

May 18, 2008 CAT General Meeting Minutes (Pending Review)

Location: Clackamas Izzy's

Called to order at 7:04 pm

- I. **Welcome—Tanya Sacks**—Reviewed updates regarding the venues CAT supports for new and prospective members.
- II. **Reports**
 - a. **New Member Coordinator—Pat Weinkauf**—Pat introduced new and prospective members attending the meeting.
 - b. **Secretary—Kim Boothe**—Reviewed minutes from the March 16, 2008 CAT General meeting. The minutes were approved by the membership.
 - c. **Treasurer—Judy Bluett**—Reviewed bank balances and net proceeds from February NADAC trial (\$1700) and April CPE trial (\$4000).
 - d. **Vice-President—Trey Winthrop**—Upcoming Board meetings: Tues. June 10 at Village Inn in Tigard at 6:30 pm and Wed. July 16 at Village Inn at Mall 205 at 7:00 pm. Next General meeting: Sunday July 27 at Buster's in Tigard at 7:00 pm.
 - e. **Training Director—Pam Brown**—The spring session is winding down. The summer session is starting in June. There will be a Junior Handler class at the Wilsonville barn. Some day classes are being offered. CAT has been asked to do an agility demo at Clackamas Community College from 2:00 to 3:00 pm on June 7.
- III. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Barn Agreements**—Most have been returned already. New members will receive the agreement in their new member packets.
 - b. **Upcoming Trials**
 - i. **USDAA Regional**—Saturday night of the trial there will be a potluck/BBQ including the judges.
 - ii. **CPE August 16/17**—Annual picnic will be on Saturday afternoon after the last runs. It was also noted that CPE is a great venue for beginners.
 - iii. **Columbia Cup NADAC September**—There will be 3 rings and 2 judges. There will be a cup and awards.
 - iv. **USDAA October 11/12**—Tara Choate conducted an informal poll of members at tonight's meeting regarding the name of the trial. The members agreed to drop the Black Cat name for this year and to refer to the trial as the NW Cup. Tara introduced the judges, noted that the budget has been approved, and also that the premium is almost ready (waiting for new USDAA rules to be published). Tara asked for volunteers for a few positions and for ideas for a charity to sponsor with this trial.

- v. **Future trials**—We will be putting information on the website for walking people through putting on a trial (to take some of the “mystery” out of it and encourage new folks to try their hand at some of the major trial positions).

IV. New Business

- a. **Panel jumps**—The new panel jumps have arrived and will be delivered soon to the practice barns.
- b. **Improvements to floor surface at Forest Grove barn**—The Board has approved a project to till new product into the surface at the barn and to turn the sprinklers back on.
- c. **Changes to cost per run for trials**—The Board approved modifying the regional steeplechase rate (USDAA) at our April Board meeting. The Board approved a motion to offer runs for CPE at \$10 per individual run, and \$9 per run if entering all runs for the weekend (one dog per weekend package).
- d. **CAT logo apparel**—Mike Chapman has done a lot of work researching potential vendors and the Board has approved use of www.stitchhounds.com for future orders of CAT logo apparel and supplies. More information to come as it is available.
- e. **April CPE trial**—Congrats and great job to Pam Brown and Julie Jones and their committee on a successful trial (about 1500 runs)!!
- f. **Member questions**
 - i. Question: Diane Gould asked about getting seminars for members—could be sponsored by local instructors. Answer: All American Agility, High Voltage, and other training groups provide seminars. That and other reasons account for why CAT has not sponsored any seminars lately. We are always willing to entertain the notion of a seminar. CAT has used the training barns and Mary Crittendon’s in the past. We would need to establish a Seminar Committee if someone is interested. A first step could be posting an announcement on the AgileCAT list requesting any interested parties getting together.
 - ii. Question: Tara Choate asked if the Board has decided on the number of trials for 2009. Tara has spoken with someone who is associated with PIR and would be happy to support more USDAA. Answer: The Board has not been approached with any new proposals. Since we no longer have the January date and location, a potential trial committee would first need to find a location and timing that could work. The Board is always happy to review member proposals.
 - iii. Question: Any Trial Chairs for 2009 yet? Answer: The Board has not solicited anyone yet.
 - iv. Update: Pam Brown announced that the food has already been ordered and will be delivered (by Thriftway) for the Annual Picnic August 16. She requested volunteers to help with set up and clean up.

- v. Question: Steve Brown noted that the Larsen Barn seems very dusty. Does it need to be tilled? Answer: Please talk with the barn manager, Erik Gordon
 - vi. Update: The Library is present tonight for check in and check out.
- V. **Adjournment**—The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe