



Columbia Agility Team

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2011

Lucky Lab/Multnomah Village

By Carol S. Hasenberg, Secretary

Officers Present

Karla Forte, President
Rosie Stein, Vice-President
Trey Winthrop, Treasurer
Carol Hasenberg, Secretary
Julie Padbury, Training Director
Steve Bilow, Member at Large

Prospective Members Present

Susan Burns
Kari Gregerson
Elissa Looney
Rick Myers
Sandra Myers
Cynthia Pelley
Lindsey Popov

Other Members Present

Nikki Berthold-Illias
Pat Bilow
Sally Blank
Vivienne Boogaard
Sharon Carmichael
Tom Carmichael
Dwight Cash
Paula Cash
Barbara Derkacht
Diana Dickenson
Susie Easler
Chicory Eddy
Kristina Erickson
Jane Fortny
Debbie Gabel
Tracey Gamley

Herb Gercke
Charise Gremaux
Cindy Hardy
Christine Hengesteg
Peter Hengesteg
Joanne Huntley
Rebecca Hutfilz
Susan Isaacs
Lore Joplin
Bobbie Kenney
Neena Kirsch
Deena Lavine
Elissa Looney
Tam Martin
Karen Mason
Jennifer McFarling
Dan McFarling
Juliette McMillan
Barb Meyer
Mike Miller
Martha Mullis
Jay Oakley
Barbara Persson
Paige Pierce
Stephanie Pochomis
Carly Reumann
M'Lou Thompson
Stevie Viaene
Cheryl Vincent
Pat Weinkauff
Claudia Weiss
Elaine Willis
Heather Wilson

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 7:00 pm. Karla read the minutes from last general meeting. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report – Overall the club made \$1100 dollars on trials year to date. Overall the club had a loss of \$1400 over the year.

Training Director Report – The club has a good base of instructors at Larsen, but needs more for Forest Grove. New barriers at the barns need to be put away after use. Non-standard equipment must be put away after use. Use hooks where provided for item storage.

Prospective Member Coordinator – Cynthia Pelley, Susan Burns, Kari Gregerson, Lindsey Popov, Elissa Looney, Rick Myers, and Sandra Myers introduced themselves as prospective members present at the meeting. New members recently elected are Shelley Coffee, Annette Haley, Karen Johnson, Connie Macchione, Kayla Reid, Lorraine Howes, and Sally Blank.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – Report from the nominating committee included a nomination of Gary Hartman for Vice President. Member at Large nominees from the committee include Debbie Gabel, April Meyer, Barbara Derkacht, Twylla Smith, and Barbara Sorg. Thanks to Pat Weinkauff for her work as chair of the committee.

Nominations from the floor included Dwight Cash for President and Elaine Willis for Member at Large. Julie Padbury is willing to stay on as Training Director until someone is trained to replace her. She would be willing to apprentice someone for the job.

Logo Wear – update – Carol Hasenberg has been corresponding with a custom embroidery logo-wear provider in Tucson, recommended to the board by a CAT member, to include a page of CAT logo products on their website. She will announce the website page when it is up.

NEW BUSINESS

CAT Bucks/Discount Forum – original idea from Pat Weinkauff, who requested the board to consider a trial discount to be applied to the total number of runs per handler rather than per dog. The board discussed the issue and decided to go with a 10% discount for 2012. This generated a very large discussion on AgileCAT, in which Jim Hibbard pointed out that CAT Bucks were originated to replace the discount. President Karla Forte opened a forum at the meeting to discuss the issue of trial discounts, and here are some of the points made from the floor:

- Member commented that CAT bucks go through the wash, so she was in favor of the discount.
- Treasurer Trey Winthrop had looked at the financial impact of the discount. Currently CAT trials get a 60% attendance from CAT members, so we would lose \$2700 over the year with the discount.
- Giving a 10% discount and CAT Bucks is double dipping.
- CAT Bucks were upped in the past to offset the end of the discount.
- We can afford to be generous in giving out CAT Bucks at trials to get people to work.
- Package price or a discount is to encourage people to sign up for more runs.
- It is difficult to administer a trial package for more than one dog.

The forum also generated a few off-topic points that the board may review in future to provide an effective system of incentive and reward for workers:

- Great deal of work for major jobs and they would like compensation to go to those people.
- The club's compensation for major jobs is MUCH too low. Other clubs are paying people real dollars to do these jobs.
- The trial chair at one of next year's trials cannot fill hospitality and course builder jobs with CAT members at her trial.
- The board should be paying cash for major jobs.
- What is the club planning to do with that \$100,000 sitting in the bank?
- One member asked if it was appropriate to have forums of this type on Agile CAT. The response from several members was that it is a good place for discussions as long as it stays civil, and we do have monitors to ensure that it does. Another member requested that the upcoming meeting agenda and past minutes be put on AgileCAT for review prior to the meeting.
- Alter the bylaws to allow people that do dog agility training for a living to be on the board.
- Change the bylaws so that the quorum is a smaller number or that voting online is allowed.
- Two or three members felt that the membership requirement cards were disrespectful to long-time members.

Secretary Carol Hasenberg also noted that membership definitions in the club's bylaws need to be updated and would like to request feedback from the membership especially in regards to associate memberships – e.g., keep associate same price as regular? what club privileges should be given to associate members?

Seminars

Venita would like to organize a seminar with Stacy Peridot Goudy.

Other announcements from the floor:

Karen Mason needs trial committee members for the August USDAA trial.

March NADAC trial needs a hospitality person on its trial committee – two members expressed interest in the position.

Upcoming CAT Events:

- The New Year's Party will be January 22, 2012. Trey and Jamie Winthrop will organize.
- The BIG General Meeting is Jan 29th.

Meeting was adjourned 8:15 pm.