

September 11, 2007 CAT Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Village Inn, Bridgeport Village

Called to order at 6:40 pm

SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND POSSIBLE REVISION

- I. **Welcome–Marilyn Watson**–In attendance: Marilyn Watson, Lori Sage, Barbara Persson, Jamie Winthrop, Judy Bluett, Dwight Cash, Kim Boothe. Guest: Brenda Tam.
- II. **Reading and approval of the minutes–Kim Boothe**–August 14, 2007 CAT Board Meeting minutes approved.
- III. **Reports**
 - A. **Secretary–Kim Boothe**–Confirmed new members: Lori Brown, Laurie Hanawa, Malinda Carlson, Anita Endresen, Jan Broderick, Barbara Esche, Rebecca Hagen, Sarah Adams, Kayla and Eric Soleglad, and Greg, Deborah, and Brittany Peery.
 - B. **Vice-President–Jamie Winthrop**–Next general meeting will be at Buster’s in Tigard October 21. Will need to mail notice to the membership.
 - C. **Treasurer–Judy Bluett**–Reviewed and approved financial reports.
 - D. **Training Director–Barbara Stone**–not present, report submitted as follows:
 1. Summer classes:
 - a. The last of the summer classes have just finished up
 - b. Enrollment was lower than spring, but still quite healthy with approximately 65 students attending classes
 2. Fall classes:
 - a. As usual, enrollment in fall classes is lower than other sessions
 - b. This session is "worse" than usual due to an earlier start than prior years in an attempt to minimize conflicts with League barn usage
 - c. At last count, there are 8 classes going forward with two more possible (Kitty's foundation classes will start in early October) rather than the full slate of 16 for about 30 students
 - d. Julie Padbury will run four small, coached, run-through sessions of novice/open courses on Tuesday mornings between now and the start of League (RSVP required, open to CAT members and current students only)
 3. Equipment/Barn maintenance:
 - a. Old equipment business –
 - i. Metal tire frame for VanDyke barn – outstanding (ordered many months ago from Gary Cutting, but not yet delivered)
 - ii. Panels for jump standards in both barns – outstanding (Tanya hasn't found a vendor who sells panels, most clubs seem to have made theirs; Barbara to check with PAC to see how they did theirs...Lori???)
 - iii. Two tunnels in Forest Grove need replaced due to wear: 1 – 20' yellow, 1 – short, dark – outstanding (we were all set to take these after the Columbia Cup, but I couldn't find anyone who had space to transport them back to the barn, so we'll try again after the Black Cat)

b. New equipment business –

- i. The contact equipment in Forest Grove needs resurfacing, the teeter could use a new board (and possibly needs work to rethread the screw holes or redrill new ones in the frame), the AF may need new boards as well
- ii. Request that we buy an upgrade to the FileMaker Pro software – we are running version 5, and the vendor is now on version 9 – version 5 will not allow me to move and change fields in the training database on my XP-based computers

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Stone, Training Director

4. Marilyn also noted that there is some demand for more evening classes to be available to members.

IV. **Unfinished Business**

- A. **USDAA Regional**–Financial reports are closed. The trial was a great success.
- B. **Columbia Cup**–There was good attendance. It looks as if the trial will make money. We need to revisit the scoring to come up with a way to get the awards out more quickly in the future. Marilyn has created a notebook for future Columbia Cup Trial Chairs.
- C. **Canopies**–All three sold.
- D. **CPE August trial and equipment raffle**–The trial went well and the raffle was a big success, too. Pam Brown and her “crew” did a fantastic job of making sure all the hungry CAT members were well served with a huge offering of picnic goodies.
- E. **2008 Board Nominations**–The positions of Training Director, President, Vice-President, and one to two Members-At-Large will be vacant and need nominees. Nominees will be welcomed for **all** Board positions.
- F. **Equipment in Astoria**–So far, unable to make contact with who actually has the equipment. Kyle would like to inventory the equipment, check its condition, and make sure it is being used.

V. **New Business**

- A. **Agility League**–We have 100 handler teams signed up so far. It looks as if there will be a total of 120 to 130 CAT handler teams.
- B. **Equipment**
 1. The jumps are finished. Dwight is working on a cart; a prototype will be at the next trial.
 2. Dwight is looking into a new trailer. It would be 16 to 20 feet long; same height as present trailer but wider and longer. We will need equipment racks for a new trailer and equalizer hitches. We are attempting to fit three rings of equipment into one new trailer; we will need to weight the equipment and trailer. Rough estimate of cost at this time is \$7,000 to \$8,000 for trailer and upgrades (racks, hitch, etc.).
 3. USDAA requires 5' jump bars for double and triple jumps. CAT has enough 5' bars for those jumps. We might like to have 5' bars for all jumps

as it would make it easier to find all bars quickly. We would need to update the equipment list supplied to judges if we make this switch. The Board approved allowing Kyle the option of going forward with 5' jump bars.

4. PA system–microphone–We would like a lapel or headphone microphone for judges (for games like Jackpot, Gamblers, Snooker, etc.). Dwight will check into models and costs.
 - C. **Awards and Ribbon Position**–Ribbons are presently stored at the Hibbards'. As Wendy, who has been in charge of the ribbons, now lives in Salem and is not presently running a dog in agility, the Board feels it is an unfair burden on her to coordinate for ribbons to be at each trial in a timely manner. Tanya presently does all of the ordering of the ribbons. The ribbons can be stored in the same facility as the equipment, making it easier to coordinate transport of the ribbons to trials.
 - D. **PAC rental of practice barn**–PAC would like to rent a couple of hours per week at a CAT practice barn. Barbara Persson will verify what PAC wants. There would need to be a CAT member present and PAC would need to provide their own insurance.
 - E. **USDA Regional 2008 proposal**–Barbara Persson reviewed the plan to have no master pairs class, hire high school kids (also for equipment tear down), have fewer classes on Sunday, and have all the team events on Friday. The trial dates are June 27, 28, and 29, 2008.
 - F. **2010 CPE National Proposal**–The Board approved going ahead with the proposal application. One option would be to propose to have the trial in mid-June in Hood River.
 - G. **Holiday Party Awards**–Marilyn noted that it is time to post a description of the annual awards and to open nominations for many of those awards.
- VI. **Adjourn**–Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe