

October 24, 2004 General Meeting Minutes
Delta Park Elmers

Called to order at 7:00 PM

Board Members present: Wendy Ware, Lisa Klein, Karla Forte and Kitty Ware

Report of the President: Following agenda, Lisa Klein presiding for Matt Sachs

Report of the Vice President: Board Meetings: November 16 at Garlic Onion, December 14 at Clackamas Elmers. General Meetings: October 24 at Delta Park Elmers, November 21 at Clackamas Elmers, no December meeting. The Holiday party will be at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn January 2, 2005.

Report of the Secretary: The following people were approved as new members at the last board meeting, Joan Armstrong, Carol Wolfram, Debbie Gibbons, Leslie Winchester and Claudia Zerba. Welcome to CAT.

Report of the Treasurer: A balance for checking and investment accounts were given. As a club we have spent a considerable amount of money this year on new equipment.

Report of the Training Director: So far classes have been going well, the buja boards are being used consistently. Steve Ware built a ramp for wheelchair access for the Larsen barn. Thank you.

Unfinished Business

Trial Review: The July trial is closed with a positive balance. The Columbia Cup will have improved scoring for next year and the rules for scoring will be listed in the premium. The board feels that for our Cup trials the rules for scoring should be listed in all premiums.

Upcoming trials: Black Cat, the board approved the budget given to us by Barb White. There will be the Halloween Fun Run again. CPE trial will be a one-ring trial held at Barb Whites barn November 6-7. The NW Cup is scheduled for January 8-9; The February 25-27 trial will include Friday night games.

Seminar Update: Herb Gercke, new seminar chair gave a report. The Kathy Keats flyer is on the website and will be available at the Black Cat trial. Susan Salo will be coming back the third week of July 2005 for 6 days. She will teach at various levels. Sandy Rowan will be giving a seminar on foundation, date to announced.

Agility League Update: League Teams will be picked at the end of the meeting. League starts the week on November 1st.

Barn Equipment: The X-Pens for training weave poles have arrived at Larsen barn. Dwight has also fixed the tire. The dog walk is very narrow at the Larsen barn, it is the minimum width allowed for competition. However the board agreed to bring this to the Forest Grove barn as a second dog walk for outdoor use in the summer and purchase a new one for Larsen barn. The concern is, dogs who are learning on the equipment should not have the narrow dog walk as many dogs have fallen off. Especially since a lot of dogs are young and may not be aware of their body yet. The "new" tunnels that were taken out of trial equipment and placed in the Larsen barn are also not up to specifications and have wires sticking out. The board agreed to purchase new tunnels for trial equipment and replace any tunnels that are not considered safe. Consideration should be given to ordering some shorter tunnels for trials, as some judges don't want all 15 or 20 foot tunnels. The tunnels that are considered safe will go to the Larsen barn as replacements. There was a reminder for a broad jump request for the Larsen barn. The missing equipment has re-appeared at the Larsen barn.

Membership Committee Program: Cheryl Huffman has made a plan for incoming members. She hopes to have it ready by the January trial to put it into place. Anyone interested in volunteering as a mentor, please contact Cheryl.

We need to change the date for the Columbia Cup because of short distances between us and EAT's trials at Argus Ranch. Considerations to trade dates for the July trial or the October trial are two possibilities. Cindi Priutt will be asked to look closer into distances for NADAC as it is very close to the 150 mile limit. Tanya Sacks mentioned that [as NADAC states in the rules] the distance is actually 300 miles, not 150 as it used to be.

We will be moving the storage shed from Wilsonville to Vancouver in November. Since most of our trials are in Vancouver it makes sense to have our hospitality and other such items closer. Karla Forte has gotten us new storage off the 134th street exit in Ridgefield.

New Business:

The Fun match/judging seminar is still under consideration for August 25-28. We need to see if we can rent out Wilsonville Park for two days instead of just our usual one day. We need more specifications.

Dwight has requested a new measuring wicket for USDAA as one of the judges at the July trial said it was in poor condition. Kyle Watson was able to fix it at our Black Cat trial, thank you Kyle for always being prepared!

The Catalyst is still in need of an editor in chief. Any volunteers please contact either Trish Greenstreet or any board member.

Teams were picked for the NW Agility League-thank you Dwight!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa Klein