

Columbia Agility Team Board Meeting March 8, 2011

Village Inn Restaurant at Bridgeport Village, Tigard, Oregon

ROLL CALL

Trey Winthrop, Treasurer
Carol Hasenberg, Secretary
Julie Padbury, Training Director
Dick Watson, Member at Large
Pat Bilow, guest
Steve Bilow, Member at Large
Karla Forte, President
Rosie Stein, Vice President
Trudie Coleman, Member at Large
Michele Hall, Member at Large
Barbara Persson

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order 6:31 p.m. by President Karla Forte. Karla read the minutes from the February meeting. Minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Secretary – Board discussed responsibility of the membership roster. Carol is the board contact for the roster which is maintained by Tanya Sacks.

Carol offered to design a program to show barn schedules on the CAT website with a back-end program for barn managers to keep the schedule updated. Discussion was postponed until new barn venues have been found.

Treasurer – Trey will be putting some CAT funds in a CD.

Dwight Cash has filed the annual corporation registration form for CAT.

CAT Librarian Diana Dickenson will receive a budget for the CAT library and will purchase books and video materials per her discretion.

Board approved that CAT associate members may check things out from the library.

Vice President – CAT will be swapping 4 trial certificates this year with WAG. We will use the WAG certificates in the trial raffles. They need to be given to the trial secretaries for distribution.

Board reviewed budget for May NADAC trial (Lisa Klein trial chair) – board recommended more for hospitality.

Board reviewed trial budget for NW cup (Oct USDAA).

President – The board discussed the dissemination of information within the club. A number of club members have complained that info is only available on AgileCAT website and unavailable to those without home computers. Alternatives were discussed which included bringing back the newsletter (rejected), having contact people and reminding people at the general meetings of announcements and to keep checking the website and AgileCAT. We could also add a widget to the website to go to AgileCAT.

Training Director – CAT agility classes are filling up except for Saturday night.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board approved the markup of the CAT policies, with the additional change that assistant class instructors will receive \$75 in CAT bucks.

Board discussed criteria for the barn venue search. The board decided that the priorities were to find rental venues that are fairly close to the metro core with adequate parking. The board wants to focus on a training facility, not a trial facility. Julie said that her searching had shown that light industrial property rental rates were way beyond the budgetary reach of the club. Currently the club gets a maximum of \$1500 per month for barn rental plus what it earns for classes. Length of lease was discussed. Julie reported that a 5 year lease may be the standard length.

Board discussed HB3047 – Oregon bill to explicitly allow for dog training and events in EFU zoned property - and NAIA involvement which is not itemized. Board approved for CAT to make a donation of \$5000. There will be a demonstration in favor of the bill during Dog Day at the Capital in Salem on April 11. Steve Bilow will ask Patty Bensene to organize a CAT group for Dog Day and have her post on Agile CAT. There will also be a hearing soon and members are urged to attend this and also write letters to the legislature in support of the bill.

NEW BUSINESS

Art Brest is moving in June and will be leaving the barn manager's position at the Larsen Barn.

Excess equipment - the board discussed the disposition of excess equipment in the Larsen barn – there are extra dog walks which are stored as shelves in the barn and also there are lots of equipment in the storage area. Ideas to dispose of the equipment included having a raffle, an auction, or a garage sale. Several members were in favor of the garage sale as it would involve the least work for the club and prospective buyers could view the condition of the equipment on site

Trial premiums – the board discussed the need to review trial premiums to ensure that items like junior handler events are in them. Only USDAA trials can have junior handler events that are separate from others. The board needs to remind trial chairs to add junior handler events to trials.

AJOURNMENT

Next meeting is April 12, 2011, 6:30 p.m., at this venue.

Adjourned 8:20 p.m.