

August 18, 2007 CAT General Meeting Minutes

Location: Forest Shelter, Wilsonville Park

Called to order at 6:00 pm

I. **Welcome–Jamie Winthrop**

- A. Opened meeting with welcome to members, new members, prospective members, and guests.
- B. Pat Weinkauff introduced new members approved since the last general meeting.
- C. Cheryl Huffman offered thanks to Pam Brown for organizing the picnic and to Judy Bluett and Dawn Gilkison for their trial secretary duties. Cheryl presented her trial committee with gifts–thanks to Dawn Gilkison, Judy Bluett, Kyle Watson, Debbie _____, Martha Mullis, Jim Hibbard, Barb Berg, and Pam Brown. Cheryl introduced the judges, Art Malott and Becky Dean, and presented them with their judge’s gifts.
- D. Board members present:: Jamie Winthrop, Judy Bluett, Kim Boothe, Dwight Cash, and M’Lou Thompson.

II. **Reports**

- A. **President’s Report–Jamie Winthrop standing in for Marilyn Watson**
- B. **Vice-President’s Report–Jamie Winthrop**–Announced future meeting dates: next general meeting Sunday, October 21 at Buster’s in Tigard; next board meetings September 11 and October 16 at Village Inn in Bridgeport Village.
- C. **Secretary–Kim Boothe**–Minutes of the last general meeting, May 20, 2007, read(with a little help from Zibbit) and approved by the membership.
- D. **Treasurer–Judy Bluett**–Thank you to all members and helpers. CAT trials are making money. Detailed financial information is available to members if they will contact Judy directly.
- E. **Reports of the Committees**
 - 1. **Training Director–Barbara Stone**–not present. Kitty Ware noted that fall classes start in September.
 - 2. **Trial Oversight Committee–Barbara Persson** (not present, report from Barbara presented by Jamie Winthrop).
 - a. I am happy to report that the 2007 trials have been a great success. Thus far this year, all the trials have been well attended and have been profitable for the club.
 - b. Jan 07 USDAA NW Cup: We had cool weather and HOT competition. 3/4 of NW cup trophies were won by current and former CAT Members!
 - c. Feb 07 NADAC trial was profitable, and we had lots of positive comments about the judges and the trial.
 - d. April 07 CPE trial. This was the first 2 ring CPE trial in the NW and judging from comments, well liked.
 - e. USDAA July Regional: Another successful (even if long) trial. The regional brings in alot of money to the CAT bank account, and many people from the region did very well. We plan to offer most of the same classes next year, with the DAM tourney on Friday.

- f. August CPE trial: I hope you are all having fun.
- g. Sept 07 Columbia Cup: Entries close soon, so get them to Karla as soon as you can.
- h. OCT Black Cat 07: Look for the premium soon!

3. **Trial Chairs**

- a. September NADAC–Pat Weinkauff and Marilyn Watson
- b. October USDAA–Venita Quella–Premium will be available soon, closing date will be September 21. Judges will be Tom Kula, Merlene Stiles, and Becky Dean. Trial will be offering Grand Prix, Steeplechase, and regular classes. The charity chosen for this trial is Autism Service Dogs of America. This trial is a qualifier for 2008 Nationals.

III. **Unfinished Business**–none

IV. **New Business**

A. **Trial Schedule for 2008 (presented by Jamie Winthrop on behalf of Barbara Persson)**

2008 Committees:

NADAC Feb 08: Chair Karen McAlister

CPE April 08: Questions about who is chairing, we have volunteers, but too many of them ;-)

USDAA July 08 (Regional): Chair: Barbara Persson

CPE Aug 08: Chair: Questions about who is chairing, we have volunteers, but too many of them ;-)

NADAC Sept 08 (Columbia Cup): Chair: Barbara Stone

USDAA Oct 08 (NW Cup): Chair Tara Choate

Trials are alot of work, and it's not hard work if many people are involved. There are jobs out there that need filling, and people willing to help mentor you along.

B. **July 2008 USDAA Regional Proposal–Barbara Persson** (presented on her behalf by Jamie Winthrop, from direct communication, and Kim Boothe, from August board meeting minutes) These are ideas/proposals. At this time, nothing is “written in stone”.

1. Hire out chief scorekeeper.
2. Have two trial secretaries (each to receive a full \$65 in CAT Bucks)–one responsible for duties up until trial closing date, the other responsible for duties after closing.
3. Have one chief ring steward for each ring.
4. "Hire" high school kids for set up and tear down. (Charitable contribution to their organization)
5. All four judges to be Master level.
6. Hold the DAM tournament on Friday with one judge per ring and all four rings running.
7. Remove pairs class to allow trial to run more quickly.

C. **Nominating Committee**

Jamie encouraged members to think about running for a board position. Please feel free to contact any board member for more information about their duties. In the last few years, there has not been much “competition” for positions, but that

shouldn't discourage anyone from joining in the running. Contact Dwight Cash, head of the nominating committee, with names of nominees.

D. **Special Thanks**

Steve Brown extended special thanks to Kyle Watson for all his hard work with equipment maintenance and transport.

Steve also announced that he and his wife, Pam, were celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary at this trial.

V. **Adjourn**—adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe