

March 18, 2007 CAT General Meeting Minutes (pending)

Location: Clackamas Denny's

Called to order 7:00 pm

I. Welcome

- A. Marilyn welcomed members and prospective members. Pat Weinkauf introduced guests (prospective members). Carol Hibbard and Marilyn announced the birth of Hillary Hibbard's daughter, Ashley.
- B. Board members present: Marilyn Watson, Jamie Winthrop, Dwight Cash, Judy Bluett, Kim Boothe

II. President's report

- A. Policies reviewed, updated, and approved:
 - 1. Barn Rental policy—need rental agreements signed by renters
 - 2. Refund policy—\$ held out for costs if refund requested after closing date
 - 3. August CPE, Wilsonville Park, Aug. 18 & 19 will have CAT club picnic following competition on Saturday night—need a volunteer to coordinate picnic food, picnic will be open to all competitors—non-members will pay a fee. There was a question about having a fun match in conjunction with the BBQ—Cheryl will check on site options with Linda (CPE).
 - 4. Cat Buck redemption next month
 - 5. Authorized purchase of 30 sets of detachable wings at \$30/set
 - 6. Clark County change in food vendor policy?
 - a. Change is in flux due to cost—minimum of \$700 in purchases
 - b. Lisa Klein is in meetings to iron out the details

III. Vice-President's report—Jamie Winthrop—Dates and places of next meetings

- A. Next general meeting—May 20. Scouting alternate locations—requests suggestions from members
- B. August meeting—coinciding with CPE trial—meeting Sat., Aug. 18 following trial. Open to all. Non-members pay for meal.

IV. Minutes of last meeting—Kim Boothe

- A. Summarized January meeting (unfortunately, through miscommunication, no notes were taken by anyone at that meeting)
- B. Motion was made and approved to accept the summary minutes

V. Report of the Secretary—Kim Boothe

- A. New members voted in at the February and March board meetings—announced

VI. Report of the Treasurer—Judy Bluett

- A. Profit/Loss Statements—available for review
- B. Reviewed some of the club's costs, including barn/porta-potty rental, newsletter, storage, trial expenses (ribbons, compared use of CAT bucks to cash)

VII. Reports of the committees

- A. Training Director—Barb Stone—not present
- B. Trial Oversight Committee—Barbara Persson—not present
- C. Trial Chairs
 - 1. April CPE—Cheryl Huffman—location and dates. Introduced committee. 2 ring trial, alternating rings. May have an extra run available on each day if

- trial finishes early
2. June/July USDAA Regional–Barbara Persson and Dick Watson–location and dates. Introduced committee. 4 rings/4 judges–anticipating large entry. Hiring ring crew. Sat/Sun–normal trial events and Grand Prix. Mon–DAM and Masters.
 3. August CPE and Club Picnic–Cheryl Huffman–location (Thanks Jim Hibbard). Need volunteer to coordinate picnic. Introduce new trial secretary and remainder of committee. Still planning judge and trial. Have Jim verify no baseball tournament.
 4. September NADAC (Columbia Cup)–Pat Weinkauff and Marilyn Watson–will have Loren and Janine McGee from Calgary as judges. 3 ring/2 judge trial.
 5. October USDAA–Venita Quella–dates and locations and judges. 3 ring/3 judge trial. Grand Prix and Steeplechase. Still in planning stages.

VIII. Unfinished business

- A. None from our last meeting

IX. New business

- A. Use of CAT Bucks

1. Reducing fees to \$9/run looks like it may not be a good idea. Lost money at January trial. Not sure yet about February trial. May see an increase in fees and the return of the package price. Board voted to increase the regular (non-tournament) runs at the USDAA regional (Jun/Jul) to \$12/run.
2. CAT Bucks–accounting for use and trial entries–expenses are increasing–more trials are available in the region. Some clubs use bucks only at the individual trials.
3. Input from members about use of bucks. Many and varied recommendations were made by the members, including: considering separate categories for major trial jobs vs day of trial positions, how any change would affect members volunteering who are not running dogs at the trial, different categories of bucks (members/non-members), how to account for each trial’s use of bucks, how will any change in bucks affect instructors, etc., etc.
4. Many members seemed to be in favor of using food vouchers/raffle tickets for “smaller” day of trial jobs.
5. The CAT Bucks discussion stimulated discussion about volunteers, ring crew training, how to make the volunteer opportunities and duties more clear to newer members, and possibly creating a ring crew training video. Cheryl Huffman and Barb Berg volunteered to instruct a ring crew training “seminar” at the Friday set up for the CPE trial (April 20)

X. Adjourn

- A. Adjourned at 8:06 pm

XI. Brags

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe