

Cleveland All-Breed Training Club Board Meeting

September 11, 2022

Present: Audrey Bentz, Deb Peck, Elaine Moore, Carol Godzick, Kathie Lester, Deb Hageman, Fran Dacek, Steve Likevich, Deb Kaufman

Absent: Liz Slabe, Annette Pedersen

Guests: Dorothy Eller, Kirsten Zielinski, Diane Brzezinski, Al Godzick

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Deb Hageman said we are behind where we were last year, but that is mostly due to a reduced number of events, building repairs, and taxes.

Corresponding/Membership Secretary Report:

Audrey Bentz noted that the following readings would happen at the September 15, 2022 membership meeting:

Third reading and vote for Laurie Perry

Third reading and vote for Stacie Ranier

Second reading for Michael Falatach

Recording Secretary Report:

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

Obedience Update:

The fall obedience/rally trial November 5 and 6 is going nicely with a few more openings to fill. *Linda MacDonald* is chairing the event for the last time. Huge thanks to Linda for volunteering to lead this important Club event for many, many years. She has been working with *Dori Likevich* who will take over in the spring of 2023.

Fall classes are already in full swing since end of August with many future sessions already fully booked. *Diane Brzezinski* hosted a well attended obedience instructors meeting to review policies and procedures as well as give everyone a chance to meet new members of the team.

Diane Brzezinski also noted launching a new class: Skills and Drills taught by *Laura Comerford* and *Cindy Dover*.

Connie Rigotti is responsible for equipment and asks everyone to please be careful and report any problems or breakage to her as soon as you notice something amiss.

Scent Work Update:

Cindy Chaytor and the committee has been working the big October trial which will feature a detective class, five judges, and rental of the nearby Rosby Greenhouse. Cindy expects the Stacy Barnett seminar in late September to at least break even. Having this expert lead classes on site is a real educational service to our members and scent work community.

Agility Update:

Just wrapped up the August 20 and 21 agility trial in the building with Sunday's focus on novice and open entries only. We had many entries of young dogs with experienced handlers or those just getting into the sport. The last CAPS trial will be October 14 - 16 and the last trial in the building will be December 9, 10, and 11.

Still need a new teeter at CAPS and the agility committee will let the board know what's needed once all the information is available.

Dog Days Extravaganza:

Volunteers from every corner of the club helped *Cindy Chaytor* with the first ever "Dog Days Extravaganza" event on Saturday, August 27. Participants had opportunities to get titles in Trick Dog, CGC, ATT, Farm Dog and

CGCA because so many of our members volunteered their time as judges, instructors, and support staff. The day also featured obedience, rally and agility seminars as well as a garage sale. An amazing \$5,000 will be presented to the Salvation Army to be used to help displaced pets and their families in Ukraine. Thanks to everyone who pitched in!

Building Rentals Update:

Deb Kaufman, who will be rolling off the Board in 2023, has volunteered to continue chairing the rentals committee which includes communicating dates for rental events and managing the cleaning crew.

Building Safety:

Automated External Defibrillator

The Club's Automated External Defibrillator ("AED") has been checked and a new battery and pads installed. This emergency tool is located in the gathering area across from the front door. Should you ever need to use the AED, it will talk you through the entire process once you press the green power button. However, we recommend that everyone take a few moments to watch the below videos about how to use the AED in the event of an emergency.

An overview of the AED and how to use it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2k4cHni8lWo>

A more detailed video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1cyRNgyrQ>

Fire Extinguishers

The Board also discussed the need to check the fire alarm tags and make sure fire alarm monitoring is up to date.

Building Maintenance Update:

Al Godzick addressed the issue of gravel washing into the asphalt area by the poop can in the back by installing a low barrier wall made of wood planks and reflectors. He will also paint the barrier for added safety.

Diane Brzezinski noted the striping on the Suite A obedience side does not enable as many parking spots as possible. Should only have one handicap spot and the rest of the space along the building should be striped. Also,

more signs should be posted on the wall reserving instructor spaces, but don't indicate a time. *Deb Kaufman* will follow up.

Old Business:

— *Kathie Lester* and *Deb Kaufman* will work with *Cindy Chaytor* to finally find unified storage space for the Scent Work supplies. This Club offering has been growing and right now supplies are tucked throughout the building.

— *Deb Kaufman* is working with Die-Matic to fix the barbed wire issue in the agility door potty area. She has put up yellow caution tape in the meantime.

— *Audrey Bentz* has completed a Club-wide inventory of computers and equipment.

— The recommendation to upgrade our bathrooms was tabled until 2023.

— *Chuck Pilny* and *Steve Likevich* will replace stock photos with membership pictures on the web site.

— Banner design options were discussed and *Laura Comerford* and *Fran Dacek* will follow up.

New Business:

— *Amanda Kost*, who handles all class registrations for the Club using DogBizPro, needs to split those duties and job share this important responsibility with one or two club members. *Audrey Bentz* and *Fran Dacek* will work with Amanda to identify candidates. We may need to get permission for more users of the software.

— The Board discussed whether it is time to resurrect the Awards Banquet following several years of cancellations due to Covid. Membership meetings have not been well attended and perhaps a Club-wide social gathering would reignite engagement from some inactive members. March 2023 was discussed as a possible time for presenting title awards as well as the President's Award and Lifetime Membership Awards. *Deb Peck* will raise the question at the September membership meeting.

— *Diane Brzezinski* will update the Lifetime Membership roster.

—The old timers for agility are stored above the bathroom on the agility side and should be disposed of properly. *Fran Dacek* will follow up.

Mask Update:

Existing Covid safety measures remain 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 9:21

Respectfully Submitted by,
Fran Dacek, Recording Secretary

Approved by Deb Peck, President

Next Board Meetings:

October 9, 2022

November 13, 2022

Next Membership Meeting:

November 17, 2022