

**Columbia Agility Team  
General Meeting 11-22-09  
Tigard Busters**

President, Tanya Sacks, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Prospective members in attendance introduced themselves to the group. They were Eleann and Ron Kurtus, Neena Kirsch and Eileen Threefoot.

Tanya Sacks reviewed the last general meeting minutes which were approved as stated.

Judy Bluett, Treasurer, gave a brief report. CAT still has plenty of funds. As expected, several of the trials did not create a profit this year. Barn rentals and classes brought in around \$29,000 this year before expenses. Barn rental costs \$550 per month at one barn and \$600 per month at the other, plus the cost of the outdoor toilets at approximately \$75 per month per barn and other miscellaneous teaching and equipment expenses.

**Upcoming meetings:**

January Board Mtg: Tuesday, Jan. 13th, 6:30 pm Village Inn @ Bridgeport  
January Annual Meeting: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm Clackamas Denny's.

Pam Brown, Training Director, announced classes to begin on January 11<sup>th</sup>. The signup time will be lengthened to one month this time. Hopefully that will help fill classes.

**Unfinished/Ongoing Business:**

We completed our last trial of the year in October. This was our USDAA NW Cup. The trial had a loss of a little over \$300, but folks had a lot of fun. This did include some added expenses for having a 4<sup>th</sup> judge, which is a little out of the ordinary for us.

Reminder that the Holiday Party will be January 16<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheets are on the website and here at the meeting.

**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 (Columbia Cup).

October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – USDAA trial @ Clark County Fairgrounds (Northwest Cup).

The two outdoor trial dates and locations will be announced after finalized.

**New Business:**

At the October Board meeting, a motion was approved to buy a propane heater for the Forest Grove barn from part of the proceeds from the Fun Matches. The heater is not for use by individuals during their barn time, it is for fun matches, league, classes or other CAT organized group events.

At the November Board meeting, a motion was approved to donate the remainder of the 2009 Fun Match proceeds to a dog related charity chosen by the Fun Match Committee.

Both barns now have Move-it equipment to more easily move the A-Frames around. Please watch the video and make sure you understand how to operate it before trying it. Be careful to get all the way underneath it so you don't damage the bottom of the wood surface. If you watch the whole video, you will see that you shouldn't have to lift and carry the wheel units around at all. It is build to nicely stack and store. If you don't have access to AgileCAT and want the link to the video, e-mail Tanya Sacks to get the link.

Our new dog walks and a-frames for the barns are still in process of being built. They are being made of aluminum and have a rubber coating on them.

Some of you may have seen articles regarding West Coast Bank having some financial difficulties and wondered how that might affect the Clubs accounts there. The Board has reviewed the matter and given that the Bank was able to raise new capital and increase their total risk-based capital ratio to 17% which gives them a Tier 1 Capital Ratio, we are currently satisfied that no change is necessary in our banking arrangement. They do have a large portion of their loan portfolio in the Commercial Real Estate market and analysts do expect a continued softening in that market. We recommend the next Board continue to monitor their quarterly results.

The Board is looking for member feedback on having vendor presentations at future general meetings. Consensus of members in attendance felt that vendors with educational and useful information should be allowed to present it at the conclusion of a general meeting for those interested. The Board will pass this information on to next year's board.

Many of you may have heard that Debbie Berkley receive a notice from Clackamas County in October that she needed to shut down her agility training business by year end. CAT and other local clubs have renewed efforts to bring change in this area. Dick Watson and Trey Winthrop head up CAT's efforts. Debbie has requested we hold off until they have a strategy defined. Elaine Resner has been pursuing information and assistance with the NAIA. Sounds like it will be 2011 before a realistic opportunity to get any legislature changes moving.

The following nominations for the 2010 Board were announced and accepted as the slate of nominees:

- President – Karla Forte
- Vice President
  - Julie Jones
  - Kitty Ware
- Treasurer – Trey Winthrop
- Secretary – M'Lou Thompson
- Training Director
  - Julie Padbury
  - Jane Fortny
- Members at Large:
  - Dick Watson
  - Kennedy Morgan
  - Trudie Coleman
  - Deena Lavine
  - Rosemarie Stein

Summer 2010 USDAA trial discussion. Tanya Sacks initiated the conversation with the following information: The weekend available to us at the Clackamas Fairgrounds in Canby is June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. When Jim first gave me these dates, I checked the public event calendars on the AKC, NADAC, CPE and AKC websites and didn't see any conflicts and so I posted the first request for someone who wanted to chair the trial. As we have now found out, this date is in conflict with an AKC trial hosted by PAC at the Clark County Fairgrounds. With so many trials these days, we do occasionally encounter this kind of conflict. As I mentioned in my post on AgileCAT, we ended up on the other side of a similar situation when Fleet Feet adjusted their Sept CPE date and it ended up on the weekend we host our NADAC Columbia Cup trial. As it worked out, both clubs did fine with their respective trials. There were some individuals like myself who would have liked to attend both events, but had to choose one. If CAT doesn't use the June weekend in Canby, we will be in a situation where we have no site that can fully accommodate the USDAA trial. This year's site in Carlton provided a beautiful park but lacked good accommodations for RV's and enough nearby hotel space. There are very few opportunities in our area to participate in regular USDAA trials. The Mt. Hood Dobie AKC trial last weekend at Clark County was a good size trial despite the fact that the USDAA Nationals were going on. We have a good number of NW competitors who attended the Nationals and even without the ones who do both venues, the AKC trial was well attended. So with that as a background, I would like to open it up to a discussion on whether we should go forward with hosting a USDAA trial June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and after folks have had a chance to give their views, we will do a survey of CAT members by show of hands.

Input from members included three members commenting that they would be disappointed if the two trials were on the same date. Elaine Resner, who is also on the PAC Board said they are pursuing whether CRAC would consider adjusting the AKC trial the weekend prior so that there would be two back to back trials, with Friday thru Monday shared by the two AKC clubs. The CRAC Board meets the beginning of December and more will be known after that. A couple of potential alternate sites were discussed. Jim Hibbard will check with Clackamas County Fairgrounds to see how much time we have to make a final decision before they make the weekend available to other groups.

Tanya Sacks asked for a show of hands of members who were in support of keeping the date and hosting the USDAA trial at Canby even if it ends up conflicting with the PAC AKC trial. Fifty four members were in favor of that option. No members indicated the opposing view.

It was announced that Kyle Watson will be retiring from Equipment Manager duties. He is willing to mentor someone this coming year. Anyone interested and capable of towing the trailers should contact the new Board.

Kennedy Morgan requested photos for the holiday party video be e-mailed to her.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm