



Board Meeting Minutes

February 4th, 2025

Time: 6:10pm

Location: Zoom

In attendance: Robin Bowen, Kristin Sipus, Amanda Fell, Christine McDaniel, Susan Sherman, Robin Burket, Cindy Patz, Camille Nasca, Morgan Brooks (ER with son), Julie Wangelin, Musta El khorchi, Brian Parker

Reports:

President – Robin Burket opened the meeting at 6:10 pm reporting that Ann Rowe told her that IPOC (Lakeland Dog Club) is selling a full set of ring gates for \$500. The board agreed that it's a good buy, so Robin Burket said she will reach out to Ann to see how we can get them.

Secretary – Cindy Patz called for a motion to approve the January Board Minutes and the Special Board Meeting Minutes. Amanda Fell motioned that we approve the minutes as posted and Christine McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Treasurer – Robin Bowen discussed the financial reports as sent to the board and responded to questions.

Committee Reports:

Hunt Test – Kristin Sipus reported that everything is all set for the hunt test except for a few last-minute volunteer changes. She also said that the lily pad clean-up on Jimmy's Pond was a great success, and they will be holding the Master B Test there. Cindy Patz reported that there would be two photographers there over the test days and we should have some great shots we can use on social media and for the newsletter. Robin Bowen reported that she will be there to take care of the financials.

Fun Match – Robin Burket reported that the premium has been posted, and volunteers are all set.

Volunteer Rewards Tracking Seminar – Kristin Sipus reported that the seminar is all set and that they are putting goodie bags together for all the entrants.

Health Clinic – May 3rd - Camille Nasca discussed the new Blue Ridge Imaging option for the health test and the board discussed pricing options for this new service we are offering.

July Specialty – July 5th – Julie Wangelin reported that the application status is inconsistent on the AKC website, and she is working to clarify things with AKC.

Obedience/Rally Trials – Susan Sherman reported that AKC has approved all the trials, and they have added the requested wildcard classes and removed the requested Sunday classes. She also reported that additional rosettes and ribbons have been ordered.

CCA - August 23rd – Robin Bowen reported that she has mailed a check to MADTA for the location rental and will submit the application to GRCA for the clinic. It will probably be limited to 18-21 dogs; the maximum is 24 dogs.

Eastern Regional – Camille Nasca reported that her main concern is selecting the superintendent which is why she has not submitted the bid yet. She continued by discussing the different superintendents and what they offer. Morgan Brooks discussed the possibility of Florida Gulf Coast being a part of the specialty weekend, and she said their concern is finances. The board then discussed different options to help Florida Gulf Coast participate in our specialty including an offer from Musta El khorchi to personally loan them the money until they made money on the specialty. After the discussion, Julie Wangelin motioned to that MFGRC cover the site fees and superintendent fees for Florida Gulf Coast to help them cover their costs. Robin Bowen seconded the motion. Robin Burket called for the vote and the motion passed unopposed.

Finance Committee – Robin Burket opened the discussion regarding the Finance Committee by reviewing the draft of the Finance Committee SOP. It was suggested that the committee consist of 3 club members in addition to the Finance Committee Chair. The board reviewed and made additional changes. Cindy will send out a 2nd draft to the board to finalize the SOP.

Royal Canin Specialty – Camille Nasca reported that Caroline Kendrick is willing to chair the Sunday Specialty and is working on a judge for that Sunday Specialty.*

Old Business:

Website update– Cindy Patz gave an update on the website and provided the Board with a link to the beta website. Cindy asked for suggestions on how to fill out the Resources tabs such as rescue; Robin Burket suggested we use the 3 listed in FL on GRCA website, obedience clubs (ODTC, MADTA, USDTC; add IPOC), and AKC Evaluators. It was decided to remove the AKC evaluators tab. Kristin Sipus offered to ask the Rubrechts for the golden colors banner photo they took.

Meeting Speakers – Robin Burket reported that UF would like to come back for another general meeting to discuss some of the other topics that the membership had suggested. Morgan Brooks will reach out to her special guest speaker to see what month would fit into her schedule.

New Rosettes – Susan Sherman reported that the new title rosettes are ready to be handed out at the hunt test and the fun match.

Social Media Update – Amanda Fell reported that the club Instagram is already up and running with 50 followers, increasing every day. She's also been keeping up with Facebook. It was recommended that Amanda draft an email about the Instagram account and how to submit things to post to send to membership. She will also talk at the next meeting about it.

Donation Committee – Cindy Patz discussed the survey, and it was suggested that we not ask about the donation committee on the survey; instead, send the SOPs for the Finance Committee and Donation Committee to the membership and ask for volunteers then. Robin Burket said she will start the SOP for Donations Committee and send to the board for review.

Trophy Inventory – Cindy Patz reported that she only has 3 trophies so is waiting to get some back to see what we have. It was suggested that she look at last year's awards to flesh out the inventory list.

Event and Chair list – Camille Nasca had nothing new to report.

Leslie Anderson Trophy – Robin Burket reported that Brian Parker spoke with Leslie and Robin Bowen said she would be willing to donate a significant amount to name a pond at Persimmon Farm. The Board agreed that if Leslie would like to donate to Persimmon Farm in memory of Puk that it needs to be between Leslie and Brian.

By-Laws – no recommendations for change were presented.

Holiday Party/Awards Picnic – Nobody had anything further to share. It was decided to revisit it in the March meeting. Kristin Sipus suggested the club host a BBQ as a member social event at Brian's again. Kristin will talk to him about picking a time of year to do that.

New Business:

New Member Applications and Dues Collection – Christine McDaniel read 3 new member applications:

Lisa Torres, individual in St. Augustine sponsored by Morgan Brooks

Lindsay Yarborough, Geneva, FL sponsored by Maria Randell

KK Vines in Naples, FL sponsored by Morgan Brooks

All 3 applications were approved.

Christine reported that the membership renewals are mostly done (190 renewals) losing 26 memberships with 8 never responding.

Canine Companions Dog Fest - Robin Burket discussed being a part of the Dog Fest again in Winter Park but said that since the date moved to March (the same day as our Tracking Rewards Seminar) it wouldn't be possible to put a team together to donate like last year. It was decided to announce the event at the next meeting and encourage members to go to the event.

Date for next Field Training Day- Kristin Sipus reported that the next Field Training Day is February 15th at Anney Doucette's in Lecanto, FL. She will create an email to send to membership. Robin Bowen will get the necessary insurance.

Next General Meeting is February 11th on Zoom at 7pm

Next Board Meeting is March 4th on Zoom at 6pm

Motion to adjourn made by Robin Bowen; Julie Wangelin seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm

*Paragraph was amended to comply with AKC rules.