



General Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2023

Time: 7 pm

Location: Zoom

WELCOME: Robin Burket called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

REPORTS:

Secretary – Jenny Ford – made a motion to approve the minutes from the first 3 meetings of the year that are posted on the web site.

Second was made by Robin Burket

All approved, minutes are approved for January, February and March general meetings

Treasurer – Robin Bowen - Finance update was shared, details available to board and club members upon request. We did receive interest statement on the CD.

Speaker:

The MFGRC is in the position to help fund research projects or donate to charities as approved by club members. Our guest speaker was invited to share information about projects the club might consider funding.

Dr. Dominico Santoro, an immunologist and veterinary dermatologist at the UFCVM provided club members with an overview of Pythium sp. infections in dogs and his research projects focused on use of an agricultural herbicide as a treatment for the condition and a second project aimed at developing a type of vaccine that would serve as an adjunct therapy by stimulating the immune system of infected dogs thereby improving treatment outcomes. He explained that Pythium is a “fungal like” organism ubiquitous in stagnant waters in the southeastern United States. Dogs acquire the infection by swimming in ponds and lakes, making young retrievers the most commonly presented breeds with the infection. Infections present in one of two forms, skin infection or infection of the gastrointestinal tract. Pythium skin infections appear as nodules or lumps that ulcerate and drain. Gastrointestinal infections lead to weight loss and vomiting and or diarrhea and can mimic masses in the gastrointestinal tract. A more rare form is extremely aggressive and spreads through the blood stream. Diagnosis of Pythiosis is confirmed by biopsy with histopathology in conjunction with culture, molecular methods such as PCR, or blood titers. The first line of treatment is to try to widely remove infected tissue such as through amputation or other aggressive surgery. Pythium is not a true fungus but a type of algae and does not respond to anti fungals. Infections most often lead to death as currently there is no reliable treatment. Better methods of treatment are desperately needed to improve survival of infected dogs. Both studies to be considered for funding have improved treatment and survival of dogs with Pythiosis as a goal.

The University of Florida, Louisiana State University and Auburn University all have research projects designed to find better ways to treat Pythium cases.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vote in new members (Christine)

New Members voted in were Elysse Gorney, Perry McIntyre and Helen and Kate Adams, Amy and Jeff Troan, Diana Elwell, Bob Connelly, and Carolyn Culhane.

Obedience Trial (Andy)

Trial will take place August 11-13 in Daytona. Volunteers are needed, please contact Andy Hall if you would like to volunteer. You don't need experience to volunteer. Entries open on May 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Field Training Day 5/21 (Kristin/Brian)

Beginners Group and Transition Group will both start at the same time. This will take place at Brian Parker's property.

CCA/Health clinics on 5/7 – (Robin/Camille)

CCA is full. Eye Clinic has 100 and 60 for hearts.

Volunteers are needed on May 7th, please contact Camille to volunteer at mischiefgolden@gmail.com.

Vote by the club on the proposal on the anonymous donation and the club match for maintenance on Brian Parker's property

Vote yes – 45

Vote no – 2

Total on the call - 62

NEW BUSINESS:

Braggs

Camille Nasca – Misha Obedience Beginner Novice Trial on Saturday 195 ½ for 4th place and Sunday 193 for first place.

Kathy Cudak in Perry, Sassy went WB for 2 points and next day went reserve.

Libby Bryant Trinity and Derry Best Junior at Perry

Meeting to adjourn was made by Jenny Ford

Second was by Robin Bowen

Meeting ended at 8:14 pm

Next board meeting is April 30th at 4:00 pm on Zoom

Next General Meeting is May 10 at 7 pm on Zoom

