

# Cleveland All-Breed Training Club

## BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022

**Present:** Audrey Bentz, Deb Peck, Liz Slabe, Kathie Lester, Deb Kaufman, Elaine Moore, Deb Hageman, Carol Godzick, Steve Likevich, Fran Dacek, Annette Pedersen

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Laura Comerford, Kim Piszczek, Kirsten Zielinski, Cheryl Overby, Colleen Crowe, Cindy Chaytor, Linda Alberta, Dorothy Eller

**Meeting Called to Order:**

7:35 p.m. via Zoom

**Recording Secretary:**

**Motion:** *Audrey Bentz* moved to approve and post the February Board Meeting and Membership Meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by *Deb Kaufman*, the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

*Deb Hageman* reported we are "basically on track" with net income for January/February 2022 at \$16,736 vs. \$17,137 for the same period last year. Discussed how often to post P&L statement to membership and the Board agreed that every other month before the membership meeting would be a good practice.

**Membership Report:**

The following applications will be presented at the Thursday, March 17 membership meeting.

- Kim Piszczek - Third reading and vote.
- Luana Ankney - Second reading.
- Arlene Pepera - Her application was approved by the Board in February and will have her first reading.
- Catherine Fallick - Her application was recommended for membership by the Board and will have her first reading.
- Ann Lynn - Her application was recommended for membership by the Board and will have her first reading.

*Audrey Bentz* has been handing out a steady stream of applications and reports "quite a bit of interest" in new memberships.

The list of members who have not renewed will lapse at the end of the month. The Board discussed the potential of assessing a late fee next year to those members who do not meet the renewal deadline.

**Mask Update:**

We are relaxing our mask mandate so that masks are optional, but an individual instructor may have the option to require all of their students to be masked.

**Agility Update:**

*Deb Kaufman* thanked *Kathie Lester* for securing the new agility tunnel for the building. *Cindy Chaytor* will be leading the ACT 1 and 2 trials on Saturday, March 19 for young dogs or new handlers. It's a great way to get your AKC agility trial feet wet.

The storage container contract at CAPS has increased 13% to \$85 per month. The Board discussed a member request for channel weaves.

**Motion:** *Deb Kaufman* moved to approve \$700 for the purchase of one set of MAD agility channel weaves. *Steve Likevich* seconded the motion and it passed.

**Obedience Update:**

The March 12 and 13 trial was a success with an entrant from Michigan noting "this is a template for how I would like to do trials." There was a dog on dog incident but no people or animals were hurt.

*Steve Likevich* will contact *Connie Rigotti* about the poop can on the agility side which needs attention. Also, the group discussed a need for a branded CABTC sign that can be used with photo booths to brand the club. Another idea was to set up a permanent photo booth in some part of the building, perhaps the gathering area, that can be customized for specific events. *Laura Comerford* offered to create a digital banner that could be used in social media postings and *Steve Likevich* will investigate creating a physical sign.

**Scent Work Update:**

"Things are falling into place," reported *Cindy Chaytor*. April 2 and 3 is the next trial. *Michelle Kosan* (sp?) will help *Karen Lippmann* with scent entries and *Julie Latkas* will be volunteer coordinator to secure trial stewards. *Suzanne Stachurski* and *Holly Koester* will help Karen work the secretary's table. Finally, Cindy reported that she has been in touch with scent guru Stacy Barnett to discuss the possibility of doing a scent seminar at CABTC later in the year.

There will be four scent work trials in 2022 instead of six. The scent volunteers are also considering the possibility of a "detective trial" in June with Tony Grably as judge. We now have more than one Scent work entry level class being offered and Cindy is developing a broader curriculum.

**Rentals:**

The German Shepherd Club just had their trial in the building last weekend and reported the main obedience door was sticking. *Al Godzick* will need two to three hours to fix the floor plate under the door.

*Kris Zielinski* reported that the building was not cleaned to expectations. "A lot of dogs were sniffing certain areas of the floor which didn't seem cleaned. Hair and dirt was laying around and the male dogs' teeth were chattering when they sniffed the floor."

Thanks to Kris for bringing this to the Board's attention. This should not be the case and extra cleaning services before trials will be considered. One issue could be that the regular weekly cleaning had been moved up to early Thursday mornings instead of Thursday afternoons to help give extra training access to members.

The Siberian Huskies are coming in April and that will complete the rentals for 2022.

**Maintenance Update:**

*Al Godzick* is waiting for better weather for the new puppy door installation. Thanks to all for patiently using the main obedience door in the meantime.

He will also tackle repainting baseboards and nicked walls as needed.

Thanks to Al and *Carol Godzick* for noting our AED (automated external defibrillator) defibrillator is due for a maintenance checkup. *Audrey Bentz* volunteered to follow up.

**CABTC Website:**

*Chuck Pilny* and *Steve Likevich*, are working on the list of improvements to address for our website as identified by the website committee. Some old pages need to come down and pictures are overwhelming information in certain areas. Steve will reach out to our website vendor, Mango Bay, for a progress report and completion timeline.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Fran Dacek, Recording Secretary

Approved by:  
Deb Peck, President

Next Board Meetings: April 10, May 8, June 12

Next Membership Meetings: May 19, July 21