

April 24, 2007 CAT Board Meeting Minutes (pending)

Location: Village Inn, Bridgeport Village

Called to order at 6:30 pm

- I. **Welcome–Marilyn Watson**–In attendance: Marilyn Watson, Judy Bluett, Barbara Persson, M’Lou Thompson, Kim Boothe, Tanya Sacks, Lori Sage, Dwight Cash, Jamie Winthrop, Barbara Stone
- II. **Reading and approval of the minutes**–read and approved minutes from March 13 Board meeting
- III. **Reports**
 - A. **Secretary–Kim Boothe**–new members–confirmed Christy Nolind, Renee Cressa, Kenneth Gengler, Rebecca Johnston, Sierra Sweigert/Susan Epping, Renee Shaw, Janine McFall, Nicholas Bryant/Valerie Bryant, and Heather Hardin
 - B. **Treasurer–Judy Bluett**
 1. Reviewed bank balances and transaction detail. Board approved the financial report.
 2. Still working on Columbia funds
 3. Judy asked for permission to pay barn rents and Schultz Clearwater as automatic online bill pay. Board approved
 - C. **Vice-President–Jamie Winthrop**
 1. Jamie is working with Pat Weinkauff to prepare a new member overview and introduction to CAT–how to use benefits of membership, how to contact the board, etc.
 - D. **Training Director–Barbara Stone**
 1. Spring classes–63 students enrolled in 16 classes with 12 instructors and 2 assistants. Deposits will go in late this week or early next week.
 2. Summer classes–Instructors will be asked for commitment to summer classes within the next couple of weeks (as soon as the spring session paperwork is wrapped up).
 3. Demo/Confidence course requests:
May 19, Oregon Garden Pet Day, Silverton
August 5, Washington County Dog Park event, Aloha
August 18, Bark in the Park (OFOSA), Summer Lake Park, Tigard
 4. Equipment/Barn Maintenance
 - *Asked Erik to look into getting floor of Larsen barn resurfaced–floor surface and sprinklers in the Larsen barn are scheduled for maintenance this week.
 - *Larsen barn gate has been locked several times with no key left on hook–students/renters unable to get into barn–Erik was going to talk to the Larsens about this–no update
 - *Old equipment business–1) metal tire frame for VanDyke barn–outstanding, 2) Panels for jmp standards in both barns–outstanding
 - *New requests on the equipment front–1) Contact with no slats in Larsen barn, 2) Darker tunnel in Larsen barn
 - E. **Purchasing–Tanya Sacks**
 1. Compared ribbon pricing between different sizes and types of ribbons

2. Placement ribbons–found that we can save significant amount by using single layer placement ribbons instead of double layer but will stay with the longer length. Tanya recommended that we purchase this type of placement ribbon.
3. Clarified that all actual ribbon ordering will be through Tanya.

F. **Trial Oversight Committee–Barbara Persson**

1. There were many problems with one (old and worn out) computer at the CPE trial. Barbara moved that we purchase another new computer at Dell for approximately \$700 and recycle the old computer after wiping its memory. Board approved.
2. The purchase of a new computer would allow for 3 computers total for trial purposes.
3. Need recovery files for software used on computers as backup.
4. All the new computers have wireless access. Can purchase a router for approximately \$50 to keep all the information on one computer (rather than transferring it to the individual trial secretary’s home desktop) for e-mailing confirmations. Barbara moved to purchase one wireless router for approx. \$50. Board approved.

IV. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Follow-up on action approved at last meeting**

1. Columbia Funds–in the works
2. Larsen barn surface–addressed

B. **Review of policies**

1. Junior Handler–moved and approved adding CPE to the policy

C. **Review budget for July USDAA trial**

1. Will have volunteer sign up online
2. Reviewed budget
3. We are asking some of the other regional clubs to “sponsor” a ring (being responsible for staffing the rings with workers)–RAT has already committed

D. **CAT Bucks and membership**

1. Discussed input provided by members at last general meeting
2. Board determined to leave major positions and instructors unchanged and to use larger denominations of CAT Bucks for payment to people filling those positions. The larger denominations would be allowed to be used as in the past with no limit on trial entry forms.
3. Board determined that the ring worker per class would continue to receive \$2.50 denomination CAT Bucks. New detail would be added to the wording on the bucks to include: “non CAT members must use this coupon this weekend at a vendor or for the raffle”.
4. Board determined to re-instate the CAT member trial entry discount in the following way: CAT members may use CAT bucks as partial payment for their trial entries not to exceed 10% of the total entry fee.
5. We discussed how to award bucks at tear down and set up. Decided that the bucks should not be distributed until the end of the “chores” so that distribution of bucks would be equitable to all that actually helped. Jamie

also noted that we would need to decide how to deal with non-members who help with these “chores” as they would have to use their CAT bucks on the trial weekend in which they were earned.

6. We also discussed using extra raffle tickets rather than CAT bucks as a reward for those who have been noted to go “above and beyond”.
7. We will start using the new system at the August CPE trial, but will honor current CAT bucks in the “old” way until 12/31/07.

E. **Membership report–Dwight Cash**

1. 207 on AgileCAT list when started–removed non-members, bouncing, and lapsed members
2. 127 members (e-mail addresses) remaining on AgileCAT list of 198 club members

F. **Equipment–jumps**

1. Estimated cost of \$35 for each new jump standard
2. We need 40 jumps total with 30 sets of detachable wings
3. We already have 18 standards that will work with the new wings
4. We need 22 new jump standards

V. **New Business**

- A. **General meeting–trial schedule for 2008**–reviewed some options for 2008, including both 6 and 7 trials total
- B. **Clark County Fairgrounds representative**–has been Lisa Klein, who would like to be replaced. Will need a job description. Still working out the food vendor issue.
- C. **New member/mentor program for new people at trials**–Kim Boothe recommended continuing to do something like we did at the recent CPE trial at all trials in the future. Thought that the “ask me” stickers were a great way for new people to feel comfortable asking someone they did not know for help.

VI. **Adjourn**–adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe