

# Cleveland All-Breed Training Club

## Board Meeting

**August 14, 2022**

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

**Guests:** Dorothy Eller, Kirsten Zielinski, Cheryl Overby, Laura Comerford, Al Godzick

**Meeting Called to Order:**

At 7:33 p.m. by President *Deb Peck*.

**Treasurer's Report:**

*Deb Hageman* circulated the P&L before the meeting. We are behind where we were last year, but that is mostly due to a reduced number of events, building repairs and taxes. Approved to be published to membership.

**Corresponding/Membership Secretary Report:**

*Audrey Bentz* had no new membership details to report.

**Recording Secretary Report:**

Motion: *Carol Godzick* moved to publish the July meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by *Audrey Bentz*, the motion passed. The meeting minutes will be published to the membership via a *Libby Kraus* posting.

**Agility Update:**

The August agility trial at CAPS went well with more entries than last year. Classes begin in September.

**Obedience Update:**

*Diane Brzezinski* hosted a well attended and successful prep meeting for obedience instructors in advance of classes beginning August 16 and 17.

**Scent Work Update:**

Upcoming highlights include a “*Dog Days Extravaganza*” event with opportunities to get titles in Trick Dog, CGC, ATT, Farm Dog and CGCA. The day will also feature obedience, rally and agility seminars as well as a garage sale. All proceeds will be donated to Salvation Army to help pets in Ukraine.

Also, watch for the upcoming Stacy Barnett scent work seminar September 24 and 25. On September 26 she will be offering private lessons. Stacy is well known in the scent work world and conducts seminars nationwide.

### **Building Rentals Update:**

The dental group requesting a rental is no longer interested according to *Deb Kaufman*.

### **Maintenance Update:**

Al Godzick happily reported “it’s been a quiet summer” with nothing new to report. The transformer fence in the potty area by the agility back door has still not been finished. The barbed wire must be fixed before we can add new stones to the area. *Deb Kaufman* will check with Die-Matic to see if they or the electric company have a timeline for the fix.

Also, discussed that gravel is washing into the asphalt area by the poop can in the back. Al will look into creating some kind of barrier to help prevent the erosion.

### **Old Business:**

— *Steve Likevich* reports some movement on Web site improvements but all issues are not yet resolved.

— *Deb Hageman* confirms that the 2019 taxes were sent.

— *Audrey Bentz* continues work on compiling a Club-wide inventory of computers and equipment.

— *Kathie Lester* noted that all four new agility tunnels have been purchased and set up at CAPS.

— *Audrey Bentz* says the AED maintenance is complete with new battery and pads.

— *Al Godzick* looked into the feasibility of installing a push button to automatically open the main obedience door. We have decided against this since it would be very expensive and there would be no way to stop the door from opening on the other side causing a potential safety hazard.

— *Laura Comerford* collected input on several banner designs. Also, *Kathie Lester* got the needed new logo artwork. Laura will present final designs and will get them produced reasonably at a library in Medina.

— Astro turf for obedience classes is in and *Margie Wunderle* will find a place to store it.

— The recommendation to upgrade our bathrooms was tabled to the September meeting.

### **New Business:**

— SAFETY SEMINAR: *Audrey Bentz* will look into organizing a first aid seminar for

members toward the end of the year. We have several veterinarians at the Club who may be able to help.

—AKC FIT DOG: *Carol Godzick* shared information about the AKC Fit Dog program designed to get your dog . . . and you . . . more healthy. She will check to see if there is interest and if so, form a volunteer committee to get the program rolling.

—NOVICE/OPEN AGILITY TRIAL: The Club will again sponsor a special agility day at our building in August. This Novice/Open only agility trial, headed by Julie Weir and supported by a host of our volunteers, gives new handlers or experienced handlers with new dogs a chance to enter with less commotion than regular trials.

Motion: *Audrey Bentz* moved to support the upcoming Novice/Open agility day at CABTC with \$200 for goodie bags and a selection of raffle items etc. for volunteers. *Deb Kaufman* seconded and the motion passed.

—CLEANING: *Deb Kaufman* urged anyone with a cleaning issue to email her directly with details of the problem. She is continuously in contact with Kim, our cleaning lady, who is very flexible and open to suggestions. For instance, she now comes in late at night or early in the morning to accommodate trial or training schedules. She has not received a raise in a very long time.

Motion: *Deb Kaufman* moved we approve a \$25 raise per cleaning for Kim. *Carol Godzick* seconded and the motion passed.

—STACY BARNETT SEMINAR: We reviewed a proposal by *Cindy Chaytor* to schedule a scent work seminar by Stacy Barnett on September 24, 25 and 26.

Motion: *Deb Kaufman* moved to approve the seminar per *Cindy Chaytor*'s proposal. *Fran Dacek* seconded and the motion passed.

—POLICY REVIEW: CABTC Office policy is that only registered handlers may attend class. The board supports this policy and also recognizes that instructors may be faced with making a judgment call in unusual circumstances from time to time. Please make sure to notify the office in every case if you have an extra person attend your class. This is a liability issue.

—BUSINESS STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES: The Club had to pay substantial taxes last year because we do not have Not for Profit status with the IRS. *Annette Pedersen* noted that the Columbus All-Breed Club is a 501C-7 not for profit entity and wondered if we could apply for the same status. Historically, we have not been granted 501C-3 status because too much of our income is generated from non members. *Audrey Bentz* will relook into 501C-3 and 501C-7 tax law and reassess.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Steve Likevich and his nominating committee have identified a proposed slate for next year's Board. They will present the slate at the September Membership meeting on

Thursday, September 15, and will take additional nominations at that time. Members will vote on Thursday, November 17.

**Mask Update:**

After a thorough discussion about the rising cases in our area and the tandem CDC relaxation of mask requirements, we decided to keep our existing Covid safety measures in place. This includes encouraging masks to be worn indoors, but masks will not be mandated at this time. Instructors, at their sole discretion, have the option to require their students to be masked.

Adjourned at 9:10

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Fran Dacek, Recording Secretary

Approved by Deb Peck, President