



# ***Columbia Agility Team***

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

May 22, 2011

Lucky Lab/Multnomah Village

By Carol S. Hasenberg, Secretary

### Officers Present

Karla Forte, President

Trey Winthrop, Treasurer

Carol Hasenberg, Secretary

Julie Padbury, Training Director

Dick Watson, Member at Large

### Prospective Members Present

Beryl Turner

Rhoda Peacher

### Other Members Present

Diana Dickinson

Jennifer Evans

Jamie Winthrop

Joe Groth

Anne Dickason

Kennedy Morgan

Karen McAlister

Barb Watson

Kyle Watson

Dwight Cash

Paula Cash

Judy Bluett

Julie Jones

Debra Runyen

Jody Becher

Diane Gould

Chris Eddy

Charise Gremaux

Tracey Gamley

Joanne Huntley

Brysen Winthrop

Vivienne Boogaard

Whitney Taylor

Libbi Peltz

Barbara Sorg

April Meyer

Barbara Wert

Vandy Esche

Kim Boothe

Barbara Esche

Christine Hengesteg

Peter Hengesteg

Anthony Giusa

Twylia Smith

Neena Kirsch

Rebecca Hutfilz

Stevie Viaene

Sharon Scott

Anne Senatra

Nikki Berthold-illias

If you attended the meeting but do not find your name on this list please contact Carol Hasenberg.

Meeting was called to order by Karla Forte at 7:02 pm. Carol Hasenberg read the minutes from last general meeting. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report - The club currently has \$102,999 in liquid assets. CAT has had 2 trials – the May NADAC took in \$4200 with \$5600 expenses, so net loss of \$1400 -- turnout was poor due to the bad weather. The April CPE trial took in \$15,360 with \$11,180 expenses, so net gain of \$3760. A donation was made to Animal Aid with half of the net gain from that trial. So far this year the club

has brought in \$35,680 and paid out \$45,906 in expenses. Some of the expenses are due to work on the equipment and trailers, as well as having prepaid some trial expenses. So far there is a \$10,226 loss for the year.

VP Report – VP Rosie Stein was absent. Karla reported that we are on track for the June USDAA trial. There will be WAG, RAT & CAT free entries for the trial raffle.

Looking ahead for the spring 2012 NADAC trial, Rosie and Karla checked out McMinnville (Yamhill Co.) fairgrounds and were very impressed by the venue. It can accommodate 2 full rings, and natural lighting and trailer parking have been improved. The cost is quite reasonable. The CAT members present indicated that they would be willing to travel to McMinnville. CAT does not have the February date anymore at Clark County FG because “the horse people” got it. Alternatively, the club can look at the Salem fairgrounds; however, the arena is open sided so would not be good for a February trial, but perhaps for May.

Secretary Report – Carol Hasenberg will be managing the membership list and membership renewals as Tanya Sacks has resigned from the membership coordinator position. Many thanks to Tanya for her work doing this and her help in getting Carol going. Membership can look for an updated membership roster some time in early June.

Carol will also be organizing an agility demo for the Dog Days of Tigard at the Potso Dog Park on Saturday, July 16, 2011. CAT volunteers are needed to transport a pickup-load of equipment, set up the equipment, participate in the demo, and answer questions and hand out brochures at the demo. She is planning to run two demos – one at 10 am and one at 11am. The festival runs from 9am-12noon and the park is located at 7930 Hunziker St., near the Highway 217 and 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. exit. If you are willing to volunteer please contact Carol.

Training Director Report Julie Padbury reported that June 7 will be first week of summer classes. All the instructors are volunteers and can earn CAT bucks. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, please speak to Julie.

Prospective Member Coordinator – Karen McAlister introduced Beryl Turner and Rhoda Peacher as the prospective members present at the meeting. New members recently elected are Kelly Myers, Mary Martin, Anne Nile, Deanna Townsend, Katrine Barber, and Trish Wells.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Legislation – HB 3653 – Dick Watson reported that the dog training bill has been reintroduced into the House Rules Committee as HB 3653. Club members should be contacting the legislators because it is coming down to the last few days – look on Agile CAT for who to contact.

The state farm bureau has expressed opposition to the bill and the other opponent is the land use agency. We need to emphasize that we are asking for treatment that is not any different than that given to horse owners. Dog activities do not displace agricultural lands. When you send an email to the legislators put your message in the subject line. The dog events part has been left out of the current bill in order to eliminate a possible opposition from people objecting to traffic, etc. The club gives thanks to Dick Watson, Elaine Resner and NAIA for all the work they have done on this.

Larsen Barn - Equipment sale will be the same day as tilling the Larsen Barn on a date to be determined. The refinished A-frame will be returned soon to the barn. The 24” spaced weave poles have arrived and the NADAC hoops are on order. Members, please remember to put the equipment

back in its proper place. Put tables and chute out of the sprinkled areas. Collect your numbered cones sequentially after you've used them to number a training course.

## NEW BUSINESS

Membership Policies - At the last general meeting, club members discussed ways of getting people to work at the trials. The Board of Directors have decided to implement some policies to encourage participation and monitor club participation requirements. Karla announced to members that we will be tracking membership working requirements with cards for 2012. A question was brought up about how much one should work to qualify and different opinions were expressed, from working half a day to setting up two poles. A member commented that both the CPE and NADAC trial had good volunteer participation. Thanks to all the hard-working members!

Larsen Barn Manager – Jennifer Evans was introduced as the new manager, and Judy Bluett will still be doing the finances for the barn.

AgileCAT – Dwight Cash is the moderator for AgileCAT Yahoo Group and encourages the membership to let him know if there are any issues with the group. Members can sign up for AgileCAT by following the directions on the Links page of the CAT website ([www.columbiaagility.org](http://www.columbiaagility.org)). Karla announced that the Board of Directors is considering starting a club membership-only yahoo group exclusively to disperse club info.

Other CAT Communication – Karla asked the membership to be respectful, civil and non-hostile in their emails to one another – remember that we're all volunteers. If there are problems in communication with other members, please let a board member know about it.

CAT Trial Policy – Karla is working on producing an official trial policy page and will be setting up a trial committee composed of club volunteers – items to be present in the policy include a requirement that premiums and the budget for the trial must be approved by the board.

Facility Search – The facility committee is working on venue possibilities and members are encouraged to contact the Board of Directors if they know of any possibilities.

Seminar – Karla announced that there is renewed interest in having CAT host seminars by Mia Grant, Stephanie Spyr, Elicia Calhoun or Stuart Mah; and if anyone is interested in having another trainer do a seminar for us please contact Karla. Also CAT is considering having a “train the trainers” seminar for CAT instructors.

League – Dwight Cash announced that agility league will be starting again in October and he is looking for CAT volunteers to help organize it.

Raffle Stuff - Diane Gould is in charge of the raffle for the August CPE trial and is looking for items for the raffle – do you sew and can make blankets or other items? Do you have a (doggie) business you'd like to promote? Please contact Diane if you have questions.

CPE Nationals - Kim Boothe announced that she and Zibbit will be (the only Oregon team) going to CPE nationals and could bring Oregon-related items for a state-themed raffle there. Kim works at the Canyon Pet Hospital in Beaverton and needs the items before her departure on June 6. The items

must be small enough to fit in her suitcase, as Zibbit will be the carry-on. Barbara Watson, CAT member from Washington state, and her dog will also be going to the CPE nationals. Hardy wishes to these teams!

The next CAT general meeting will be held on July 24 at this venue.

Meeting was adjourned 7:55 pm.