

March 13, 2007 CAT Board Meeting

Location: Village Inn, Bridgeport Village
Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

- I. **Welcome**—In attendance: Marilyn Watson, Lori Sage, Judy Bluett, Jamie Winthrop, Kim Boothe, Barbara Stone, Dwight Cash, and Alysse Kinane (guest—prospective member)
- II. **Reading and approval of the minutes**—Reviewed and approved minutes from February board meeting
- III. **Reports**
 - A. **Secretary—new members**—confirmed Jan Curry and Karen Roach and Laila Holmes
 - B. **Treasurer—2007 budget**
 1. February NADAC trial—review included how CAT Bucks were used
 2. NW Cup—final numbers reviewed
 3. No progress yet on Columbia Funds
 4. Profit and Loss review—Motion made and approved to make 3 adjustments to unreconciled accounting
 - C. **Training Director**
 1. Barb has fielded a request from an instructor to add to/modify the instructor “benefit” package to one of the following:
 - * add 1 hour of free barn time for any instructor teaching a seven week (or longer) session
 - * reduce the number of CAT buck awarded in exchange for barn time (simplify the transactions between TD-instructor-barn manager)
 - * allow the instructor to forgo his/her CAT bucks in favor of free barn timeObviously the instructor who made the request prefers the first option. In Forest Grove, this hasn’t come up as barn time is usually available around lesson times and the instructors simply use the empty barn as they see fit for additional student instruction, class prep, or their own training. Barb thinks there is merit in allowing instructors to have free barn time as she often uses her time to figure out why students’ dogs are having trouble with certain sequences or to set up exercises for the following week, making sure they will run the way she expects.
 2. Marilyn requested to verify when the Larsen barn surface is to be turned—it is getting very firm.
- IV. **Unfinished business**
 - A. **Follow-up on action approved at last meeting**
 1. Karla Forte volunteered to be the trial secretary for the Columbia Cup (relieving Judy Bluett of that position)
 - B. **Review of policies**
 1. Barn Rental Policy—reviewed and approved with no changes (one opposed)
 2. Instructor Policy—reviewed and approved 2004 version with no changes
 3. CAT Bucks Policy—tabled for future discussion

4. Junior Handler Policy–tabled until next month’s board meeting
 5. Refund Policy–approved with the removal of one “typo”
 - C. **Review budget for Oct. USDAA trial**
 1. Tabled discussion until April board meeting
 - D. **Review of run pricing–what judge is paid, pay per run, pkg.**
 1. We need more information about each venue. We know at this time that NADAC charges \$1/run and CPE charges \$3/dog/day
 - E. **August CPE trial**
 1. Jim Hibbard reserved Wilsonville Park for August 17, 18, 19
 2. August 18–will have the Forest Shelter for our picnic
 3. BBQ/Picnic–a motion was made and approved to make the meal free for CAT members, but to also include non-members for a fee
 - F. **Handling of ribbons for CPE**
 1. Tanya Sacks inventoried the storage bin and ordered new ribbons
 - G. **Seminar–Shy Dog**
 1. Rosie in contact with Leslie about summer
 2. Rosie to work on non-conflicting dates
 - H. **Suggestion to change–“CAT will not purchase and hard liquor for anyone driving.”**
 1. Discussion about CAT not purchasing for anyone who is driving vs. a per diem for the judges from which they would purchase whatever they choose.
 2. Lori moved to include in judge’s contract a per diem for meals of \$25/trial day for future contracts. Approved.
- V. **New Business**
- A. **CAT Buck usage**
 1. Discussion included doing away with CAT Bucks for “day of trial” volunteer positions at trials–instead do raffle tickets/vouchers that must be used at the present trial.
 2. Continue using CAT Bucks for trial committee members and instructors.
 3. Will present the question to the members at the next general meeting.
 - B. **Clark County food vendor change**
 1. Still in the works
 - C. **August Picnic–open to all competitors for a charge?**
 1. Refer to section IV.E.3. above
 - D. **Equipment–jumps**
 1. Dwight found a source for a set of detachable wings for jumps we already have at \$30/set. How many do we need? Also need to know how many new standards we may need. Need to replace existing winged jumps with new standards and get detachable wings for the future–30 sets. Board approved the purchase of 30 sets of detachable wings at \$30/set.
- VI. **Adjourn**
Adjourned at 8:29 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe