



Board Meeting Agenda

January 3, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Robin Burket's home

In Attendance: Cindy Patz, Lindsey Rodriguez, Christine McDaniel, Robin Burket, Camille Nasca, Amanda Fell, Susan Sherman (via Zoom), Julie Wangelin, Morgan Brooks

Absent: Brian Parker (problem at the farm)

Officer Reports:

1. **President** – Robin Burket opened the meeting by outlining the board member job descriptions and gave Lindsey Rodriguez a copy as this is her first board meeting. Welcome Lindsey!
2. **Secretary** – Cindy Patz call for any amendments to the December minutes as posted. No amendments were proposed so the December minutes were approved as provided.
 - a. Google group email – Cindy reported that she had set up the new Google group email for the 2026 Board and she was still waiting to hear from two board members that they had received the test email.
 - b. Text stream – Cindy reviewed the time guidelines for using the text stream and requested that board members limit their texting to the hours between 8am and 8pm unless it is an emergency.
3. **Treasurer** – Robin Bowen reported that all Eastern Regional payouts will be reimbursed and all donations have been sent. The Casselberry Fire Station wants to do a photo shoot with the donation we made for canine oxygen masks and Robin Burket said she will coordinate with our contact at the Fire Station.

Committee Reports:

1. **CCA 2026 Date** – Robin Bowen reported that we may host a CCA in late summer depending on entries for the Eastern Regional CCA. If there are several club members that don't make the draw for the Eastern Regional CCA, then we can host one in the summer.
2. **Health Clinic** – Camille Nasca reported that it is scheduled for May 2nd at MADTA and that Ann Moye will be taking over organizing the health clinic since she is focusing on the Eastern Regional events.
3. **Eastern Regional** – Camille Nasca reported that we need to focus on the income-producing things such as the on-line store and spin to win items. She would also like help acquiring things for the swag bags that will be handed out. She is planning 150 bags that will include things like local maps and things to do in the area. Camille also reported that they are still looking for a general vendor. Kristin suggested we contact a vendor in Homosassa that has Celtic items. Camille also reported that we do not have anyone for hips and elbows.
4. **Obedience Trial** – Susan Sherman reported that the obedience trials were approved, but still waiting for Rally approvals. She is ordering new rosettes at the same time she orders club end of year new title rosettes.

5. **July Specialty** – Ideas for 2027; This discussion was tabled until the February Boad Meeting since Julie Wangelin was travelling and was unable to join the meeting at this point.
6. **Hunt Test** – Kristin Sipus reported that the hunt test is February 6-8 and is looking for a different hotel due to increased rates from the Daytona 500 race being held the following week. She is also hoping for more end of day and end of test help. Cindy Patz is helping coordinate the volunteers. All the judges are confirmed, and we are planning on submitting an article for the next newsletter after this hunt test (kind of a year in review).
7. **Finance Committee** – Robin Bowen and Christine McDaniel reported they had the end of the year meeting and sent out all the financials. Everyone would like to stay on the committee. One of the suggestions from the finance committee was to find ways we can utilize our excess finances to give back to the members. Some suggestions were Fun Days such as a Tracking Seminar with Sue Campia when she comes down to Florida, Dock Diving Day with Morgan, and Barn Hunt at G2 in Morriston. Need to have judge's contracts for ALL event judges. The board also discussed judges' contracts for all events and spending expectations for future Specialties. As an aside, it was reported that the December Hunt Test made \$1,000
8. **Website** – Christine and Cindy – The Board discussed having a specific documents folder for storing documents such as event specific judges' contracts as well as other event specific organizational information. It was suggested to get a meeting together with all those involved in the website, social media and newsletter to make sure we are presenting a consistent message over all our platforms. It was decided to create a section on the website to present information about our year-end awards including past recipients. It was also decided to have next year's entries for new title rosettes on-line.
9. **Donations Committee** – Robin Burket will reach out to last year's committee to get feedback and see if they want to continue serving on the committee and see if they have any suggestions for improving the process.

