

March 16, 2008 CAT General Meeting Minutes

Location: Buster's in Tigard

Called to order at 7:00 pm

I. Welcome

- a. **Tanya Sacks**—called the meeting to order.
- b. **Report of the New Member Coordinator**—Julie Jones stood in for Pat Weinkauf to introduce newly elected members and prospective members in attendance.

- ## II. Special Presentation—Linda Friday and guests
- End of year donation recipient Hope Animal-Assisted Crisis Response, represented by founders, Richard and Marcy Lowy, presented background on their group. They reviewed the many levels of training and continuing education a dog-handler team has to accomplish to be considered to become part of the group and to maintain their status. They showed us photos of the 6 dog-handler teams recently sworn in with the Washington County Sheriff's Office. In addition to all of the training these teams had already achieved, they also had a 16 hour orientation with the Sheriff's Office and rotate being on call. Richard and Marcy answered questions from the CAT members and left us with some business cards and brochures. You can find out more about this group online at www.hopeaacr.org.

III. Reports

- a. **Secretary—Kim Boothe**—Reviewed minutes from the last General meeting (in January). The minutes were accepted and approved by the membership.
- b. **Treasurer—Judy Bluett**—Judy was not present but had forwarded her report to Tanya. Tanya reviewed the balances in CAT's bank accounts.
- c. **Vice-President—Trey Winthrop**—Trey was not present. Tanya announced the dates of upcoming meetings on his behalf. April 8, 2008 at 6:30 pm—Board meeting at Village Inn in Bridgeport Village. May 14, 2008 at 7:00 pm—Board meeting at Denny's in Clackamas. May 18, 2008 at 7:00 pm—General meeting at Denny's in Clackamas (tentative location).
- d. **Training Director—Pam Brown**—The new spring class schedule is on the website and registrations are being accepted now. Pam also asked for members to volunteer to be instructor's assistants.

- ## IV. Unfinished Business
- none.

V. New Business

- a. **Review By-Laws update and Policy changes**—The associate membership was incorporated into the by-laws. The Junior Handler Policy was amended to include CPE. The Barn Rental Policy was amended to reflect that 30 minute time slots could be available; the rental fee is still due in the first week of each month, but now the Barn Manager can reassign a time slot if the rental fee for that time

is not current; everyone who uses the barns will have to have a signed agreement on file. The CAT Bucks Policy was amended to restore the smaller (\$2.50) denominations to “full status”; CAT Bucks are valid for 2 years and will be signed and dated.

- b. **Introduction of the 2008 Finance Committee**—Dwight Cash (chair), Judy Bluett, Julie Jones, and Steve Baird. This committee creates the budget for the year; may audit a trial or the books if needed.
- c. **Status of fees due the Club**—There are 48 unpaid memberships. If they are not paid by the end of March, they will be dropped.
- d. **February 2008 NADAC Trial Review**—Karen McAlister and her trial committee did a great job. There were 1104 runs and the trial had a profit of \$2232.56 (before the charitable contribution).
- e. **Fun Matches at Forest Grove**—Mike Chapman will spearhead an effort to have a few people to rotate through the chairing/running of the matches. He has 6 people so far and would like a few more so that each team of two will run a match only three times a year. He is planning for the next match to be the first Saturday in April.
- f. **Report from upcoming Trial Chairs**
 - i. **April CPE**—Pam Brown and Julie Jones are co-chairs. They report a great response so far—already at 1200+ runs. The trial closes the first week of April. Judy Bluett is the Trial Secretary. There are two rings. Dawn Gilkison will be Chief Scorer. The judges are David Garrison and Candace Rapp.
 - ii. **June/July USDAA**—Barbara Persson is the chair. This is a regional USDAA trial. All the DAM events will be on Friday plus Performance Pairs. There will be two rounds of Grand Prix and Steeplechase. There will be NO Masters/PIII Pairs. Many folks from CAT and other clubs are filling many major positions. Animal Aid will help again.
 - iii. **August CPE**—Cheryl Huffman is the chair. It will be at Wilsonville Park again with the annual BBQ on Saturday. Barb Berg is the Chief Ring Steward (and will be soliciting help). Pam Brown and Sharon Carmichael will head up the BBQ committee.
 - iv. **September NADAC/Columbia Cup**—Barbara Stone is the chair. Judges are still being lined up. May need a new trial secretary due to a scheduling conflict with the present secretary. It will be a 3 ring trial, but undecided whether it will be 2 or 3 judges. The new rubberized NADAC equipment just arrived today.
 - v. **October USDAA/NW Cup/Black Cat**—Tara Choate is the chair. She has judges lined up and the trial committee positions filled.

VI. **Adjourn**—adjourned at 8:00 pm .