.00. This should cover a weekend package for either of the 2 venues (USDAA, NADAC) that CAT currently sponsors.

The Humane Society of Willamette Valley mentioned CAT in its 2005 winter issue newsletter. A CAT donation help put in lights in dog walking area.

There was a general discussion as to why the May 2005 NADAC trial did not fill.

ASCA fees and CAT/ASCA co-sponsorship of NADAC trials. When a trial is co-sanctioned CAT pays a fee for each dog entered, regardless if they are registered with ASCA. About 2 years ago, CAT sent ASCA a letter stating CAT wanted to pay the fee for ASCA registered dogs only, not for all entries. No response was received. However, recently ASCA has asked CAT to pay for all entries for the last few trials. The decision was made to pay the fees for the February and May trial, but not to co-sanction new trials. This started the first of 2 spirited discussions. Berkley Robbins was concerned about dropping co-sanctioning in mid-year. After further discussion it was agreed that CAT should continue to sponsor through 2005. Berkley will contact CAT's sister clubs (RAT, WAG) and ASCA to gather more information about what options CAT has in regards to this issue. Other members did bring up that ASCA co-sanctioning and titling are not important to them.

CPE. This was the topic of the second spirited discussion. Several members spoke in favor of CPE trials and expressed disappointment at the board's handling of the recent proposal for an Aug. CPE trial at the Forest Grove barn. Lisa Klein acknowledged that CPE has a following in the club and reiterated that the board is trying to take a measured approach in determining future CAT involvement in CPE trials. The first step in is a survey to be mailed (snail-mailed) to all CAT members with a self addressed stamped envelope. The board hopes the have the survey results in by June 1. CPE will continue to be a topic of discussion at the board and general meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm
Respectfully Submitted by:

Karen McAlister