

October 16, 2007 CAT Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Village Inn, Bridgeport Village

Called to order at 6:35 pm

- I. **Welcome–Marilyn Watson**–In attendance: Kim Boothe, Judy Bluett, Dwight Cash, Lori Sage, Barbara Persson, M’Lou Thompson, Jamie Winthrop, Marilyn Watson, Barbara Stone. Guests: Sue Woodson, Cindy Cordray, Pat Weinkauf
- II. **Reading and approval of the minutes–Kim Boothe**–September 11, 2007 CAT Board Meeting minutes approved with one amendment to reflect that the Board approved the purchase of a PA system with microphone.
- III. **Reports**
 - A. **Secretary–Kim Boothe**–Confirmed new members: Shelly Salwei, Brenda Tam, and Paul Banks.
 - B. **Vice-President–Jamie Winthrop**–Confirmed that the next general meeting is at Buster’s in Tigard on Oct. 21 at 7 pm. Set dates for future meetings: Board meeting Nov. 13, dinner at Marilyn’s for Board members and their families Dec. 11, General meeting Jan. 13 at Denny’s in Clackamas for annual meeting with elections and desserts.
 - C. **Treasurer–Judy Bluett**–Reviewed and approved profit and loss statements, balances, and final budget from the USDAA summer regional trial.
 - D. **Training Director–Barbara Stone**–Next classes will start in February. Barbara would like for the new Training Director to work with her for the next round of data entry for a smoother transition.
- IV. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. **2008 Board Nominations–Dwight Cash**–The Nominating Committee, consisting of Dwight Cash, Rosie Stein, and Anne Senatra submitted a list of nominees: President–Tanya Sacks; Vice-President–Trey Winthrop; Secretary–Kim Boothe, Treasurer–Judy Bluett; Training Coordinator–Pam Brown; Directors at Large–M’Lou Thompson, Mike Chapman, Karla Forte, Julie Jones, Pat Weinkauf. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the next General Meeting.
 - B. **PA System microphones**–New unit used successfully at last weekend’s USDAA trial.
 - C. **Equipment in Astoria**–The equipment is being used at the fairgrounds. There are no longer any CAT members associated with the group. The Board approved official donation of the equipment to the 4-H Group of Clatsop County. Kim Boothe will draft an official letter.
 - D. **Agility League–Dwight Cash**–Teams will be drawn at the General Meeting.
 - E. **Jump Bars–5 foot length**–No update.
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Equipment–Pat Weinkauf and Cindy Cordray’s request of the Board**
 1. Reviewed requests made by Pat and Cindy for NADAC slatless equipment to be made available in the practice barns. The Board approved a motion to move a set of NADAC contact equipment from the trailer to the Larsen Barn.
 2. Reviewed requests made by Pat and Cindy to purchase new, rubberized

NADAC contact equipment. The Board approved a motion (with one abstention) to purchase NADAC rubberized aluminum contact equipment consisting of 2 dogwalks and 2 a-frames with wheels.

3. Karla Forte had requested “move its” for equipment in the barns. One of Board members will ask Sherry Butler to loan her “move it” to verify that it will work on the surface in the barns before approving the purchase.

B. Reimbursement for supplies to Sue Woodson (Forest Grove barn)

1. Sue will be unable to continue to manage the barn and run fun matches any longer as of January. She will be glad to train her replacement. Sue recommends including a budget in the job description. Barn managers need to know that they can turn in receipts for expenses, such as paper towels, light bulbs, trash bags, etc., that are needed to keep the barns functioning.
2. The sprinkler system is installed and working.
3. Marilyn extended the Board’s thanks for Sue’s good work. She asked that Sue post a sign in the barn about the need to fill the barn manager and fun match coordinator positions and also to submit an estimate of expenses for reimbursement. Sue declined reimbursement. The Board will post a request for a volunteer on the AgileCAT Yahoo list.

C. Library Budget Request–referred to Financial Committee.

D. Review of compensation for the Equipment Manager–The Board approved a motion to increase the compensation for the Equipment Manager to \$65 in CAT Bucks.

E. Donation in Sue’s honor–The Board approved a motion to donate \$200 to OFOSA (Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals) in honor of Sue Woodson’s dedication and hard work managing the Forest Grove barn.

F. New Member Applications–Pat Weinkauf–After clarifying the by-laws, Pat will no longer accept applications without sponsors. The sponsor of a new member is responsible for mentoring the member that they sponsor. We also need to have support from Ring Stewards to respond to requests for volunteer opportunities, particularly from prospective and new members. Pat will post this information to the AgileCAT Yahoo list and announce it to the membership at the General Meeting.

G. Refund Policy for Service Dog/Handler–The Board approved a motion to amend the Refund Policy with the addition of the following: A dog and/or handler that is called to official civic duty is eligible for a full refund of trial entry fees at any time. Verification of call to duty required upon request.

H. Ribbons–Marilyn picked up the ribbons and took them to the storage unit. The ribbon ordering and storage for all venues CAT supports is now centralized with Tanya Sacks. Each Trial Chair has the responsibility for letting the person ordering ribbons know what ribbons, etc., will be needed and also to arrange to get the ribbons to the trial. Marilyn has completed her project of making a notebook for future Trial Chairs. Barbara Persson will generate a list of “big” ribbons for approval for future purchase (i.e., NATCH, ADCH, C-ATCH, etc.).

I. End of Year Donation–Discussed a recommendation to make an end of year donation. One option discussed was to take the profits from the seven trials CAT

sponsored this year and split them between the seven charities supported by those trials. Another option was to donate a flat amount of \$2000 to each of the seven charities. Also discussed the option of having the general membership vote on their favorite charities and choose the top five for donation. Two specific charities mentioned were the Dove Lewis low income assistance program and Virginia Woof Doggy Daycare's program that teaches homeless youth how to train dogs. The Board approved (with one opposed) going ahead with an end of year donation after soliciting the opinion of the general membership on the concept of the donation and how it is to be administered.

J. **Price per run review**—The Board approved (with one opposed) changing the trial entry fee schedule to the following:

1. CPE—\$9 per run
2. NADAC—\$9 per run
3. USDAA—\$10 per regular run, \$18 per non-regional tournament, \$35 per regional tournament, \$50 per DAM team.

VI. **Adjourn**—Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe