

**Columbia Agility Team**  
**May 21, 2006 General Meeting Minutes**  
**Time 7:00 pm – 8:10 pm**  
**Elmer's, Delta Park**

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

**Board Members In attendance:** Berklee Robins, DeAnne White, Barb Stone, Karen McAllister, Judy Bluett

- A. President:** Vice President Berklee called the meeting to order in Marilyn's absence. Guests were introduced & welcomed.
- B. Report from the Secretary:** Minutes from the March 19, 2006 meeting were read and approved. New members were introduced: Sue Severson, Mr. Edward Smith, Mrs. Brittan Winthrop
- C. Report from the Treasurer:** No report. It was announced that any expense over \$100 the board must now approve prior to purchase.
- D. Report from the Training Director, Barb Stone:** We currently have 72 persons enrolled in CAT's classes. We will not be adding any more advanced or intermediate classes to the CAT training schedule. This is done to support CAT members that are providing that service. It was announced that CAT will be reducing class fees from \$55 for CAT members & \$70 for non-CAT members to \$45 for members and \$60 for non-members. This will be effective beginning with this summer's sessions.
- E. Report from the Trial Oversight Committee, Cheryl Huffman:** That bars that are awarded when someone completes special levels, like a NATCH, will be upgraded to honor their achievement. Reviewed future trials: 01/07 NW Cup-USDAA, 02/07 NADAC, 04- 05/07 NADAC, 06-07/07 USDAA Super Regional, 09/07 Columbia Cup NADAC, 10/07 USDAA. We are still in need of a trial chair for the April/May 2007 NADAC trial. Please contact the Trial Oversight Committee or the CAT Board to volunteer. A mentor will be provided if needed. There is also a CPE trial scheduled in August but no information was available. The website will need to be updated to reflect the CPE trial when the trial chair provides the information. It was also noted that the upcoming USDAA trial in June is going fine. If anyone has questions as to the premium change, please contact the trial chairs Barb Persson or Dick Watson. It was also requested that if anyone knows of any other venues that may be available & suitable for CAT trials, please let the Trial Oversight Committee know.
- F. Unfinished Business:** None
- G. New Business:**
1. NW Cup Scoring – There were some errors at the recent NW Cup in scoring. The errors have been noted and additional vigilance to scoring at future trials will be practiced.
  2. Hospitality – The concerns re: health & safety of our hospitality at trials has been forwarded to the Trial Oversight Committee for discussion.
  3. Equipment Rental – The amended rental policy stating that charges are \$200/day/ring was explained. It was requested that CAT create a rental agreement to be signed by those renting the equipment.
  4. Meeting Locations – A poll was taken to determine if food was an important factor in determining meeting locations for CAT meetings. It was noted that by a vote of 18-5 it is not an important factor. Also those present agreed that the current schedule of a general meeting every 2 months was sufficient. The suggestion of potlucks for meetings was introduced as a possibility.
  5. Awards & Ribbons – There was discussion as to whether the large trophies and awards for special accomplishments were necessary. Please forward any comments or questions to the board for further discussion. It was requested that there be Title Completed ribbons for all venues.
  6. Agility League – It was requested that in order to participate in the agility league it is required to have first attended a trial be amended to allow a special dispensation by the participants instructor that the team is ready to participate in league even though they have not trialed. It was felt that league is a good preparation for the trial atmosphere. Tara Choate will prepare a proposal to present to the board.
  7. Demo Teams – We have requests for Demonstration Teams to participate in various events. CAT would like to support these teams if we had volunteers to participate & lead them. Please contact the board if interested.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
DeAnne White