

# January 11, 2009 CAT Annual Meeting Minutes

Location: Clackamas Denny's

Called to order at 7:00 pm

- I. **Welcome—Tanya Sacks**—Called meeting to order. Recognized 2008 CAT Board members.
- II. **Reports**
  - a. **New Member Coordinator—Pat Weinkauf**—Introduced New Member Coordinators taking over her position: Steve and Pat Bilow. Pat then introduced new members and prospective members in attendance.
  - b. **Secretary—Kim Boothe**—Minutes from November 9, 2008 CAT General Meeting were reviewed and approved with minor repairs to a few “typos”.
  - c. **Treasurer—Judy Bluett**—Gave a recap of funds in the bank at year end and total profit from trials in 2009. Members may contact Judy for any more detailed information regarding CAT finances.
  - d. **Vice-President—Trey Winthrop**—Thank you all for attending. The next General Meeting will be updated shortly. The first 2009 Board Meeting will be in February and the next General Meeting will be in March.
  - e. **Training Director—Pam Brown**—Thank you all instructors. CAT offered 54 classes in 2008. A junior handler class added in the summer of 2008 is continuing and going very well. We still need a Level One instructor for the Forest Grove barn; the time and date are flexible. Pam is compiling information describing the requirements for anyone interested.
- III. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. **2008 Review and Thank You—Tanya Sacks**—Thank you extended to all members and also to charter members who have been with the Club for 15 years. Tanya reviewed the distribution of funds to charitable organizations supported by a portion of income from our trials as well as donations from the monthly Fun Matches at the Forest Grove barn. Thank you to Mike Chapman for getting the Fun Matches going again at the Forest Grove barn. CAT held 6 successful trials in 2008, with many championships awarded. We are looking forward to continued success in 2009. (Spontaneous Thanks to Kyle Watson for scaring away the speaker buzz—at least the first time.) We may see a lack of profit in 2009, based on the economy. We have the savings to cover this. We are committed to continuing to provide quality agility trials.
  - b. **General updates**—The Wilsonville Barn Manager position has been taken over by Art Brest. Again a big thank you to Erik Gordon for all the hard work he put in to the barn over the last three years and thank you to Art for stepping up for the job.
  - c. **Update on Land Use Issues—Dick Watson**—Dog activities in many/most cases on rural lands are not officially approved use. We would like to be able to demonstrate that dog agility and other dog sports, all of which require training

areas of some size, are significant activities in the numbers of people involved, as well as financial impact. The plan is to get numbers: participation in agility trials around the state—what proportion of entrants are from out of the area. Elaine Resner is checking with AKC and Dick is checking with other clubs. We have received some information from WAG. CAT is still working on it. There has been limited response from AKC clubs so far. We need estimates of participation in dog training activities around Oregon. Limited response so far (Claudia Weiss is heading up that effort). Dick thinks that many people are trying to “keep their heads down”. The information gathering so far has had limited results. **Elaine Resner**—CAT is a member of NAIA, whose main purpose is to fight lawsuits on behalf of and to support pet owners and enthusiasts. They have financial impact information. Elaine will introduce John Rankin to the contact person. **John Rankin**—Will coordinate more with Dick and Elaine in the future. John just attended a Land Use Seminar. He met with Richard Whitman (head of the Oregon State Land Use Department), who works with the staff of the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). State law relates only to exclusive farm use (EFU) land. Many areas are county zones, not overseen by LCDC. It is important to know how land is zoned (EFU vs. rural residential fire area [RRFA] vs. other) to know whether to address problems with the state vs. with the county. Brian Clem (state senator from Marion County) is a rural democrat who sympathizes with rural folks with plights with their properties. Jon Chandler is a lobbyist for the Home Builders Association in Oregon. Richard Whitman and Jon Chandler both recommend using Brian Clem as a resource. We need to gather information in a very confidential way from individual facilities regarding zoning information, etc. Consider contacting Clean Run and other national organizations to get financial impact information. (The US Department of Fish and Wildlife has compiled numbers for bird watching, so surely we can compile numbers for dog sports.) National numbers can be helpful to try to extrapolate how much is going on in Oregon.

- d. **Reminder**—Please pick up danglers, plaques, and league awards for folks not at the holiday party last night.
- e. **2009 Calendar of Trials**
  - i. **February 28 and March 1**—NADAC trial at Canby Fairgrounds. Chaired again by Karen McAlister. Premium available on the CAT website now, with entries opening on January 26 and closing February 14.
  - ii. **April 18 and 19**—CPE trial at Clark County Fairgrounds. Pam Brown and Julie Jones are co-chairing again. The premium will be available soon.
  - iii. **July 25 and 26**—USDAA test at Carlton Park in Carlton, Oregon. Test co-chaired by Karla Forte and Bonnie Johnson. The location is 35 miles southwest of Portland off of Highway 47. There are many wineries and other local attractions. The test will be in the lower part of the outfield of the baseball park. There will be access available to Yamhill River. The test will offer DAM team, Grand Prix, Steeplechase, and some games.

- iv. **August**—CPE trial at Wilsonville Park. Cheryl Huffman chairing again. The park will not take reservations until March/April. The trial will likely be the third weekend of August. We have to wait until we have dates to contract judges.
- v. **September 12 and 13**—NADAC trial at Clark County Fairgrounds. Pat Weinkauff chairing. Pat notes that she has a committee in place and is contacting judges. There will be a Susan Perry seminar the Friday before the trial (Sept. 11).
- vi. **October 10 and 11**—USDAA test at Clark County Fairgrounds. Need a chair.

#### IV. **New Business**

##### a. **Announcements**

- i. **Kitty Ware**—Asked for new entries for the CAT memory books.
- ii. **Jim Hibbard**—There will be a Stacy Pierdot Goudy Seminar February 18 to 25 at All American Agility. There are still openings available.
- iii. **Heather Christenson**—Heather brought cards and fliers from a business they have just visited and were very impressed with the facility—Unsinkable Dogs.

##### b. **Election of new Board of Directors for 2009**

- i. **President**—Tanya Sacks
- ii. **Vice-President**—Trey Winthrop
- iii. **Secretary**—M’Lou Thompson
- iv. **Treasurer**—Judy Bluett
- v. **Training Director**—Pam Brown
- vi. **Members at Large**—Mike Chapman, Kevin White, Debi Runyen, Pat Weinkauff

#### V. **Adjournment**—Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boothe (thank you CAT)