



Board Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2026

Time: 6pm on Zoom

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

Officer Reports:

1. President – Robin Burket was delayed in traffic so we began the meeting with the officer reports
2. Secretary – Cindy Patz asked if there were any changes needed to the January minutes as sent. There were no changes proposed so the January minutes were approved as sent and will be posted to the website.
 - a. Google group email – Cindy reminded the board members to make sure they received the Google group invitation to join the 2026 Board email group
 - b. Cindy reminded everyone that she is unavailable to attend the general meeting next week and that Lindsey Rodriguez would be standing in as Secretary. Thank you Lindsey!
3. Treasurer – Robin Bowen fielded questions from the financial reports sent. No questions were asked.

Committee Reports:

1. Fun Match – (March 14th) The ribbons have been ordered and they are looking for an obedience judge. Some judge recommendations have been made to the event chair and Cindy Patz asked for event information she can post on the website.
2. Health Clinic (May 2nd) – Camille Nasca reported that Ann Moyer will be organizing the event this year and is very committed to it. They will be working on letters to doctors this week and Camille asked if anyone has any good scheduling software suggestions.
3. Eastern Regional – Camille Nasca, Morgan Brooks, Susan Sherman, Kristin Sipus – Camille reported that if you are entering under Emerald Coast, you'll need to create an account, then it's easy to enter on-line. Morgan Brooks talked about Life is Golden company and said they are easy to work with. She reached out to him to discuss partnering with his company for with ER merchandise. He will give us our own link with all the items, and we earn commissions on any total order. We will also have merchandise to sell at the different venues during the event. He is even donating to the raffle and plans to offer things for spin to win at a \$90 value. Susan Sherman reported that she has acquired almost all needed obedience volunteers.
4. Obedience Trial – (August) Susan Sherman reported that there are no updates.
5. July Specialty – It was brought up that Everglades is not hosting their specialty in November in Ocala and the Board discussed different date and venue options for future

MFGRC Specialties. It was decided to pursue hosting a Specialty at the Ocala Dog Show Grounds this November and possible hosting the June 2027 specialty in Tampa.

6. Hunt Test – Kristin Sipus said there was nothing to report other than we are ready and have new signs for the test that should be more weather worthy.
7. Donations Committee – Robin Burket spoke with committee members, and they will continue serving on the committee. The Board needs to determine the amount to designate, and it was decided to discuss it at the next board meeting.
8. Website – Christine McDaniel reported that they are still planning on getting together with the media team. She also said that she has rearranged the home page to focus on ER for now and she is including Perry in the Spin to Win development pages.

Old Business:

1. New Title Rosettes – Susan Sherman reported that Robin Bowen has already mailed out the ones that requested it to be sent.
2. Updates to Bylaws – Robin Bowen said there is nothing new to review yet.

New Business:

1. New Member Applications – Christine McDaniel reported that membership renewals closed 1/31/26 and we lost about 30 members in that closing. Christine is very happy with how the new website handles membership. Christine read 3 new member applications:
 - a. Ann Moyer sponsored by Ann Rowe
 - b. Bridget Barket sponsored by Robin Burket and Kristin Sipus
 - c. Alison Silvester sponsored by Kristin SipusAll 3 applications were approved unopposed.
2. Membership Fun Days – Robin Burket will coordinate an Agility event with PJ Lacette
3. Year End Awards – Discussion on updating the requirements were tabled until the March Board meeting.
4. Volunteer Positions
 - a. Hotel coordinator – Cindy Patz reported that she did not see anything on member roster that would lead to a good candidate for hotel coordinator
 - b. Maintain a list of events and who chairs them – Lindsey Rodriguez said she will send the list she created to Robin Burket.
5. Seminar/Meeting Speaker ideas: Lindsey will coordinate a time for Deborah Hamilton to join a board meeting to discuss what we would want her to talk about at a future meeting. It was also discussed to reschedule the speaker for the Dog Aging Project for a future general meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday 4/7/26 at 6:00pm on Zoom

Next General Meeting will be in person after the Fun Match in Sorrento on Sat. 3/14/26

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm