

May 15, 2007 CAT Board Meeting Minutes (pending)

Location: Village Inn, Bridgeport Village

Called to order at 6:36 pm

- I. **Welcome–Marilyn Watson**–In attendance: Jamie Winthrop, Judy Bluett, Barbara Stone, M’Lou Thompson, Dwight Cash, Marilyn Watson, Kim Boothe, Barbara Persson. Guest: Pat Weinkauf.
- II. **Reading and approval of the minutes**–read and approved the minutes from the April 24 Board meeting.
- III. **Reports**
 - A. **Secretary–Kim Boothe**–new members. New members presented by Pat Weinkauf. Confirmed the following new members: Diane Harris, Steve and Dianne Perry, Janelle Jeli/Robert Prinslow, Art Brest, and Christine Ehlert.
 - B. **Treasurer–Judy Bluett**
 1. Bank balances and transaction detail were reviewed. The Board approved the financial report.
 2. April CPE trial–some receipts for expenses are still outstanding, will need them to complete the report
 3. February NADAC trial–just need to verify that all receipts for expenses have been received for completion of the final report
 4. There was some discussion about instituting a time line for all receipts to be received for any given trial
 - C. **Vice-President–Jamie Winthrop**
 1. Will be unable to attend the next general meeting, so recommended that the new member meeting preceding the general meeting be held this summer.
 2. Set dates for upcoming Board meetings: June 12, July 17, and August 14
 - D. **Training Director–Barbara Stone**
 1. Spring classes–wrapping up end of May/early June
 2. Summer classes–start week TBD–will be after the USDAA regional
 3. Demo/Confidence course requests: a) August 5, Washington County Dog Park event, Aloha–have asked for volunteers on AgileCAT; b) August 18, Bark in the Park (OFOSA), Summer Lake Park, Tigard–lead person backed out, will need to run AgileCAT ad asking for volunteers (this is the same day as the CPE trial and summer BBQ)
 4. Equipment/Barn maintenance: a) Larsen barn floor resurfacing complete; b) 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; c) Old equipment business–metal tire frame for VanDyke barn and panels for jump standards in both barns–outstanding
 - E. **Trial Oversight–Barbara Persson**
 1. One person has expressed interest in chairing the Feb. 2008 NADAC trial.
 2. Barbara Stone will chair the NADAC Columbia Cup next year.

3. Update on regional clubs “sponsoring” a ring at the USDAA regional—unclear now whether RAT is still a sponsor and still waiting to hear back from other clubs.
4. There will be a ring-crew training seminar the Friday before the USDAA regional.

IV. **Unfinished Business**

- A. **Follow-up on action approved at last meeting**—Barbara Persson will incorporate the “Ask me” stickers into the Trial Oversight Committee’s plans for future trials.
- B. **Clarify CAT Buck usage—barn rental?, etc.**
 1. All CAT Buck denominations larger than \$2.50 will continue to be honored as in the past (for lunch meal or raffle at a CAT agility trial, a CAT sponsored agility trial entry, a CAT sponsored agility seminar or CAT barn time).
 2. Changes approved at last board meeting will be incorporated into updated CAT Bucks Redemption Policy.
 3. Barbara Persson made a motion that there be no limit on the use of CAT Bucks of any denomination for trial entries by CAT members. The motion was defeated.
- C. **Technology—computers—Barbara Persson**
 1. The wireless router that was approved for purchase at the last board meeting will not be feasible for use by all trial secretaries as it will require broadband access. Not all trial secretaries have broadband access.
 2. Barbara Persson made a motion to purchase a 2 GB portable ZIP drive for approximately \$40. The ZIP drive would be large enough to transfer databases from one computer to another as another option for trial secretaries. The Board approved this purchase.
- D. **Columbia Fund investment choice**—The decision to transfer some funds from checking to savings will wait until after the USDAA regional.

V. **New Business**

- A. **General Meeting agenda**
 1. Three trial schedules for 2008 will be presented to the membership. Following a discussion and questions, the membership will make a decision. The Board will determine the specifics of when each venue will be scheduled. We will need to have people committed to the positions of trial chair and secretary by the end of the meeting to be able to proceed with scheduling.
 2. Can discuss CAT Bucks policy change and address any questions
 3. Will review “compensation” of major trial positions to clarify it for the members
- B. **Relationship with NADAC**—Barbara Persson stated that communications between CAT and NADAC following our February trial were difficult.
- C. **Barn equipment request**
 1. Board discussed a request for slatless equipment in the practice barns. Discussed using ½ slatted and ½ slatless A-frames.

2. Board also discussed the possibility of purchasing the new lighter, rubber-surfaced NADAC contact equipment. M’Lou Thompson will look into “specs” and costs (purchase and shipping) and report back to the Board.
- D. **New Clark County Fairgrounds Liason**–Lisa Klein is retiring after several years and a new liason is needed. A job description will be posted on the AgileCAT list. Lisa is willing to help the new person with the transition.
- VI. **Adjourn**–adjourned at 8:06 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe