



General Meeting Agenda

January 21st, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm on Zoom

WELCOME: Robin Burket opened the meeting at 7pm with a welcome to the first meeting of the new year

REPORTS:

Secretary – Cindy Patz; asked if there were any questions about the approval of December minutes as posted on the website and called for a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Robin Burket made the motion to approve, Amanda Fell seconded it, and the motion passed unopposed.

Treasurer – Robin Bowen reported on the club's current financials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

February Hunt Test – Kristin Sipus discussed the Feb 7-9 Hunt Test and reported that they are still gathering volunteers and to contact Pat Rubrecht to volunteer. They will start setting up on Thursday the 6th with Master starting on Friday, Junior running on Saturday and Senior running on Sunday. She also reported that they have a good entry in the double master, but there's still time to enter.

Monthly conformation handling training – Robin Burket reported that they hope they will be kicking that off again soon. Morgan Brooks has graciously offered to help with conformation handling and hosting some days at the Brooksville show site. Robin will coordinate some days with Morgan and Brooksville and send out more information when things are settled.

Fun Match – Ann Rowe and Robin Burket reported that an email will be sent requesting volunteers for the event on March 15th and asked for the previous year's trophy winners to return their trophies

July Specialty – Julie Wangelin did not have anything new regarding the July Specialty, but did say that she plans on having the Sweeps on Saturday, not on Friday but still waiting on confirmation from AKC; Kimberly Meredith is judging the Designated Specialty (in conjunction w the Citrus Co. KC All Breed). Ellen Hardin is judging our Concurrent Specialty which is the stand-alone event at the grounds of the Citrus Co KC AB show.

Rally/Obedience Trial – Susan Sherman reported that the judges have been entered into the system and reminded everyone that it will be held August 8-10, 2025, at ODTF in Orlando, FL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Shadowing Chairs – Robin Burket encouraged members to learn more about the MFGRC events and get involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members/Renewals - Cristine McDaniel reported that there is 1 member to vote in Karalee Boyles and turned the floor over to her to introduce herself. She was voted in unopposed. Christine also reported that she is still waiting on several renewals.

New Title Rosettes – Susan Sherman reported that the 36 new title rosettes are ready to distribute at the Hunt Test and any remaining rosettes will be available at the Fun Match on March 15th.

Upcoming Events - Robin Burket

- Volunteer Rewards Program – Tracking Seminar – Kristin Sipus reported that the Volunteer Rewards Tracking Seminar will be March 8th in Ocala at Pam Ginn's property. Susy Rezy is going to run it and members can sign up for working spots; 20 working spots will be available.
- Field Training Day – Kristin Sipus reported that the next Field Training Day will be at Anney Doucette's on Saturday, February 15th in Lecanto, FL. Kristin also said that she is working on having more training days on the western side of the state in addition to the ones in Paisly, FL.
- Member Survey – Cindy Patz reported that she'll be sending out a member survey to ask the membership for judge recommendations for conformation, obedience, rally and hunt test as well as recommendations for organizations where members would like to see the club donate money. The survey will also ask for anyone wanting to serve on a Donations Committee that will be responsible for researching the organizations suggested by the membership and report back to the Board with their findings. Lindsey Rodriguez offered to create the survey.
- March General Meeting Speaker – Robin Burket reported that Morgan Brooks coordinated with Janice Hayes a professional handler to speak to the club. Since the March meeting is an in-person meeting, Morgan will check with Janice Hayes to see when she would be available to speak to us.
- Spring 2026 Eastern Regional – Robin Burket announced that we are submitting a bid for an April Eastern Regional with WC/WCX, Obedience/Rally and Conformation. We will be looking for leadership for some of the areas needed to make it successful. Pat Kopco commented that 2027 National Specialty will be back at WEC in September.
- Barn Hunt Fun Day - Dalia Ruffatto asked if there was a Barn Hunt Fun Day scheduled, and the membership was asked if anyone interested in coordinating a Barn Hunt Fun Day. Newly voted in member, Karalee Boyles offered to host it at her place, but they are 90 days from moving in, so not this Spring, but hopefully this Fall.

- At the end of the meeting Pat Kopco commented that two board members had left last year before the end of the term, and she wondered why the board did not fill those positions. Pat was disappointed that the membership wasn't informed, and she was disappointed that none of the other members that were nominated the prior year were asked to fill those spots. Robin Burket responded that the two board members decided to leave the board in August and the nomination process for the following year was already started by then, so it wouldn't have made sense to try to replace them at that time. Robin stated that it would be outside of the club by-laws to add someone in this way, and the board has had members leave prior to the end of the year previously and there was not any suggestion of replacing them.
- Michele Throm suggested that we make a large donation this year and volunteered to be on the Donation Committee.

BRAGS:

- Jenny Ford: in Jax Mississippi, her 9 yo golden boy won his match and her golden girl Kaylee won BIS!
- Lindsey Rodriguez: Cora, went winners bitch and BoW and finished her CH; Bravo went Best Op in Sweeps and reserve winners dog on Saturday
- Leslie Anderson: Puppy Liam got first JH leg!

Next Board Meeting is February 4th on Zoom at 6:00pm
Next General Meeting is February 11th on Zoom at 7:00pm

Julie Wangelin made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Camille Nasca and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.