



Board Meeting Minutes

October 7th, 2025

Time: 6:00pm on Zoom

In Attendance: Cindy Patz, Amanda Fell, Robin Burket, Camille Nasca, Susan Sherman, Julie Wangelin, Kristin Sipus, Robin Bowen, Brian Parker, Morgan Brooks

Absent: Musta El Khorchi, Christine McDaniel (travelling)

Reports:

President – Robin Burket opened the meeting at 6:04pm saying the newsletter is finalized and will be posted to the website and sent out digitally via email and social media.

Secretary – Cindy Patz asked if there were any changes needed to the Board minutes as sent via email. There were no changes requested so the minutes were approved as sent and will be posted to the website. Cindy also reported that she had researched the way minutes should be approved according to Robert's Rules of Order, and it stated that minutes only need to come up for a vote if there are changes proposed to the minutes. In that case, there would need to be a motion made to approve the amended minutes and then voted on during the meeting. The Board agreed that we will start following this Rule of Order for our general meetings as well as the Board Meetings.

Treasurer – Robin Bowen presented the club financials and asked if there were any questions on what she sent via email. No questions were asked.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee – Amanda Fell reported that the nominating committee met, and Lindsey Rodriguez is excited to be nominated to serve on the Board next year. The remaining slate is filled by existing board members as only one spot is open at this time. It will be read at the November general meeting.

Hunt Test (12/5-12/7) – Kristin Sipus reported that they have all the judges for the December Hunt Test but may have to replace one. She also has all but 1 judge secured for the February tests. Brian Parker reported that the bird techs are confirmed for the December tests.

Hunt Test Judge's Seminar – Kristin Sipus reported that we need to hold a judge's seminar as we have not hosted one in a few years and there are a few judges in the area that need to attend a seminar to maintain their judge status. Kristin proposed that since hunt test judges are not paid, we would not charge a fee for the seminar for previous judges and charge just enough to cover our expenses. Hoping to find a rent-free location, Brian Parker offered to check with Bass Pro, Cindy Patz will check with her church, Kristin Sipus will check with WEC and Julie Wangelin offered her company office space. Kristin would like to hold the seminar within the next 6 months.

Old Business:

Meeting Speakers – Kristin Sipus will reach out to Carleen Leffler to speak about estate planning for our dogs at a future meeting.

Donations – Final vote on donations. The Board agreed that the donation for cancer research should go directly to the study at UF rather than through the AKC grant to maximize the impact of our donation and avoid the fees associated with donating through the AKC grant. Robin Burket made a motion to vote on the 3 options listed below and Kristin Sipus seconded the motion:

Option 1 - \$6k total donation with \$5k to cancer and \$500 each to the GRRMF Rescue and Seminole County Fire Department for canine oxygen masks.

Option 2 - \$5k total donation with \$4k to cancer and \$500 each to the GRRMF Rescue and Seminole County Fire Department for canine oxygen masks.

Option 3 - \$5k total donation with \$4.5k to cancer and \$250 each to the GRRMF Rescue and Seminole County Fire Department for canine oxygen masks.

A vote was called, and Option 1 received the most votes. Cindy Patz will send the oxygen mask information to Robin Bowen so she can order the masks.

New Business:

New Member Applications – Christine McDaniel read the new member application of Deborah Cole-Sedivy in Sarasota, FL. Julie Wangelin is her sponsor. Deborah's application was approved as read.

Field Training Day – The next field training day will be Saturday, October 25th in Paisley, FL

Year End Awards – Robin Burket reported that many names have been suggested for year-end awards. The board discussed several options for our end of the year awards.

New title rosettes - Susan Sherman agreed to organize that again this year.

November General Meeting – The November General Meeting will be Saturday, November 15th at the Greater Ocala Dog Show in Ocala after the goldens finish. The plan is to have a pot-luck meal with finger foods and a few board members remembered that we need to have covers for the food in case there are flies again this year. It was also suggested that we have Puerto Rico raffle tickets available for purchase at the November specialty.

Royal Canin Rosettes Discussion and Vote – Caroline Kendrick was stuck in airline transit limbo so Camille reported on the options for the rosettes. The Board decided that there wasn't enough difference in the two quotes and the Specialty Chair should pick which one she wants.

The main meeting ended at 7:02 pm and we transitioned to an update on the Eastern Regional as a separate meeting for those that could stay on the call. All the Board members present ended up staying for most if not all the extended session

Next General Meeting is Tuesday, October 14th on Zoom at 7 pm

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 4th on Zoom at 6pm

Extended Session:

Eastern Regional – Camille Nasca, Morgan Brooks and Sue Campia (joined at the end of the Board Meeting)

Camille opened the extended session by saying they requested the extended session to give an update to the Board. Sue Campia provided an update on merchandising mentioning that it has been a bit of a struggle, but everything is ironed out now and they are using a one-source provider (Printify) to handle merchandise. A few hiccups included getting the vibrant colors we prefer and without any notification, the personalization feature was taken down for them to upgrade the software right when we launched the on-line store. As of now, we have 28-29 items and will add more items periodically. In addition to the Eastern Regional specific merchandise, we will offer club logo merchandise as well. A few suggestions were made to include as future merchandise.

The committee also updated the Board on the various raffles that are planned. Robin Bowen asked if anyone wanted to solicit things for the raffle. Julie Wangelin generously offered to donate the acrylic whelping box she won in the raffle at National.

Obedience/Rally update: Susan Sherman said there was nothing new to report; no other volunteers.

Conformation: Camille Nasca provided a parking update and asked the Board to please talk to member friends to see if they will volunteer for Eastern Regional.

Stewards: It was suggested that there may be members that may need judge “points” to serve as stewards or we could pay for professional stewards. Robin Bowen offered to reach out to the stewards’ association to confirm pricing.

Robin Bowen reported that Royal Canin is giving us \$6k which is double what we originally thought, and they will supply prizes for all three days for the big winners.

It was asked that If we are required to have a vet on site, does anyone have a recommendation? Anacare was suggested as a possibility.

Julie Wangelin offered to check with hotels in the area to see if they can offer a reduced rate for our event.

Hospitality – Morgan Brooks reported that we will host a southern BBQ dinner for Eastern Regional at the conformation show grounds and she already has pricing for the food. She also has Jennifer Hoffman lined up to provide the wine for the dinner for those that choose that option when purchasing a ticket.

Promotion: Cindy Patz offered to send a note to Emily Kalil to hold a spot in next issue of the club newsletter for Eastern Regional information.

