

**Columbia Agility Team  
General Meeting 07-19-09  
Location: Buster in Tigard**

President call to order/roll call: 7:00 pm

**Report of New Membership:** Acknowledged new members who were voted in at the June Board Meeting. Juliette & Brad McMillan, Shana Ruess, Marilyn Black, Carol Krueger and Barry Brown & Lisa LaForge.

Introduction of prospective members in attendance tonight – Carol Forsberg, Mark & Sandra Poulson, Alexa Maros, Ruthie Bulwinkle and Greta Kaplan.

**Report of the Secretary** - M'Lou Thompson absent – reviewed by T. Sacks  
Minutes of last general meeting (05-31-09) read and approved.

**Report of Treasurer** - Judy Bluett

Financial position of the Club still stable, no significant changes from prior report.  
Members are welcome to contact the Treasurer directly for more specific details.

There was a question asking how a new membership would get contact information for Board members. The President replied that the easiest way was to go to the Member section on the Columbia Agility website and there is a link under the picture of the Board with each persons e-mail address. We generally don't put phone numbers and addresses on the part of the website that is open to the general public in order to protect everyone's personal information, but members can access the password protected database to get additional contact information on all CAT members. Additionally, everyone was reminded that if they click the Contact link, their e-mail will go directly to Dick Watson, member and webmaster for the Club, and he will answer or forward messages as appropriate.

**Report of Vice President** - Trey Winthrop – upcoming meetings.

Board Mtg: Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm Bridgeport Village Inn

Board Mtg: Wednesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm Village Inn at Mall 205

General Mtg: Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Delta Park Elmers

**Report of Training Director** –Pam Brown

Classes are going well. Forest Grove may need teachers for the next session. Contact Pam if you have any interest in teaching. Fall classes expected to start September 21<sup>st</sup>. There may be some overlap with the beginning of League. League folks may need to be flexible for a week or so, but times will be worked out.

### **Unfinished/Ongoing Business**

Pam Brown thanked the folks who came out to help with the cleanup day at Larsen barn completed this weekend. Tanya added her thanks to those who were able to help.

Reminder that we will have the summer picnic on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Grove barn following the fun run. The signup sheet is on the website and Diane Gould brought some with her tonight. See her if you need one. Tanya confirmed that this is purely a social event and the September General Meeting will be later in the month on September 20<sup>th</sup> as outlined by Trey.

Dwight Cash has offered to coordinate League again and gave a brief update. Fees will remain the same as last year with league to run between Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and the week ending Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. A big thanks! to Dwight for taking this on again. He always does such a great job and everyone has a lot of fun!

### **2009 Calendar of Trials & Seminars:**

July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – USDAA trial @ Carlton Park in Carlton OR.  
August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - CPE trial at Wilsonville Memorial Park.  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Seminar by Susan Perry.  
Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – NADAC trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds.  
Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> – USDAA trial at Clark County Fairground.

Trial Chairs or Secretaries in attendance gave brief updates on status of each trial. Premiums on the website for all except the October trial, which will be posted a bit closer to the event in case USDAA comes out with any of their annual rule changes.

### **2010 Calendar of Trials**

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> – NADAC trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds. (Previously held at Canby.)  
April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – CPE trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds.  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – NADAC trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds.  
October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – USDAA trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds.

### **New Business**

New resource with information on how to plan and run a trial is now available. The information is now available on the website under the “Members” then “Forms” section to help folks understand the how to’s of many of the trial committee positions and functions necessary to put on a trial. It is labeled “Resources for Planning, Organizing & Running Trials” and it is arranged from the general information that is common to all the trials we put on and then has more detailed sections for each of the three venues. There is information that reminds the trial chair where in the policies to find specific information such as CAT Bucks compensation, price per run and cups awards as authorized by the Board. Hopefully this information will not only help encourage folks to step up to a trial committee position they haven’t performed before, but also be a good resource for more experienced folks who just need a few reminders on specifics or need a something like a budget template to aid them in preparing their trial budget.

The year is quickly going by and we need folks to start thinking about whether they could step up to fill a Board position next year. Per our bylaws, each year by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, we need to have a nominating committee in place. This committee will identify members willing to run for the various positions. Their nominations are reported to the Board by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. We announce these nominees at the Nov. general meeting and ask for any other nominations from the floor. The members attending this Nov. general meeting then accept the nominations and the voting members in good standing at the January Annual meeting then vote in the new Board of Directors for the 2010 year. So, if you are either interested in participating on the nominating committee or in running for any of the Board positions, please contact me.

Club Librarian Needed – After many years of managing the CAT Library, Tara Choate announced that she needs to hand the job off to someone else. Tara outlined the job, need space for two bookcases of materials, someone who enjoys reading and researching new materials, ordering new books and DVD's, keep an up to date list of all library materials and coordinate with the webmaster so the list is also available on the website and attend as many meetings and trials as possible or find folks willing to take materials to these events. She estimates that she spends about 2 hours a month and reminds folks that the job could be split if someone wanted to take on the primary portion but say didn't get to meetings and trial but another member would be able to step up for that portion. Tara will put an announcement of AgileCAT also. Any one interested, contact Tara or anyone on the Board please.

Diana Dickenson indicated she might be able to take on the primary portion of the job if someone could assist with getting the materials to meetings etc. Lisa Ziomkowski-Boten indicated she might be able to help with that part.

Call for any additional questions or announcements. None

**Adjournment 7:35 pm**

Respectfully submitted – Tanya Sacks