

## October 21, 2007 CAT General Meeting Minutes

Location: Buster's in Tigard

Called to order at 7:00 pm

### I. **Welcome–Marilyn Watson**

- 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.

### II. **Reports**

#### A. **President's Report–Marilyn Watson**

- 1. Sue Woodson has served as the Forest Grove Barn Manager for several years and is now retiring. Would not take repayment for expenses so the Board made a donation to her favorite charity, OFOSA (Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals). Looking for a replacement, possibly two (one for barn manager and one to manage monthly fun match).
- 2. New Policy for service dogs and handlers. To be incorporated into Refund Policy as follows: 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.
- 3. Change in USDAA prices: \$10 regular runs; \$18 each for Steeplechase and Grand Prix; \$35 each for Steeplechase and Grand Prix in the Regional; \$50 for DAM Team.
- 4. New PA and microphones were in use at the Black Cat (with success).
- 5. NADAC equipment has been moved from the trailer to the Larsen Barn.
- 6. New NADAC regulation A-frame and dog walk, light and easy to move, will be ordered for the trailer.
- 7. Astoria–Clatsop County, equipment “leased” to the 4-H group has been officially donated.

B. **Vice-President's Report–Jamie Winthrop**–not present. Reviewed future meeting dates. Board meeting November 13 at Village Inn at Bridgeport Village. General meeting January 13, 2008 at Denny's in Clackamas for annual meeting and elections (dessert served).

C. **Secretary–Kim Boothe**–Reviewed and approved minutes of last General meeting (August 18, 2007) with amendment that Janice Tsuchida was Trial Co-Chair of the USDAA Black CAT trial.

D. **Treasurer–Judy Bluett**–Reviewed current balances. Passed around copies of recent trial budgets for members to review.

E. **Training Director–Barbara Stone**–Not present. Fall classes start in September.

F. **Trial Chairs for 2008**–Feb. NADAC–Karen McAlister; CPE–?? ; USDAA Regional–Barbara Persson; NADAC Columbia Cup–Barbara Stone; USDAA NW Cup/October Black CAT–Tara Choate.

### III. **Unfinished Business**

- A. **Holiday Party**–Forms need to be returned by Dec. 1. Kitty Ware asked about inclement weather cancellation. There is no option of a refund. CAT will lose its deposit.

- B. **CPE National Proposal 2010**–Barbara Persson noted that Cheryl Huffman is working on a proposal. Entry fees would go to CPE. CPE pays for “volunteers” and secretarial duties. Cost to CAT would be the time and energy to organize the event. Please send any recommendations for potential locations to Cheryl Huffman.

IV. **New Business**

- A. **Nominations from the floor for the 2008 CAT Board of Directors**–Dwight Cash presented the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee (Dwight Cash, Rosie Stein, and Anne Senatra):  
President: Tanya Sacks  
Vice-President: Trey Winthrop  
Secretary: Kim Boothe  
Treasurer: Judy Bluett  
Training Coordinator: Pam Brown  
Director at Large (4): M’Lou Thompson, Mike Chapman, Karla Forte, Julie Jones, and Pat Weinkauff  
Opened for nominations from the floor: none.
- B. **Year End Donation–Marilyn Watson**–Reviewed a proposal for a one time year end donation. CAT has been very profitable this year and the Board has considered a proposal for a year end donation and wanted the input of the general membership. In years past, previous CAT Boards have decided that a \$45,000 balance is a bare minimum to keep in the bank in case of unforeseen events (trial cancellation, etc.). Multiple suggestions came from the floor, including: collecting a list of charitable groups and voting to pick the top few; Animal Assisted Crisis Response; a “Rainy Day Fund” for CAT members (hardship fund–would require a committee and a cap on the dollar amount available per case); NW School of Animal Massage; keep the principal in an interest bearing account and use the interest to fund donations; donate the money to keeping our barns equipped with trial quality equipment; scholarship to help fund members going to national events; and funding efforts to promote dog friendly dog legislation. It was noted that we need to find out if funding something that benefits members would infringe upon CAT’s nonprofit status. The Board will seriously consider the wishes of the general membership and continue to investigate the possibility of a year end donation. The top three options appeared to be: upgrading barn equipment, funding dog legislation, charitable donation. There was a proposal to inventory the barn equipment at the end of League to come up with a proposed list of equipment repair/purchase and costs.
- C. **Library Update–Barb Berg (subbing for Tara Choate)**–The library is represented at tonight’s meeting with the presence of some requested items and is open for returns of previously checked out items. Tanya Sacks noted that it is important to remember to return items in a reasonable length of time. Noted that membership renewals are coming due and that a member in good standing does not owe the club anything. She recommended incorporating a specified length of time to borrow items into the library policy.
- D. **Agility League Drawing**–Teams were drawn for the 2007 Agility League, to be posted to the CAT web site.

V. **Adjourn**—adjourned at 8:04 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe