

**Columbia Agility Team
General Meeting 09-20-09
7:00 pm @ Elmer at Delta Park**

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

Report of New Membership: Acknowledged new members who were voted in at the August & Sept. Board meetings - Mary Stiles, Renee Brewer, Ruthy Bullwinkle, Alexa Maros, Betty Brown, Carol Forsberg and Sandra Poulson.

Introduction of Prospective members in attendance tonight - Sandra Wickwire, Carrie Niemiec, Alice Myers, Robin Jones & Derek Garvin, Stephanie Pochomis, Dona Stringfellow, Patricia Wells, Kip Croskrey, Holly Simon, Joyce Biethan and Jessica Letteney.

Report of the Secretary: M'Lou Thompson absent – reviewed with members by T. Sacks
Minutes of last general meeting (07-19-09) reviewed and approved.

Report of Treasurer: Judy Bluett

Club's finances are still holding steady. Slight losses on some of the recent trials, but not bad. Contact the Treasurer directly if you would like specific details on anything.

Report of Vice President: Trey Winthrop absent – upcoming dates given by T. Sacks.

October Board meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 20th, 6:30 pm, Village Inn Bridgeport

November Board meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 6:30 pm Village Inn Mall 205

November General meeting: Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 7:00 pm, Busters in Tigard

Targeting January 31st for the Annual Meeting at Clackamas Denny's. Confirmation to follow.

Report of Training Director: Pam Brown

Classes will be starting on this week. Several individuals have come forward interested in the teaching assistant role. Steve has fixed the sprinklers at the Larsen Barn. Contact Pam if you have any questions about classes.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business

Reminder that there is now information available on the website under the "Members" then scroll down to the "Other Information for Members" 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.

Reminder that we are taking names for nominations for 2010 Board positions. Tanya outlined what the nine board positions are and encouraged people to contact Pam Brown if they want to run for a position.

Dwight Cash is coordinating League again. Fees will remain the same as last year with league to run between Oct. 26th and the week ending Dec. 12th. Go to the website to get to the on-line signup.

Thanks to Steve Brown we have sprinklers working again at the Larsen Barn.

We just wrapped up hosting the third in a series of four trial that ended up running one each month for four consecutive months this year. We started with the July Carlton USDAA trial. While it was a small trial that did not offer all the general runs, it sounds like those who attended had a good time and everyone was glad to have the shade given the high temperatures. The trial lost money with a net income of a negative \$161.79 plus an additional \$280 in ribbon costs that were not charged out to this trial as they had already been expenses in a prior year. The next trial was the August Wilsonville CPE trial where we were lucky to have more pleasant temperatures, although we had to fight the yellow jackets for our food. This trial also posted a loss ending with net income of a negative \$474.82. We had 808 runs this year compared to 991 last year. The third trial was our Clark County NADAC Columbia Cup trial just last weekend. This year we had 20 dogs who ran clean for all four regular rounds. We don't have a final tally on expenses yet for this trial. We did have 1,295 runs this year compared to 1,235 last year, so slightly more. Results of the class and cup winners are up on the website and we hope to have some pictures up soon. Thank you again to everyone who worked on the committees for these trials. So now on to our last trial of the year, our second Cup trial, the NW Cup.

2009 Calendar of Trials & Seminars:

Oct. 10th & 11th – USDAA trial at Clark County Fairground.

2010 Calendar of Trials

Feb. 20th & 21st – NADAC trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds. (Previously held at Canby.)

April 17th & 18th – CPE trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds.

Sept. 11th & 12th – NADAC trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds.

October 9th & 10th – USDAA trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds.

Exact dates for the two outdoor trials have not yet been determined.

A question was asked about the type of USDAA trial the club would have next year. The president indicated that no proposals have been presented to this year's board and encouraged people to let next year's board know what they would like to see.

New Business

Holiday Party will be January 16th. Member price of \$10 and kids meal of \$5 will remain the same as last year. Non member price will increase to \$20.

The extra dog walk that is currently outside at the Larsen Barn is for sale to a Member for \$200. It needs to have the wood surface replaced. Anyone who wishes to purchase it should send me an e-mail at tssacks@msn.com by the end-of-day September 30th. We will then do a random drawing to select the Member who gets to purchase it.

Questions or announcements?

Steve Bilow reminded folks that he and Patt (our New Membership Coordinators) have extra requirement cards if any of the prospective members need them.

A question was asked about the timing of becoming a member if a prospective member just finished up their requirements by attending this meeting. Tanya explained that since the next board meeting is not until late October, the Board plans to address voting a group of new members in via e-mail so folks can join league activities if they want. A follow up questions asked about FEO requirements and that was discussed also. People were reminded to go to the website to sign up for league or just to read more about it.

Someone asked whether you had to be a full member to participate in the fun matches and it was explained that membership was not a requirement for attending fun matches.

A question was asked about how you go about getting barn time once you become a member. Tanya instructed people to contact the Barn Manager to get on the schedule. Debi Runyen reminded folks about the drop-in time at Larsen Barn also.

Adjournment 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted: Tanya Sacks