

# July 27, 2008 CAT General Meeting Minutes

Location: Buster's in Tigard  
Called to order at 7:00 pm

- I. **Welcome—Tanya Sacks**
- II. **Reports**
  - a. **New Member Coordinator—Pat Weinkauf**—Pat introduced new and prospective members attending the meeting.
  - b. **Secretary—Kim Boothe**—Minutes from the May 18, 2008 CAT General Membership Meeting were reviewed and approved.
  - c. **Treasurer—Judy Bluett**—Judy was not present, so there was no report. Any member can feel free to e-mail Judy or other Board members with any questions regarding CAT finances.
  - d. **Vice-President—Trey Winthrop**—Upcoming Board meetings: Sat. Aug. 16 just prior to the General Meeting at the Wilsonville CPE trial; Tues. Sept. 9 at 6:30 pm at Village Inn in Bridgeport Village; and Wed. Oct. 15 at 7:00 pm at Village Inn at Mall 205. Next General Meeting: Sat. Aug. 16 at the Annual CAT Picnic in Wilsonville following the last runs of the CPE trial (estimated to be around 4:00 pm). Dates and locations will be posted on the CAT web site.
  - e. **Training Director—Pam Brown**—Fall classes are set up. We really need instructors for 2 classes (both at Level 1). Please e-mail Pam for more information if you are interested. CAT receives lots of requests for agility demos. Pam would like to have it clarified how to handle equipment needs (borrowing from one of the practice barns). Steve Brown would be happy to “rehab” some used equipment, if anyone would like to donate any, to be set aside for demo use only. A suggestion was made to post a request for used equipment on the AgileCAT yahoo list. Demos require volunteers, please feel free to step up. It would be nice to have equipment in southern Portland and also in Vancouver. Dick Watson asked about having the Board consider getting a small trailer with a minimum of equipment to be used for demos.
- III. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. **Update on upcoming trials**—CPE trial Aug. 16 and 17 in Wilsonville Park (Judy Bluett is Trial Secretary and Cheryl Huffman is Trial Chair). This trial closes Aug. 2. NADAC trial Sept. 6 and 7 at Clark County Fairgrounds opens July 28 and closes Aug. 18. USDAA test Oct. 11 and 12 at Clark County Fairgrounds—Tara needs help with Ring Captains (1 for scoring, 1 for Masters Ring, and 1 for Advanced Ring) and Hospitality for both days. Pat Weinkauf volunteered to take on Hospitality. Diane Gould will be picking up items for the workers' raffle.
  - b. **General updates**
    - i. **CAT logo**—Stitchhounds was at the USDAA Regional to show their goods. They are also planning to come to future trials.

- ii. **Annual Picnic**—Kitty Ware is supervising (not present tonight). Pam Brown will double check the food delivery time.

IV. **New Business**

- a. **Clarification on the appropriate use of AgileCAT**—The Board has asked Helix Fairweather and Dwight Cash (list moderators) to update the language on the list to clarify that the list is NOT for postings about dogs for sale (but is readily available for rescue dogs).
- b. **Update on Library**—Tara Choate is moving the library to her home as she is selling her business. Mike Chapman is looking into a mail order option (similar to NetFlix). Tara will be removing a lot of older and doubled materials to be donated to a local library in CAT's name. Thank you to Tara for all of your hard work with the library!!
- c. **Nominating Committee for 2008 Board elections**—The Nominating Committee is required by CAT's By-Laws to be selected by Sept. 1. They are to gather and send nominations to the Board by Nov. 1. These nominations are then to be announced at the Nov. General Meeting and the floor opened for nominations from the membership. The committee will be Trey Winthrop, Debi Runyen, and Connie White. CAT members should feel free to contact them if interested in any Board position or if they have any questions.
- d. **Review comments to 2009 USDAA Regional proposal and open the floor to any additional discussions**—Barbara Persson is stepping down from chairing the Regional. Red Hot Rovers (Seattle) has expressed interest in hosting a Regional. There was an AgileCAT announcement posted requesting that anyone interested in major trial positions for 2009 step up. Janice Tsuchida and Karla Forte would like to see the Regional continue to be held by CAT. Red Hot Rovers had been planning to “pay well” for qualified workers. Janice and Karla would rather keep the Regional here locally if many CAT members would be recruited to help Red Hot Rovers anyway. The following is a summary of their proposal submitted to the Board at the July 16, 2008 CAT Board Meeting:
  - i. Pay the Trial Secretary (TS), Trial Chair, and Scorekeeper. The going rate in the area for an AKC TS is \$1.50 to \$2.00 per run.
  - ii. Trial Chair to be paid \$1.00 per dog per trial. This would be total for the Chair position, even if the position is shared.
  - iii. TS to be split to two positions: Before trial duties TS and During/After trial duties TS. Each TS to receive \$1.50 per entry.
  - iv. Chief Scorer to have job expanded to take some of the burden off the TS (to include taking care of accumulator sheets, scribe sheets, etc. before the trial). Scorer to be paid twice the present rate, bringing the total to \$130.00 in CAT Bucks.
  - v. Dam Team—two scorers—to be paid a flat fee of \$100.00 each.
  - vi. Remainder of workers to be paid as covered in present CAT policies.

