

June 12, 2007 CAT Board Meeting Minutes (pending)

Location: Village Inn, Bridgeport Village

Called to order at 6:32 pm

- I. **Welcome–Marilyn Watson**–In attendance: Marilyn Watson, Dwight Cash, Judy Bluett, M’Lou Thompson, Barbara Stone, Lori Sage, Kim Boothe, Jamie Winthrop, Barbara Persson, and Karla Forte (guest)
- II. **Reading and approval of the minutes–Kim Boothe**–read and approved the minutes from the May 15 Board meeting
- III. **Reports**
 - A. **Secretary–Kim Boothe**–new members–confirmed Steve Baird, Gary Hartman, Judy Pugh, Jessica Fanslau, and Maria Jongebloed. Barbara Stone stated the importance of verifying that all applications are fully completed before the names of potential new members are presented to the Board for approval (i.e., sponsors are still members in good standing, etc.)
 - B. **Treasurer–Judy Bluett**–Reviewed bank balances, profit/loss statement, and year to date profit/loss statement. The Board accepted the reports.
 - C. **Vice-President–Jamie Winthrop**–Jamie will be leading the August general meeting
 - D. **Training Director–Barbara Stone**
 1. Spring classes: One last session of Foundation finishing this week
 2. Summer classes: Summer classes will start the first and second week of July. There will be no evening Beginning 1 and only one Foundation section in Forest Grove.
 3. Demo/Confidence course requests (if no volunteers are available, will decline the requests): August 5, Washington County Dog Park event, Aloha–have asked for volunteers on AgileCAT. 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: Old equipment business–a) metal tire frame for VanDyke barn–outstanding, b) Panels for jump standards in both barns–outstanding. New equipment business–Two tunnels in Forest Grove need to be replaced due to wear: 1 – 20' yellow, 1 – short, dark. A motion was made (and approved?) to get new tunnels for the trailers and replace the used ones in the barns with ones from the trailer. A motion was made to get a clear tunnel.
 - E. **Trial Oversight–Barbara Persson**
 1. USDAA Regional is going as planned. There are 450 runs/day. Saturday and Sunday in Masters rings we will have RAT and BAAD providing chief ring stewards.
 2. No known problems with September trial.
 3. Black Cat–new rules needed from USDAA–will work more on it after the regional

4. It was suggested that a note can be added for the benefit of trial secretaries in Trial Genie regarding “problem” dogs and competitors (i.e., dogs disallowed for aggressive incidents, competitors disallowed for bouncing checks, etc.).

IV. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Set the trial venues and dates for 2008**

1. Last weekend of February–NADAC–Canby (inside)
2. April–CPE–Clark County Fairgrounds
3. June/July–USDAA regional–Canby (outside)
4. August–CPE–Wilsonville (outdoors)
5. September (the week after Labor Day)–NADAC–Clark County Fairgrounds
6. October–USDAA NW Cup–Clark County Fairgrounds

B. **Columbia Fund investment choice**–will be covered at the next board meeting.

C. **Follow-up on request for NADAC equipment (slatless dog walk and a-frame and rubberized contact equipment)**–M’Lou Thompson has found that the NADAC approved rubber matting for the contact equipment will cost \$500 for the complete set. Wheels to attach for moving the contact equipment cost \$250 from Clean Run. The Board has postponed a decision on slatless equipment due to space and financial considerations.

D. **New jumps update**–Dwight Cash reports that the new jumps are completed and ready to use. The next project is storage carts for the jumps.

V. **New Business**

A. **Catalyst–content and mailing procedure**–M’Lou Thompson will be the new editor. She requested ideas of items to include in the Catalyst. Many ideas were presented, including: new members’ names, calendar of events, brags, reservation forms for upcoming “get-togethers” (i.e., August picnic, holiday party). Barbara Stone will help M’Lou with the details of mailing. A suggestion was made to include on the membership renewal form a line to indicate whether a member would like to receive their Catalyst via “snail mail” vs. the internet.

B. **Safety issues–Karla Forte**

1. Karla requested that extension cords at trials be covered with rubber covers to minimize the potential for people/dogs to trip over the cords.
2. Karla requested that food on the hospitality tables be individually wrapped. This issue was resolved last fall and items since that time have been individually wrapped.

C. **Request for new equipment**–Karla Forte requested competition style (rough surface) adjustable pause tables for the barns (in addition to the tables that are already at the barns). Dwight Cash will check into the cost of the request.

D. **Holiday party**–The date for the annual holiday party has been set for December 16, 2007.

E. **Use of CAT bucks clarification**–Kitty Ware requested to use CAT bucks for reimbursement for an obedience class. As there have been no seminars recently, it was decided to treat this obedience class as a seminar and allow Kitty to use her CAT bucks for reimbursement.

- F. **Barn rental fees**–How long should CAT “carry” people who are overdue on rental payments? The barn managers should contact any members who are overdue on rental payments to make them aware of the need to bring their accounts current.
 - G. **Columbia Cup**–Marilyn Watson reviewed the budget for this trial.
 - H. **League**–Dwight Cash will start organizing for this fall’s agility league.
- VI. **Adjourn**–Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe