

September 18, 2005 General Meeting Minutes  
Buster's, Tigard

Called to order: 7:05

Board Members Present: Lisa Klein, Karla Forte, Tanya Sacks, Wendy Ware, Kitty Ware, Karen McAlister, Heather Christensen, Paige Pierce.

**Report of the President:** Following agenda

**Report of the Vice President:** Wendy Ware. Board meetings: 09/14/05 Garlic Onion Wilsonville, October 11<sup>th</sup> at Elmers in Clackamas, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Elmers in Delta Park, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Garlic Onion in Wilsonville

General Meetings: 09/18/05 Tigard Buster's, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Elmers in Delta Park, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Elmers in Clackamas, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at Denny's in Clackamas.

Holiday Party: December 18, 2005 Holiday Inn Wilsonville, OR.

**Report of the Treasurer:** A balance for checking and investment were stated.

**Report of the Training Director:** Currently only the Foundation class has filled. There are fewer students than normal this term.

CAT helped with a Confidence Course at the Hazeldale dog park fund raiser on July 24, 2005. We raised \$200.00 and helped the event raise over \$1600.00 to help support the dog park. Kitty received a Thank-you card from the events organizers.

**Report of the Secretary:** The following new members were voted in and "Welcome to CAT": Steve & Elizabeth Sagmiller, Jeanne Kennedy Clapshaw, Denise Cline, Traci Brochok, Nita & Pete Heald, Julie Campbell & Trinity Baumgartner, Dawn Gilkison, Steve & Pam Brown, Brenda Forrester, Cathie Burns, Stafford Rau and David Schulman.

**Seminar Committee:** Barb Stone is looking for volunteers for the committee. She is also working on having Susan Salo back in 2006.

**Trial Review:**

The July 15, 16, 17 2005 USDAA trial dog bite incident currently under review by the board was mentioned. As a result, CAT premiums will now contain a notice about using crates and x-pens when dogs are not on a leash or in a designated off-leash area.

August CPE trial closed with a positive balance.

September 10-11, 2005 Col Cup: Shows a positive balance. Charitable donation to JAWS has been made. Course maps being available to competitors is at a judge's discretion.

The October 15 – 16, 2005 Black Cat USDAA trail is being chaired by Barb White.

The January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2006 NADAC trial will be chaired by Lisa Klein. 3 judges have been selected and the reminder postcards will be sent soon.

- Recent NADAC rule changes in regards to Skilled and Proficient classes and the Distance Challenge replacing Gamblers. Unknown if these changes will be in effect for the trial.

February 2006 NADAC trial will be chaired by Barb Perrson with Patty Bensene as Trial Secretary.

**Old business:**

ASCA fees and CAT/ASCA co-sponsorship of NADAC trials. The co-sanctioning relationship between ASCA and NADAC is under review. ASCA's year ends on May 31th. ASCA is also reviewing it's run fee pricing. CAT is prepared to co-sanction for the January 2006 and February 2006 NADAC trials. If the paperwork has been submitted fee pricing will not change.

Barb Persson is the new barn manager for the Larsen Barn. She will be scheduling a work day to clean up the barn.

CAT fun match and BBQ. Do members have a comments, ideas on this topic.

**New Business:**

League Sign-up. CAT is trying on-line sign ups this year. The on-line sign ups will close on October 1<sup>st</sup> and names will be drawn at the Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting at Elmer's in Delta Park. The courses have been submitted. Tara Choate is reviewing the rules and working on scribe sheets.

Financial Committee. The 3 members will submit a report to the board. New members are needed for this committee.

General Discussion of Trial issues.

- Course copies at trials. Tara Choate asked if we have the judges sign a contract. If so copies of the courses can be stipulated in the contract, if the sanctioning organization rules permit this type of clause.
- Run orders at Trials. Should we have them or not? Running orders require a lot of paper, etc to produce and due to the nature of trials cease to be accurate as soon as the trial begins. However, competitors do use them to help keep their "place" to better be able to be at the right ring at the right time. Solution would be to place large print copies in several locations around the rings.

Games. Running two tunnelers events on the same day in separate rings creates an equipment issue and we should try not to schedule this way in future trials.

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- Scoring.
  - Networking the PCs for a 3 ring trials does not work. Technology is not always our friend.

- Scribe sheets. Having individual sheets for games would allow for better flow of both the runs and score table.
- Games. What is the best way to schedule them?
- Trial Expenses Worksheet. Karla has created a spreadsheet to assist in planning and tracking Trial expenses. Lisa will be testing it for the Jan. NADAC trial.

Charitable Request. CAT, via Dick Watson, received a request for a monetary donation for the PCC vet tech program. Lisa will get more information.

2006 CAT Board nominations. Marilyn Watson and Paige Pierce are taking nominations.

Holiday Party. Carolyn Daniels needs the awards information by Oct. 24, 2005 to place orders. Order forms will be in the CATalyst.

Communication. How are members who do not have internet access keep up to date?

Char's Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. So far CAT members and friends have donated over 200 crates, over \$700.00 in donations, and many other pet supplies such as blankets, bowls, leashes, etc. Over 9 pallets were shipped. PAC will also be collecting at their next trial.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Karen McAlister