

June 14, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes
Garlic Onion, Wilsonville

Called to order at 7:49 PM

Members present: Lisa Klein, Wendy Ware, Karla Forte, Kitty Ware, Karen McAlister, Tanya Sacks, Paige Pierce, Heather Christensen, Barb Stone.

Minutes of the April 2005 Board and General Meetings were reviewed and approved pending changes.

Report of the President:
Following agenda

Report of the Vice President: Board and General Meeting dates and locations were set:

Board Meetings: 07/20/05 Clackamas Elmer's, 08/16/05 Delta Park Elmer's, 09/14/05 Garlic Onion, Wilsonville, 08/16/05 Delta Park Elmer's.

General Meetings: No July General Meeting, 08/27/05 Wilsonville Memorial Park CAT BBQ and fun match, 09/18/05 Buster's Tigard

The August meeting will be the CAT's annual BBQ and fun match. This year the fun match will also be part of a USDAA judging seminar. The seminar will go for a second day at Debbie Berkley's barn. Kitty and Heather are creating a form for this event. The fun match will have jumpers, snookers, and a fun course.

Report of the Secretary: The following new members were voted in and "Welcome to CAT":
Pamela and John Rankin, Kevin and Liza MacKenzie

Report of the Treasurer: A balance for checking and investment were given. Minimum balance in checking account moved and accepted.

Report of the Training Director: Spring classes are complete. Participants have sent "thank-you" notes separate from the class surveys. Moved and approved to increase class session to \$70.00. She also requests to reduce class sizes to 7 to improve the training experience. More instructors are needed for foundation and beginning.

Unfinished Business:

Survey Results: There was a 66% return rate. 245 surveys mailed with 161 completed and returned.

Add CPE?: 134 YES, 7 NO, 20 NO OPINION

YES Breakdown: 49 Add more trials, 60 2 trials each venue, 10 either option.

OTHER: 22 reduce or eliminate NADAC, 2 reduce or eliminate USDAA, a few suggested other ratios of trials.

ASCA fees. Berklee Robbins presented information on this topic. He has approached both NADAC and ASCA as to their viewpoint on the NADAC/ASCA co-sanctioned trial relationship. ASCA members in several local Agility Clubs (RAT, WAG, CAT) do look for co-sanction when determining whether or not to enter a trial. He made the case for continuing co-sanctioning until a pattern of NADAC trial attendance was clear. A major discussion point is the fee a co-sanctioning club pays for ASCA titling even if a dog is not ASCA registered. It was agreed to add \$1.50 per ASCA registered dog per day to the premium to offset the cost of the ASCA fee being required for all dogs regardless of ASCA registration. This fee arrangement will be reviewed in 2006.

Seminar Committee: There are no members on this committee at this time. Janice Tsuchida is completing the Susan Salo seminar. A request for interested parties will be sent out via the CATalyst and AgileCAT email list. There was a general discussion about CAT sponsored seminars. The CAT seminars have provided valuable training opportunities for CAT members and have enabled CAT buck holders another venue to spend their bucks. It was agreed it would be in the Club's best interest to pursue having CAT sponsored seminars.

Anne Morris Donation: \$300.00 from the July trial.

Ombudsmen Position: No volunteers as of yet.

Seminar Update:

Susan Salo seminar is July 21-24th at Debbie Berkley's with two 2-day sessions with 3 groups per session. Working spots are \$110.00.

Trial Review:

The April 1-3 CPE trial closed with a positive balance the donation is pending..

The April 30, May 1st NADAC shows a positive balance.

The July 15, 16, 17 2005 USDAA trial to be chaired by Karla Forte and Venita Barraque. Barb White is the chief ring steward. Barb plan to have high school students for ring crew. There will be a Performance Grand Prix on Saturday and Sunday. There is an attempt to try to make arrangements for camping.

The September 2005 trial is being by and Lynda King will chair, however, the Trial Secretary is not a CAT member. Karla Forte will have entries sent to her.

The October 15– 16, 2005 Black Cat USDAA trail will be chaired by Barb White. There will not be games but there will be a Steeplechase and Grand Prix.

The January 2006 NADAC trial will be chaired by Lisa Klein. Will be a 3 ring trial with Tunnelers and Weavers on Saturday and T-N-G on Sunday. Need a volunteer for Chief Ring Steward and Course Builder manager for the trial.

New Business:

Larson Barn manager: Barb Persson is interested in this position. Lisa will draft a letter to sent to the current barn manager, Renee Wilson.

Cathi Wilce Donation: CAT will make a donation to the GSD rescue fund in memory of Cathi Wilson. Moved and approved unanimously.

CPE Letter: Moved and approved to send a letter to CPE to release the November 5/6 and 1st weekend in April dates to Barb White.

Cindi Pruitt NADAC update. NADAC rules change for Weavers and T-N-G, perhaps is easier?

Equipment Updates: 2 new dog walks set up. Can the old equipment be used as door prizes? More sandbags are needed at the Forest Grove barn, but a source for sandbags needs to be found. The one's we have were made by a CAT member. Tunnel tie downs have been ordered. A request was made to purchase a wireless connection between the controller and the display for the electric timers. The board requests this be part of the 2006 equipment budget.

Equipment Rental: BAAD used the measuring wheel. Should the rental policy be amended to cover rental of individual piece of equipment?

Report of the Oversight Committee: Karla is the CAT Board representative. The committee is discussing other venues besides the fairgrounds and CAT's practice barns for trials.

Meeting adjourned at 09:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Karen McAlister