- vii. The total, based on an entry of 340 dogs, would be \$1,700.00 to \$2,000.00 added to the Regional budget.
- viii. Could use cash or CAT Bucks, but need the option of cash if a major position is held by a non CAT member.

There is no committee or budget yet, just this proposal.

Member Discussion included:

Marilyn Watson: What percentage of entrants for the last couple of Regionals were CAT members?

Tanya Sacks: Is it fair to only compensate the "key positions" in this way?

Carol Hibbard: Originally, the Regional was going to be a joint venture with WAG, CAT, and RAT. What about having each club be fully responsible for the entire staffing and running of one ring? Maybe it is time for CAT to take a break from hosting the Regional and alternate the Regional with area clubs.

Tara Choate: Based on the trouble she is having staffing her trial, she does not think that money will solve the problem. It is a nice proposal but she thinks we should give up the Regional for 2009 and make the 2009 test a local qualifier.

Dick Watson: In years past, we have appealed to other clubs to step up. Individuals have stepped up but NOT the clubs. He feels like we need a break. Dick proposes alternating the Regional with other clubs. He is not averse to the proposal to pay for key positions. Later, Dick asked if there has been any direct contact between CAT and Red Hot Rovers. The answer is no and we are not sure what date they are wanting. Dick recommends that CAT contact Red Hot Rovers about alternating the Regional.

Paula Cash: The Regional brings in a lot of "professional" players (as opposed to "recreational" players). Do we want to consider CAT to "bump up" to a professional level as opposed to a local level club?

Barbara Stone: Noted that she used to volunteer for a day to score (while not having a dog entered) but that she no longer volunteers for this duty because of the attitude shown by the "professional" competitors.

Dick Watson: Noted that the Regional also brings in a lot of the nation's upper level competitors to inspire locals.

Diane Gould: Would like to know if we could make the mentorship program (for trial committee duties) more formal.

Jim Hibbard: Has Red Hot Rovers contacted CAT? (Barb P. spoke with some of their members at the Regional.) When will CAT make the decision? (The Board will take all of the information provided and e-mail back and forth for a decision

shortly.) If we give up the Regional, will we be able to keep the same dates for a local qualifier?

Tanya Sacks: Taking a break may open the eyes of others in the Pacific Northwest about how much work is involved in hosting a USDAA Regional.

Lori Sage: Would love to keep the Regional, but thinks that CAT members need a break.

Jim Hibbard: During his travels as a USDAA judge in California, has not overheard any moaning/groaning from competitors. They all pull together and help each other out. Not sure what is the difference in the Pacific Northwest. Also noted that out of town competitors this year and in years past have really enjoyed the camping site.

Tanya Sacks: Summary of responses to survey on AgileCAT—6 responses supported hosting a local qualifier; 3 responses supported keeping the Regional; a couple of responses were fine either way; a couple of responses were burnt out. There were a variety of responses regarding the payment of key positions: some didn't care about whether or not the positions were paid; some thought that CAT is a volunteer club and if we don't have the volunteers to support any agility trial, it is a sign that maybe we shouldn't hold that trial.

- V. **Adjournment**—The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm (sorry, I managed not to write that down)

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe