

Columbia Agility Team Board Meeting September 6, 2011

Village Inn Restaurant at Bridgeport Village, Tigard, Oregon

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order 6:32 p.m. by President Karla Forte. Minutes approved.
Julie rescinded her request for Training Director computer as all director work can all be done off the computer.

REPORTS

Secretary – Minutes were approved.

Treasurer – Current balance \$104,000+ Cash situation is good.

Vice President – CAT trials – a concern had been expressed that there were not enough tunnels for the 2-ring trials. In response Lori Sage has purchased more tunnels for her trailer.

Trial Update: NADAC, USDAA – NADAC trial is ready to go. USDAA has decided not to pre-assign competitors for ring jobs. They will post white boards for work sign-ups instead. USDAA trial had only a 2-week sign-up window since the closing date for the trial is so early. Karla proposed to ask that the Trial Secretary extend the closing date one week in order to facilitate sign-ups.

Dates for Clark County fairground 2012 CAT trials have been confirmed as:

April 14-15 CPE
June 15-17 CPE nationals
August 18-19 USDAA
September 8-9 NADAC
October 6-7 USDAA

Also the March 3-4 NADAC trial is confirmed at Cowlitz County fairground.

Seminar updates – “When Pigs Fly” author Jane Killion seminar is still waiting for a confirmed date around the first of the year. The “Train the Trainers” seminar for difficult dogs that Rosie is planning to teach will be either Sept 24 or Oct 1, 9-11 am. CAT reserves the use of the Larson Barn on a Saturday for seminars at the discretion of the board. The only impact will be to Dick Watson’s class.

President – refer to business reports.

Training Director – Classes are moving along. Julie isn't sure why we are maintaining a database of the class students if we are not doing anything with it. The database work has been very time-consuming.

Report from Membership Committee

Memberships for Amy French, Jane Kreider, and Rebekah Lee were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Practice Barn Equipment Teeter resurface for Forest Grove barn update – Work is done and table is back.
- Pam Pallister update – Pam called Rosie to tell her she has decided to pull back from the CAT class idea due to other commitments.
- Agility Trial Policy revision # 3 Final Version– vote approved with inclusion of note about getting receipts in one work week to the treasurer. This policy will be added to the CAT policy file.
- CPE Nationals issues:
 - Vendor policy for the Nationals – Cheryl Huffman proposed in a letter to the board that we up the dog-related vendor fee to \$40 for CAT members and \$50 for non-members for the National trial we are hosting, plus vendors need to make donations to the raffle. The board approved a motion to do so. Vendors will be located in a different spot than the crating area of the barn. There are negotiations underway to have the vendors in a separate building.
 - Ribbons-CATCH, NATCH, ADCH. Question of CATCH Ribbons at the CPE Nationals Board will find out if you earn a title at the nationals.
 - CAT Bucks at the nationals – CPE is providing scoring. CAT will need to provide ring crew – Animal Aid is lined up to do typical ring jobs except scribing, timing and gate.
 - Rose Festival - There is also the possibility of adding this event to the official Rose Festival line-up. Rosie will interview the contact about the particulars.
- CATCH ribbons – CAT board is concerned that a person requesting a CATCH award is earning it at our trial, because such ribbons run about \$30 each. The board would remind members to keep track of award points and only apply when they earn the award at our trials.
- New Site – Carol – Site did not have an indoor facility that we could exclusively use.

NEW BUSINESS

- Larsen Barn issues – The sprinkler system needs to be fixed, as it has leaks, does not shut off easily, and two of the heads do not work. The board recommended that we get a price from a professional to fix it.
- Cat Gear – logo clothing – Stitch hounds, our old clothing vendor, are going out of business –“A Touch of Pride” in Tucson AZ does custom embroidery and would like to offer our logo emblems. This business is run similar to Café Press in their type of ordering. Julie will look into the particulars
- Nominating Committee – The President, VP, Training Director, and 3 Members at Large are retiring from their positions in the next year and need replaced. The Treasurer, Secretary, and MAL Steve Bilow are willing to stay. Karla is looking for someone to head the nominating committee.
- Renewal Invoices – will be prepared soon. Carol needs to get started on that.
- League – Age of dogs competing – Age requirement is 18 months for league team members. Someone has brought up the issue of the FEO dogs – should we allow dogs as young as 15 months to run FEO? Rosie will confirm if this is ok with Dwight.

- Free Trial Entry for Columbia Cup/ NW Cup – The cost of signing up for the NADAC trial is \$120 per day. This is a prize for winning the cup. Julie proposed to make a special certificate for a free CAT trial entry (except tournaments), for one dog for one weekend rather than a certificate for \$100. Board approved.
- Update on the Timers – speaker #3 is on the fritz. Proposal to replace speaker #3 was approved.
- CAT Holiday Party – Jan 29 is the general meeting date for 2012. Jan 22 will be the date for the holiday party.

AJOURNMENT

Next meeting is October 4, 2011, 6:30 p.m., at this venue.

Dates for future 2011 meetings:

- Board meetings: November 1, and December 4, which will also be the board's Christmas Party. All are Tuesday nights except December is a Sunday.
- CAT general meetings: September 18, and November 13. All are Sunday evenings.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.