

CLEVELAND ALL-BREED TRAINING CLUB

Membership Meeting September 15, 2022

Meeting Called to Order:

By CABTC President *Deb Peck* at 7:09 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2022. This was a blended meeting with members attending in person at the Club as well as via Zoom.

Recording Secretary Report:

August Board Meeting minutes were posted for members via *Libby Kraus* on Monday, September 12, 2022.

Treasurer's Report:

We are doing well in just about every category. Income is down somewhat from the same period last year with fewer trials, building maintenance expenses, and tax obligations.

Obedience Update:

As announced earlier in the year, *Linda MacDonald* will be chairing her final obedience trial this fall and the Club couldn't be more grateful for her decades of service and leadership. She has kept our trials running smoothly and has payed attention to every detail with the help of many volunteers. Feedback from these events is always great, not only from participants but also the judges who like coming to CABTC. *Dori Likevich* will take over at the 2023 spring trial. The two have been working together for a smooth handoff.

Classes are in full swing with many already booked into the second session. *Diane Brzezinski* reported holding an instructor's meeting that went well. Policies and training methods were reviewed and new instructors had a chance to meet the team.

Scent Work Update:

Cindy Chaytor noted the upcoming Stacey Barnett Scent Work Seminar September 24-26, 2022. The October trial will include five judges, a detective class search with one day planned at Rosby Greenhouse and Berry Farm.

Agility Update:

One more agility trial is planned at CAPS this year in October and one more at the building in December. Saturday, November 19, is our ACT trial where new handlers or experienced handlers with young dogs can test their skills in a welcoming and supportive environment. Titles in both standard and jumpers can be achieved in one day.

Nominating Committee:

Steve Likevich chaired this year's nominating committee with members *Barb Schmauder* and *Debbie Sacerich*. He presented the 2023 officer and board member slate to the membership as follows:

Details regarding the process are in the CABTC Bylaws that can be found on the Club's website under the Forms page. A couple of reminders regarding nomination criteria:

- Candidates shall be members of the Club in good standing for at least one year.
- Members who desire to run for an office or directorship shall have attended at least two meetings of the Board of Directors or of the general membership of the Club during the past year and volunteered at a CABTC event.
- Candidates for President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall have had at least two years of service on the Board of Directors, one of which shall have been in the past five years.

CABTC Nominating Committee 2023 Slate:

Position

President: Audrey Bentz

Vice President: Fran Dacek

Treasurer: Deb Hageman

Corresponding Secretary: Suzanne LeSure

Recording Secretary: Janice Bourell-Casey

Board Member: Carol Godzick

Board Member: Ramona Cartwright

Board Member: Laura Comerford

Board Member: Kathie Lester*

Board Member: Elaine Moore*

Board Member: Annette Pedersen*

*Indicates a returning Board Member beginning her second year so not eligible for election.

Our thanks to all who have stepped up to serve. Any questions please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: *Steve Likevich, Barb Schmauder, or Debbie Sacerich*. Per the ByLaws, all meeting attendees were invited to submit additional names for each of the positions. None were presented. Therefore, the Club accepted the nominating slate as presented. The vote will take place at the Thursday, November 17, 2022 membership meeting.

Old Business:

— Computer Inventory: *Audrey Bentz* has created a list of who has what CABTC equipment including computers, printers, and software. This will make planning upgrades or new purchases much easier.

— Banner: *Laura Comerford* and *Fran Dacek* have worked on designing a banner to help promote the Club and have approval to move forward with getting it produced.

New Business:

— Tax Exemption Question: *Annette Pedersen* is investigating our options for becoming a not for profit entity to help manage taxes.

— Restroom Renovation: *Deb Peck* reported the Board has discussed this possibility but no action is planned until 2023 so that we can first tackle the storage needs of the Scent Work group. *Al* and *Carol Godzik* are looking into design and cost options for all building bathrooms. Any decisions will be tabled until next year.

— Scent Work Storage: This is actually old business delayed by Covid. The Scent Work group has needed its own storage space for a long time and has been making do by tucking boxes and equipment all over the building. Work has begun to identify a defined space and invest in the needed storage.

Corresponding Secretary/Membership Update:

Audrey Bentz presented the following new member application readings:

- Third reading for Anastasia (Stacy) Ranier, sponsored by *Bobbie Delaney* and *Margie Wunderle*
- Third reading for Lorraine (Laurie) Perry, sponsored by *Bobbie Delaney* and *Margie Wunderle*
- Second reading for Michael Falatach, sponsored by *Suzanne LeSure* and *Margie Wunderle*

Please give a hearty welcome to Stacy Ranier and Laurie Perry who were both voted in as new members!

It was a close call to be able to vote in new members because of low meeting attendance. A quorum is required in our ByLaws to vote new members in. Only a handful of members have come to the building for meetings and the Zoom call attendance isn't much better.

Bernadette McFadden suggested we consider beginning meetings earlier even though 7 p.m. has been the traditional start time of our bi-monthly meetings. *Cindy Chaytor* noted that the Club needs to do something to stay more connected.

How to get members to reengage? One idea was to bring back the annual awards banquet. *Margie Wunderle* will explore creating a Survey Monkey to gauge interest for an awards banquet and some potential dates for 2023.

Mask Policy Update:

The existing mask policy remains in place and the Board will review it at every Board meeting. Masks are optional at this time, but an individual instructor may require masks in be worn by all students in class. Committees determine mask guidance for their trial and seminar events on a case by case basis.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved:

By Deb Peck, President

Next Membership Meeting:

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Fran Dacek, Recording Secretary

