

January 17th, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

Time: 6:35pm – 8:35pm

Location: Village Inn, Bridgeport Village

In Attendance: Marilyn Watson, Dwight Cash, Judy Bluett, Barb Stone, Karen McAlister, Barb Persson. Guests: Jamie Winthrop, Kim Boothe, Janice Tsuchida

Reviewed and approved the minutes from the last meeting with corrections.

Report of the President: See following agenda

Marilyn welcomed the guests. Also, on behalf of the Board, Marilyn wrote letters to Sue Woodson, Eric Gordon, Matt Sachs, and Tara Choate expressing CAT's appreciation for their volunteer work and hopes they will continue in 2007.

Solicited comments as to what type of financial information club members would like to see presented at the Annual Meeting. Kim Boothe thought a 'big picture' format would be nice without a lot of monetary detail. Other suggestions included how CAT earns, spends and donates. Judy Bluett will prepare a report for the Annual Meeting.

Report of the Vice President: Meetings set:

- **Board Meetings:** Tentatively scheduled for 2/13 to be approved by 2007 Board.
- **General Meetings:** To be scheduled by 2007 Board
- **Annual Meeting:** January 28th, 2007 Clackamas Denny's

Report of the Secretary: New members to be affirmed: From November 2006-- Stephanie and Gary Frye, Deena Lavine. January 2007 -- no members to affirm

Report of the Treasurer: Unavailable for this meeting. A year-end financial report will be given at the Annual meeting.

Report of the Training Director: Barb Stone compiled statistics from the 2006 training.

- 277 wagging tails trained with CAT in 2006
- 159 unduplicated dog/handler teams
- 66 dog/handler teams took more than one class from CAT in 2006
- Students took an average of 1.7 classes each with CAT
- 102 teams went through Foundation at least once
- ~33% of teams who went through Foundation came back for Beginning 1
- ~52% of teams who took Beginning 1 came back for Beginning 2
- ~75% of students in Beginning 2 or higher classes are competing

Winter classes are beginning, with class starts determined by the trainer's availability.

Unfinished Business:

A. Follow Up on action approved at last meeting.

1. **Laptop Purchase.** No progress, however, Barb Persson will act on this the week of 1/29/07.
2. **OFASA donation.** Barb Stone needs to give paperwork to Judy Bluett.
3. **Tire for Forest Grove barn.** Barb Stone will contact Tanya Sachs.
4. **Trial Tear down incentive.** CAT Buck information for this very important job listed should be in the Feb. 2007 NADAC premium.
5. **Columbia Funds.** Judy will handle this once she is officially the Treasurer.

B. Truck and Trailer. No decisions have been made. There was discussion on the merits of diesel vs. gas and the trailer design in a modular format for easier loading and unloading.

C. 2008 Trial Schedule. Marilyn suggested presenting the current state and some options to the membership at the Annual Meeting for comments.

D. Aug. 2008 CPE Trial. No location has been found for the trial. Judy Bluett will follow up on a location in Banks, OR.

E. 2008 Black CAT USDAATrial. Janice Tsuchida presented the budget for a 3 ring, 3-judge trial with a Grand Prix and Steeplechase. Concerns were raised about the budget being optimistic considering the recent reduction in standard run prices. However, the budget was approved with one abstention. The Feb. board meeting will review the Jan. USDA trial balance sheet to help determine the price of runs for the Black Cat.

New Business:

A. General Meeting. Sign up sheets available for 2007 Trials as well as a volunteer for CAT clothing.

B. CAT Bucks for Seminars. **CAT instructors** can use CAT bucks to take Agility related seminars. The Instructor's Policy has the information on how to do this.

C. Member Complaints. Barb Stone brought some member comments and complaints to the Board's attention. Due to the nature of this type of item, individuals were not identified. In general:

- The Board does not support NADAC.
 - Board Response – The CAT Board supports 3 venues USDAA, NADAC and CPE. The board **DOES NOT** favor one venue over another. Most members of the board not only compete at the listed venues, but also are often active participants in the trials themselves.
 - Board Response – One NADAC issue the Board has identified is the lack of Trial Committee Members for NADAC trials. NADAC enthusiasts need to come forward to create the Trial committees so the budgeting, planning, and advance work necessary to put on a NADAC trial can be done.
- CAT Membership used as a requirement for other memberships/relationships.
 - Board Response – If membership in CAT is being used in a discriminatory manner, the CAT Board and by extension, CAT Members, regret any use of membership to discriminate against individuals who are not members.
- CAT decisions are made without considering member input and/or only a select group makes decision.
 - Board Response – Board meetings are open to the membership. Anyone who has ever attended a Board meeting can attest to the discussion aspect of issues relating to running the club. The Board meeting minutes cannot accurately recount the “liveliness” of the discussions.
 - Board Response – The member-at-large board positions are designed to give the membership a path in which to communicate their concerns. The individuals in those positions look for membership input. See above comment on Board discussions.