

CLEVELAND ALL-BREED TRAINING CLUB

Membership Meeting January 20, 2022

Meeting Called to Order:

By CABTC President *Deb Peck* at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2022. This was a blended meeting with members attending in person at the Club as well as via Zoom.

Recording Secretary Report:

Fran Dacek shared that *Linda MacDonald*, who has held the position of CABTC Trial Chairman of the spring and fall Obedience and Rally combo trials for decades, has advised the Board that she will be stepping down from that role in November 2022. She writes, "Between Mike and I it has been over 30 years." Wow! Hearty thanks, Linda, for your fantastic service to the Club these many years.

Dori Likevich has volunteered to take over the position and Linda has offered to help Dori train throughout this year with the goal of a seamless transition in 2023. Linda already has judges and contracts for 2022 in place and will help Dori get started on 2023 judges, contracts, committees and the AKC On Line Event Management system.

Thank you Linda and Dori for your dedicated service and all you do for the Club.

Corresponding Secretary Report:

Audrey Bentz referenced the Board's decision to streamline the New Membership process that recently has been taking applicants as long as eight months to complete.

Now, the application may be submitted before fulfilling the "attendance at a board meeting" and "volunteer activity" requirements. Both requirements may now be met any time during the application process as long as they are completed by the third reading and membership vote. Audrey also cleaned up some language and added Scent as a volunteer activity on the form.

New member applicant readings at this meeting:

- Third reading for *Eric Shaffer*, sponsored by *Barb Schmauder* and *Laura Chegan*
- Second reading for *Kim Piszczek*, sponsored by *Deb Peck* and *Deb Hageman*
- First reading for *Luana Ankney*, sponsored by *Marilyn Richards* and *Cindy Chaytor*

Congratulations to *Eric Shaffer* who was voted in and welcomed as a new member!

New Lifetime Member Named:

Deb Peck offered huge congratulations to *Cathy Flynn* for becoming our newest Cleveland All-Breed Lifetime Member! "After 40 years of active membership it's a well deserved honor. Cathy has been a long-time instructor, served on the board and volunteered at trials and run-thru's. She embodies the spirit of CABTC! When you see Cathy, please thank her for her dedication to the sport and also to our Club. Congrats Cathy!"

Diane Brzezinski nominated *Cathy Flynn* for lifetime membership. To be eligible, the CABTC candidate must have had continuous membership for a minimum of 20 years and served the club in a significant capacity such as:

- Trial Secretary
- Officer / Member of the Board of Directors

Trial Chairperson
Office Manager
Class Instructor
Newsletter Editor
Committee Chair
Building Manager

Treasurer's Report:

Before signing off as outgoing treasurer, *Kathie Lester* reported 2021 was a very good financial year. While the accountant is still working on year-end close, looks like all our hard work generated total income of about \$100,000 and a profit of more than \$86,000. "This is an amazing accomplishment for our Club," said Kathie. *Deb Hageman* assumed the role of treasurer beginning January 2022. Special thanks to Kathie for taking such good care of our money matters these many years! And, kudos to Deb for stepping up to take on the treasurer's role.

Agility Report:

Deb Kaufman reported that negotiations are under way with the CAPS Fieldhouse people for use of their agility space in 2022. *Deb Sacerich*, agility training director, and *Julie Weir* hosted a number of extra classes during the holiday break that were very well attended. They may repeat these special one-off offerings later in the year. January and February Western Reserve Kennel Club trials will be in the building. *Mary Kotabish* is organizing a December run thru. And finally, *Suzanne Stachurski* added a Thursday morning puppy class.

Obedience Update:

Diane Brzezinski, obedience training director, says public interest in our classes is higher than ever and it's not easy to keep up with the demand. "Just letting everyone know that CABTC will begin a NEW FS II Class on Tuesday at 5:00pm. At this time the class will run for 2 - 7 week Sessions. Session IV will start on 2/1/22 to 3/15/22. Session V will start on 3/29/22 to 5/10/22. This new class is our 3rd FS II class and will help CABTC keep up with the demand as students from our four FS I classes look to move on with their training."

- Snow days are built into the schedule
- A new conformation drop in class has launched on Monday evenings at 8 pm
- See [Loose Leads](#) for the 2022 Obedience Committee listing
- Polling instructors to finalize the branded vest order to be placed in January

Scent Work Update:

With not enough volunteers to run a smooth event, the Scent Work group had to cancel their February trial. The small but mighty group of scent workers is pretty burned out and desperately needs Club members to step up and volunteer their time and energy to this popular new offering. The goal is to create a more formal committee, such as run by the obedience and agility teams, with responsibilities shared across a wider group of volunteers.

New members, if you are looking for a place to contribute, THIS IS IT! Please contact *Cindy Chaytor* at cchaytorspot@sbcglobal.net to help!

Building Maintenance:

Deb Kaufman recognized *John Bush* for suggesting additional lighting fixtures be placed in Suite B. Thank you, John! Those improvements have been made. She also noted that our excellent financial results have enabled the board to invest in making other much needed improvements in our facility. "Al Godzick is a godsend for completing many projects including installing a brand new Suite B door that closes properly and replacing the man-door on the east side of the building."

- The puppy room door is also slated to be replaced. Until that can be accomplished, members and class students should not be using the puppy door except in an emergency. To help avoid unwanted dog interactions, it would be good to include a window in the new puppy room door.
- Reminder for anyone entering the obedience main door, please have your dog under control when entering the building. Until the puppy door is replaced, this entrance will have even more traffic. Let's all work to limit the congestion.

No Change in Mask Policy:

"Masks must be worn during all classes at CABTC. The only exception is that an individual handler working in a ring by him or herself may remove his or her mask while performing exercises or running a course at the discretion of the class instructor. At all other times, mask wearing for everyone in the building is highly recommended. Event Committees may write a mask policy into a premium, which will supersede the general Club policy. This policy will continue to be reviewed at Board Meetings, with the next meeting taking place in January 2022."

Currently, the mask policy is being reviewed at every Board meeting.

Office Management Changes:

Huge thanks to *Kay Wood* and *Amanda Kost* for stepping back in as *Deb Hageman* transitions to her new responsibilities as Treasurer. Kay will manage the office and Amanda will manage all things registration. Together, they manage a tight ship so please thank them when you see them and provide every support possible!

Other Business:

- *Kathie Lester* discussed the possibility of setting up a Google calendar where we could sign up for practice time in off hours. This would be efficient and help eliminate conflicts. She will consult with *Julie Weir* who has been envisioning something like this as well.
- *Cindy Chaytor* noted that we will be hosting an ACT trial at the building on Saturday, March 19 for dogs or teams new to agility. Participants can receive several AKC titles in one fun morning. *Sue McGinty* and *Jean Bonness* will be the judges.

Meeting Adjourned:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes Approved:

By Deb Peck, President

Next Membership Meeting:

Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 7p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Fran Dacek, Recording Secretary

