

CLEVELAND ALL-BREED TRAINING CLUB

Board Meeting

Date: February 13, 2022

Present: Audrey Bentz, Carol Godzick, Deb Hageman, Annette Pedersen, Kathie Lester, Elaine Moore, Deb Kaufman, Fran Dacek

Absent: Deb Peck, Steve Likevich, Liz Slabe

Guests: Ann Lynn, Arlene Pepera, Al Godzick, Catherine Fallick

Agenda:

The Zoom call meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Recording Secretary:

Fran Dacek presented both the January Board and Membership meeting minutes for posting to the membership via *Libby Krause*.

Motion: *Audrey Bentz* moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by *Deb Hageman* and the motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary:

Audrey Bentz noted that since there will be no awards banquet this year, the Board sent congratulatory flowers to *Cathy Flynn* who has been named a Lifetime Member. She was nominated for this honor by *Diane Brzezinski* noting Cathy's active membership for 40 years. Congratulations Cathy! Your many contributions over four decades are deeply appreciated.

Cathy wrote to the Board: "I wanted to offer my appreciation for the Lifetime Membership that you have given me. It has been 41 years of fun dogs and good friends. And the flowers were nice! Thank you."

Treasurer's Report:

Deb Hageman thanked former treasurer *Kathie Lester* for "her support and patience during the transition process. She deserves a medal!"

January year to date numbers showed a loss of about \$1,000 vs. a profit of about \$6,000 in the same period last year. Deb reported, "This is not as bad as it looks. The revenue from the January agility trial did not make the deposit for January. Additional revenue of \$11,105 will be reflected in the February numbers."

Agility Update:

The next agility trial hosted by Western Reserve Kennel Club in the building will be February 18 – 20. Two run thrus organized by *Mary Kotabish* and her team of volunteers netted about \$500 each. *Deb Sacerich* plans to sponsor more special classes to pay for the new Clip and Go Dog Walk ordered for April to be used at the CAPS Fieldhouse facility. Six trials are planned for the CAPS facility in 2022. The May trial will return to Cleveland All-Breed Training Club.

Motion: *Deb Kaufman* moved to replace the second tunnel for CAPS agility trials at no more than \$695. *Fran Dacek* seconded and the motion passed.

Steve Likevich recommended the Club invest in a set of new channel weaves and will take the matter up with agility training director *Deb Sacerich* for review.

ACT 1 and 2 tests will be offered on Saturday, March 19 for beginning agility dogs and their handlers. These agility course tests (standard and jumpers) are a fun way to put your training to the test in a real trial environment.

Obedience Update:

A Rally run thru is planned for Sunday, February 27 that will be chaired by *Robin Fargus* and supported by a large group of volunteers. The offering is in preparation for the spring trials.

Scent Work Update:

The next Scent Work trial is scheduled for April 2 and 3.

Standing Committee Chairs for 2022:

Agility — *Debbie Sacerich*

Audit — *Gisele Jarvie*

Awards — *Mike MacDonald*

Bylaws — *Deb Kaufman*

Finance — *Deb Hageman*

Legislative Liaison & Public Education Representative — *Annette Pedersen*

Membership — *Audrey Bentz*

Nominating — *Steve Likevich*

Obedience — *Diane Brzezinski*

Special:

Rentals — *Deb Kaufman*

Scent — *Cindy Chaytor*

Sunshine — *Holly Koester*

Vounteer Coordinator for New Members — *Margie Wunderle*

Building Rentals:

Deb Kaufman turned down two recent rental requests since personal training time for members is at a premium given the number of classes, trials, run thrus

and seminars in the building. The German Shepherd Club of Northern Ohio has an obedience/rally trial March 4-6 and the Siberian Husky Club has a trial in April.

Building Maintenance:

John Bush reports the heating people were in for their annual inspection. Turns out the Suite A heat exchangers are cracked so we'll have an HVAC expenditure coming up. Not bad though, since their date of manufacture was 1988. John will get an estimate.

Motion: *Deb Kaufman* moved we replace the broken Puppy Room exterior door not to exceed \$2,500. *Kathie Lester* seconded and the motion passed.

Snow was a problem in January with eventually no place to put the white stuff piled everywhere. Trucks were even called in to remove snow from the parking lot. *Deb Kaufman* spoke with the snow removal folks to explain how we use the potty area and make sure we have access to as many parking spots as possible.

Award Plaques:

If you haven't been in the building in a while, check out the new award plaques in the gathering space. Wow. Thanks to *Kathie Lester* for managing this project. There are so many wonderful award pictures that we need more shelf space to hold them. *Carol Godzick* reported that *Al Godzick* plans to add another row of shelving to accommodate all the Club members' achievements in 2021.

Cindy Chaytor contacted the Board to say ". . . the Awards look great and I appreciate all the hard work involved in organizing the information and preparing plaques." Her suggestion that PACH dogs receive the same recognition as the top team dogs when presenting the plaques was referred to the agility committee for consideration.

Membership Update:

Audrey Bentz noted that updated membership instructions and application have been posted to the website. She also shared a draft welcome letter with the Board for review. The letter will be sent to newly admitted members so they know what happens next and who some of the contact people are in case they have a question.

The following new member applications will be presented at the March membership meeting:

Arlene Pepera, sponsored by *Suzy Pare* and *Amanda Kost*
Catherine Fallick, sponsored by *Suzy Pare* and *Diane Brzezinski*

Michelle Kosan has applied for an associate membership.

Motion: *Audrey Bentz* moved to accept Michelle Kosan's application for associate membership. *Deb Kaufman* seconded and the motion passed.

Once again, some did not renew their membership to meet the deadline and volunteers had to take many extra steps to follow up. Each year this is an administrative headache and the Board is considering imposing a late fee in 2023.

A possible membership dues review was discussed including potentially raising the fee and requiring certain work hours from all members. More volunteers are desperately needed to help those that already dedicate huge amounts of time to instruct classes, help at trials, take care of equipment, run the office, etc.

New Key Award:

The Board maintains the official distribution of keys.

On behalf of the agility committee, *Deb Sacerich* requested that *Pam Bonness* receive a key for the building to use the floor during off hours. Pam is a prolific volunteer who manages critical aspects of our 32 days of agility trials each year including:

- hiring judges up to three years in advance, managing their contracts, booking hotels, sending them running orders and trial information
- worker herding each trial weekend
- course building and general set up and tear down help
- active member of the agility committee
- also agreed to take on role of vendor liaison this year

Motion: *Deb Kaufman* moved to award *Pam Bonness* a key. The motion was seconded by *Fran Dacek* and passed.

Mask Policy:

The existing mask policy for the building was left in place and will be reviewed at the March Board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Fran Dacek, Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Deb Peck, President