

**Columbia Agility Team
General Meeting 05/31/09
7pm Elmer's @ Delta Park**

President call to order/rollcall: 7pm

New Membership (Pat Bilow not present)

Recently affirmed new members: Members voted in at April Board Meeting: Barbara Wert, Loni Socha, Michelle & Aaron Ingle, Stevie Viaene, Bonnie Terrio, Debbie Zurow, Juanita Leard, Diana Dickinson. Members voted in at May Board Meeting: Leigh Alexander, Jac Harbour, Sally Wojahn, Suzanne Malick, Robin Harman.

Introduction of prospective members in attendance:

Mary Stiles, Joel & Peggy Retzlaff, Marilyn Black, Chris Lordino & Jason Hyde, Shana Ruess, Juliette & Brad McMillan, Debbie Gabel, Barry Brown, Lisa LaForge and Greta Kaplan

Report of the Secretary - M'Lou Thompson

Minutes of the last general meeting read and approved

Report of the Treasurer - Judy Bluett

Board has transferred some funds to an 11 month West Coast Bank CD. Final expenses are not in but April trial expected to make money. Any one who wishes to see a copy of the financial report should ask Judy for copy.

Report of the Vice President: (Tanya Sacks in Trey Winthrop's absence).

Upcoming meetings:

July 16: Board Meeting: Mall 205 Village Inn

July 19: General Meeting: Buster's Barbecue in Tigard (Barbur Blvd.)

Report of Training Director - Pam Brown:

Summer session begins June 29. Schedule will be on the web site. Print out registration and sign and mail. Pam's contact numbers are on the web site for new members.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

2009 Trials and Seminars:

July 25-26: USDAA trial in Carlton is on the web site

August 15-16: CPE Trial at Wilsonville Park. Premium is on web site

Sept 11 Susan Perry Seminar: There is a link on the web site to bio of Susan Perry.

The club has initiated seminars in an effort to provide help for members. Folks should take advantage of these opportunities.

Sept 12-13: NADAC Trial @ Clark Co Fairgrounds.

Oct. 10-11: USDAA Trial @ Clark Co Fairgrounds. (The club will offer the same "cup" ribbons as in the past without the date printed on them so unused ribbons may be used in the future.)

2010 Trials:

February 20th-21st: NADAC trial is moving from Canby to Clark Co Fairgrounds.

April 17th-18th: CPE trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds.

Sept. 11th-12th: NADAC trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds.

October 9th-10th: USDAA trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds.

New Business:

New weave pole bases have been approved for the trial trailers and both barns and some of the old bases will be cut down to form 2x2's for training. Restoration of the adjustable base teeter at Larsen Barn has been approved. The fixed base teeter will still be available while the other one is being redone. Expenditures for tilling, dragging and amending the soil at the Larson Barn has been approved, as have expenses related to needed work on the dogwalk. A Move-It system for the A-frame is being researched. In the meantime, members should always be careful while moving heavy equipment and in the event of problems, let the barn manager know.

Hibbard issues with Clackamas Co,

Jim Hibbard stated that they are still working with the county, but are essentially out of business. They attempted to try a private club idea but that is over. They are trying to get the county to approve small "social" groups to train before trials at no charge and are waiting for a letter of approval.

Tanya Sacks commented that Jim and Carol Hibbard are two of the small group of members left that originally formed the Columbia Agility Team. The Club thanks them for all their efforts over the years to support agility.

Dick Watson is the point man in attempting to do anything to approve zoning, etc legislatively. Contact him if you have info to offer.

Floor was opened to questions:

A question was raised: Who can a new or prospective member contact for general agility related questions if they don't have internet access. One suggestion was that your trainer is a good person to explain things like venues and how and when to enter a trial. Patt Bilow, as New Membership Coordinator is also a good person for questions Club related questions.

Someone asked whether the Club would start offering AKC trials once they became open to mixed breeds next year. The President responded that no discussions have been had in relation to that and since it doesn't go into effect until next year, it is likely that next years Board would be more appropriate to

explore than this years. She also mentioned that adding additional trials may overextend the Club. One member mentioned that there are more AKC clubs & trials in the area than the venues we currently host. Another member explained that AKC was not accepting new agility clubs at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.