

March 18, 2009 CAT Board Minutes

Location: Village Inn, Mall 205

Called to Order at 6:22 pm

I. **Welcome** - In attendance: Pam Brown, Debi Runyen, Judy Bluett, Tanya Sacks, Pat Weinkauff, Kevin White and Trey Winthrop.

II. **Reading and approval of the minutes** - February 18, 2009 Board Minutes were reviewed and approved.

III. Reports:

A. **New members:** Kennedy Morgan, Laurie Hanawa, Lindsay Pranger, Barbara Derkacht, Holly Thau, Carol Hasenberg, Mike Miller & Jennifer Coleman, having completed requirements were accepted as members.

B. **Treasurer's Report** was read and accepted.

C. **Vice President's Report:** Upcoming meetings as follows:

1. March Board Mtg: Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30, Village Inn at Mall 205 (102nd & Stark)
2. March General Meeting: Sunday March 22, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7pm, Busters Barbeque in Tigard
3. April Board Mtg: Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 pm, Village Inn at Bridgeport Village
4. May Board Mtg: Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 pm, Village Inn at Mall 205
5. May General Mtg: Sunday, May 31, dinner 6:30, meeting at 7pm, Elmer's at Delta Park
6. June Board Mtg: Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 pm, Village Inn at Bridgeport Village.

D. **Training Director Report:**

1. Classes are filling quickly for spring session. Lots of interest from people.
2. Multnomah County Fair Demo will be May 23rd.

IV. Unfinished Business:

A. Utility trailer for demos. Pam provided information on 6'x10'. Run from \$2,120 to \$3,360 new. Need a mid-size vehicle with 3,500 lbs towing capacity. Training Director is still undecided as to whether this is needed at this time. May watch the used ads to see if any deals come along. Item will be tabled until such time the Training Director wants to have the issue formally considered.

V. New Business:

A. **Special Project:** The Club must now include a purpose statement with the tax filings outlining the purposes of the Club and outlining information on the top three categories of activities performed. Trey Winthrop will complete this report and return to Dwight Cash.

B. Confirm Barn Managers: Mike Chapman at Forest Grove and Art Brest at Wilsonville confirmed for 2009 with our thanks.

C. Finance Committee 2009: Each year a Finance Committee is named which is comprised of four members, including the current Treasurer, one board member and two general members. Committee members will be Judy Bluett, Debi Runyen, Julie Jones and one additional general member. Additional person will be selected at the next board meeting.

D. May Seminar: Reviewed and approved proposal presented by the Seminar Chairperson. General pricing is \$200 for Participant positions and \$50 for Auditor positions. Discounted pricing for full CAT members in good standing will be \$175 for Participant positions and \$35 for Auditor positions. Members will have priority for Participant positions for initial sign up period.

E. Budget for Sept NADAC Trial: Reviewed and approved budget with adjustment to RV Site Rent Expense line.

F. 2010 Location for February Trial: Attendance has continued to drop each year and feedback from competitors continues to point to Canby conditions as the primary reason. The Club has the opportunity to move the trial to Clark County Fairgrounds going forward if we move up one week to the 3rd weekend of the month. Motion to move the event was approved. Final permission from NADAC will now be obtained before we lock in the change with the event sites.

G. Extra Space at Larsen Barn: Reviewed opportunity to rent the space adjacent to the arena. The Larsen's are looking to rent out the 2,000 sq foot space for \$900 per month. They would be willing to give us first rights at \$800 per month. While it would be very nice to have some extra storage space and some of the area could be used from time to time, such as staging area during league, we would not have an ongoing need to justify renting this much space at a cost of an additional \$9,600 per year. Motion was made and approved to decline the opportunity to rent this space.

H. Equipment:

1. Motion made and approved to have new weave pole bases made this year that would increase the pole to pole width. We will replace the all the trial bases and an additional two sets of 6 pole bases for each of the two barns. Total comes to 10 sets of 6 pole bases and 1 set with a 4 pole base.

2. Art Brest proposed getting a set of the 2x2 weaves for the Wilsonville barn. Rather than making a new purchase, the Board approved having some of the existing bases cut down to 2x2 after the new bases are ready.

3. Request by Art Brest to purchase a new adjustable teeter since the existing one has a rubber matted surface that makes it too hard for members to adjust. Board discussed the various additional

bases and planks currently at the barn. The Training Director will discuss needs with teachers and review what pieces will work together of the equipment already there. The Board will table any decision on this until that report is available from the Training Director.

4. Other items discussed in Art's e-mail were a short dark tunnel that has metal exposed on one end, new jump cups added to a few of the jumps and new metal jump standard for the panel jump. Art will repair the tunnel, work with Steve Brown who can weld on additional cups for him and we will work on having a metal jump standard made that will work with the panels of the current panel jump.

I. **Proposal & Budget for July USDAA Trial:** Budget and proposal was sent to the Board to have the July USDAA trial in the format of a Tournament-only trial (DAM team, Steeplechase & GrandPrix) rather than the Standard trial with some tournament classes as previously supported by the members and approved by the Board. Board discussed at length and did not feel the Tournament-only format met the Club's objective of offering opportunities to handlers and dogs across all skill levels of agility. Motion made and approved to notify Trial Chairs to add regular titling classes in conjunction with either DAM team or Grand Prix. & Steeplechase as was previously approved.

VI. **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by Tanya Sacks

Addendum - 03-24-09

In regard to **V. New Business I. July USDAA Trial** above. Trial Chair Bonnie Johnson presented an alternative at the March 22nd General Meeting which would incorporate several Starter/PI & Advanced/PII level titling classes to the weekend offerings. The Board considered the new format via e-mail discussions and agreed the new classes would address the Boards primary concern by offering something appropriate for beginners. A motion was made and approved on March 24, 2009 to approve the newly suggested format. The Trial Chair was so notified on March 24th along with a request to submit a revised budget that took these changes into account and also reduced the Grand Prix & Steeplechase prices from the proposed \$20 back down to the \$18 Board approved pricing. Additionally, the Trail Chair was requested to make sure any announcements of potential Saturday afternoon activities, that might take place after the trial runs were completed, are clearly communicated as not being associated with the Club in any way.