



Board Meeting Minutes

August 4th, 2026

Time: 6pm on Zoom

Attendance: Everyone was in attendance save Cindy Patz

Officer Reports:

1. President – Robin Burket noted there has been no one step up to do the September newsletter so she will mention it at the general meeting next week in hopes we don't have to skip September's issue.
2. Secretary – Cindy Patz; Secretary in absentia, will email to her any corrections
3. Treasurer – Robin Bowen; financials shared, noted \$15k was added to the CD on its renewal and the ER accounts have all been closed, balances transferred to our checking and points from CC transferred to our CC

Committee Reports:

1. Dock Diving Fun Day (wrap-up) – Amanda reported the DD Fun Day was a success, dogs who had never jumped did, and Morgan was a great hostess.
2. Rally/Obedience Trials (August 7-9) – Susan Sherman; Trial set to go, Camille noted the building will be available for setup on Thursday at 1130AM.
3. Field Training Days – August 15th at Persimmon Hollow Farm
4. December Hunt Test (Dec 4-6) – Kristin Sipus; Kristin is still working on judges, but we were approved for the Qual add-on.
5. Nominating Committee - will need 3 members and 2 alternates, will ask at next general meeting to assess interest in serving. No BOD member volunteered though we did volunteer you, Cindy, to wrangle the hooligans.

Old Business:

1. Puppy Referral Response Email – discussion on whether the form Donna prepared needs to be simplified- overall we thought not given all info was pretty crucial to one's knowledge of GRs.
2. February Ocala Specialties – Julie Wangelin; \$1k in sponsorship has been received via Julie's boss, Morgan has reached out to her two people who are considering amounts. Julie reported she is working with Royal Canin, and still trying to get Arvind's addendum so she can apply to AKC
3. Agility Fun Day at PJ Lacette's – Agility Fun Day- will be October 18 at PJ Lanette's home, Camille will check with Nina DePetrus on teaching members who want to dip their toes in agility.
4. Newsletter Editor – was discussed in President's report.
5. Lakeland Winter Haven supported entry; On the LWH shows also in February (Supported Friday, Designated Saturday and Sunday) trophies have been purchased, making use of the chairs we had left from 2025 WEC specialty. All judges' contracts for both shows are

in, and AKC piece is all that's left to do. AKC Patch Program materials are in; Cindy will lead the group.

New Business:

1. New Member Applications – Christine McDaniel
 - a. Mona Garray in Morriston, FL sponsored by Robin Bowen
 - b. Tracy Pollard sponsored by Brian ParkerBoth applications were approved.
2. Annual Donations – Robin Burket; per the committee recommendations, the board unanimously agreed to donate \$5k funding to the UF trial they suggested. We already give yearly to sister clubs and GRF.
3. Jacksonville Hunt Club Equipment Rental – Kristin Sipus; there was a discussion on Jacksonville Retriever Club renting our equipment for their Feb 2027 test, 2 weeks after our event. Bob Swift/Kristin Sipus are chairs. We will get a written agreement that they will repair or replace anything broken and will give us use of their holding blinds in return for using our equipment. As well, they will pay for the portapotty that month and will donate a percentage of their entry to the property maintenance.
4. Fast Cat Event – Robin Bowen; plan to copy Robin Burket on email to MADTA's person regarding using our number to hold a FC event, invite that rep to our BOD meeting to discuss as Bowen believes there will be a significant investment on front end for a small payout per entry. There was a long discussion on rosettes being motivators for this interest group.

Next Board Meeting will be 9/1/26 at 6:00pm on Zoom

Next General Meeting will be 8/11/26 at 7:00pm on Zoom

Robin Burket made a motion to end the meeting, Christine McDaniel seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm