



General Meeting Minutes

October 14th, 2025

Time: 7:02 pm on Zoom

WELCOME: Amanda Fell opened the meeting for Robin Burket who has another commitment.

REPORTS:

Secretary –Cindy Patz discussed the new protocol for approving meeting minutes based on her review of Robert's Rules then called for any changes to the minutes as they were posted. No changes were recommended so the minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer – Robin Bowen reported on the financials and fielded questions.

GUEST SPEAKER: **Dr. Emmanuel Fontaine** started with a word cloud about newborns and encouraged member engagement during the presentation via menti.com. His full presentation will be available on the club website.

Dr. Fontaine is a board-certified reproduction specialist (ECAR) who has spent nearly two decades helping veterinary professionals and breeders improve reproductive success and neonatal survival in dogs and cats. His passion is making science practical. Dr Fontaine also connects reproduction with nutrition, showing how feeding strategies can impact fertility, lactation, and neonatal survival. He now shares this expertise as Senior Scientific Communications Veterinarian for Royal Canin North America.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Training Days – Kristin Sipus reported that the next field training day is Saturday October 25th in Paisley.

Hunt Test – Kristin Sipus and Brian Parker reported that the first hunt test will be December 5-7 in Paisley and the second hunt test is the first weekend in February. Each hunt test will have 2 masters, 1 junior and 1 senior test. In April the club will host a WC/WCX as part of the Eastern Regional. Kristin reported that they are hoping to host 2 field training days a month.

December Specialties – Caroline Kendrick is on a flight home so Camille Nasca discussed the Dec. 12th and 14th Specialties at the Royal Canin show at the Orlando

Convention Center. Camille said to look for an email with updated trophy sponsorship information. We have 2 specialties so please sponsor these different classes. She also confirmed that Onofrio is handling the specialties and Mbf is the superintendent for the others.

Eastern Regional – Camille Nasca asked the membership to help promote the Puerto Rico raffle and mentioned a few specific volunteer opportunities including decorating the hospitality area and rings. She also reminded everyone to go to the on-line store and see the great merchandise we have to offer!

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members – Amanda Fell reported for Christine McDaniel, who is on vacation.

Deborah Cole-Sedivy, Amanda D’agostino-Biglin, and Sandra Carrano introduced themselves and they were voted in unopposed.

New Title Rosettes – Susan Sherman will be sending an email to membership soon with the correct form to request a new title rosette. Your dog must have received a new AKC or GRCA title during the 2025 calendar year. The cut-off to request your new title ribbon is the first week of January 2026.

Nomination Committee – Amanda Fell reported that an email has been sent regarding the proposed slate.

November Meeting – Amanda Fell reminded the club that the next general meeting will be in person on Saturday November 15th at the Greater Ocala Dog Show Grounds after the Goldens finish showing and to check the website for time a location.

BRAGS:

Camille Nasca – Shimmer got another point in Ft. Myers!

Lisa Torres – Desi did beginner novice. 1st time competing and got title!

Ann Rowe – Brody invited to obedience nationals.

Michele Throm – Ari finished her Rally championship a few weeks ago.

Jenny Ford – Lily got star

Dalia Ruffatto – Callie got her CCA and Rally intermediate, Cira got Rally X at national

Nina De Petris – Heidi earned all 3 novice agility runs in just a few trials.

Walter Kennedy – Flyer is Master National qualified, but Walter’s son is getting married so they aren’t going.

Next Board Meeting is November 4th on Zoom at 6:00 pm

Next General Meeting is Saturday, November 15th in person at the Greater Ocala Dog Club Show

Ann Rowe motioned that we adjourn, Susan Sherman seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm