

CAT General Meeting March 14, 2010

Report from VP

- Report on trial for April,
 - 1245 runs so far
 - Still room for more
 - Need lots of volunteers still

Report from New Member Committee

- No new member submittals last time
- 9 for Tuesday's Board Meeting
 - Stephanie Pochomis
 - Donna Gabrielson
 - Kristina Leipzig
 - Charise Gremaux
 - Alice Perrine
 - Eleanor & Ron Curtis
 - Sharon Decker
 - Barb Meyer
 - Susan Isaacs

Report from Training Director

- All foundation classes are full
- Just got approval to add a Saturday evening foundation class for 7:30 pm with Steve Brown
- Other classes are filling, beginning 1 is not as full, both beginning 2 classes are full

Report from Treasurer

- YTD January - March 2010 income just over \$16,000, expenses over \$18,000, this year made \$400 more than 2009
- NADAC trial made money \$12597 receipts,

- \$25000 CD, \$41000 Columbia Fund. \$9957 regular checking, \$25900 money market, \$102K

New Agenda Items

Find new barn/facility

- Forest Grove barn property was sold although contingent on another property being sold so won't be available in 3-6 months.
- Request not to pay a couple months ahead for now since they have asked for advance notice but not sure when that is going to come.
- Rob Waters is looking into another space opportunity.
- \$550 is the rental on FG barn
- Need a space approximately 100x100
- Possibly a light industrial location?
- Consider moving in closer a bit - WV has no more room for people to rent or use, classes consistently full
- Need people to look - suggestion to put barn/locale criteria on website but vetoed because counties are checking websites, etc.
- Had a volunteer speak up who will talk to Karla later regarding seeking out locations and possibly heading up a committee.
- Suggestion to contact other dog facilities such as Judy at My Dog's Gym

Lots of legislation going on in Oregon (land use)

- They reported that there is a group of people working on it and CAT will become involved at time. Behind the scenes what is being done is bill building to make it possible for people who live in rural areas can allow dog agility to go on at their facility. It's very quiet right now so that the wrong people aren't tipped off and the groundwork can be laid. Plan is to be in next year's legislature with a line item indicating dog agility is an approved land use for agricultural areas. Request not to put on blogs etc right now as there is really only one shot to get it right for next year's legislature.
- Debbie Berkeley was shut down recently as far as agility goes in Beavercreek and has agreed to be spokesperson for this movement.
- A recognized component is the money agility brings to the area and clubs are moving out of Clackamas County and even State of Oregon because of the problems being caused by laws right now.

- 2010 is the building year; 2011 is the call to action

Changes in trial location consideration

- Looking at moving August CPE trial from Wilsonville to Clark County
- From an economic standpoint, we would draw more people (N and S) and people can camp, too.
- Dwight took information on financials from 2009 and the gist is that people seem to be participating more at Clark County so it might be a better decision
- Motion made to move August CPE to Clark County, seconded and voted by attendees. CPE trial will be August 21-22
- Requests to move forward on moving USDAA trial to Clark County for summer months
- Others indicated they would still like one outdoor trial a year, Karla indicated we could look to Canby for an earlier date at their outdoor facility
- Benefit of Clark County - once you set a date you can lock it in year after year
- Karla to post on AGILECat to get feedback from rest of members on whether or not to worry about having an outdoor trial each year.

New equipment manager

- Dwight recommended keeping electronic equipment separate from the rest of the equipment. It must be kept in a warm/heated environment. Will fit in a trunk of a car so would not be a huge burden for someone to take on. Would just need to be able to deliver it to trials.
- Another thought - equipment is currently stored at Kyle's. Could also be stored at Clark County - most of trials are held there anyway. Would only need to be unloaded versus hauled.
- Nothing definitive yet - will be posted on web to try to get people to take on individual parts of this position to share the burden.
- Clark County's cost is a little more than we are currently paying but the offset would be that we would not be paying someone to drive it to the fairgrounds.

Handling Techniques and Styles

- Julie brought up her experience witnessing rough handling at the open barn
- Board will be coming up with a set of guidelines or expectations for proper handling/treatment

