

April 8, 2008 CAT Board Meeting Minutes (Final)

Location: Village Inn, Bridgeport Village

Called to order at 6:30 pm

- I. **Welcome—Tanya Sacks**—In attendance: Pam Brown, Judy Bluett, Tanya Sacks, Julie Jones, Kim Boothe, and Mike Chapman. Guest: Barbara Persson.
- II. **Reading and approval of the minutes—Kim Boothe**—March 11, 2008 CAT Board meeting minutes read and approved with no changes.
- III. **Reports**
 - a. **New Member Coordinator—Pat Weinkauff** (not present, but forwarded names to Tanya)—The Board confirmed new members: Denise Richards, Jerrie Hogan, Rob Waters, Alysa Williams, Stephanie Snyder, and Lori Clark.
 - b. **Treasurer—Judy Bluett**—Reviewed financial statements and reports, which were approved. We also discussed clarifying the Finance Policy to reflect that charitable donations from CAT trials will be 10% of the net profit. This clarification was voted on and approved.
 - c. **Vice-President—Trey Winthrop** (not present)—future meeting dates have been sent to Dick Watson (webmaster) to be posted to the web site.
 - d. **Training Director—Pam Brown**—We have enough people waitlisted to have another foundation class but no time slot available for it. Pam will quiz the potential students about their availability and then will check with present renters to see if one is willing to switch their time for a class. The Board approved a motion made to purchase books (The Other End of the Leash by Patricia McConnell and On Talking Terms with Dogs: Calming Signals by Turid Rugaas—12 of each title) for use in class raffles. Pam has investigated pricing on www.amazon.com. Kim recommended also checking out www.dogwise.com and www.jamesandkenneth.com for prices on the above books as well as additional titles.
- IV. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Barbara Persson to present budget for USDAA regional trial.** Barbara reviewed the details of the budget. The budget was approved with minor amendments.
 - b. **CAT Logo Apparel—Mike Chapman**—Mike spoke with Trudy Harrison at OSI. Trudy told him they need minimum numbers for orders (Polos, sweatshirts, and t-shirts are screen printed with a 24 piece minimum. Hats and embroidered flats each have a 12 piece minimum). He has no prices from her yet. KO Action—Mike is in talks with them about orders and costs. Garment Graphics only does screen printing. Café Press only does screen printing but has no minimum. The Board decided that, at this time, we should pursue more information about using

Café Press. The Board also decided to offer all embroidery through Cheryl Huffman, if she is interested. She would just need the high resolution logo file.

- c. **Panel jumps for practice barns**—48” in length. Tanya’s original source for the panels is no longer selling panels separately. Tanya will finalize a new source and costs.
- d. **Status of Columbia Cup**—Judges are secured. The application must be filed by May 19. We are still not certain who will be the trial secretary.
- e. **Barn Agreement**—Mailed out. Start sending out as requirement for new membership process (updated on web site). Completed mailing on 3-21-08 with signed forms coming back in. Need to update the database.
- f. **Fun Matches**—Mike has 9 volunteers to rotate. Monthly on the first Saturday of each month until League or CAT trial conflicts. \$3 for one run, \$5 for two runs. Mike will continue to oversee the fun matches for the year!! The April 5 fun match had 13 handlers with 19 dogs and raised \$92. Mike will talk with the other volunteers and come up with a charity to which to donate some of the proceeds.

V. **New Business**

- a. **RAT request to borrow broad jump**—Board approved. Tanya will be responsible for taking and returning the jump.
- b. **Upgrade to FileMaker Pro 9**—The program will cost approximately \$300, with no discount available for non-profits. At this time, we have version 4 and can no longer simply upgrade. The Board approved a motion to purchase the new version of FileMaker Pro.
- c. **Review cost per run/event for trials**—Prior Board approved current rates Oct. 2007. The Board reviewed costs for the three venues CAT supports. The Board approved decreasing the cost of the Steeplechase/Performance Speed Jumping at the Regional in 2008 **from** \$35 per dog **to** \$18 per dog based on the charges CAT pays to USDAA. We will collect more data and also review the costs further to be able to evaluate setting appropriate prices based on what each venue charges CAT.
- d. **Discuss general issues regarding budgets for upcoming trials**—Approved budget for upcoming USDAA Regional Trial and had general discussions on budgets for other upcoming trials, including sharing information on past cup awards given out. No formal budgets yet submitted on these other upcoming trials.
- e. **Trial How-To Info**—We would like to set up a How-To Manual that is readily available on the web site with appropriate links. Some of the items that need to be included in the manual are: fees, timeline, judges’ contracts, and all the other details involved in putting on a trial.

VI. **Adjourn**—Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