Old Business:

1. **New Title Rosettes** – Susan Sherman reported that there were 27 new title rosette requests. Reminding Event Chairs to send volunteer hours to Kirsten Sumal was also discussed.
2. **Renewing Memberships** – Christine McDaniel reported that the website renewals have been going great, but she still need 50 renewals. More people have renewed than this time last year. They still have until January 31st. Christine also reported that 36 new members were voted in last year and that roster updates will be extracted from the website and the spreadsheet will have 4 tabs.
3. **Updates to Bylaws** – Robin Bowen led the review of the proposed updates to the MFGRC bylaws with the Board and each change was discussed. A few wording changes were recommended and incorporated for the next revision. Christine will submit a rewrite on the membership application process section, but the Board completed their review of the remainder of the updates.

New Business:

1. **New Member Applications** – Christine McDaniel read the following new member applications
 - a. Paulette Keller (associate) in Clearwater, FL sponsored by Lori Callahan
 - b. Donna Mack Crowell in Ponte Vedra, FL sponsored by Ann Rowe
 - c. Judy Harris (associate) in Green Cove Springs, FL sponsored by Brian Parker

2. **Calendar for first 6 months** – Robin Burket led the discussion on the calendar and it was decided to keep Board meetings and General meetings on the same schedule. Some of the upcoming events discussed were
 - a. Upland presentation and training event, February 28th
 - b. Fun Match - March 14th
 - c. Scheduling a Scent Work event with Sue Campia
 - d. Eastern Regional - April 15-19th
 - e. Health Clinic – May 2nd
 - f. Dock Diving Fun Day – will schedule with Morgan Brooks
 - g. Agility Fun Day at PJ Lacette’s in Osteen; Camille Nasca will coordinate a date with PJ
3. **Year End Awards** – Kristin Sipus reported that she will form a committee to update them the requirements for the Year End Dog Awards. Nina DePetris, who currently takes the applications for the awards will be on the committee as well as a knowledgeable person from each venue. Kristin will head up the committee and coordinate getting a person for each sport to be on the committee. It was suggested that once they have completed their updates to highlight an end award at general meetings throughout the year.
4. **Volunteer Positions** – The following positions were discussed.
 - a. Hotel coordinator – it was suggested to send an email to the club to see if anyone is interested in filling that position and Cindy Patz volunteered to search the job descriptions on membership spreadsheet to see if there’s anyone with that type of hospitality experience.
 - b. Fundraising position for matching/etc. on the grant
 - c. Trophy curator – Cindy Patz said she would keep it until she finishing documenting everything.
 - d. Maintain a list of events and who chairs them
5. **Donations/Fundraisers for 2026** – Robin Bowen reported that the club has made their annual donations to FL Gulf Coast \$200, Everglades \$200 to help them with trophies. It was also suggested to donate to Smiling Blue Skies Foundation that is based in Canada and does cancer research. Some suggestions on how to do that were to have a 50/50 raffle and/or a Calendar fundraiser.
6. **Seminar/Meeting Speaker Ideas** – Having a lawyer to discuss wills was discussed and Deborah Hamilton, an out of state attorney has offered to guide a local attorney who may. Not have as much experience in estate planning with canines. Lindsey Rodriguez offered to contact her. We are still interested in having a speaker from the Dog Aging Project as well.
7. **Tracking meeting attendance** – Cindy Patz discussed the difficulties with tracking attendance on Zoom when members do not have their names on their screen. Thankfully, Zoom keeps histories of attendees and Cindy will go back through past meetings and create a meaningful spreadsheet to continue to track attendance. Lindsey Rodriguez offered to help maintain the spreadsheet.

Next Board Meeting will be 2/3/26 at 6:00pm on Zoom

Next General Meeting will be 1/13/26 at 7:00pm on Zoom

Kristin Sipus motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lindsey Rodriguez seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.